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Is Boston racist violence part of nat'l right-wing offensive?

March from Roxbury supports Black children



The Klan, the Nazis, and other fascist groups are feverishly organizing in Boston. Ford and other politicians are encouraging the anti-busing drive, which is in reality a racist attack on Black people. Is a right-wing offensive shaping up in this country aimed at diverting white workers from the problems of inflation and unemployment and from their real enemies—the super-rich billionaires responsible for their misery? See centerfold.

Left: People of Roxbury march to Boston Commons on Sunday, October 13, to show their support and sympathy for the Black children who have been under attack in recent weeks. WW photo: Nick

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DECLINE AND FALL

FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES IN BOGOTA, COLOMBIA . . .

New York Post, Sept. 17:
"Bogota—A woman and her eight children killed themselves yesterday by swallowing insecticides, it was announced here.
"Police called the incident 'unparalleled in the police history of the department.'
"Police said the woman, Argehina Garzon, had apparently been depressed because of financial difficulties."

. . . AND ON FIFTH AVENUE

New York Post, Oct. 2:
"I haven't had a new dress since Mitchell walked out," said Martha Mitchell in a telephone interview from her Fifth Avenue apartment. She had hired a new maid after

Fascists assassinate Chilean MIR leader



Miguel Enriquez

NEW YORK, Oct. 10—Miguel Enriquez, First Secretary General of the Chilean Movement of the Revolutionary Left (MIR), and his comrade Carmen Castillo were gunned down on October 5 after heroically resisting military capture for 2 hours. Miguel Enriquez was killed; Carmen Castillo, in her seventh month of pregnancy, was seriously wounded and captured and is now in the hands of the fascist military dictatorship. The MIR has called upon all "progressives and revolutionaries in the United States to coordinate their efforts in a broad solidarity campaign to save the life of Carmen Castillo."

We of *Workers World* join in the mourning for this heroic revolutionary leader. We join also in the struggle to avenge his death.

Some U.S. press reports, notably in the *Christian Science Monitor*, gloated over this assassination, trying to give the impression that the resistance had died with Miguel Enriquez. But Colonel Pedro Ewin, representing the fascist Chilean junta, was not so sure as he said: "We have won a victory, but not the war."

Afraid of the popular outrage, the junta held an almost secret funeral with the cortege composed solely of police. The MIR, as our readers can see from the statement reprinted below, while acknowledging that the assassination has been a grave blow, shows itself ready to carry on that war.

Declaration of MIR Political Committee

The following declaration by Edgardo Enriquez, a member of the Political Commission of MIR, was received by *Workers World* on the slaying of Comrade Miguel Enriquez:

The working class, the oppressed people of Chile and the militants of the MIR are in mourning. Our comrade, Miguel Enriquez, the Secretary General of the MIR, has fallen, fighting gloriously, after having resisted with his machine gun for more than two hours of encirclement by his enemies. With

his death we have won a symbol of struggle.

Alongside him was his comrade, Carmen Castillo, who, seven months pregnant, was wounded and is presently imprisoned by the dictatorship. With the death of Miguel Enriquez, the Chilean working class has lost its most valuable and untiring organizer of the Resistance against the dictatorship. The MIR has lost its much loved Secretary General. As the example left by Che, so Miguel Enriquez has left behind an

Chilean CIA puppets armed with U.S. jets

By JOHN C. OTTO
NEW YORK, Oct. 12—The U.S. government has concluded a deal to send \$72 million worth of jet planes to Chile—the Chile ruled by a fascist military junta. This means the fascists will be supplied with 18 brand-new Northrup F-5E fighters and 16 Cessna A-37 attack planes.

Why is the U.S. government so open-handed with its military aid?

The leader of the fascist coup, Pinochet, and Air Force General Leigh (reputed to be even more right wing, if that can be imagined) undoubtedly want weapons to fight the Chilean resistance. They used planes in 1973 to bomb the poblaciones (towns of poor squatters) and the factories which resisted, killing thousands of workers and poor, and they would not hesitate to do it again. But such advanced, expensive airplanes are not even the most effective anti-resistance weapons. For the war against the resistance fighters, U.S. imperialism has supplied the latest in torture devices, as they did for the Brazilian generals, but jets seem like an excess.

THREATEN NEIGHBORS

This leaves one reason. The jets are to be used to threaten Chile's neighbors. On the current political

example of struggle to guide the Chilean Resistance.

HIS WORK ISN'T ENDED

The work of the Secretary General of MIR does not end with his death. The MIR will emerge from this difficult trial, clearer, stronger, and convinced not to take a single step backward in the struggle against the dictatorship. Another member of the Political Commission has assumed the role of Secretary General and has taken over the direction of the Party. The Party of Miguel Enriquez has people who are able to succeed him and to be loyal to his example and to his memory.

The heroic manner in which Miguel Enriquez died further strengthens the extraordinary work of a man who was only 30 years old at the time of his death. A doctor with two sons, he was already the symbol of the Chilean resistance. Today his name and his struggle serve as a symbol of struggle for the exploited people of Chile. In every act of resistance, his revolutionary image will calm

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her husband left 'mainly to have someone to live with me and fix the meals.' But she, herself, helped with the upkeep of the apartment: 'I scrub myself, that's what I do,' Mrs. Mitchell said."

CHIC DOGS GET FOOD 'FIT FOR A KING'

Newsweek, Sept. 9:
"The entrance of the day at Animal Gourmet was beef Wellington. Hovering over the feast were five of New York City's trendiest lunch bunnies: Tober, a brown poodle; Felix, a white bichon frise; Ajax, a greedy white bulldog; Pazzo, a Yorkshire terrier who sported a white barrette in his hair; and Cricket, a shy Sheltie who lolled forlornly at his place setting.
"It's the height of decadence," admitted

Niki Horwich, a Manhattan housewife who was treating her Felix to lunch at the dog-only restaurant.
"The \$17-billion-per-year pet industry is laughing all the way to the kennel."

IRS SAVES \$25,000 IN DRAMATIC MOVE'

New York Times, Oct. 4:
"M.J. Mighdoll, a spokesman for the recycling industry, yesterday praised a decision by the Internal Revenue Service to print 2.5 million of its approximately 81 million tax forms on 100 percent recycled paper.
"The move is expected to save the government \$25,000, according to an IRS estimate.

"Mr. Mighdoll, executive vice president of the National Association of Recycling Industries, said the cost saving was a dramatic indication of the economic viability of recycled papers."

WHILE PENTAGON WASTES \$16 BILLION IN QUIET MOVE

New York Post, Oct. 2:
"Soaring inflation has boosted the cost of completing 42 major Pentagon weapons projects by \$16 billion over the estimates of just three months ago.

"The 42 key military projects—which the Pentagon keeps track of to measure inflation just as consumer organizations keep track of a standard "grocery basket"—now are forecast as costing \$143.6 billion to complete as compared to \$127.6 billion.

"Pentagon spokesman William Beecher also forecast 'a substantial increase' in next year's military budget, to offset inflationary pressures."

But look at it this way: with that \$25,000 saved by the IRS, we've only been taken for an extra \$15,999,975,000 instead of the whole \$16,000,000,000. There's always a bright side if we only look for it.

Portuguese workers halt fascist rally in setback for the counter-revolution

By VINCE COPELAND
 NEW YORK, Oct. 14—When the masses are weary, discouraged, or demoralized, a serious blow from the reaction will often bring them to their knees and deprive them of the will to struggle for quite a lengthy period.

But under other circumstances, the "whip of the counter-revolution" only drives the revolution onward.

It was the latter proposition that was proved correct—at least to some degree—this September 28 in Portugal.

WHY SPINOLA'S ATTEMPTED COUP FAILED

General Spínola, the supposedly democratic and anti-fascist provisional President who had apparently led the overthrow of the fascist dictator Caetano, called for a national mobilization of the right wing—whom he called the "silent majority"—for September 28 in Lisbon.

It was soon revealed that this was to be an armed action, aimed at toppling the government and reinstating open fascism.

But the nonsilent majority, the real majority—that is, the working class—stopped it in its tracks and overthrew Spínola as well!

Wilfred Burchett, Guardian

correspondent in Portugal, reveals that the working class itself, not the "Armed Forces Movement" he seems to count upon so much, accomplished this.

"The railroad workers' union halted trains, transport workers halted buses, rank and file workers and peasants turned out to support the armed forces in halting all cars and trucks and confiscating arms. . . . Militants of all anti-fascist parties, in a rare display of unity, worked together with the Democratic Movement to build and occupy barricades" (our emphasis).

The workers are obviously still in a mood to throw out the capitalist bosses altogether. And now the reaction will have to retreat and regroup its forces before it can make the next inevitable attempt to crush them.

The capitalist strategy in Portugal has been to wear out the masses and postpone elections until next spring, at which time, they have calculated, the Communist Party's influence would be considerably smaller than just after the overthrow of Caetano.

WHEN WILL FASCISTS TRY AGAIN?

But this strategy was not working (thus the attempted coup

on September 28). The CP is just as strong or possibly even stronger than before. Therefore there will most likely be another attempt at counter-revolution—in one form or another—before spring, unless indeed the CP makes an absolute guarantee that it will not carry out its own program.

But the mood of the workers is firmly against that, while the right wing has been moving toward confrontation rather than compromise. Spínola, who was formerly praised by the CP, launched an open and violent attack upon it at the same time he called for the fascist mobilization.

And now Costa Gomez, a friend and brother general of Spínola, has taken his place. He is made of exactly the same social stuff as his predecessor.

But the situation is still on the upswing, in its essence. No simple maneuver of the counter-revolution can defeat the revolution now. There would have to be a real military showdown to do that.

The working class can win that showdown, too—provided that it moves from the defensive to the offensive fairly soon.

A WORD FROM MARX

Karl Marx in 1850 gave advice to

his revolutionary comrades that reads like a prescription for the struggle in Portugal today, and we quote a few paragraphs here:

"In general, (the workers) must in every way restrain as far as possible the intoxication of victory and the enthusiasm for the new state of things, which make their appearance after every victorious street battle, by a calm and cold-blooded estimate of the conditions and by unconcealed mistrust in the new government.

"Alongside of the official governments, they must establish simultaneously their own revolutionary workers' governments, whether in the form of municipal committees and municipal councils or in the form of workers' clubs or workers' committees, so that the bourgeois

democratic governments not only immediately lose their backing by the workers, but from the outset see themselves supervised and threatened by authorities which are backed by the whole mass of the workers.

"In a word, from the first moment of victory mistrust must be directed not against the conquered reactionary party, but against the workers' previous allies, against the party that wishes to exploit the common victory for itself alone.

"But in order to be able energetically and threateningly to oppose this party whose treachery to the workers will begin from the first hour of victory, the workers must be armed and organized" (from the "Address to the Central Council of the Communist League").

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Iranian strikers shot by Shah; U.S. role protested in Chicago

By DENICE HARMON
 CHICAGO, Oct. 2—Today hundreds of demonstrators marched through the crowded streets of downtown Chicago demanding an end to the repressive regime of the U.S.-backed Shah of Iran, and in support of the workers' struggles there.

The marchers branded the Shah as a U.S. puppet and fascist murderer, and demanded that U.S. arms and aid be withdrawn. "U.S. out of Iran," they chanted, and "The workers wanted bread, and the Shah gunned them down."

Many people on the street stopped to ask questions and find out more about the conditions for workers in Iran.

Despite millions of dollars being pumped into Iran by the U.S. and the fact that the price of oil on the world market has quadrupled in the last year, Iran still remains one of the most poverty-stricken countries in the world today. Over 80 percent of the workers receive an annual income of less than \$150. Over 25,000 political prisoners fill the Shah's jails. Nevertheless, there has been a profound upsurge

of the workers' movement in recent months.

Just recently workers on strike at the Irana brick factory won many important concessions. Worried by the upsurge of labor, the Shah had his police attack the strikers. Thirteen workers were killed on the spot, one of the injured died later on, and a representative of the brick workers' union, who was sent to negotiate their demands, was captured by the Shah's police and tortured to death.

This latest murderous attack by the Shah has not dampened the fighting spirit of the resistance. The Iranian progressives both in Iran and in exile continue to fight back with renewed strength and determination. Down with the Shah! U.S. out of Iran!

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Houston 12 reindicted third time after D.A. blunder; trial postponed

By BARBARA TIMKO

HOUSTON, Oct. 10—After a colossal blunder by the assistant D.A. which caused felony charges against five Houston demonstrators to be dropped for the second time, the five were reindicted today for an unprecedented third time on the outrageous charge of "attempted murder of a police officer."

This illegal, racist move by the state is part of its conspiracy to railroad Miguel Trujillo, Bartee Haile, William Christiansen, Alex Rodriguez, and Jose Bariga into jail. The five Brothers are the first of the Houston 12 to stand trial.

Two days ago lawyers for the Houston 12 learned from assistant DA Stu Steward that the second indictment was invalid because the charges were written incorrectly. The indictment had been obtained on May 22, less than 48 hours after the original indictment was tossed out of court because of its unconstitutionality. On October 8, panic stricken, the DA rushed to get another indictment before the pretrial hearing scheduled for today.

ANOTHER ALL-WHITE JURY

This third indictment was quickly returned by an all-white grand jury. Defense attorney Brady Coleman told the court today that a new indictment means a new trial, and asked for a postponement of the scheduled November 11 trial. In a last-ditch attempt to cover his slip-up, Stu Steward tried to dodge the issue, saying the trial could still be held on November 11 since the five were still going to be tried on the same

charge.

But as the defense hadn't even had an opportunity to read the new charges, the defense lawyers insisted on the five's legal right to a new arraignment, new pretrial hearing, and new trial date. Judge Andrew Jefferson reluctantly set

October 31 as the date for the arraignment. The dates of the pretrial motions hearing and the trial will be decided then.

This October 9 marked one year since the Houston 12 became the

target of the state's scheme to frame them on phony charges and ship them off to prison because they dared to speak out against U.S. involvement in the Mideast in this city, dominated by the oil industry.

The charges against the Houston

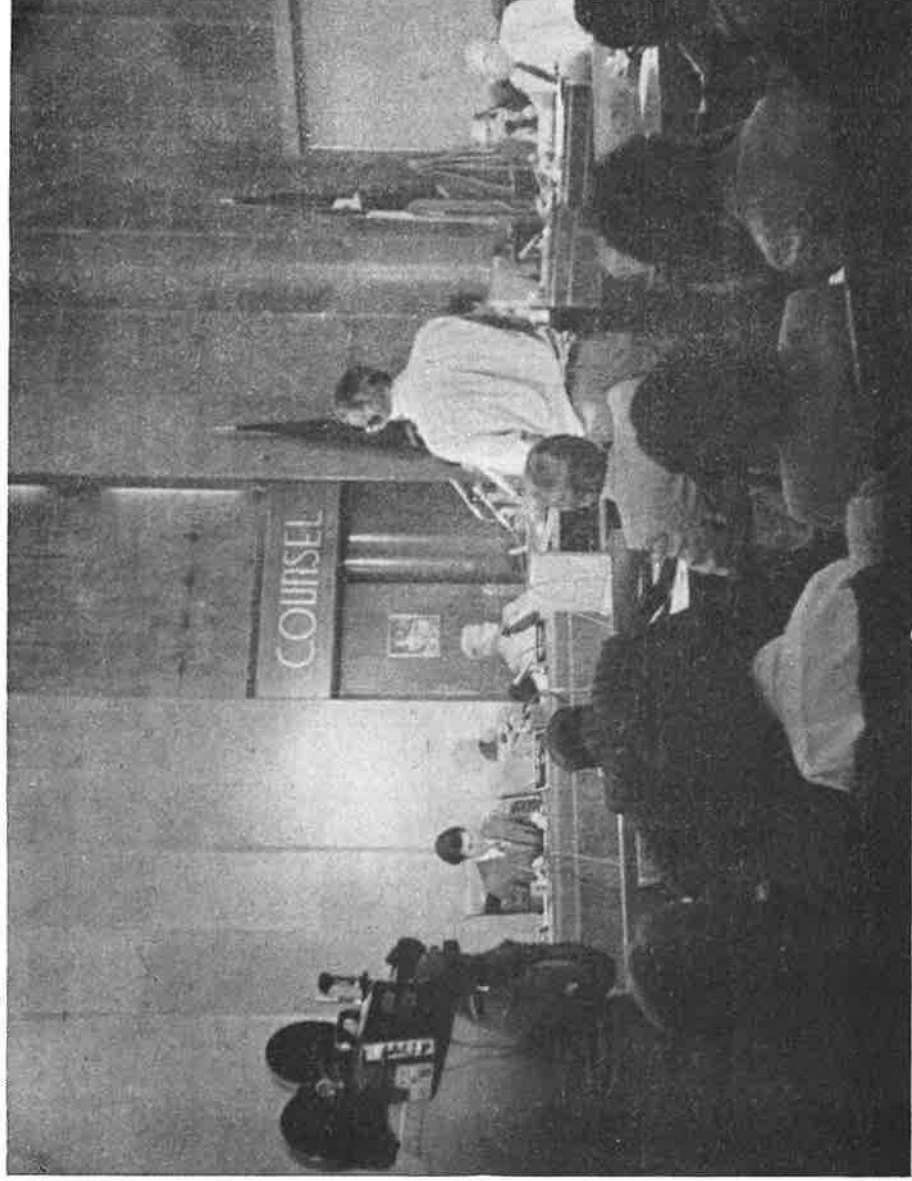
12 stem from a police attack on a picket line called by Youth Against War & Fascism against the war in the Mideast. As the picket line was drawing to a close, 25 people carrying only picket signs were jumped by more than 100 police in 25 patrol cars, swinging leadlined flashlights and carrying drawn guns. Twelve young men, eight of them Chicanos, were viciously beaten, arrested, and beaten again.

The police used the old lying excuse that the victims were the aggressors. Three days later, while the Houston 12 were still in jail, a grand jury indicted five of the twelve on the absurd charge of "assault with intent to murder a police officer," which carries upon conviction up to a life sentence in Texas. All the 12 were charged with "assault on a police officer" and face 2 years in prison.

These original indictments were dismissed by Judge Jefferson at the Houston 12's first trial in May 1974. The basis for dismissal was that the grand jury which indicted the Houston 12 didn't have representative numbers of Blacks, Chicanos, women, young people, or workers making less than \$10,000 a year serving on it.

The defense lawyers plan to present this same motion again in Judge Jefferson's court. The judge will then be faced with either having to toss out the indictments again or reversing his own ruling.

As the state continues its conspiracy to railroad the 12 into jail, support for the Houston 12 mounts. People on the street here are saying that the only fair trial is no trial. Free the Houston 12!



Chris Christiansen tells Houston City Council to keep police from interfering with Houston 12
WW photo: Tim

Supporters of the '12' confront city officials

By BARBARA TEEL

HOUSTON, Oct. 9—One year ago today the Houston 12 were arrested at a picket line against U.S. involvement in the Middle East. Today the Houston 12 and their supporters picketed City Hall and then confronted the mayor and City Council to demand the charges be dropped.

The suffering caused by the arrests was emphasized by the presence of many of the defendants' relatives, including wives with small children. They showed their anger at the false charges with signs of "My husband is innocent, indict the cops who beat him" and "The only fair trial is no trial."

Gloria Rodriguez, the wife of one of the Houston 12, spoke to the City Council meeting. She contrasted the alleged "suffering" of Pat Nixon and her mass-murderer

husband with the very real hardships the Houston 12 and their families have endured. She described the bruised, swollen faces of the defendants in jail last year and demanded to know if brutal beatings were normal police procedure. She demanded that Mayor Hofheinz, who pledged to end police brutality, get the charges dropped immediately.

Juanita Navarro, director of El Centro Chicano, spoke in Spanish on behalf of the defendants, eight of whom are Chicanos. When one of the councilmen challenged her right to speak in Spanish, she replied, "Sometimes we have to use our own language." She continued her speech in Spanish, telling of the years the defendants have fought for better conditions in the community and demanding the charges be dropped.

William Christiansen, one of the Houston 12, reminded the council audience of the annoyance of Mayor Hofheinz and the city council, the Houston 12 received bursts of applause from the

By JOEL MEYERS
NEW YORK, Oct. 10—Over 100 people demonstrated at Times Square today to show support for the Houston 12.

The demonstration was timed to coincide with their appearance in court for pretrial motions. As reported in this paper, those motions resulted in another severe setback for the government's clumsy and crude frameup.

In banners and chants, the demonstration sharply contrasted the "pardon" given to former president Richard Nixon and the legal preparations to free Lieutenant William Calley with the strenuous efforts the government has been making to imprison the Houston 12, five of whom are facing life sentences.

Demonstrators also compared the railroading of the Houston 12 to the railroading of the Attica Brothers and other examples of U.S. racist and repressive in-

Demonstrators in N.Y. protest Texas frameup

justice.

Police harassed the demonstration, hemmed in those trying to distribute leaflets to passersby, and at one point threatened to arrest one of the distributors. Only the militant chant "Let him go, let him go!" which was in fact a declaration of intent by the demonstrators that the cops would get more trouble than they would want to deal with, made them change their minds about arresting him.

When the demonstration was over, the cops gathered menacingly around the subway entrance into which the demonstrators were going, attempting in vain to intimidate them.

The fact that the frameup was set back in Texas mirrors the growing popular support for the Houston 12, of which this demonstration was but one small example.

Brookside coal miners' victory spurs organizing efforts in other coal fields

By JOHN LEWIS
NORFOLK, Va., Oct. 10—The recent victory of the coal miners at the Brookside mine of the Eastover Mining Co. (owned by the Duke Power Co.) has inspired and spurred organizing efforts throughout the eastern Kentucky coal fields.

ELECTION SET AT HIGHSPLINT MINE

On October 15, coal miners working the Highsplint mine of Eastover-Duke will vote on whether or not they want to be represented by the United Mine Workers of America (UMWA). On last July 8, a majority of these miners refused to cross an international picket line set up at the mine by the then striking Brookside miners. The Brookside strike ended in victory for the miners on August 29. Just after the strike was over the Highsplint men went back to work.

Part of the Brookside settlement between Eastover-Duke and the UMWA was that if the union was voted in by the Highsplint miners, the company would recognize the union as their bargaining agent.

But even though Eastover-Duke had its nose bloodied in this strike victory, the company is still up to its old union-busting tricks. All the scabs and gun thugs whom the company used in a vain attempt to break the Brookside strike have been hired at Highsplint. According to Mickey Messer, President of Brookside Local 1974, "The scabs and thugs now have the

best jobs there. The men that respected our picket lines have lost their seniority and have been bumped back to the lowest paid and most dangerous jobs."

SCAB COMPANY UNION CONSPIRES WITH MINE OWNERS

One pro-UMWA miner has already been fired by the company. And the Southern Labor Union (SLU), a scab company union that supposedly "represents" the Highsplint miners, has fined about 30 of the men for walking the UMWA and SLU picket lines (the Highsplint miners carried signs that read "SLU Local 207 on strike").

Dorothy Johnson, a member of the militant Brookside Women's Club, said, "The Southern Labor Union is working with Norman Yarborough (Eastover President) to try to keep the UMW out at Highsplint. The SLU is telling the men that if they don't vote against the UMW they will have to pay the fine of \$500."

Dorothy, Mickey, and other pro-UMWA people in Harlan County expect to win at Highsplint. Dorothy said, "The men at Highsplint need the United Mine Workers. We have to win there."

According to Mickey Messer, Brookside was the first mine organized by the UMWA in Harlan County since the 1940s. The Brookside victory came as a result of a long and bitterly fought 13-month strike. The coal companies will not give in to the union without

The victory of the Brookside miners' strike has spurred further union struggles, like this week-long protest against industrial murder organized by mine workers this summer.



More workers left jobless under capitalist system

By MOLLY CHARBONEAU
NEW YORK, Oct. 8—President Ford and his bevy of bourgeois economists see unemployment as the "answer" to inflation. However, those who make up the jobsless, who last week numbered 5.8 percent of the population, need more than fine words to solve their dilemma.

In real terms, a 5.8 percent unemployment rate means that 5.3 million working people, young and old of every race, are without work. (These government statistics don't even count the vast numbers of poor people who have given up hope of ever finding work after months and even years of searching.)

Hardest hit by this new rise in the unemployment rate have been the young workers and working women, with Black, Latin, Native American, Asian, and Chicano workers from both these groups the most affected. Last month 1.5 million of the unemployed were young workers, from 16 to 19 years old.

The unemployment rate for factory workers rose from 4.2 to 5.8 percent. The biggest lay-offs in this category were in garment and "soft-goods" (as opposed to heavy) industries—which employ a large number of women workers, particularly Third World women.

In addition to the unemployed, there are now 2.8 million sub-

employed workers who can find nothing better than part-time jobs. This is the highest level of such workers since 1961.

GOVERNMENT ECONOMISTS HAVE NO ANSWERS

Economists hired by the government to "solve" the unemployment crisis have done nothing to relieve the suffering of the jobsless.

The last fact these well-paid economists would ever draw attention to is the absence of unemployment in the socialist countries where the workers control production. It seems that socialism, the only historically proven solution to unemployment and economic crises, is not their idea of a solution. After all, while it would provide full employment and a quality life to millions of workers and oppressed, under socialism the bourgeois economists and their billionaire bosses would be out of a job.

Fight against VEPCO rate increase grows in Virginia



In September 11 rally against rate increases, Yvonne Perry blasts Virginia power company's robbery of the people. WW photo

By ELEANOR RIGGS
NORFOLK, Va., Oct. 10—The State Corporation Commission (SCC) has granted the Virginia Electric and Power Company (Veeco) an "emergency" rate increase of \$97.7 million, despite overwhelming evidence of public opposition to any rate hike. This increase, which will cost the average consumer an estimated \$6.60 extra per month, is only "temporary." Full hearings are supposed to be held in the spring—at which time Veeco may even ask for more.

One of the main groups organizing opposition to this and past Veeco rate increases has been the Virginia Center for United Labor Action (CULA). At a September 16 hearing on the proposed 23 percent electric rate hike, a standing-room-only crowd of angry

consumers applauded as Dianne Mathowitz of the CULA presented a petition against the rate increase signed by 19,000 Veeco consumers. The petitions also demanded evening or weekend field hearings throughout the state.

The thousands of petitions were attached to each other and wound on a rolling pin to symbolize the determination of the signers to "roll back" the utility rates.

The CULA delegation at the SCC hearing included citizens from the cities of Norfolk, Portsmouth, Newport News, and Richmond. There were Black and white, housewives, retired people, and young workers.

In a statement presented by Ms. Mathowitz, a General Electric production worker, the CULA blasted the SCC's "collusion with Veeco in attempting to push through the requested \$127.3 million rate hike, which would be the second Veeco rate increase in 3 months."

"From your actions, it is clear that it is Veeco's profits that come foremost in your minds," she said. "This giant monopoly has grown fat off the hard-earned wages of the people of Virginia. At every step of the way the members of the State Corporation Commission have aided and abetted Veeco's thievery."

The second CULA speaker, Mrs. E.L. Nash of Portsmouth, gave a description of the extra burden Veeco's already too-high rates impose on people in the Black community, particularly among retirees and people on welfare.

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If you would like to join in the fight to roll back Veeco's utility rates, you can contact the Center for United Labor Action at P.O. Box 7002, Norfolk, Va., 23509, (804) 625-2977.

CULA CHARGES COLLUSION

In a statement presented by Ms. Mathowitz, a General Electric production worker, the CULA blasted the SCC's "collusion with Veeco in attempting to push through the requested \$127.3 million rate hike, which would be the second Veeco rate increase in 3 months."

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Ford's 'answer' to inflation adds new burden to workers

By KEN FRANSON

NEW YORK, Oct. 14—President Ford's "answer" to inflation includes a 5 percent surtax on income taxes. It will affect single people earning \$7,500 a year and couples making \$15,000.

While there certainly are many, many people poorer than this, there are also 100,000 millionaires in this country: why doesn't Ford zero in on them? But instead the surtax will catch many working

people who've been struggling to keep up with necessities.

And most workers are barely making it as it is. For example, 5 years ago, before the present inflation squeeze, 67 percent of the working class couldn't pay medical bills of more than \$2,000 (without insurance) and 42 percent couldn't even afford a 2-week vacation!

What Ford doesn't mention is that the super-rich like Rockefeller, who often pay no

taxes, are barely affected. After all, 5 percent of nothing is still nothing. And even the "moderately" rich feel no real effect, since most money paid as taxes flows back out into the pockets of the rich anyway.

INFLATION, DEMAND, AND THE RICH

The announced reason for the tax surcharge is to fight inflation. How is it supposed to do this? The idea is

that if people don't have money to spend, this will cut down on demand, which will slow down the rise in prices. If this is so, why not plug up the tax loopholes that have been created for the rich and cut down on their demand? (It is estimated that \$77 billion in taxes are avoided each year through these loopholes.)

The standard answer given by any capitalist politician is that we need tax incentives to get the rich to invest their money and create more goods and more jobs. Actually, the incentive of making a profit is enough to get any businessman to invest. The real reason that loopholes are not plugged is that Congress and the Presidency are controlled by the rich capitalists.

Even if the loopholes were eliminated, would a tax increase

slow down inflation? It would only if inflation were caused by too much demand. But this is not the case. The major cause is actually unproductive spending by the government on the military, combined with welfare for the rich, who are heavily subsidized by the working class through the tax system. But these are things the government is unwilling to change because they benefit the ruling class.

So the surtax is a method not of fighting inflation but of trying to make it look like Ford is fighting inflation. For this, Ford is asking the working class to sacrifice, to "bite the bullet." The only thing the working class needs to sacrifice or give up is Ford, along with Rockefeller and the rest of their corrupt crew.

Rocky thinks twice about speaking at Cooper Union

By JULIO GHIGLIOTTI

NEW YORK, Oct. 7—Nelson Rockefeller's appearance at the Cooper Union on Astor Place and 4th Avenue was abruptly canceled today as some 600 demonstrators demanded he be indicted for his crimes at Attica and around the world against the poor and oppressed peoples. An announcement he wasn't coming was made as the streets resounded with the chant "Attica's blood on Rockefeller's hands!"

Beginning at 7:30 tonight, the demonstrators massed across from the Cooper Union building denouncing Rockefeller's role in the State Police attack on the Attica inmates, which resulted in the death of 43 inmates and hostages. Also denounced was the role of the Rockefeller empire in the oppression of the peoples of Latin America and Asia.

The contingent from Youth Against War & Fascism marched directly to the Cooper Union building and set up a temporary picket line on the sidewalk next to the building, chanting "Rockefeller, murderer! Tear down the walls!" As the cops tried to break up the picket line, YAWF crossed the street to where other demonstrators were gathered,

chanting "Cops are the tools of Rockefeller's rule!" and joined the other demonstrators. A picket line was formed and the chants reverberated throughout Cooper Union Square for several hours.

STAGE TAKEN OVER BY DEMONSTRATORS

Inside, about 75 protesters disrupted the meeting, preventing John Knowles, Rocky's number two man and head of the Rockefeller Foundation, from speaking in his place. The militants took over the stage and announced that Rockefeller would not be allowed to speak from any forum in the city. YAWF members on the stage pulled out banners proclaiming "Jail butcher Rockefeller! Free the Attica Brothers!"

The richly gowned and tuxedoed audience attacked the demonstrators on the stage, but they attempt to remove them failed as the protesters defended their banners and themselves. So the proud defenders of freedom of speech immediately called in their enforcers—the Police Department. Three demonstrators were arrested as well as two fascists.

At the 5th Precinct, Police Captain Walsh ranted and raved, screaming, "I want a con-

300 hear Marcy on 'transition to Ford'

By SHARON SHELTON

NEW YORK, Oct. 5—Nearly 300 people gathered here tonight at a public meeting sponsored by Youth Against War & Fascism to hear Sam Marcy, Chairman of Workers World Party, speak on the events surrounding the transition from Nixon to Ford.

Speaking under the banner, "Only socialist revolution can end capitalist crisis," Marcy told the group that the deep-rooted antagonisms within the ruling class which burst into the open with Watergate have their origin in the international defeats faced by U.S. imperialism.

Marcy explained that the real turning point for U.S. fortunes occurred when this country lost the war in Vietnam.

"Something happened in 1968," he said, "and that is the Tet Offensive of the Vietnamese liberation struggle! Up until then everything was either a victory for U.S. imperialism or at least a stalemate."

Yet Nixon had been a "hero of Rockefeller nomination, he said it

heroes" to the ruling class as late as August 1971, Marcy said, when he took the drastic measures of cancelling the tax on auto manufacture, cutting imports through a surcharge, initiating the wage freeze, and devaluing the dollar. However, these acts alone did not and could not rescue U.S. imperialism from its precarious position, and by August 1973 Nixon's popularity with the ruling class had vanished.

JUNE 5 CONSPIRACY

Marcy pointed out that one of the most significant yet ignored revelations of the Watergate disclosures was Nixon's bid for total power on June 5, 1970. On that date, Nixon called a high-level meeting to consolidate the FBI, CIA, and the military under his control. He did this without the full sanction of the capitalist class and the conspiracy failed when former FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover refused to relinquish his power to Nixon. Commenting on the tentative Rockefeller nomination, he said it



Demonstrators inside Cooper Union were ready to "greet" Rockefeller. He didn't show. W/W photo: Dick

frontation with you people" at the arrested demonstrators, who were charged with assault and resisting arrest. However, Captain Walsh did not get his confrontation and the three got off on their own recognizance.

Meanwhile, the demonstrators outside rallied to wait for the protesters from inside to come out. A representative of the Puerto Rican Solidarity Day Committee said that the takeover of the stage was "a people's victory and the voice of people throughout the world is being heard calling for the

downfall of U.S. imperialism."

CHASE MANHATTAN IS PRIME TARGET

Before the rally ended, a contingent of 200 protesters marched up 8th Street, trashed the Chase Manhattan Bank on 5th Avenue, and marched back to Cooper Union Square, trashing the Chemical Bank on Broadway in the process. Both are local possessions of the Rockefeller empire. For the first time since Attica

the law of value, which determines the cyclical character of the capitalist crisis."

Workers World editor Deirdre Griswold closed the meeting with the announcement that Workers World newspaper was becoming a weekly.

Other speakers at the meeting

included Kathi Dennis, who spoke on the Houston 12 frameup; Larry Holmes on the racist mobilization in Boston, the killing of Clifford Glover by the cops, and other attacks on oppressed people; and Terry Kling on Ford's phony amnesty program. Pam Kirkland chaired the meeting.



Workers World Party chairman, Sam Marcy, discusses the inability of the capitalist class, even through a change in leadership, to avoid the inevitable economic crisis. W/W photo: Ed

U.S. grain and Sino-Soviet relations

By SAM MARCY

There is more than meets the eye in the sudden cancellation of contracts for the sale of corn and wheat to the Soviet Union. President Ford's assertion that the action was basically an anti-inflation move to discourage speculation which could drive up wheat and corn prices at a time when U.S. crop prospects have been damaged by bad weather is pure bunk.

Bad weather and capitalist speculation in the grain markets notwithstanding, the U.S. crop this year is one of the largest ever produced in American history—a near record.

U.S. GRAIN PRODUCTION UNEQUALLED

The U.S. is the source of 44 percent of the world's wheat exports and half the world's feed grain exports. Not more than one-third of all U.S. grain produced is used for home consumption. It is absolutely impossible for a shortage to be so great as to affect the ordinary consumption of the American people.

But a fake, artificially contrived shortage, one that is a product of a conspiracy between the giant agribusinesses and the government, is of course possible—and this can and will drive up the price of grain and

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the many processed foods derived from it. But it will not be because of the grain and corn exports to the Soviet Union.

The capacity of American farming is so fantastic that you might say the U.S. is to grain and corn what Saudi Arabia is to oil. The Saudis have made sure in recent years that their increased oil exports to the rest of the world have not significantly affected the price of petroleum used for internal, purely domestic purposes. Why can't the U.S. do the same with agricultural products?

Even if the prices of grain tend to increase as a result of increased demand abroad, the way to put an anti-inflationary damper on soaring food prices is to put a tight lid on domestic grain prices. The government could really roll the prices back, as was demanded by the American working people long before the current Soviet grain deal or the earlier one of 1972 were ever thought of.

PRICES RISE REGARDLESS OF CROP YIELD

The prices of basic foods have been rising consistently, except for brief, almost ephemeral periods, since the beginning of World War II. This has been true even in periods of tremendous "over-production," when surpluses were so large the U.S. government induced farmers to cut acreage, to burn wheat, to dump it in the ocean—to do anything except allow the mass of the American people to have food at low prices.

It is interesting to note that the planned cancellation of the grain and corn sale to the Soviet Union has nowhere produced a downward swing on wheat or grain markets. Nor has there been even a hint from official U.S. government sources or business organizations that this year's galloping race upward of food prices will be interrupted.

POLITICS BEHIND THE CANCELLATION
The real reason behind the projected cancellation of the Soviet grain deal lies not in the economic picture but in the broad political and diplomatic sphere. Ford, who during his entire 25-year tenure in Congress stood on the far right (even slightly to the right of Nixon), feared that the new Soviet grain deal would unleash against him an avalanche of red baiting and anti-Soviet hysteria on an even greater scale than the

one against Nixon in 1972 and that it would be engineered and led by the same "liberal" establishment which started the one in 1972.

One merely has to read The New York Times editorial of October 10 to verify this. After shedding crocodile tears on behalf of the "starving people on the Indian subcontinents and in the Sahel," the editorial goes on to castigate the Ford administration for the projected Soviet grain deal as "verging on criminal negligence"—the harshest language yet used by the Times against Ford.

One has to marvel at the sheer hypocrisy of it all! The unwary reader cannot but draw the inescapable conclusion from this editorial—whose line is reflected, by the way, in hundreds of other newspapers and on radio and TV—that because of the projected Soviet grain deal the people of India and the Sahel (the sub-Saharan drought area) will not be able to get wheat and corn from the U.S. The "greedy Soviets" will have gobbled it all up.

WHY INDIA WON'T TAKE U.S. GRAIN

But the truth of the matter, insofar as India is concerned, is that the Indian government has refused, as of now, to purchase or receive grain from the U.S. in spite of desperate and prolonged efforts by the U.S. to extend it.

Why? Because the Indira Gandhi government fears the political strings that

Under public law 480, which empowers the Secretary of Agriculture to make "donations" of a sort (with political strings of course), the U.S. will donate some grain to the Sahel along with other countries. However, it amounts to the smallest fraction of total U.S. exports, scarcely a drop in the bucket when one considers the need there and what the U.S. could do if it were not a government controlled by predatory, profit-hungry monopolists.

THE SHAKINESS OF DETENTE

If the Ford administration goes through with the cancellation of the Soviet grain deal, it will demonstrate once again how

"If trade is not the basis of the detente, then what is?"

truly tenuous is the so-called detente. Here is a case where U.S. monopolists (giant grain dealers like Continental and Cooke) stand to gain easy, fabulous profit without bestowing any lasting gains on the Soviet economy, as would be the case in a purchase by the USSR of highly sophisticated technology. If this deal doesn't go through, how could any substantial trade with the USSR really develop?

And if trade is not the basis of the so-called



Those "amber waves of grain" are still there. U.S. farmland is the most productive in the world, and no one should have to go hungry.

detente, then what is? Detente then lacks even a narrow material basis. It reduces itself to unilateral commitments by the USSR and other socialist countries to abide by the imperialist-imposed status quo, while the U.S. goes about its usual business in Chile, the CIA threatens Portugal and Spain, and the Pentagon continues to perfect and enlarge its weapons systems, stoking the fires of galloping inflation with successive military appropriations.

It is here that Ford should be made to put a damper on inflation. The attention of the American working class should be focused on Pentagon spending. The Soviet grain cancellation is a diversionary tactic to draw attention away from the Pentagon.

REVISIONISTS MAKE CHINA THE SCAPEGOAT

An article in the October 10 Daily World dealing with the cancellation of the Soviet grain deal unfortunately also goes far out of its way to divert attention from the issue of agribusiness-U.S. government collusion. It does this by bringing in, of all things, China's purchases of U.S. wheat.

"One Midwest grain dealer," says the Daily World, "cited administration silence on sales to China last summer in contrast to the abrupt cancellation of the Soviet sale."

"A source on the Kansas City Board of Trade" raised the question, a New York Times correspondent reported, about the

contrasting attitude of the White House on grain sales to the USSR and to China. The source noted that "since July 1 more than 49 million bushels of wheat had been shipped to China, a larger order than the (cancelled) Soviet sale."

"Not a word came from Washington about the sales to China," the source said. "So we're as puzzled as everyone else about why the Russian sale was suddenly halted."

This is supposed to be a socialist polemic against China aimed at demonstrating that the U.S. favors the People's Republic of China over the USSR. *Ipsa facto*, Soviet revisionist policies must be correct.

But U.S. policy is and has been for many years aimed at splitting the USSR and China. Since the split, U.S. policy has been to widen and deepen it and to exploit it to the hilt. All the U.S. government's political and diplomatic, if not military, resources are used to that end. For many years U.S. policy "favored," if that is a correct term, Soviet policy as against the revolutionary policy pursued by the Chinese leadership, particularly during the Cultural Revolution.

Since Nixon's visit to China, China's foreign policy has veered sharply to the right. The super-power accusation by the Chinese leaders, in which the USSR is cast in the role of an imperialist state, is only one manifestation of the change in foreign policy by China in recent years. It is scarcely possible for U.S. imperialism to maintain its world position, particularly in this time of deepening economic crisis, except by utilizing the existing antagonism between the two largest socialist states and deepening their unprincipled diplomatic rivalry.

All the same, the Daily World's reference to U.S. grain sales to China is a shabby, opportunist argument. If the Daily World writer had reflected on the matter, instead of jumping on it like a rabbit on a carrot patch, he might have cited the grain sales to Israel, Japan, South Korea, South Vietnam, Greece, Turkey, Indonesia, and a dozen other capitalist countries and U.S. puppets, which is where most of the grain exports will go.

Why pick on China? For that matter, would it have been correct for the Chinese People's Republic to pick on the USSR when Canada some years ago sold a much larger grain order to the USSR with U.S. assent?

The Polish government just received a \$100 million credit on a "most favored nation" basis from the U.S. and Canada. Would the Daily World attack Premier Gierk for this? Cuba has been blockaded practically since the first day of the Revolution and has been forcibly barred from trading even with many Latin countries. Should not Cuba then be justified in using the same shabby argument as the Daily World whenever any of the socialist countries make trade deals with the U.S.?

The Daily World attack on China's grain purchases from the U.S. demonstrates the degree to which ideological struggle on an unprincipled basis has been deepened by revisionist apologetics.

SOCIALIST ECONOMIES NEED TO COOPERATE

The purchase of U.S. grain by the USSR and China indicates that while great advances in both countries have been made as a result of collectivizing agriculture, they still depend on the West to some extent. This dependence can be greatly diminished by socialist cooperation between the two biggest workers' states.

The economic cost of unprincipled rivalry between the Soviet leaders and those of China far outweighs narrow, factional, diplomatic gains by either. Imperialism alone stands to gain by this internecine struggle. This is why revolutionary vanguard elements throughout the world should avoid aligning ideologically with either and pursue an independent, revolutionary, Marxist-Leninist course.

POLITICAL PRISONERS



Dressed to kill, State Troopers ready themselves for 1971 Attica massacre. The first frameup trial of the Attica Brothers has ended in victory.

ATTICA BROTHERS

BUFFALO, Oct. 12—In an important victory, the charges against Willie E. Smith, the first of the 61 Attica Brothers to stand trial, have been dismissed. When Judge Frank R. Bayger ordered the prosecutor to drop the case against Smith, supporters of the Attica defendants in the packed Buffalo courtroom broke into cheers and chanted, "Free all the Attica Brothers!"

One hundred and fifty of the demonstrators then marched to the Erie County Jail and through chants and shouts got the news of the victory to the prisoners held there.

Sixty Attica inmates still face a wide range of charges in one of the worst examples of racist injustice in American history.

Just a little over 3 years ago, hundreds of heavily armed State Troopers and guards attacked Cell Block D at Attica prison, which the inmates had seized to protest the inhumane conditions—closely resembling those of a Nazi concentration camp—under which they were forced to live. In the massacre that followed the police assault, 43 prisoners and hostages were mowed down by the crazed cops.

A number of prisoners were also executed in the 24-hour period following the September 13 assault.

Despite the fact that all 43 of the victims were killed by the police, not one cop has been indicted. Instead the Attica survivors have been ordered to stand trial!

And in a grotesque parody of "justice," Nelson Rockefeller, the mastermind of the massacre, has been nominated by Ford for the office of Vice President.

JAMES RAY MENDOZA

By STEVE GEDEN

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 5—More than 200 angry demonstrators today marched and rallied in Milwaukee to demand freedom for Ray Mendoza and an immediate end to police terror in the Latin communities. Ray Mendoza is a young Chicano man who has been charged with the shooting of two drunk, off-duty cops, amidst a storm of racist hysteria and a campaign of vicious police attacks on the Latin community. "Legal" proceedings have been marked by contradictory witnesses and obviously manufactured "evidence."

Saturday's action consisted of two large and spirited contingents marching from the Puerto Rican and Chicano communities, which met a third group at the Safety Building (courthouse) for a rally. Both marches passed through downtown Milwaukee, where chants of "Puerto Rican Power, Chicano Power, Indian Power, Power to the People," and "Free Ray Mendoza, Put (DA) McCann in the can," brought the message through loud and clear: the oppressed are fighting back.

Speakers at the rally included Herb Powless of the American Indian Movement (AIM), Black assemblyman Lloyd Barbee, and several members of the Ray Mendoza Defense Committee, including Al Stergaza of Workers World, who connected the Houston 12 and Mendoza frameups. The trial has been moved to Sparta, a tiny all-white hotbed of reaction more than 200 miles from Milwaukee, and many of the speakers pointed this out as further evidence of the obviously racist nature of the frameup.

The trial opens Tuesday, October 8, and

future defense actions will be carried out both in Sparta and Milwaukee. Free Ray Mendoza!

ASSATA SHAKUR

NEW YORK, Oct. 1—Twenty-five men and women picketed in front of the New York Criminal Court building at 100 Center Street today to protest the brutal treatment of Assata Shakur and her child born in prison.

Assata Shakur is in prison facing trial because she is a member of the Black Liberation Army. Last week she gave birth. She was taken from the hospital, beaten by prison guards, and her child was taken away from her. Prison authorities have refused to permit her to choose her own doctor or allow her to care for her baby.

The demonstration here today was the second in a week called by the "Friends of Assata Shakur." The demands of the demonstrators are: that Assata Shakur and all women prisoners have the right to choose their own gynecologist; that Assata Shakur and all other women prisoners have the right to care for their own children as they see fit.

Youth Against War & Fascism had a delegation at the picket line and carried a banner reading "Stop the beatings of Assata Shakur—Free all political prisoners!"

CARLOS FELICIANO

By JOE ZARBA

NEW YORK, Oct. 10—On October 23, Carlos Feliciano will appear at the N.Y. State Appellate Court to file an appeal stemming from his frameup conviction in last October's second trial. Despite the fact that he was acquitted of the major charges against him in trials in both Manhattan and the Bronx, Feliciano still faces 4 years in jail as a result of maneuvers by Judge Arnold Fraiman and assistant DA John Patton.

Three times in the past the jury has come out deadlocked (10 in favor of acquittal) and three times Fraiman has sent them back. Finally reaching a compromise in his last trial, they returned at 2:00 in the morning.

The reason for the frameup and the state's relentless drive to convict Carlos reaches down to the very nerves of their profit system. At a time when Puerto Ricans are rising against exploitation and domination at home and against racism, unemployment, and lack of education and housing here, the U.S. government thinks that by removing a leading figure in the movement,

they will crush the struggle altogether.

In reality the reverse has been true. People have begun to identify this case with the struggle of a nation for independence and self-determination. Hundreds of people have signed petitions, written letters, packed the courtrooms, and demonstrated every time Carlos has gone to court. It has been this tremendous support which forced Fraiman to continue Carlos's bail and impose the 4-year sentence (the DA wanted 25 years).

However, we will not leave Carlos to the mercy of the courts! On October 23 the Committee to Defend Carlos Feliciano is calling for a demonstration in front of the Appeals Court at 25th Street and Madison Avenue at 9:30 a.m. to demand complete freedom for Carlos, an end to this racist frameup, and for the U.S. to get out of Puerto Rico NOW!

For more information contact the Committee to Defend Carlos Feliciano, St. Mark's Church (tel. OR 4-6377).

ATMORE-HOLMAN BROTHERS

On October 4, demonstrators from in and around Birmingham, Ala., picketed the Jefferson County Courthouse to protest the frameup of nine Atmore-Holman prisoners. Charged as part of a deliberate attempt by the State of Alabama to suppress the organizing efforts of a prisoners' group called Inmates For Action (IFA), the Atmore-Holman Brothers are charged with riot, assault, and first-degree murder.

The nine Black inmates are ostensibly being tried for their alleged role in two prison uprisings that took place in the Atmore State prison farm last January and March, in which inmates George Dobbins and Tommie Dotson were savagely murdered by prison guards. But their real "crime" is that they dared to organize to demand their basic democratic rights: the right to be free from brutality and torture by guards, the right to eat food not corrupted by rats and roaches, the right to send and receive mail, the right to earn a just wage for their slave labor (more than the 25 cents a week that they now receive), and the right to resist racist physical and mental mutilation.

Alabama "justice" has not changed much since the notorious Scottsboro frameup four decades ago. Eighty percent of the inmates in the State's prison system are Black. The vile racism of the authorities was particularly evident in the murder of prisoner George Dobbins. Dobbins was shot once, but the apparent cause of death was the nine puncture wounds he received in an ambulance from guards who worked him over with ice picks!

At the beginning of November the nine Atmore-Holman Brothers will face these racist monsters in court. The Brothers need your help. Contact Inmates for Action Defense Committee, 802 6th Street North, Birmingham, Alabama 35204.

Book review:

Oil, blood, and 'culture'

Paul Mellon: Portrait of an Oil Baron by William S. Hoffman, Follet Publishing Co., Chicago, 1974. \$7.95.

A person can hardly be blamed very much for not making it through college, for not succeeding at the restaurant business, or for not being able to endure an 8-hour day.

But when that person is Paul Mellon, head of one of the two or three wealthiest financial dynasties of the United States, it raises the question: Why shouldn't

profits and certainly in the responsibility for the colossal massacre of 500,000 or more men, women, and children in Indonesia in 1965. They conspired with Nazi corporations to keep the price of aluminum up and keep the German workers down—beginning long before the Second World War but continuing over a year after it began.

William Hoffman relentlessly catalogs these and many other crimes of the Mellon dynasty. But through it all he constantly returns to the personal character of Paul Mellon, grandson of the "founding father" and now head of the family.

NOTHING BUT RICH, RICH, RICH

That personal character has utterly no importance or bearing on the horrors that are carried out to defend and extend the Mellon fortunes, the author seems well aware. In fact, he makes this point with great dramatic effect again and again.

Without moralizing or editorializing to any great degree, he invites his readers to draw their own conclusions from his summation:

"Paul Mellon controls thousands of companies. Except for a failed restaurant operation, however, he has never actively run a company.

"Hundreds of thousands of people work for him... he has never worked.

"He owns the most valuable thoroughbred racehorses on earth. He has never ridden in a horse race.

"He owns some of the greatest art masterpieces in the world. He

has never painted.

"He owns the manuscripts of many great writers. He has never written a book. But he wanted to be an author.

"Paul Mellon collects paintings and donates paintings and watches his horses run. It would do no good to criticize him, for he could answer as Henry Fielding once did: 'Perhaps you will say a man is not young; I answer, he is rich; he is not gentle, handsome, witty, brave, good-humored, but he is rich, rich, rich, rich—that one word contradicts everything you say against him.'

It is hardly necessary for Hoff- man to add to his artistic ending, as we do here for the sake of prosaic emphasis, that Paul Mellon, even if he were gentle, handsome, witty, brave, and personally irresistible, would still have to go—and go he will. Hoff- man has contributed to the realization of that happy time.

Vincent Copeland

The credit crunch, Part 3

Big corporations tied to banks get Lion's share of credit to stay afloat Food prices inflated; profits soar at midyear

By KEN FRANSON
NEW YORK, Oct. 10—There are several ways a big corporation can get the large amounts of money that are constantly needed to expand, replace old plant and equipment, and cover operating expenses. These include retained earnings (keeping in the company's treasury profits that would ordinarily go to shareholders as dividends), issuing new stock, sale of corporate bonds (the equivalent of Company IOU notes), and loans from banks and other financial institutions.

Replacement of old plant and equipment has become an increasing expense. For example, the foreign subsidiaries of U.S. companies are estimated to need \$25.1 billion in 1974 for this purpose alone, up 24 percent from \$20.3 billion in 1973.

Their parent companies in the U.S. will of course need much larger amounts. The main reason is inflation—the capital goods cost much more, and companies are buying many things in advance of when they need them, figuring prices will go up even more in the future.

Retained earnings are used to finance as much as possible of this, since the high interest rate makes borrowing expensive. This is one of the reasons for the decline in the stock market: if stock owners don't get dividends because the money is used for other purposes, they try to sell their stock. Since investments make more money in places other than the stock market, fewer people want to buy stock, so the price of stocks goes down. This also makes it difficult for companies to raise money by issuing more stock.

BONDS AN EXPENSIVE SOURCE OF CASH

But retained earnings do not supply nearly enough cash for their needs. So the corporations issue bonds. Here the corporations meet with competition, since all levels of government also sell bonds to meet their needs for money. The income from many of these government bonds is taxfree, so the corporations have to pay a higher interest rate to sell their bonds. This makes selling bonds an expensive way to get the needed money.

The remaining alternative is to borrow from banks. Here the corporations have competition from people who want consumer loans. However, since the banks and the large corporations are controlled by the same people, it is easier for them to get loans. (For example, if Exxon needs money, it can borrow from the Chase Manhattan Bank. The money just goes from one of Rockefeller's pockets and into another. And he has a lot of pockets.)

The corporations without good bank connections are scrambling to get some. For example, in Japan, Toyo Kogyo (the manufacturer of Mazda cars) has announced that two officials of banks it borrows from will join the board of directors "to help strengthen its financing operations."

In the U.S., lenders are threatening to cut off PanAm's credit because of continued losses. PanAm, a Rockefeller corporation, responded in a typical way for U.S. corporations—it demanded government subsidies. All the government had to offer was some

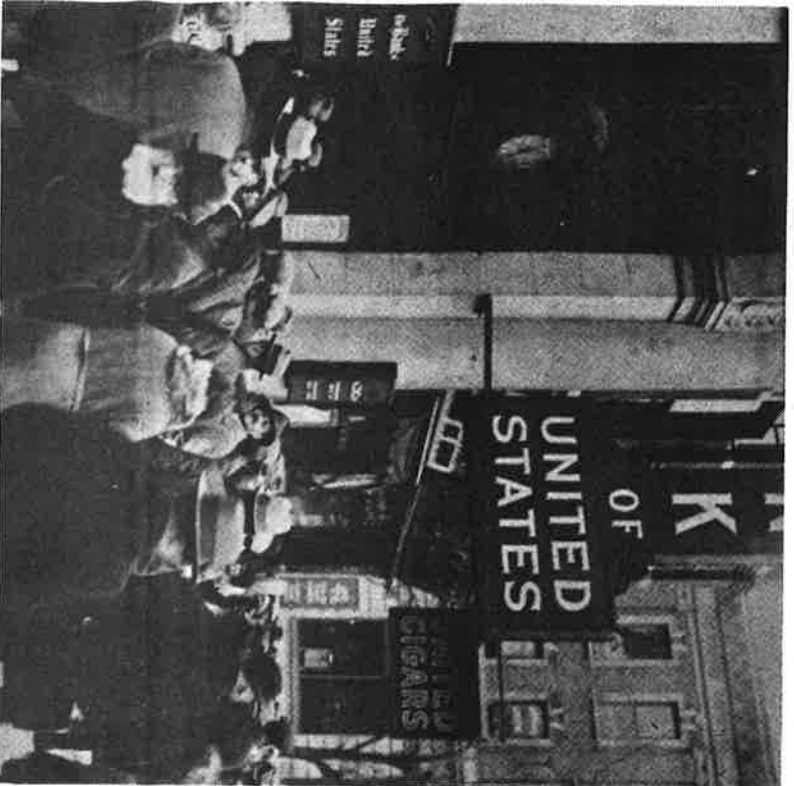
advice on sound business practices. Although the government has always been glad to help out poor, struggling multi-million-dollar companies, it can't possibly bail out everyone in the coming crisis.

FAVORITISM ONLY AGGRAVATES GENERAL CRISIS

But good credit connections for the big companies will not solve matters for the system as a whole. The more money is lent out by banks to good corporate friends, the less is left for consumer loans. And if consumers don't have the

money to buy the goods that corporations are borrowing money to produce, then the corporations (and the banks they are not longer able to pay back) are in deep trouble.

Shock after shock goes through the capitalist world. The contradictions of private production for social needs are cracks in the capitalist structure. The capitalist system is a condemned building, ready to fall, where people are still forced to live by greedy landlords. The time is near when the tenants will tear down the building and put up a better place to live.



Rampant speculation in currency has behind recent losses by banks

By MYRON JERKA

NEW YORK, Oct. 12—Why the sudden bankruptcies and near bankruptcies of big U.S. banks? Why the multi-million-dollar losses and the international scandals? Gambling, simple gambling, is the answer. Only it's called international currency speculation—now that it has been brought out into the open.

The lack of areas of profitable industrial expansion; the panicky fear of revolutions and nationalizations abroad; the wariness before a more concentrated and more conscious working class at home—these factors have forced many capitalists to increasingly "invest" in international currency speculation rather than in real production.

Although the profits from this type of investment are often higher, the danger of total ruin, especially for the weaker banks and other small financial institutions, is much greater.

\$83 MILLION SNAKE-EYES!

This point hit home last May, when the not so tiny and apparently not so weak Franklin National Bank reported a loss of \$46 million from just such speculation. Despite being bailed out with a billion-plus loan by the Federal Reserve, it is currently

running an \$83-million deficit for this year.

After the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) turned down its application for further "relief," it was declared insolvent and auctioned off to the European-American Bank—a consortium of six European banks.

The failure of Franklin National is the largest bankruptcy of any bank in U.S. history, not excluding the period of the Great Depression of the thirties.

In West Germany there has been an even bigger failure. It came with the collapse of the I. D. Herstatt Bank of Cologne, due to a loss of \$150 million last June.

Its depositors and creditors (including the First National of Seattle, which had lent Herstatt \$22.5 million) stand to lose up to \$1.4 billion.

NO NOURISHMENT IN BULLET BITING

Well, if we can't sink our teeth into some nourishing food, we can always "bite the bullet." That of course doesn't offer much in the way of protein, but perhaps we can take some comfort from the proclamations of the corporate bosses that they will be biting the bullet right along with us. Everyone knows "biting the bullet" was a method formerly used to keep a patient from screaming out in pain during an operation. So let's see just how much pain the big corporations are in.

Take the Grand Union Company, for example. Now, here's a chain store that's really suffering. Its profits were up 158 percent the first half of this year over 1973. But please don't waste all your tears on them; save some for the Seneca Foods Corporation. The profits of this food-manufacturing conglomerate have increased 100 percent since last year. Castle and Cooke, another giant food monopoly, just reported a third-quarter net profit increase of 86 percent.

You'd think the food industry, so loaded down with this embarrassment of riches, would be on the defensive to explain these tremendous profits. On the contrary. It has developed a counter-attack on two levels. First, the big lie.

This approach is exemplified in an editorial in the Modern Grocer of October 4: "So get ready, all my friends in middlemanland—retailers, wholesalers and manufacturers... I urge you not to suffer in silence... Fight back in the war of words... Tell your consumers that if you earn a penny on every dollar of sales, you consider yourself lucky... Explain how labor costs have climbed within the last year." Apparently the alleged penny on every dollar is leaving the conglomerate grocers in sorry shape. In fact, Huntington Hartford, the gentleman who owns 61 percent of A&P stock, has parlayed his pennies into a modest personal nest egg of only \$650 million.

LIFO METLTS AWAY PROFITS

The second technique, rather more sophisticated, could be called the "disappearing profits trick." Using an obscure accounting procedure dubbed "LIFO" (Last-In-First-Out)—which even a horde of Philadelphia lawyers probably couldn't understand—corporations like DuPont, Eastman Kodak, and Firestone Tire and Rubber have crased the better part of profits from their accounting books by the wave of a magic wand. According to the Wall Street Journal of October 7, the LIFO technique "will mean lower profits but more cash on hand" for corporate executives. "Lower reported profits," continues the Journal, "after all generally mean lower taxes"—welcome news from the billionaires.

For the working class, however, a diet of lies and bookkeeping chicanery will not suffice. The future certainly holds the prospect of great struggles by the people against both the price-gouging food monopolists and other corporate bosses.

THE ROCKEFELLERS, TOO
 Rockefeller-controlled Chase Manhattan Bank, the third largest in the country and probably the most powerful bank in the world, is not immune to the general financial crisis. Upon chairman David Rockefeller's announcement of a \$34-million loss due to an "over-valuation" of the bank's bond trading account, The

Depositors demanding their money try to break down doors of The Bank of the United States which failed on Dec. 11, 1930. From 1930 to 1932, 3604 state banks collapsed, wiping out over \$2 billion in deposits. Last week's Franklin National collapse was biggest bank failure in U.S. history.

New York Times recorded "a tremor of concern throughout the financial community."

The precipitous decline of the stock market, aside from being a barometer of capitalist confidence, has its effects on the biggest banks, too.

Chase is lucky enough to have "only" \$800 million in its bond trading account. But poor Chase will still "earn" \$120 million for the first three quarters of this year.

On the other hand, this shows that even the heart of Rockefeller's financial empire is vulnerable to the economic crisis.

On the other hand, what Rockefeller can write off as a slight loss may prove fatal to smaller banks whose key assets are tied to the ups and downs of stock and bond prices. This stark admission of failure to down-value Chase's bond holdings, for which a Chase senior V. P. has been scapegoated, may induce the authorities to insist that all banks down-value their alleged assets in securities every time the market goes down.

Such a devaluation of key assets could substantially lower their credit rating and spell immediate death for many of the smaller banks which had managed to be lucky in their currency speculations.

Fascist groups instigate Boston anti-busing attacks

By FRANK NEJSEK
BOSTON, Oct. 12—The racist anti-busing campaign in this city has intensified in the last week with further outbreaks of mob violence against Black people being condoned and even encouraged by the authorities, all the way from the local police up to President Ford himself.

At the same time, the anger of Black people and sympathetic whites at the horrible spectacle of racist mobs stoning children and chasing innocent bystanders through the streets is beginning to coalesce in meetings, demonstrations, and further plans for actions to stop the vile right-wing mobilization.

The present wave of racist attacks was kicked off on October 4 when the anti-busing forces staged a national boycott of schools, with the participation of more than 6,000 people in several sections of Boston and marches in other cities.

The marches in Boston were professionally organized. The marchers carried printed signs and the marshals wore printed armbands. Blacks near the marches were threatened and even attacked.

On Saturday, October 5, police cleared out a bar in South Boston, injuring a 17-year-old in the scuffle. The incident, standard fare for South Boston and not newsworthy in normal times, became front-page news and a rallying point for the racists, who staged a 1,000-person march to police headquarters on Sunday.

BLACK MAN ATTACKED BY WHITE MOB

On Monday Jean-Louis Andre Yvon, a Black man from Haiti, was dragged from his car, beaten, and kicked and, according to police, "was going to be dead" if not rescued by the authorities. He had been on his way to pick up his wife from work and drove into the anti-racist anti-busing rally.

Racist anti-busing violence occurred in a number of other sections of the city. At the request of the NAACP, Black students scheduled to be bused to South Boston were bused instead to the University of Massachusetts in Boston for a rap session on a call situation. Responding to a call from Black leaders to stay home until safety could be assured, all but one Black student stayed away from the South Boston High complex on Tuesday and Wednesday.

POLICE INVADE MISSION HILL, ROXBURY

On Tuesday a false fire alarm went off at English High School, a new school built in the Black community after years of struggle against the racist school committee. The Tactical Police arrived in force with full riot gear to "control" the crowds of students who had emptied from the school.

The cops followed them to Mission Hill housing project in the Black community. The students fought back against the police with bottles and stones. The police have since maintained an armed invasion in Roxbury and the community again fought back on Wednesday at Dudley, the hub of Roxbury, and in the nearby Orchard Park housing project.

On Tuesday also in South Boston a city bus, operated by a Black

driver, was stoned and had to be abandoned.

GOVERNMENT ABANDONS SAFETY OF CHILDREN

When violent mobs were surrounding and stoning buses of Black students earlier this fall, there was no move to reinforce police protection. Now that the police have occupied the Black community and the papers scream, "Violence Spreads to Roxbury," the mayor calls for Federal troops saying the State Police or the National Guard won't do.

Mayor White wants to make clear this is a federal idea of which

RU's position on busing

By BOB DOBROW
NEW YORK, Oct. 10—The struggle against white racism, in deeds, is the acid test for revolutionaries in this country. Racism is without a doubt the number one issue dividing the American working class.

In Boston there is currently a frenzied wave of hysteria which recalls the lynch-mob spirit which swept the South decades ago. The issue of busing is being used to whip up a mania of racist delirium among large segments of the white population. Anyone even slightly progressive would have to be against the anti-busing demonstrations which have been taking place in South Boston and have continually resulted in mob violence against Black people.

REVOLUTIONARY UNION'S COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY LINE

The Revolutionary Union (RU), a purportedly "Marxist" organization, has arrived at a thoroughly erroneous line on the situation in Boston. Its newspaper, which bears the title "Revolution," states in the October 1974 issue in front-page headlines, "People must unite to smash Boston busing plan."

Is RU so hopelessly blind that it can't see that the racist mobilizations in Boston are being organized precisely around this same slogan?

The RU's current delusions on this score don't merely stem from theoretical deficiency but from crass opportunism. They are capitulating to white racism.

Of course the white liberals invented busing and all that goes with it as a substitute for true equality. And of course, even if all the busing goes on as scheduled, this true equality will still not be achieved. But every single white who is using violence in opposition to busing (inadequate as the busing plan is) is whipped up by racism—pure and simple.

RU can't see this. They write in "Revolution," "Black and white have kept their children off the buses for a variety of reasons. Some were simply opposed to the busing plan. And some had been influenced by the racist arguments." (Our emphasis).

What exactly are the "variety of reasons"? What is the character of those who are "simply" opposed to the busing plan? And why does RU write of "some who have been

he wants no part. He told a group of Black parents, "Go find your own friends," and said in a public statement, "I will not of my own volition support further implementation of the desegregation order."

This, of course, followed President Ford's carefully timed announcement that he disagreed with the court's decision on busing as "not the best solution to quality education in Boston." This "binder of the nation's wounds" thereby fanned the flames of racism across the country. The leading anti-busing group in Boston, the South Boston Information Center, was so pleased it sent Ford telegrams

reading, "Thank you, we love you."

No wonder the Black children and community leaders feel abandoned!

PROGRESSIVE FORCES BEGIN TO MOVE

In this situation a massive response by all progressive, democratic people is desperately needed. The racist offensive which is even attacking the right of Black and Latin people to just walk the streets must be answered and stopped!

Thus far visible, progressive actions against the racist mobilizations have been few,

influenced" by racism as if they were an insignificant minority of the white protestors hardly worth mentioning?

Isn't it true that these are the people who stoned buses full of children; who chased a Black girl ten blocks throwing bricks; who have allowed the Ku Klux Klan to surface?

The RU contends that "the busing plan disrupts the lives of lots of children and parents...On the part of both white and Black, the busing plan has caused a lot of inconvenience."

How can one compare the "disruption" to the lives of the whites with the "disruption" to the lives of the Blacks? The whites are being "inconvenienced" because they still believe the century-old racist myths. The Blacks are being "inconvenienced" because their very lives are in danger!

In a leaflet advertising an anti-busing rally (!) in Boston last week, RU writes, "Because of the tension, there have also been incidents of whites being attacked by Black kids." And then they continue, "We support the right of anyone to defend him or herself against these kind of attacks." (Our emphasis).

By equating the violence of the oppressor with the violence of the oppressed, RU places itself objectively in the camp of the oppressor, i.e., against the "Black kids" and with the white racists!

The lead article in "Revolution" further states that the main issue in Boston is "how to unite the people," "the question of unity."

THE REAL MEANING OF 'UNITY'

Workers World is all for working-class unity, but "unity" means different things to different people. How many times has the excuse of "unity" been used by weak-kneed liberals and smooth-talking sell-outs? When has there been a demonstration where a revolutionary slogan hasn't been attacked for "breaking unity" by those who really want to unite with the bourgeoisie?

We are all for unity, but not with racist vigilantes or those temporarily under their influence. The responsibility for unity isn't on the Black people but rather on the whites to unite with the oppressed Black masses.

It is only when white workers fight for the right of equality and for the right of Black people to decide for themselves that real unity will be forged. It won't come by pretending there are no divisions now, nor will it materialize just because "revolutionaries" decree it. The living struggle itself will point to unity as a dire necessity. No organization like the RU can forge that unity when it has deliberately muddled the profound issues that are at stake in Boston.



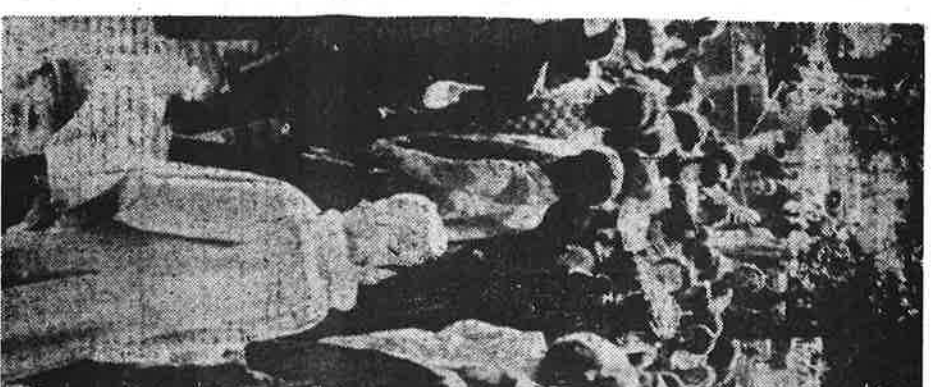
The right to self-determination of an oppressed people, to freedom from constant racist harassment—this is what is under attack in Boston.

small, and scattered. However, the Black and Latin communities have been organizing for their defense. And the deep concern and anger felt by many is beginning to take form.

Some white progressives have managed to distribute leaflets in support of the Black children and their right to attend the schools of their choice right in South Boston itself, and have found there is a current of resistance to the racist mobilization even there.

Meetings are taking place in many parts of the city and drawing hundreds of people who see the need for a truly massive outpouring of whites and Blacks in the street against mob rule and in defense of the basic rights of Black and Latin people to walk the streets, work, and go to school in safety.

These groups are coming together, and a massive expression against the racist mobilization and attacks will happen soon!



A false fire alarm at predomantantly the children and occupy a community in South Bronx . . .

March, rally murder of

By LARRY HOLMES

NEW YORK, Oct. 5—Hundreds of angry Puerto Rican youths marched through the streets of the South Bronx today exchanging clenched fists with thousands of sympathizers who lined the sidewalks. The marchers were protesting the police murder of Fernando Hernandez, a 17-year-old factory worker.

The papers reported last week that Fernando Hernandez was shot dead by police sergeant O'Connor because he tried to grab O'Connor's partner's gun while being arrested for allegedly stealing a car battery. But several witnesses, including Fernando's 14-year-old brother who spent most of that Sunday night at the police station in handcuffs, have another version of the events.

They say that Fernando and his father were working on their car late Sunday night when O'Connor and his partner assaulted them. According to these witnesses, Sgt.

March from Roxbury supports Black children

BOSTON, Oct. 13—A march of over 1,000 Black people moved from the Roxbury section of Boston today to the Boston Commons, where the marchers were met by about 200 sympathetic whites. The demonstration was called by the Massachusetts Black Legislative Caucus and the NAACP to show support for the Black children who have been under daily racist attack.

At the Commons there was a rally, with one of the most moving talks given by a junior high school student. She told the crowd, "They're trying to keep us out of the schools, they attack us to keep us out—but they won't keep us out whatever way possible."

By DEIRDRE GRISWOLD

It is very easy to get sidetracked from the main issue in Boston today, as a number of radical groups have done. What the struggle in Boston boils down to, pure and simply, is the right of Black children to go to formerly all-white, or nearly all-white, schools.

Busing is just a way for them to get there, since the neighborhoods are generally segregated.

There is, of course, a long-range issue, and that is the right of Black people to devise and implement the plans that will help their children get the best education possible. But that is not the immediate issue. The immediate question, the one on which lines are being drawn in

the streets of Boston with the racists and their organizations on the one side and the Black children and their communities on the other is: will Black children be able to go to white schools which, because of the whole history of neglect of ghetto schools, are presumably better and can help them get a better education?

There is no doubt that a great many Black families in Boston want their children to be able to go to these schools. And even other Black people who would prefer that there be better schools in the Black community, with Black teachers and community control of the curriculum, are at this moment fighting against the racists, who in turn have made anti-busing the focus of their mobilization.

Therefore, for white groups to attack busing at this time, regardless of its shortcomings as a solution for oppressed Black people, is to objectively ally with the racists.

Busing in and of itself—that is, having children delivered to a school in another part of town by bus—is not the reason for the venom, the passions, the frenzy that has been whipped up in Boston. It should be obvious that Black and white kids have been bused to schools for a long time.

When segregated schools were the rule throughout the South, Black children often had to walk (they usually didn't have the luxury of a bus!) to inferior Black

schools miles away from their homes, even if there was a white school on the next block.

STILL A FIGHT AGAINST SEGREGATION

The rising struggle of Black people against segregation and oppression, which was recognized by the ruling class in the 1954 Supreme Court decision on desegregation, was responsible for changing the federal government's policy in favor of integration throughout the country. Of course, the bourgeoisie saw this as a way of deflecting the struggle, not of granting real political and economic freedom to the Black people, but it was nevertheless a victory over racism and was the legal foundation for the present busing laws.

Of course, the fight for self-determination of the oppressed Black people will not end with the busing issue. Black people must have the right to choose the kinds of schools their children will go to. But any surrender now on the busing issue will only set back the struggle to where it was before segregation was outlawed. The struggle for Black control of Black schools must presuppose that Black people could also go to white schools if they wanted to.

White progressives have to feel this in their very bones and fight for it with every ounce of their energy.



Instantly Black English High School in Boston serves as an excuse to send in Tactical Police to "control" community already under attack.

Family called to protest of Puerto Rican by cops

O'Connor shot Fernando at point-blank range while he held his hands over his head. Then O'Connor put his foot on Fernando's chest and pumped two more bullets into his neck and head. The demonstrators marched to the 7th Precinct for a rally, where community activists demanded that O'Connor be handed over to the people of the South Bronx and tried for murder. Puerto Rican nationalist Carlos Feliciano, presently fighting phony bombing charges, called on the community to organize itself and fight racist police repression by any means necessary.

FAMILY DEMANDS TRIAL OF COP

Candido Figueroa, Fernando's uncle, told Workers World that Fernando was a hard worker with many friends and had hoped to enroll in school soon. Mr. Figueroa explained that the police act this way every day in his community,

Fernando, gave up a day's pay as a taxidriver to come and demonstrate. Mr. Torres said he still could not believe that Fernando was dead. He remembered shooting pennies and playing pool with his slain friend. He hoped that the people would find a way to make the police pay.

Fernando's parents were not available for comment. His mother is in Lincoln Hospital suffering from shock and her husband is at her side.



Professional bigots like Davis Duke, the grand dragon of the Baton Rouge KKK, have been flown north to whip up white South Boston residents.

Racist attack on Black people the issue in Boston crisis

Queens' students hit repression, food costs

By LESLIE FEINBERG

NEW YORK, Oct. 4—The tension that is ever-present in New York City high schools erupted today in Queens as Richmond Hill High School students staged a walk-out protesting the high food prices in the cafeteria and the excessive number of school guards.

Only half the students got out of the school before they were trapped between armed school security guards and the city police summoned by the school authorities. The students not allowed to leave the school began tearing up the school lunchroom and throwing furniture out the windows.

'WE NEED FREE LUNCHESES'

"It's what they say but don't do; they promise students' rights, but that's all we got—the promises. The food is terrible and some students can't afford it. We need free lunches. We're locked in the building 8 hours a day; we all need free lunches," the students said.

When nothing was done about the students' demands, another walk-out was staged by those left inside. This time they were greeted by 10 squad cars full of helmeted riot police in full regalia.

But before the second walk-out, the students inside were subjected to a broadcast over the PA system by the principal, who said that "you are locked in for your own protection" and that "students should all support their community."

But for Black and Puerto Rican students that message was a mockery, because that isn't their community. They go to school in a predominantly white neighborhood. At Richmond Hills and nearby John Adams High, Puerto Ricans and Blacks are far outnumbered by whites. One student said, "It's so bad over at Adams that my friends were getting beaten every day. That armed security never helped them at all, so my friends don't go to school any more, that's all."

As this reporter was interviewing the students, two of the plainclothed armed security guards walked by us and said menacingly, "Tomorrow, fellas, we'll get you tomorrow."

These incidents are not isolated. As the repression in the schools increases, they become more and more like armed camps. Richmond Hill High School administrators think they can control student anger with riot-control methods instead of dealing with the root cause of the students' rebellion—the inadequacy of the schools themselves.

Under such strict discipline, the students will protest in the only way left open to them—physical reaction. Whether or not the administrators can maintain that strict discipline remains to be seen. But as one student told me, "It's ebb and flow, man. They may keep it quiet for a while. Then it's going to blow right in the man's face."



Rockefeller's foes in the ruling class

Nelson Rockefeller now seems to be under attack for his great wealth just as Nixon and Company seemed to be under attack for stealing.

But the source of the attack in Rockefeller's case is not the poor or working people, just as in Nixon's case it was not a group of honest politicians.

The Rockefellers are an extremely powerful financial dynasty. And with their allies they are no doubt the most powerful single dynasty in the country.

The financial dynasties have run the U.S. government, and especially the Presidency, since at least 1896, if not earlier. They nearly always ran it through agents and appointees who were more or less indirect representatives of Wall Street and who had at least some vague credibility as being elected by the "people."

Even when the Morgans had their personally chosen Presidents—like Hoover, Wilson, Coolidge, etc.—they had to bow somewhat when those Presidents favored the Rockefellers or the Mellons. And vice versa.

But with a Rockefeller operating the state machine in his own person, he can on occasion take drastic actions for the exclusive benefit of his own faction, even while in "normal" times recognizing all the other imperialist thieves with reasonable "impartiality."

Aside from the tremendous crisis of U.S. imperialism itself, which is indeed the most profound cause of Rockefeller's candidacy in the first place, this is what causes the non-Rockefeller bankers to raise such a hue and cry about his wealth, not to mention his "gifts."

The fact that they are going after Rockefeller so openly in the newspapers only means that they are calling upon broader masses for support in the fight, just as the anti-Nixon faction did in the case of the Watergate exposes. But it doesn't mean that the anti-Rockefeller factions in the ruling class would be any better as far as the masses of people are concerned.

... and his loyal servant Kissinger

The \$550,000—or \$650,000, or was it \$750,000?—that Rocky so generously gave to William Ronan, head of the New York transit subway and bus complex, was obviously meant to influence policy on extremely important economic questions: the purchase of multi-million-dollar equipment (from Rockefeller companies); the placing of loans to the right banks (Rockefeller banks); making decisions that would favor the increasing use of Rockefeller oil and gasoline over other systems; and so on.

There were some dozens of other innocent little "gifts"—like the \$86,000 given to Judson Morehouse, the crooked chairman of the New York State Republican Party (to keep him honest!?). But probably the most significant was the relatively small \$50,000 given to Henry Kissinger, Rockefeller's long-time employee and personal choice for head of the National Security Commission, de facto boss of the CIA, and finally official Secretary of State.

Kissinger may or may not have received other monies from Rockefeller in addition to his Rockefeller-paid wages before 1969. But the fact is that he is indebted to Rockefeller for the not inconsiderable sums paid to him by the United States government ever since that time, too.

He has been the more or less direct representative of the Rockefellers in government ever since he entered Nixon's service—at Rockefeller's request—in 1969.

This was known to all the capitalist class, all the Rockefellers' rivals, and all knowledgeable reporters and columnists of the capitalist press.

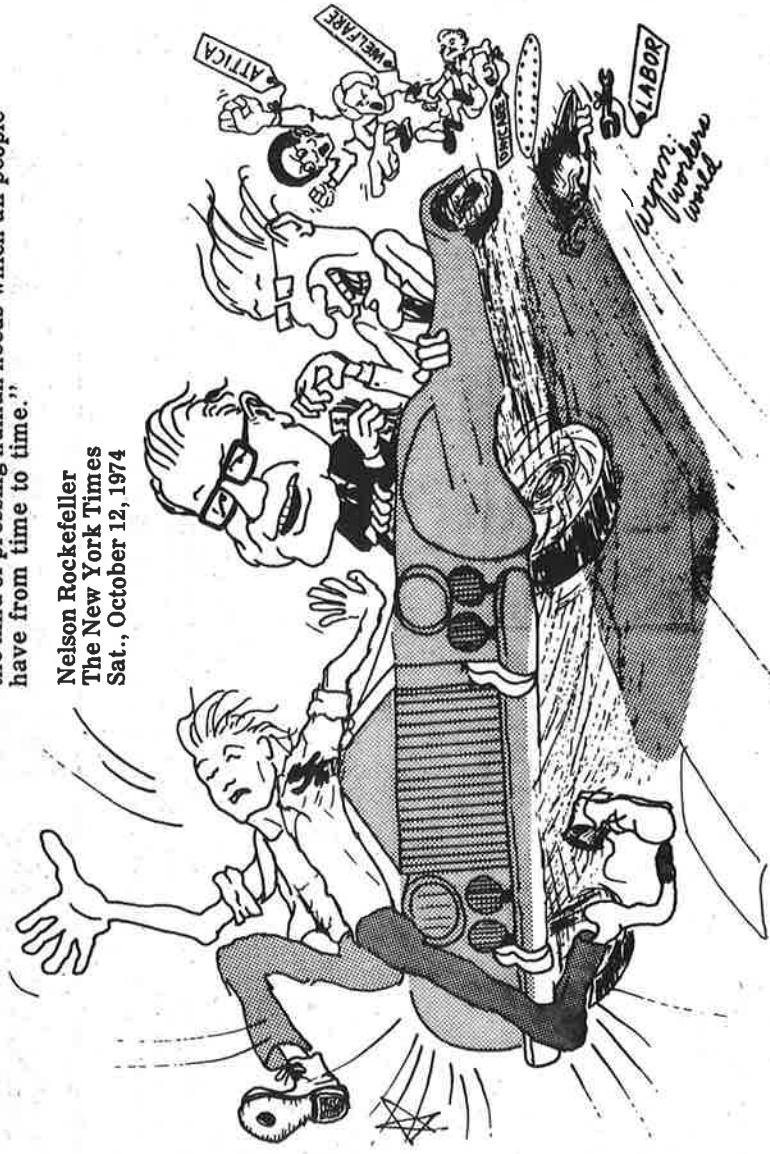
The same was known of previous Secretaries of State: John Foster Dulles, Christian Herter, Dean Rusk, and, even to some degree, William Rogers. They were all agents of the Rockefellers. But they had to give an occasional acknowledgment of the presence of other capitalist interests besides those of the Rockefellers.

The \$50,000 payment to Kissinger, however, was in effect a command to be the absolutely direct agent of that powerful family.

And it was, so to speak, a preview or first installment of Rockefeller himself becoming Vice President, or even President, in name as well.

"Throughout my life, I have made loans and gifts to friends and associates to assist them in meeting the kind of pressing human needs which all people have from time to time."

Nelson Rockefeller
The New York Times
Sat., October 12, 1974



WHAT WE MEAN BY...

THE RULING CLASS

By BILL DEL VECCHIO
How do you recognize the ruling class in this society? Does it include the foreman who rides herd on you all day long? Or is it composed of people higher up, like the plant manager who stays hidden in his office while he directs production?

No, the ruling class hardly comes near its property. It hasn't run its own businesses for the past 100 years. The ruling or capitalist class includes the complete bloodsuckers of society who use the profits taken from the workers' labor only to further increase their own wealth and power. The foreman, plant manager, policeman, judge, newspaper editor, and politician are all the hired agents of the capitalists.

The ruling class is the tiny minority who own the machines, the plants, the offices, the trucks and trains, and the raw materials that make large-scale production possible. All these materials and equipment are called the "means of production."

By owning the means of production, the capitalist is able to control almost everything. The worker must work for the capitalist or starve. The writer for the news media must write what he wants to hear, or else it doesn't get printed or aired. The government is completely interconnected with the ruling class, with politicians and judges being either agents of the capitalists (corporation lawyers like Nixon) or members of the class itself (Rockefeller).

Only a small part of the capitalists' money is used for personal luxuries such as mansions, yachts, and Rolls Royces. The function of making money for

them is to increase their power. The profits from one business are immediately used to increase their means of production. This money that is reinvested to make more money is called "capital." Each capitalist is forced to turn his money into capital and expand or else be ruined by a competitor.

Vast amounts of wealth have been concentrated into the hands of America's capitalist ruling class. Though there are 100,000 millionaires in the U.S., the core of the master class comprises a much smaller group. Fortune magazine lists 84 families who have over \$100 million in personal assets. Twelve of these families—the Rockefellers, Du Ponts, Mellons, Fords, Dorrances, Pews, Gettys, Hughes, Cullens, Hunts, Ludwigs, and MacArthurs—each has personal assets of \$1 billion or more!

U.S. drops UN flag for troops in Korea —MIR declaration

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By a simple shuffle of names, the U.S. has revealed that its 24-year occupation of Korea has been a fraud and a deception.

Faced with a resolution sponsored by 38 countries in the UN that the U.S. withdraw its 40,000 troops from south Korea, the U.S. on October 10 blandly dumped its long-time position that these are "UN" soldiers and now states they are U.S. troops over which the UN has no authority.

The Korean people are one nation, but for 29 years their country has been torn in half. The northern half, the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea, is a workers' state building socialism and meeting the needs of its people for food, housing, clothing, medical care, and education.

In the south, however, 26 million Koreans suffer under the fascist dictatorship of Pak Jung Hee and his so-called Republic of Korea (ROK).

Pak Jung Hee was installed in power by a military coup engineered by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency and is kept in power by the support of Washington and Wall Street. In the "ROK," diseases like cholera are rampant, tens of thousands starve, and the U.S.-trained secret police are everywhere, ready to arrest and torture any dissenter.

This latest cynical maneuver in changing the imperialist occupation army's name from "UN" to "U.S." won't deceive anyone. All progressives should unite in demanding "U.S. imperialists out of south Korea!"

Glory and honor to Miguel Enriquez, fallen Secretary General!!

The name of Miguel Enriquez must be converted into the banner of the oppressed!!

The MIR will not surrender!! Others have taken up the gun of the fallen Secretary General!!

The popular resistance will win!!

Long live the worker-peasant resistance of Chile!!

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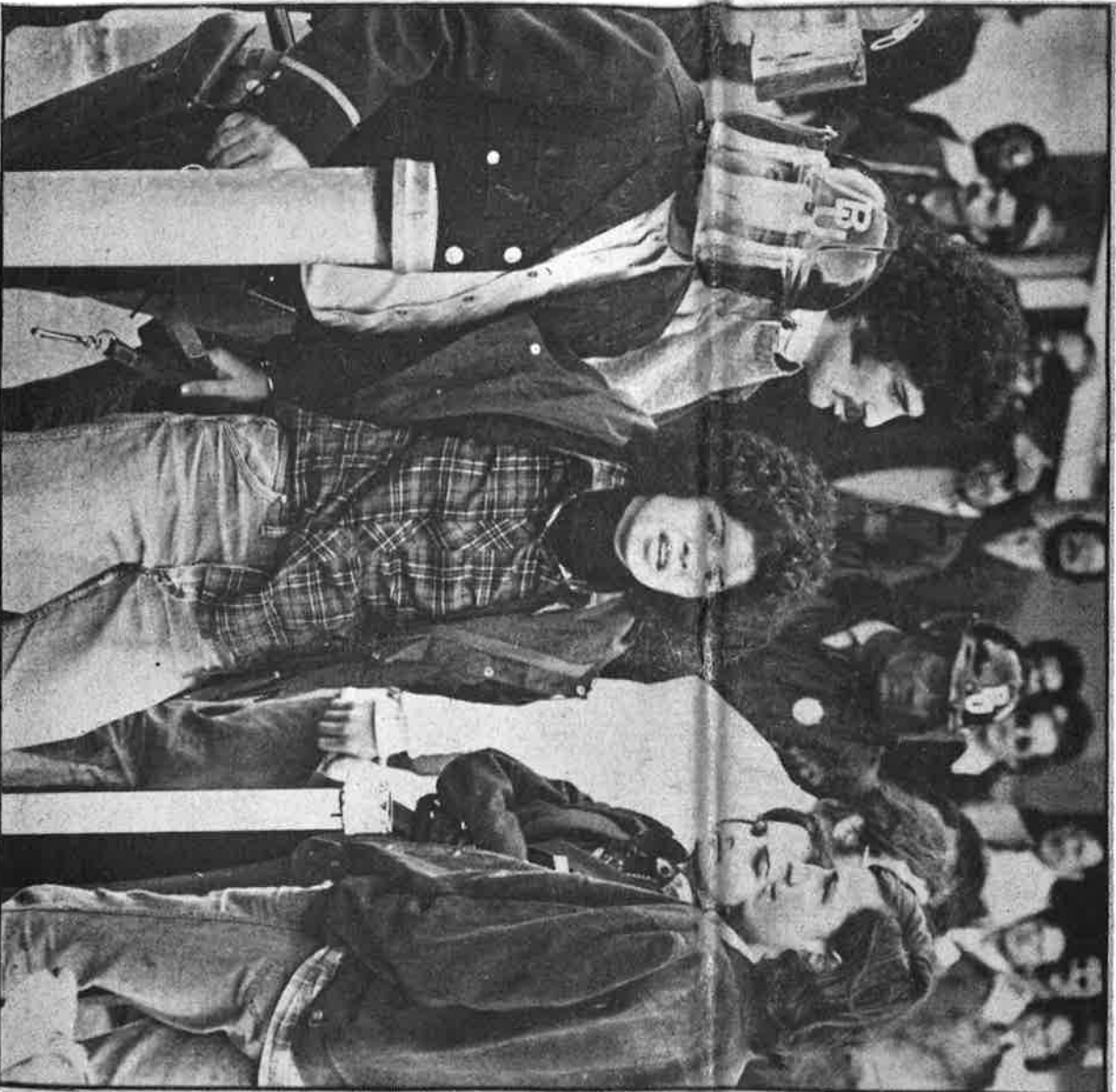


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**DOWN WITH
THE FASCIST JUNTA!**
Seven arrested in Boston (left) while protesting U.S. support of Chile's fascist regime (p. 2).
And worldwide campaign goes on to free



CARMEN CASTILLO

who is in the hands of the junta's torturers (p. 3).

Mass N.Y.C. rally to demand a free P.R.

By JAIME VEVE

NEW YORK, Oct. 20—On Sunday, October 27, more than 20,000 people will converge on Madison Square Garden here in what will be one of the biggest acts of solidarity with the struggle for independence in Puerto Rico ever held.

After many months of work and planning by the Puerto Rican Solidarity Day Committee, which includes many individuals and groups, most of the seats have been

members launched an armed struggle against their oppressors, the United States government.

The day of solidarity with Puerto Rico has created a concrete opportunity for many organizations and individuals to speak out on the issue of independence for Puerto Rico. Nearly 30 nation-wide organizations have agreed to co-sponsor the event, including the African Liberation Support Committee, the American Indian Movement, the Congress of African People, the National Alliance Against Racism and Political Repression, Workers World Party, and Youth Against War & Fascism, among others.

**PROGRAM TO
BE BROADCAST
The Solidarity Day Committee**

has also secured permission from the Federal Communications Commission to transmit the program from the Garden to both Puerto Rico and Los Angeles.

As October 27 draws closer and the publicity around the activity grows, the issue will attract the attention not only of supporters but also of enemies. One example is when the Madison Square Garden hierarchy recently attempted to cancel its commitment. Their tremendous response in protest and because the Solidarity Day Committee's decision to hold the action in the streets surrounding the Garden is necessary.

The program to date includes Juan Mari Bras, Secretary General of the PSP, Jane Fonda;

Angela Davis; Russell Means of AIM; Virginia Collins of the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF); Ossie Davis; Ray Barretto, the Latin music star; and many others.

The Solidarity Day Committee has announced that thousands of people will come from different parts of the city in caravans that will honor the five Nationalist prisoners.

The October 27 activity at Madison Square Garden promises to be one of the biggest outpourings of solidarity from the people of the United States with the struggle for independence of Puerto Rico. ¡Despierta Boricua, Defiende lo Tuyo!
¡Que Viva Puerto Rico Libre y Socialista!

Former State Dept. official reveals Chilean counter-revolution directly financed by CIA

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By P. MEISNER
OCTOBER 20—A former high-level State Department liaison official to the CIA has revealed that Ford's statements on the CIA intervention in Chile did not tell half the truth on the extent of the U.S. role in overthrowing the Allende government. The official, Ray S. Cline, confirmed reports (deated up to now by the Ford Administration) that the CIA directly financed anti-Allende organizations and activities, including the truck owners whose "strike" (actually a lockout) was a key factor in bringing on the coup of Sept. 11, 1973.

The New York Times of October 17 considered Cline's disclosure significant:

"His account of the assistance to labor groups (really the truck owners, shopkeepers, etc.—P.M.) flatly contradicts both the public and private descriptions of the CIA role presented by President Ford and Secretary of State Kissinger."

Ford's admission of CIA in-

volvement in Chile, however, was dressed up as a mission to "preserve democratic situations" in Chile. At his televised news conference on September 16, Ford stated that "the effort that was made in this case was to help and assist the preservation of opposition newspapers and electronic media and to preserve opposition political parties" (As your friend Richard Nixon did in Watergate, Mr. Ford?)

FORD FOR OPPOSITION PRESS? SINCE WHEN?
Ford did not explain why the CIA's intervention brought on one of the most brutal fascist regimes humankind has ever seen. Instead he told the Chilean people that the CIA-directed coup was carried out "in their best interests"—after the murder of more than 20,000 progressives and a galloping inflation never seen before in Chile! But it is clear that U.S. imperialism, which has milked billions of dollars out of Chile, could not tolerate a government in which the workers and peasants

were getting a stronger and stronger voice.

On October 15, one day prior to Cline's statements, Chilean capitalists "leaked" a story designed to cover up for the CIA by claiming that anti-Allende "strikes," such as the truck owners lockout, were backed by funds of approximately \$200,000 contributed by "sympathetic" businessmen in Mexico, Peru, and Venezuela. But one Chilean boss blew this cover by admitting, "I would have no way of knowing whether those funds were indirectly from the CIA."

The revelations which came out during last month's testimony by CIA director William Colby (see Workers World, Sept. 20) indicated that at least half of the \$8 million funneled into Chile by the CIA was for the truck owners' sabotage of the economy.

This newspaper within days of the coup drew attention to the fact that the CIA had financed the powerful truckers' "strikes" of 1972 and 1973. In the Sept. 21, 1973,

CIA promotion for Latin fascists fought by Boston protesters

By ALAN BAISAM
BOSTON, Oct. 18—Seven persons were arrested yesterday afternoon as protesters against a Conference on Latin American Development (CLAD) entered their second day at Boston University.

The conference was to discuss ways in which Latin America can be further "developed" in accordance with the plans of U.S. imperialism, and was to include such "humanities" as Eduardo Frei (former President of Chile) and a prime mover in the fascist coup which ousted the left-wing Allende government last year) and Robert MacNamara (former U.S.

"defense" secretary and architect of the Vietnam War and now head of the World Bank). Functionaries from the bloody Brazilian dictatorship were also scheduled to attend.

Organizations including the Chile Action Group, Youth Against War & Fascism, and the Revolutionary Student Brigades led militant protests against this rogues' gathering. There was the occupation of the Boston University (BU) Law Auditorium, preventing the conference from convening, and the trashing of the Center for Latin American Development Studies on Wed-

nesday afternoon. The following day the police were more prepared as over 100 demonstrators picketed outside the Law Auditorium. Protestors were refused entrance to the conference, which was supposed to be open, and decided that if they couldn't go in to expose the fascists, no one would. At that point two persons were arrested and beaten by Boston University cops, joined by BU Vice President Daniel Finn, who repeatedly kicked one of those arrested.

Shortly thereafter, a contingent of 20 Boston police arrived and the BU cops, by this time in full riot

gear, went on the rampage. Of the seven arrested and beaten, four were charged with assault and battery with a deadly weapon (some with multiple counts), one with assault and battery (on cops), and two with being disorderly. The one Black person arrested, Alexander Lynn, was chased by police, taken to a paddy wagon by two white cops, and choked into unconsciousness.

This morning, as the seven were being arraigned in court, 100 demonstrators marched to the BU administration building where Vice President Finn was burned in effigy. One of those arrested, Bill Lang, remains in the hospital with a cerebral concussion and severed nerves in one hand.

This militant demonstration points to the growing awareness of American workers and students of our common bond with the people of Chile and the rest of Latin America, and our seriousness in acting in solidarity with them.



DECLINE AND FALL

have joined what may soon become America's most widespread search for a lost dog.

"The search is for Muffi, an ailing black French poodle.

"Peggy Johnson and her husband, Raymond, have been searching frantically for Muffi ever since her disappearance (Feb. 25).

"Peggy was almost in tears when she called Tatler.

"However, she didn't just give up. She:

"Spent about \$500 for 'lost dog' ads in Chicago's daily newspapers.

"Printed 2,500 letter-size flyers and 400 cards describing Muffi in detail.

"Typed 20w cards describing Muffi and laced them on supermarket bulletin boards.

"Tatler had to agree that Peggy had done everything imaginable. Then we remembered Joe De Louise, whose extraordinary psychic feats have been reported throughout America and Europe.

"Holding some of the things Muffi loved,

most, including a toy duck, a ball and a coat, Joe proceeded to probe for impressions.

"Muffi is still alive," he said finally.

"I feel she's somewhere west and south of St. Louis, Mo."

"He feels the animal is somewhere in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma or Missouri."

ROCKY AND HAPPY LEAD SIMPLE LIFE

The New York Times, Oct. 13:

"He and his wife, Happy, are not jet setters. They rarely go to restaurants, preferring to entertain at their Fifth Avenue duplex or at their Gatsby-like mansion, one of several on the six-square-mile family estate at Pocantico Hills in Westchester County.

"Vacations are invariably at a more modest home on a point jutting into the Atlantic Ocean at Seal Harbor, Maine, or at a ranch in Venezuela. At the Maine estate, there are at least two symbols of the vast Rockefeller wealth. An inlet adjacent to the house has been dammed and heated to serve as a natural swimming pool. A large, ordinary and seemingly weather-beaten boat-house disguises a small, air-conditioned,

wood-paneled art gallery."

DODO NOT EXTINCT?

Wall Street Journal, Oct. 8:

"Rep. Earl Landgrebe says that back in Washington, he is a man 'standing on a mountainside with a machine gun,' trying to prevent the government from 'robbing' Indiana folk.

"His was the sole vote, for example, against a measure for cancer research. The price tag was too high, he says, and anyway, finding a cancer cure would only change 'which way you're going to go.'"

"Two years ago, on a House committee trip to the Soviet Union, he sneaked in 100 pounds of Bibles and secretly distributed them until Moscow police caught up with him in a movie theatre, slipping Bibles down through his long overcoat and onto the floor.

"...Mr Landgrebe says he opposes most federal programs because they amount to 'the poor stealing from the rich.' In campaign appearances he tells voters that 'the people in Alabama are sitting under a shade tree while we are working up here.' Many of his comments have an anti-black tone. 'All we need,' he says, 'is a Congressman to make sure that the ghettoes of Chicago, Los Angeles and D.C. don't rob the shirts off our backs.'"

AN HONEST DOCTOR FINDS UNEXPECTED POVERTY

Buffalo Courier-Express, Sept. 11:

Aurora, Ill.—"Aurora's free medical clinic for the poor may be forced out of business because it is too successful.

"The clinic is the brainchild of Dr. Eugene R. Balhazar, who wanted to do something for this town 40 miles west of Chicago.

"But Dr. Balhazar, 72, didn't anticipate the tremendous need for free medical care in the community. His funds are running out.

"The elderly physician said his motives were not entirely altruistic: 'I enjoy it. Also, you know, maybe I would like to dispose of my money where I want it. You don't take it with you.'

"Balhazar said he expected to see about 25 to 35 patients a day. Up to 175 have used the clinic in one day."

BUT FOR JOE, THE SEER, BUSINESS IS BOOMING

The National Tatler, Sept. 1:

"Tatler and psychic Joseph De Louise

Labour victory offers British workers no end to deepening economic crisis

By NICK DE FREITAS
NEW YORK, Oct. 19—In the midst of a deepening economic crisis that shows no signs of abating, the Labour Party of Britain has once again been returned to office by a small 3-seat margin in the 635-seat House of Commons.

The voting turnout was 7 percent less than in last February's election. The only substantial gains made in this election were by the nationalist candidates in Scotland and Wales, who want to remove their countries from England's dominion.

The Labour victory may have shown that the British workers don't want a return to the Conservatives (who were defeated last winter after Prime Minister Heath took a strongly anti-labor stand toward the coal miners' strike), but it also showed little conviction or enthusiasm by the workers that the Labour Party can end their growing problems.

And the problems are great. The London Sunday Times has predicted over 1 million unemployed and a 20 percent rate of inflation this winter. The balance of payments deficit is expected to reach \$10 billion this year. The London stock exchange has plunged to the lowest level in 16 years, while the liquidity crisis has forced several major companies into bankruptcy.

BOSSSES SAY:

MAKE THE WORKERS PAY

For the workers, price increases of an official 17 percent this year have wiped away the wage gains of the last several years. But the British bosses (and the many U.S. bosses who now have holdings in Britain) are not satisfied. All the economic witchdoctors of the capitalist class are united on one question: the workers must take a cut in their standard of living.

What will the response of the Labour Party be to this? Harold Wilson is already pledged to rescue the capitalist system by a plan of class collaboration known as the "social contract." This is an unwritten agreement in which labor (supposedly represented by Wilson

& Co.) promises not to seek wage increases in exchange for a redistribution of the wealth. This is really no more than a political trick by which the ruling class hopes to gain acceptance for its austerity measures. The redistribution of wealth and the systematic control of prices are impossible in a capitalist economy (and Labour government or not, Britain is definitely a capitalist country). This is true even in boom times, let alone in times of crisis when the capitalists are scrambling over themselves in the fight for profits.

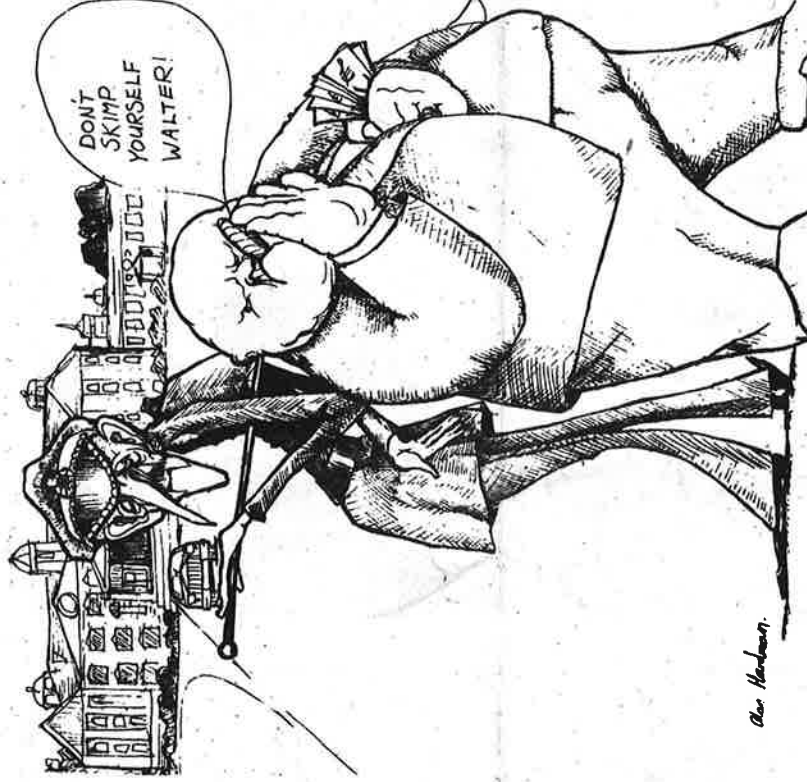
What kind of "redistribution of wealth" is it when the government is planning to inject "more than one thousand million pounds (\$2.4 billion—N.F.) of public funds into

'SOCIAL CONTRACT BIGGEST CON EVER'

However, the ruling class isn't finding it so easy to get the workers to swallow Wilson's "social contract." At the same time that big business is looking for ways to cut the workers' standard of living, the workers are finding ways to defend their hard-fought gains. Michael McGahey, leader of last winter miners' strike, termed the social

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General Walker says "I'll be backed by 3,000,000"



Behind Walker's fascist campaign stands the money and power of England's capitalists.—From the British Weekly, Militant.

Strikes, workers' committees point to upsurge of class struggle in Spain

By BOB DOBROW
NEW YORK, Oct. 17—Spanish workers, still living under the heels of the oldest fascist dictatorship in the world, have begun to show optimistic signs of struggle against their exploiters.

Thirty-two thousand workers recently staged strikes in Villadolid, Bilbao (the major city in the Basque province), and Barcelona. In a country where all strikes are illegal, Spain now rates fourth highest in Europe for workdays lost through strikes!

The union structure under Franco is completely fused with the State apparatus. Workers, their foremen, and their bosses all belong to state-controlled "unions." But networks of comisiones obreros (workers' commissions) have been secretly set up throughout the country. These have been the organizing centers for the recent job actions, and are led by communists and radicals.

The coming resurgence in Spain

has been marked in recent months by the heightened activity of the super-oppressed Basque people and the assassination of Premier Luis Carrero Blanco last year.

This awakening is the result of a volatile mixture of the influence of neighboring Portugal, one of the highest inflation rates in Europe, and the coming succession struggle over Franco's anxiously awaited and long-overdue death.

SPAIN IN THE

IMPERIALIST CAMP

Spain is a very poor and backward country, yet, in many ways it takes on the character of both an oppressed and an oppressing nation.

The U.S., which has supported Franco since the Civil War in the 1930s, now has strategic air and naval bases at Rota, Torrejon, Zaragoza, and the Canary Islands, and has thoroughly penetrated the economy.

The U.S. has over \$2 billion invested in Spain, with most major

U.S. companies represented—from Sears & Roebuck to Standard Oil. Also, 1,500 Spanish firms are controlled outright by U.S. interests.

But Spain is still an imperialist power in its own right, a member of NATO, and a possessor of colonies in Africa. The possibility exists that a colonial war like that which helped provoke the ongoing Portuguese revolution may soon develop over Spanish Morocco, long dominated by Spain.

At a time of a capitalist world economic crisis, Spain is being left holding the bag by her imperialist "allies." The same economic malaise that has struck Greece, Italy, and Portugal is likewise taking its toll in Spain.

Franco's days are literally numbered, for he is both very old and very sick. He has elected as his heir Prince Juan Carlos de Bourbon. But many speculate that Juan Carlos's possible reign may be that of "Carlos the Brief," for undoubtedly Franco's death will let loose a tidal wave of struggle.

Get in the struggle with Youth Against War & Fascism and Workers World Party!



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—Anti-imperialist protesters disrupt Latin America "policy" conference, p. 2

For more on how to combat racism, see centerfold.

Boston rally says: Racism hurts all poor and working people!

By JULIO GHIGLIOTTI
BOSTON, Oct. 19—In the first major action to draw on progressive whites to counter the racist mobilization over the issue of busing, about 800 people marched from Copley Square through the South End end of Boston to the Boston Commons today. A rally was then held at the Commons in support of the Black community.

Organized by the Ad Hoc Committee to Defend the Right of Equal Education, a coalition of tenants' organizations, community groups, and militant labor and labor supportive organizations, the march and rally were the first signs that a growing movement against racism and in opposition to the antibusing forces is developing throughout Boston.

Frank Neisser from the Center for United Labor Action and a member of the coalition summarized the activities which have been organized against the racists in the past few weeks. He spoke of the different groups who have been actively fighting the racists, such as the Greater Boston Tenants Against Racism, which was central in organizing the coalition.

"We at the Center for United Labor Action," said Mr. Neisser, "have passed out 25,000 leaflets at subway stops in Dorchester, South Boston, Jamaica Plains, and East Boston, calling on working people to support the struggle of Black and Latin people for equal education by whatever means they choose as the only way we can build a united movement for quality education for everyone."

STOPPED RACIST ATTACK

He described how, observing the attacks on the streets of South Boston, they have been able to "distract a rock-thrower and prevent an attack, and to assist a Black person caught in the crowd."

Another speaker, the director of the Hennigan School in Mission Hill-Jamaica Plains, described the organizing of defense squads in the Jamaica Plains community. The people there have also set up an information center at the school.

A speaker from the African Liberation Support Committee (ALSC) pointed out that "Boston doesn't offer quality schools to the Black community, and so far as I know doesn't offer them to the white community, either."

Other speakers, including a white mother from East Boston, described the slowly growing unity of whites with the Black community. Self-defense squads have been organized in Roxbury, Columbia Point, and in the Mission Hill-Jamaica Plain area at the Hennigan School. Freedom House in Roxbury has been having meetings drawing together that Black community to fight the racist attacks which have been staged against them and Columbia

Point.
At the end of the rally, buckets were passed around to collect funds for the expenses of the demonstration and future activities.

STRUGGLE CAN BE BROADENED

The indications of this demonstration are that there are thousands of white people in Boston who can be reached to fight the racist mobilizations against the Black community which are using

the busing issue as a coverup. During the march, not one incident of hostility was experienced and the people on the sidewalks expressed favorable comments on the anti-racist theme of the demonstration. One older white woman came out to shake the hands of the demonstrators as the march passed by a shopping area along the route. Another was clapping her hands.

The possibility of a counter-attack against the racist mobilization has potential in Boston and across the country as

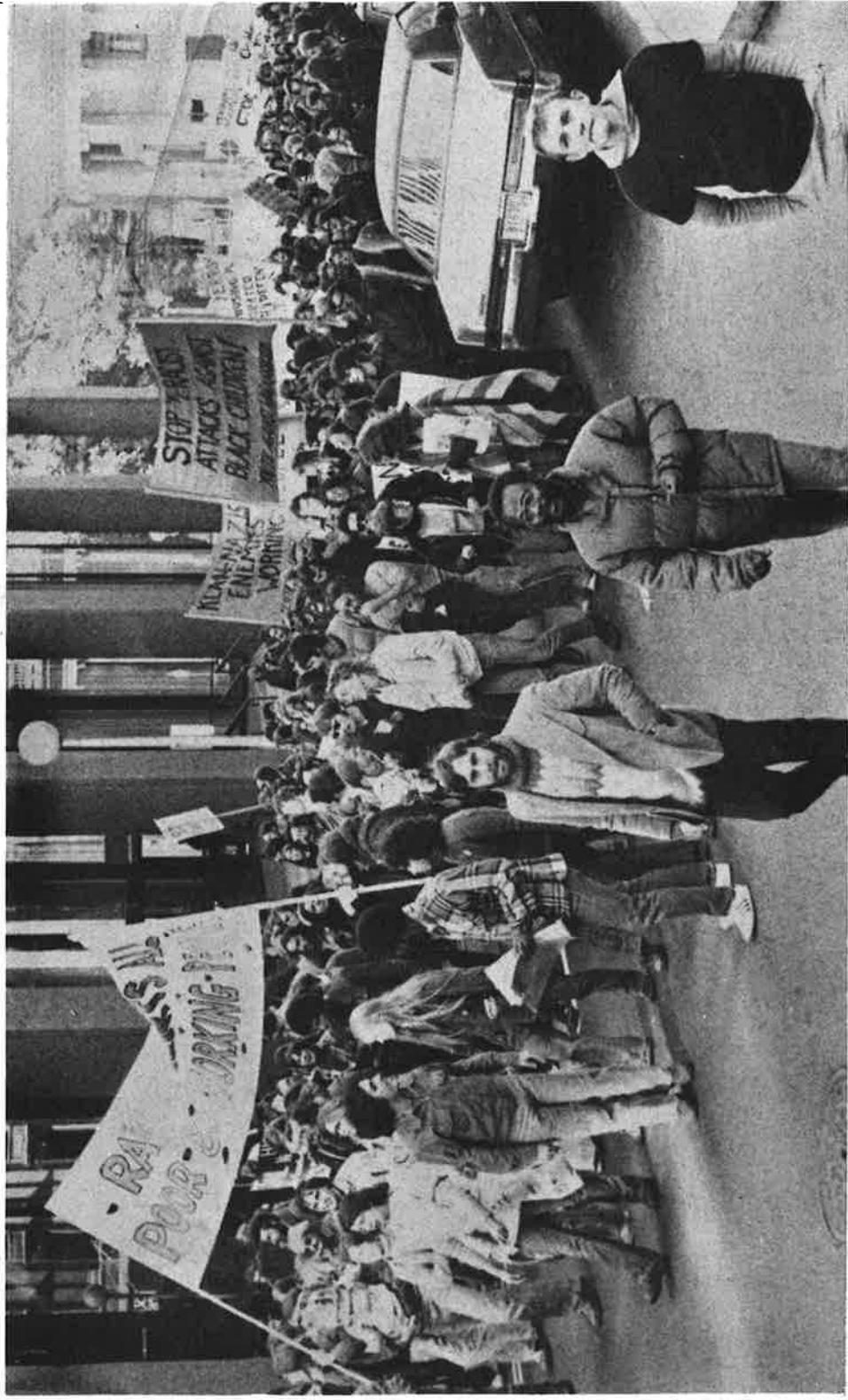
progressives begin to get together and organize.

NEED FOR NATIONAL ACTION

Frank Neisser ended his talk with a hint of what is possible—a response to the racists that they neither want nor expect: "Many people have talked about different plans for the future, including the possibility of some kind of national activity to counteract the thrust of the national racist mobilization. Progressive people and groups from all over the country have called to give their support and ask

what they can do.
"There has been a call for local actions in many cities in support of the children. Discussion has gone on in the Black community and elsewhere on the possibility of a national demonstration of some sort in Boston.

"Such an action could be a clear answer to the national racist mobilization, which has seemed to have such free rein up to now. We must all come together and develop a plan, and put in the work to make it happen. Today is not the end, it is the beginning."



Last week hundreds of demonstrators—Black and white—marched in Boston to counter the racist mobilization around the busing issue. The success of this demonstration indicates the great potential for organizing a strong anti-racist campaign.

WW photo: Julio

Socialist Cuba shows how to defeat racism

By BILL DEL VECCHIO

In the same week that millions of TV viewers in the U.S. saw a Black man being beaten by a racist mob in Boston, a revealing article appeared in The New York Times about the status of Black people in Cuba.

Before the revolution, Cuba was so segregated even President Batista wasn't allowed into the Havana Yacht Club because he was considered a mulatto. Now only 15 years later a Times reporter writing from Havana for

disappeared altogether, but we have a lot of mixed marriages now."

The Times article also disclosed that there was no concentration in Blacks in any one profession in Cuba. Black people work as factory administrators, construction workers, ambassadors, peasants, and newspaper editors.

Many of the Black people in Cuba are descendants of escaped slaves. Through the centuries, they have been able to retain their African heritage, performing traditional Yoruba dances and rituals in secret. These African dances, which survived the colonialists' suppression, are now incorporated into the repertoire of the Cuban National Ballet and regarded as the highest art.

Speaking on the topic of racism to the Venceremos Brigade in 1972, Fidel Castro explained, "The

revolution expropriated the property of the capitalists and great landowners, nationalized the schools, and placed them at the service of the people. This dealt a tremendous blow to the main basis of discrimination in Cuba."

He added, "But that does not mean that the simple change in structure eliminates prejudice. Some of the ideas of the old superstructure will persist in the new society. And it must be said that these old ideas have not been overcome completely. There exists prejudice in the attitudes of some of the older people, but there is no place for it in the consciousness of our youth."

The theory that racism is unchangeable has been smashed by the example of Cuba. Cuba has shown that racism can be overcome, when the system that profits from it is abolished.

Homeless find life on street grim struggle for survival

By SHARON SHELTON
NEW YORK, Oct. 21—Call her Mary.

If you've ever been in the area of 16th Street and 8th Avenue in Manhattan, chances are you've seen her.

Dressed in an old, worn, black wool coat, she spends her days looking through garbage cans or shyly approaching strangers for money for food. She carries all her belongings neatly folded in the two paper shopping bags that accompany her wherever she goes. Mary has no home, except for the streets.

Once last winter she came to my apartment. I lived on the top floor of a fourth floor walkup with a shower in the hall. It was 8:30 on a cold Sunday morning when she knocked, asking to use the shower. Later when I invited her in for breakfast, she told me her story.

ONCE HAD WORKED

Mary explained that she once had been an office worker and had her own small apartment. But when she lost her job, she suffered a nervous breakdown and was placed in a mental institution.

"Losing my job was what did it," she said.

After being discharged from the mental institution, Mary was on welfare, but soon was cut off

although even her case worker admitted she was in no shape to work again.

"I wanted to fight to get my welfare back, but I couldn't afford a lawyer," she told me. "So I just gave up. Pretty soon I was evicted from my apartment and here I am."

Mary said that people she meets on the streets sometimes take her in for a few days and that occasionally on very cold nights she spends 35 cents on a subway token and sleeps on the trains. Mostly, however, she just searches for a building with an unlocked door and sleeps under the stairwell, shivering and fearful that she will be discovered and thrown out.

FOOD HARDER AND HARDER TO FIND

Getting enough to eat is as difficult as finding a place to sleep. Mary said that she looks in garbage cans behind supermarkets for damaged fruits and vegetables to eat, but that lately the stores weren't discarding so much. She added that she is ashamed to ask passersby for money, but usually must. She said that when she is given enough money for a bowl of soup, she puts "everything that is free"—catsup, mustard, salt, pepper, cream, and even ketchup—in it to make it as filling as possible.



The irrational nature of capitalism shows in these two pictures. More and more homeless people roam the streets, living out of shopping bags [left] and eating out of garbage cans, while cattlemen dump calves [right] into mass graves, claiming they can't make a profit.

Still, much of the time she is hungry.

Although each day is a struggle for survival for Mary, she admits that she is better off than many others. Mary is still young—in her forties—and has not yet lost her

Ranchers slaughter cattle to send beef prices higher

By GRACE STILES

On October 15, Gerald Ford demanded national television time to extort the American people to "clean their plates," grow vegetable gardens, shop for bargains, and avoid waste. He used a convention of the Future Farmers of America as a forum for this farce.

Earlier that day some of the present "farmers" of America destroyed 658 perfectly healthy calves and threw their carcasses into an open pit. Saying they were "tired of rhetoric," the Wisconsin cattlemen engineered this enormous waste in a protest against "low cattle prices."

In the last few months, cattlemen in Texas have threatened a nation-wide campaign of cattle

health. She hasn't developed the sores that come with malnutrition. She has a pair of shoes and does not, like many, have to wrap her feet in rags to protect them from the cold. So far, she has been able to find places to take periodic showers.

ECONOMIC CRISIS LEAVES MORE HOMELESS

But Mary is not optimistic about her future. More people are competing for what food and shelter can be found in the streets. Unemployment is skyrocketing. Social security benefits no longer

can keep pace with inflated rents. And cuts in funding for social services mean that mental institutions and welfare will be sending more people into the streets. Already, Mary sees more and more who find their beds in doorways, abandoned cars, and under cardboard boxes.

For Mary and others like her it is a desperate situation. And as capitalist crisis daily intensifies it is one that can only get worse—until the system that breeds such misery is torn down and replaced with one that allows each person to live and work in dignity.

'WHERE ARE THE LOW PRICES?

The cattlemen's claim of "low prices" has met with exclamations of disbelief by consumers, who are hard put to find any piece of meat they can afford. "Where?" one woman asked this reporter. "Where are these low prices?" Many of the cattle slaughtered in Wisconsin were being raised for veal, which sells for \$3.00 a pound or more in the Supermarket.

At a time when the American poor and elderly have been reduced to eating pet food to survive, and when the prospect of mass starvation threatens much of the underdeveloped world, actions like these bring the basic contradiction of a food production system based on profit into sharp focus.

PROFIT OR NEED?

Any sensible person will tell you that increased food production should be a number one priority in the U.S., which has the land and technology to literally feed the world. But cattlemen claim they can't get enough profit to make growing food "worthwhile." The question of people's need to eat does not concern them. Their only incentive to produce is to make a profit.

So they will actually destroy food to achieve this end. The destruction serves a twofold purpose, both in creating a short supply and in threatening consumers with more hardship to come if their demands are not met. It demonstrates who controls the food and what they are capable of doing.

Most people are aware of the organization and monopolistic control in the food industry that make these crimes possible. We know that even if farm prices go down, no saving is passed along to us. Supermarket profits are soaring, as are those of processors and other agribusiness conglomerates.

There's little doubt that some marginal farm operations, deep in debt and squeezed by falling meat consumption and rising feed costs will be killed off. But the demand for higher prices will win no sympathy among the poor and working people who can't pay the higher prices. We know the monopolies are sitting in the background directing the whole show by manipulating both farm and supermarket prices to drive out competition and gouge the consumer.

In the capitalist world the production of life's most basic necessity is becoming a volatile issue. The ability to provide an abundance of food for all is there. It's only a profit-making system that stands in the way.



More and more homeless people roam the streets, living out of shopping bags [left] and eating out of garbage cans, while cattlemen dump calves [right] into mass graves, claiming they can't make a profit.

MIR calls for international campaign

Free Carmen Castillo!

By KEN FRANSON

On October 5, Miguel Enriquez, First Secretary General of the Chilean Movement of the Revolutionary Left (MIR), and his comrade, Carmen Castillo, were surrounded by forces of the fascist Chilean junta. Although they resisted the attacks for more than 2 hours, firing back with automatic weapons, Miguel Enriquez was killed and Carmen Castillo, in her seventh month of pregnancy, was

seriously wounded and captured.

Carmen Castillo, 29 years old, has been a member of the MIR since 1969 and is the daughter of Fernando Castillo, former rector of the Catholic University of Santiago. She is a university professor and a researcher in the field of social science. Her life is now in grave danger.

The Chilean junta, which since the bloody coup of September 1973 has murdered many thousands of

workers, is guilty of many other crimes as well. Torture of political prisoners is well documented.

These prisoners include members of the former government of Salvador Allende (who was murdered during the fascist takeover) and many trade unionists who supported Allende or who have dared to demand an increase in wages for the workers. (In Chile,

the bloody coup of September 1973 has murdered many thousands of

been 1100 percent since the coup.)

President Gerald Ford has admitted that the U.S. sent over \$8 million to Chile through the CIA to help overthrow the constitutionally elected government of Allende. There is much evidence that the U.S. aided in the coup in other ways, both directly and indirectly.

The MIR has asked for an international campaign of solidarity to prevent the murder or torture of Carmen Castillo. We in the United States must be in the forefront of this struggle, especially considering the role the U.S. government played in organizing the coup.

Free Carmen Castillo and all other political prisoners! Long live the Chilean resistance!

Ford ends price controls on oil; profits will zoom

By LORRAINE BRESLOW

On the very day that Ford called on the American people to accept his new taxes as "necessary to win the fight against inflation", the President secretly issued an Executive Order insuring the giant U.S. oil monopolies even more billions in profits. He abolished price controls on 2.2 million barrels of crude oil produced in the U.S. each day.

Anticipating the results of Ford's October 8 directive, the Oil Daily of October 10 eagerly observed that "if the price of this oil was allowed to rise from the current controlled price of \$8.25 (per barrel) to the free market price of about \$9.75, the windfall on each barrel of the 2.2 million barrels would be about \$5.50 a day or \$4.4 billion a year." According to other petroleum industry sources, the actual profit increase will be more like \$5 billion annually.

THE MEANING OF 'WIN'

The oil executives who watched Ford sporting a "WIN" button (Whip Inflation Now) on his jacket during the October 8 press conference must have been having hearty laughs. After all, they're the ones who won.

Of course, Ford did not announce this conspiracy to further enrich the American oil billionaires in his public address. In fact, he tried to palm himself off as a champion of the people, denouncing "foreign

sources we cannot control" and "high cartel prices." This must have brought additional gales of laughter at the Dallas Petroleum Club.

Despite his promise to lower the notoriously lucrative oil depletion allowance by a few percentage points, Ford is no enemy of the American oil barons. Nor are the

American workers pay out of their modest incomes.

GOVERNMENT OF THE OIL BARONS

This latest scandal—like the revelation that Rockefeller paid no taxes in 1970 despite his family's control of 66 percent of the stock of the \$22 billion Exxon Corporation—underscores once again that the U.S. government is completely subservient to the great oil capitalists: the Hunts, the Gettys, the Mellons, and especially the family of the new Vice President Designate.

So when you hear Ford telling the American people to fight inflation by growing cabbages in our back yards and "shopping for bargains", remember he's giving the richest people in America the biggest bargain of all: \$5 billion that will be taken out of our paychecks in higher prices just when we can least afford it.

While Ford, Schlesinger, and Kissinger try to whip the American people into a rage against the Arabs as the promoters of "intolerably high fuel costs", it's quite apparent that the real enemy is at home.

profoundest sympathies lie with the Palestinian liberation fighters and the anti-imperialist policies that have sharply curtailed U.S. exploitation of Arab oil.

In fact, each nationalization or confiscation of U.S. and European oil holdings by Arab governments has been due, at least in part, to the pressure of the Arab masses for more and stronger blows against the imperialist powers, especially the U.S. The conservative Arab governments live in continual fear that if they do not make moderate moves, such as the oil embargo of last winter, the masses will take matters into their own hands.

PEOPLE HELD OFF PUPPET TROOPS

This power from below was dramatically demonstrated at the end of the 1973 October War when an Israeli force attempted to capture Suez City. The governor of Suez distributed arms to the populace only when the sound of Israeli tanks could be heard.

Yet with no training, no preparation, and no formal anti-tank weapons, the people of Suez held off the Israeli invaders, inflicting many casualties and destroying at least 32 tanks! They were able to do this despite terrible casualties on their own side, continuous shelling of the city from the ground, aerial bombardment, and the fact that the Israelis cut their water supply.

If the capitalist government of Egypt is reluctant to arm the masses of people even under such desperate circumstances, the imperialist government of the U.S. is, without exaggeration, panicked by the idea. The U.S. has already tasted bitter defeat at the hands of the people's army of Vietnam. It is not anxious to repeat that experience.

U.S. STILL WANTS AN ARAB EMPIRE

Yet the forces of expansion that drove the U.S. to attempt to militarily conquer Southeast Asia in the 1960s are essentially the same forces at work now in the Mideast. The U.S. capitalist system needs the super-profits that come from the exploitation of Mideast oil. One-half of all foreign profits generated by U.S. companies in recent years have come from U.S.-owned Mideast oil. They also need the other raw materials, the untapped markets, and the cheap labor of the Mideast.

Ford and Kissinger do not stand alone in their willingness to offer American lives, as well as the lives of Israeli workers, for the maintenance and expansion of imperialist exploitation in the Mideast. In May of 1973, Senator Fulbright, powerful head of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, "warned" the Arab nations of possible military action against them by the U.S. or "militarily potent surrogates." He characterized the Mideast as a "power vacuum" and bragged, "There is (Continued on page 5)

Why is the U.S. threatening new war in the Mideast?

By BOB MCUBBIN

The bourgeois press in this country has grown so used to portraying Henry Kissinger as the great international peacemaker that when Kissinger teamed up with President Ford in late September to threaten the oil-producing nations with economic reprisals and war, they hardly knew what to say. A mere 3 weeks later the hopscotching "peacemaker" was off again to the Mideast.

But all the ballyhoo notwithstanding, U.S. policy toward the Arab countries is not and never has been peaceful, and U.S. threats against the Arab oil producers did not start with the recent sabre-rattling of Kissinger and Ford.

In 1948 the garrison state of Israel was brought into being. The

major imperialist powers saw it as a weapon to smash the Arab revolution and to defend the imperialist interests (especially the oil interests) of the U.S. and Western Europe. Their interest in setting up Israel had nothing to do with sympathy for the Jewish people, who, except for a small trickle, were denied entry to the U.S. during the Nazi holocaust!

Israel's very creation was an aggressive, genocidal act against the Palestinians whose land was stolen from them by the Zionist settlers. The U.S. has been Israel's chief backer, providing billions upon billions of dollars worth of military hardware, year after year, which the Israelis have used in four successive wars against neighboring Arab lands.

workers and peasants, whose schemes."

But today's march showed that the supporters of the Houston 12 and critics of the oil barons are far from silenced. Chants of "Indict Gulf! Indict Shell! Free the Houston 12!" echoed through the streets of downtown Houston and were well received by Saturday shoppers.

Representatives of two major organizations of oppressed peoples spoke at the rally. Dwight Allen of the Congress of African People called for the greatest possible support for the 12 and the unity of all working people in the fight for their common interests. Maria Jimenez spoke for La Raza Unida Party and pledged full support for the Houston 12. She explained that the struggle of the 12 is a part of the movement by Chicano people to take control of their lives.

NEW TRIAL DATE

Miguel Trujillo, Alex Rodriguez, William Christiansen, Jose Barriga, and Bartee Haile will be in court again on October 31. The five young men will be arraigned on their third indictment, and the dates of the motions hearing and the trial will be set.

In the meantime the Houston 12 Defense Committee will mobilize to build even stronger support. Jody Sanchez, a committee activist, commented on the source of the Houston 12's support: "For every person in this march, there are thousands more in this town who hate the oil companies and the brutality of the Houston police. I'm talking about the working people who are ripped off every day by Gulf and Shell and who are beaten and thrown in jail by the police. They don't want to fight another war in the Middle East or anywhere else.

"I'm one of those people and that's how I feel and why I support the Houston 12."

Marchers hit oil barons, frameup of Houston 12

HOUSTON, Oct. 12.—"The Houston 12 stand firm against the vicious conspiracy against us and against all poor and working people. We will not be intimidated! Not by the oil monopolies; not by the courts and politicians like Mayor Hofheinz; not by the racist Houston Police Department!"

"With the support of everyone here today and thousands of other people in Houston and around the country, we will defeat the big oil companies and their flunkies. The Houston 12 will win!"

With these words Alex Rodriguez brought to a close a spirited march

and rally called here today by the Houston 12 Defense Committee. Alex is one of the five members of the Houston 12 accused of "assault with intent to murder a police officer," a charge concocted after the police attacked a group of pickets on Oct. 9, 1973, who were protesting U.S. involvement in the Middle East.

The march started at 12 noon at Allen's Landing and proceeded along Main Street in downtown Houston. Targets of the march were the headquarters of the Gulf and Shell oil companies. The rally

was held on the steps of City Hall, which, appropriately, is directly across the street from One Shell Plaza.

NO VIETNAM IN THE MIDDLE EAST!

William Christiansen, another of the five accused of "attempted murder," told the rally, "Houston is the capital of the giant oil monopolies. It is clear that these corporations are responsible for the attack on us last October and the attempt to send the 12 to prison on these phony charges. The oil executives are determined to nip in the bud any movement that exposes their plan for a Vietnam in the Mideast and their crimes against the working people of this country and the world. By railroading the 12 to jail, they hope to silence all opposition to their



The defense of the Houston 12 took to the streets last week in a march and rally against Houston-based oil companies. W/W photo

Whither Portugal—

Kornilov with a monocle

By SAM MARCY

OCTOBER 21—The political crisis in Portugal is deepening. On the surface everything is being done to present a picture of calm and serenity. Underneath, however, political tensions are rising. Class antagonisms are growing more acute. The workers, encouraged by the monumental and spectacular victory on September 28 over the fascist conspirators, are more confident than ever.

The mood, even according to the hostile Western capitalist press, is one of a growing sense of strength and solidarity. The possessing classes feel more threatened than ever. However, all the basic social and political forces which plotted the fascist conspiracy on September 28 and mounted the aborted march of the phony "silent majority" on Lisbon are still at large and free to pursue the same objective they set out to achieve then.

"Not a shot was fired," exclaimed General Costa Gomes in commenting on the victorious confrontation of the masses with the fascist conspirators. True enough, not a shot was fired. The masses are a thousand times more generous in their treatment of vanquished enemies than are the tormentors of the working class. That's been so ever since the Paris Commune, down to the last socialist revolution in Cuba.

ONLY RIGHT

FRINGE ARRESTED

It should be noted that only about 200 of the fascist elements have been arrested. Almost all of them, without exception, are from three obscure, ultra-right groupings. The

offices of these three fascist groups have been occupied and closed by the security forces.

The core of the conspiracy, however, does not lie there. These are merely fringe groupings which the real conspirators can easily denounce and repudiate. They are really of no consequence so far as the general struggle is concerned.

The heart of the conspiracy lies within the summits of the Portuguese ruling class, which is relying on both the fascist right in the military and the covert support of the Western European im-



General Spínola. The intrigues continue.

—Britain

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contract "the biggest can ever attracted on the workers."

Strikes are on the increase, and there is generally an expectation of big class battles ahead. At the same time, there is a mobilization of the right wing. Police clubbed to death one student this summer who was part of a demonstration against the rising fascist movement.

In the pages of the largest bourgeois papers, there is discussion going on as to whether there could be a military takeover in Britain. And this in a country that boasts of 300 years of uninterrupted Parliamentary rule! But it is clear that important sections of the English ruling class are supporting rightist groups like that

Score: Workers World 40, Nazis 0

By STEVE GEDEN

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 12—Almost 40 Workers World newspapers were sold on Wisconsin Avenue here today.

The significant point of the sale is that while only four WW people were selling, 20 members of the National Socialist (Nazi) White Peoples' Party were attempting to sell their paper at the same time and on the same corners. They were unable to sell a single issue of their racist trash.

Today was also the first time the Nazis tried to bring their rag to the section of downtown most frequented by the Black and Latin people of Milwaukee, and the

perialists and the U.S. Surely CIA clandestine operations in Portugal are in full swing now.

It was to little avail that General Costa Gomes grovelled on all fours before President Ford and Secretary Kissinger in Washington last week, asserting that his visit here to the White House "helped to dissipate mutual concern." Nor can there be any comfort in the fact that Ford and Kissinger have dispatched a four-man team to Lisbon "to assess that country's future direction was favorable enough to make the U.S. willing to help the crisis-ridden Portuguese economy." Any talk of U.S. "help" is a crude deception, a damnable lie deliberately calculated to sow confusion in Portuguese public opinion and above all to disorient the working class, which is deeply distrustful of any U.S. "favours" or "assistance."

They remember too well, even if their leaders prefer to forget, how the U.S. has really "helped" in the past.

U.S. STRATEGY ON PORTUGAL

The Ford-Kissinger strategy for Portugal is to talk sweet reasonableness, to try to intimidate, cajole, and bribe the provisional government and make them do Washington's bidding as much as possible within the limits of the present situation, while stealthily supporting the fascist reaction.

The Portuguese government's pledges to support NATO and to renew the lease on the Lejas air base in the Azores, while ignominious and shameless betrayals of the September 28

victory of the masses, will not satisfy the demands of the Pentagon—although it is undoubtedly delighted to receive Gomes's promises to that effect. The Ford-Kissinger strategy is aimed at crushing the revitalized working class movement and the revolutionary ferment of the

"The aims of the reactionaries in Portugal coincide exactly with those of Ford and Kissinger."

masses that has permeated all layers of the oppressed, including vast sections of the petty bourgeoisie.

The aims of the rightist reactionaries in Portugal, both those in the highest circles of big business as well as the rightist generals of the military, coincide exactly with those of Ford and Kissinger. This must be borne in mind. Those who take for good coin the soothing pronouncements of the provisional government are bound to be misled.

It would be far better if the eyes of the masses were fastened on the inner circle of the Confederation of Portuguese Industries (an organization like the National Association of Manufacturers in the U.S.) For public dissemination of the confederation talks of the improved economic situation at home and seeks to assure that no real cause for alarm exists in the country. But in reality the lords of

high finance and industry and the MNCs (multi-national corporations) in Portugal are preparing for economic sabotage, if that is not already in progress.

ANTAGONISMS SHARPEN

The soaring inflation, the growing unemployment are grist to their mill. These are the intractable problems that only a truly socialist government can solve. No amount of chatter about democracy can cover this brutal fact. Nor will it be of any avail to beg for foreign investments, as did the Secretary General of the Portuguese Communist Party, Alvaro Cunhal.

The more the CP moderates its demands, the bolder and more insolent big business and their rightist military become. In fact, this whets their appetite.

It was Cunhal himself who wrote in early September, "The intrigues of the reactionaries are becoming increasingly insolent and unrestrained, because they are becoming aware of their imminent defeat."

The reaction has been halted for the moment, but by no means defeated. The intrigues are continuing, even if the insolence for the moment has been suppressed. And who specifically has been at the center of the intrigues? Who was more insolent at the cabinet meeting on the eve of the September 28 confrontation? Who poured the vials of his wrath at Cunhal himself at that critical meeting? General Spínola.

It is Spínola who is still at the center of all the intrigues of the fascist reaction. It is he who summoned the phony "silent majority" for the Mussolini-type march on the Palácio De Belém (it corresponds to the U.S. White House). It is he who denounced the working class organizations and charged them with being bent on "bringing on a new slavery."

His resignation speech over radio and TV, after the victorious confrontation of the workers against the fascists, was not one of contrition, let alone a confession for plotting. It was one of insolent defiance and thinly disguised calls for renewed efforts at fascist mobilization.

The very fact that this ex-butcher of the African people is still at large and is permitted to carry on his usual activities means that the ruling class and the rightist military are still organizing around him for the counter-revolution.

SPINOLA AT CENTER OF THE WEB

There is no doubt that he is serving as the symbol around which all the forces of conservatism and reaction are again gathering and rallying. All the platitudes about devotion to democracy cannot conceal this enormous and ominous fact. Nor should it be forgotten that the U.S. military, the CIA, and Ford and Kissinger have shared a common view with Spínola and his ilk and class supporters all these many years, and will at the proper moment throw him all possible support.

Like Russia's General Kornilov, who rallied the reactionary forces in the summer of 1917 in an attempt to overthrow the Kerensky Provisional Government, Spínola can be turned back by the organized and determined effort of the working class.

But Spínola-Kornilov and his military camarilla and big business supporters are still at large in Portugal, only awaiting the opportune moment. Only the broad masses of people, only the oppressed and exploited can stop them. This time, the Portuguese masses must go all the way.

Nat'l coal strike in November?



As we go to press, the latest developments in negotiations between the United Mine Workers of America (UMWA) and the Bituminous Coal Operators Association (BCOA) indicate that a nationwide coal strike by 120,000 miners is nearly certain.

UMWA President Arnold Miller said in a message to the union membership: "The inflexible position adopted by the BCOA all but insures a nationwide coal strike on November 12."

This announcement followed a "take-it-or-leave-it" offer by the BCOA which flatly rejected most of the union's noneconomic proposals and refused to even discuss the union's health and safety proposals. According to Miller's statement, "To reject negotiations on the life and death issue of mine safety is to reject negotiations at all and the BCOA knows it."

The union is charging that the operators are trying to "manipulate a strike situation and then demand governmental intervention in order to undermine the bargaining power of the UMWA." This conclusion is supported by the recent discovery of a secret government contingency plan to take over allocation of fuel supplies and otherwise intervene to break the strike.

Full details on this government scab plan and the UMWA contract talks will be contained in the next and future issues of Workers World.

POLITICAL PRISONERS

WOUNDED KNEE

By JOHN IVERSEN

PIERRE, S.D. Oct. 10—Today John Carlson of Minneapolis was sentenced to 3 years in prison as a result of pleading guilty to one count of arson in connection with the Feb. 6, 1973, disturbances and police riot in Custer, S.D. John is now the fourth Custer defendant to receive a jail sentence. Sarah Bad Heart Bull, Kenneth Dahl, and Robert High Eagle were sentenced earlier and are presently imprisoned without bond pending appeal of their case.

Carlson, originally charged with three counts of third-degree arson, two of riot, and one of third-degree burglary, pleaded guilty to the one charge since it was the only way he could escape being imprisoned for life. Each of the original six charges carried a life term since Carlson had a habitual offender rider on his indictment. Due to the prejudicial nature of juries in South Dakota, the defense thought the only avenue left was the 3-year plea bargain which the government had offered.

In Sioux Falls the defense has filed a writ of habeas corpus with Judge Bottum. Bottum has made no decision on bond for Bad Heart Bull, Dahl, or High Eagle. He had given the government over a month now to produce reasons as to why the three should be denied bond pending appeal. The defense expects bond to be set soon to the tune of \$30,000 since the three are such "dangerous criminals."

This is typical South Dakota justice—the same justice which acquitted the murderer of Sarah Bad Heart Bull's son, Wesley, the issue which sparked the Custer demonstration in the first place.

Meanwhile, in Lincoln, Neb., Roger Iron Cloud, Bo Little, Wallace Little, Jr., and Dale Red Boy won acquittal before the government finished its case based on the fact that the star prosecution witness, Eddie Cut Grass, a full-blood, refused to testify when he took the stand. The government's only other witness also refused to testify, even though she had been granted immunity. She stated, "Just because the government granted me immunity, at this point I cannot believe them since they have lied to my people for 300 years."

Presently four people, Mark Furry, Larry John, Collin Wesaw, and Reggie Dodge, are on trial in Lincoln for assaulting federal officers and for "conspiracy" to go to Wounded Knee. On October 10 the defense moved for judgment on acquittal due to government misconduct. According to defense spokespeople, it seems that either the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) officer who was supposedly assaulted has perjured

himself or that the FBI has suborned perjury by totally misstating the BIA officer's earlier accounts of what happened. Judgment on acquittal has been denied at this point because the judge wants to hear the rest of the government's case.

Treaty hearings are scheduled to begin in Lincoln on December 16 before Judge Urbom. Arguments will be presented to the court that government jurisdiction over the Wounded Knee cases is irrelevant since all events took place on Indian land at the request of Indian people.

We all must support the just struggle for Indian treaty rights. Drop the Wounded Knee-Custer charges and jail the real criminals who have time and again broken the treaties they have made with the Indian nations! For further information contact: Wounded Knee Defense, P.O. Box 80931, Lincoln, Neb. 68501.

LEAVENWORTH BROTHERS

WICHITA, Ks., Oct. 7—Shouts directed to Judge Frank Theis and courtroom scuffles dominated the sentencing hearing of four Black Leavenworth Brothers: Odell Bennett, Jessie Lee Evans, Alf Hill, Jr., and Alfred Jasper.

On September 24, the four were found

guilty by an all-white jury after an 8-week trial on various charges of assault and inciting to riot in the July 31, 1973, rebellion at Leavenworth.

Evans and Hill were sentenced to 20 years and Bennett and Jasper to 10 years as they were shackled, beaten, and abused by the judge and the guards.

Motions for acquittal or new trials were made, based on the lack of evidence, conflicting evidence, racism among the jury panel, and governmental misconduct during the trial. All motions were denied by Judge Theis, who had forcefully denied the rights of the defendants throughout the frameup. A second trial was scheduled to begin on October 15 for two Chicano Brothers, Jesse Lopez and Armando Miramon, on kidnapping charges. Lopez, who was asked during the rebellion to be a mediator with the warden at the request of the inmates, has pleaded innocent. Miramon has pleaded guilty by reason of temporary insanity for taking hostages in order to win a meeting for an inmate grievance committee with the warden and news media.

LETTER

In recent years, prison strikes and rebellions have "rocked" the federal prison



On Oct. 4, supporters of the Atmore-Holman Brothers picketed the Jefferson County Courthouse in Birmingham, Ala. The nine Black inmates, charged with riot, assault, and murder resulting from a prison rebellion, were singled out by authorities for their efforts to organize prisoners.

WHAT IS '40 COMMITTEE' PLANNING

Since the latest wave of demonstrations began, Thieu has been visited by U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense William P. Clements, Jr. Clements is a member of the notorious "40 Committee," that plans and executes "covert action" on a global scale. What that means for Thieu is that Clements may be shopping around for a successor to Thieu in Saigon.

Speculation to this effect has been put forward from many sides, including the Provisional Revolutionary Government (PRG). Thieu's crisis is also military as well as political. Militarily the PRG has been making great strides forward, especially in the Mekong River Delta, where it has liberated over a third of the area during the past year and a half.

The Saigon regime is in near total defeat in the countryside and facing greater and greater difficulties in the cities as well. Ac-

Anti-Thieu movement gains rapidly in Saigon

By PETE PERKINS

NEW YORK, Oct. 20—The puppet regime of President Nguyen Van Thieu, which came to power under Lyndon Johnson and out-survived Richard Nixon, may be a thing of the past before the end of this year.

Over the last week and a half public demonstrations against the repressive and fascist Thieu regime have taken place on an almost daily basis. Speculation of an imminent Thieu resignation grows greater with each passing day.

The issue that people are out in the streets about is freedom of the press, or the total lack thereof. On October 10, over 1000 people, about a third from the media, marched through the streets of Saigon to

demand freedom of the press. Despite a number of beatings by Thieu's secret police, the demonstrations have been growing and are now taking on a broader character.

The role of the working press in the Nixon resignation has helped prompt many of Washington's stooges around the world to outlaw freedom of the press and institute rigid censorship. Thieu is but one of many who fear any sort of public disclosures of their acts both in and out office. Thieu's practice of raiding newspapers has cost their owners sizable amounts of money in lost revenue and has greatly undercut Thieu's already negligible (if you don't count the Pentagon) base of support.

cording to an October 12 column in the Washington Post, the desertion rate in the Saigon army is approximately 5,000 men per week, or 50 percent above what it was 1 year ago. And perhaps even more significant is the runaway rate of inflation that makes life impossible for the people in urban areas.

Whether Thieu will decide to try and hang on through increased repression or make the decision to resign after "talking it over" with Clements still remains to be seen. In either case the rising tide of socialist revolution and armed struggle is staring him straight in the face and inevitably seals the doom of the hated Saigon government. The struggle for total liberation of the Vietnamese people is moving dramatically forward.

Increasing demonstrations in Saigon against the fascist Thieu are contributing to a growing crisis that may topple his regime.



system. Lewisburg, Terre Haute, Danbury, El Reno, Texarkana, Marion, McNeil Island, and Leavenworth have all been scenes of strikes and "vicious" rebellions. Prisoner-slaves asking to be treated as humans.

In a last-ditch effort to curb this action, the U.S. Prison Bureau has instituted some of the most repressive methods of control known to mankind. Drug assault; isolation; U.S. courts; behavioral modification; and up and coming is psychosurgery. Varied, but effective, methods to make "men" accept slavery!

The Bureau of Prisons first tried a program called START in the mind-destroying center at Springfield, Mo. This program was so dreaded that several Prisoner-Slave designates committed suicide rather than submit. The more valiant fought and resisted. One would think the Pigs would have given up. Not so! They hung on until the courts ruled against it as "cruel and unusual punishment." On Feb. 7, 1974, START was stopped. We can't count the many "vicious" crimes committed in Springfield—crimes comparable to those for which the perpetrators were sentenced to death at "Nuremberg." Are these "butchers" to be permitted to continue?

An off-shoot of the START program is called, of all things, CARE. It has been implemented in most of the camps. As with START, the Prisoner-Slave has nothing to say about his enrollment, but they are resisting. PIGS!! Don't you know slaves will rebel!

Another method of repression is a long term "solitary." Prisoner-Slave(s), which the keepers consider a threat to their "stupid" games, are given "frame-up" misconduct reports by lying Pigs and are housed in Segregation for long periods, ranging from a few months to several years. This is to isolate him and his "disrupting influence" from the masses.

Pigs, your new method, the courts, will fail also. At Leavenworth, 26 Prisoner-Slaves are being tried on various charges related to the slave uprising of July 24, 1973. Innocent though they be, as scapegoats, they suit your needs to "intimidate by fear" other slaves considering rebellion. The conspiracy law the Government has had no success with against the "left" is being used against men you consider animals and slaves. They will be convicted, naturally, because your "PIG" guards will lie, and our weaker brothers can be bribed with freedom for false testimony. But don't close your eyes too tight! The Prisoner-Slaves will rise again, and again, and again. We are "MEN," not "SLAVES," and we are willing to die for the right to be recognized as men. For we are part of the revolution, and the revolution will "succeed."

GEORGE E. BLUE, P.M.B. 27559-138, Atlanta, Georgia 30315, U.S. Prison Camp No. 2.

Houston nurses continue to strike to improve bad hospital conditions

By BARBARA TIMKO

HOUSTON, Oct. 4—Last May, a baby born at county-operated Jeff Davis Hospital here fell to the floor on its head. Its umbilical cord was severed because the overworked and understaffed nurses couldn't get there in time to supervise the delivery.

This dangerous method of birth isn't anything new to the overburdened nurses on the Labor and Delivery Floor, who have been forced to make do with old and worn-out equipment. It is because of incidents like this that the nurses are now in the fifth month of a strike to improve conditions at the hospital.

Jeff Davis Hospital administrators have publicly said there was "only" one unsafe and unsterile delivery (in a bed or on a stretcher) per week. But the nurses, a majority of whom are Black, have witnessed 248 unsterile deliveries from January to June of this year. They decided to act in-

order to change the deplorable conditions at the hospital, which serves the poor and near poor—Black, Chicano, and white—of Houston.

Together with 35 other hospital employees they staged a "sick out" at the end of May to demand quality health care for all Jeff Davis's patients. The administration rewarded this show of concern for the welfare of the patients by firing nine of the absent nurses. So the nurses set up picket lines at the hospital, declaring they were going on strike until conditions were changed.

STRIKE NOW IN FIFTH MONTH

With the strike entering its fifth month, the determined nurses show no sign of giving up. A coalition of concerned individuals and community organizations has been formed to help the nurses win their demands. During the past months, the Coalition to Support the Nurses has engaged in many

activities to help publicize and gain support for them.

It has picketed the hospital, held news conferences, distributed leaflets throughout the city, and conducted a successful petition campaign. Over 6,000 signatures demanding the nurses be rehired were collected.

Most recently the coalition sponsored a rally on September 28 attended by 150 people from Houston's various neighborhoods. Nancy Roberts, one of the most active strike leaders, spoke for the nurses. Holding up a Jeff Davis Hospital pamphlet for patients, she read the first line to the audience: "The most important person in the hospital is you."

"If you have ever been a patient at Jeff Davis Hospital you know this is a lie," she said. The hospital administrators are wealthy enough so they don't have to go to that hospital. They don't have to go down to see the mess on the floors, and, believe me, they don't."

She then went on to attack the

Chicago tenants present housing officials with 'cockroach cake'

By JEFF SABLES

CHICAGO, October 11—Have you ever wanted to pay back your landlord with some of the same grief he's been putting on you? Well, a group of angry tenants from this city's Uptown Community did just that today, presenting a chocolate cake decorated with a dead rat and filled with live cockroaches to federal housing officials.

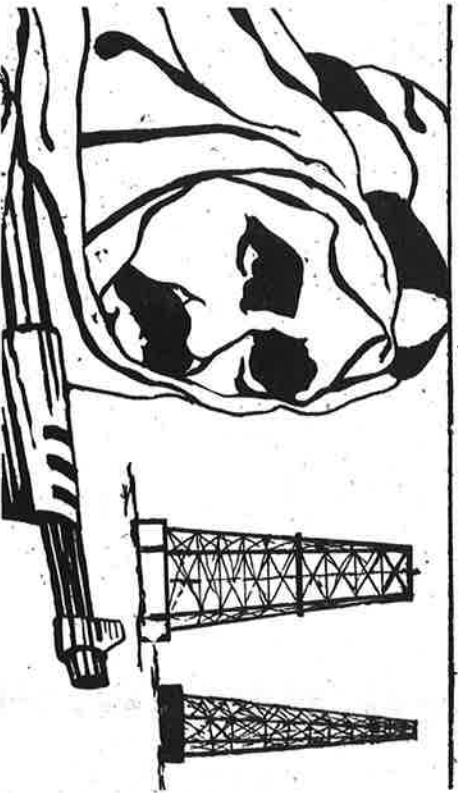
Their gift was part of a demonstration at the offices of the Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD) protesting miserable conditions in two

federally owned apartment buildings. Beside swarms of rats and roaches, the 109 apartments are filled with broken lights and windows, cracked plaster, peeling paint, and poor plumbing. HUD officials and the management firm, whose president is a former son-in-law of Chicago's Mayor Daley, have refused to spend the money needed for repairs.

So after 16 months of negotiation and protest, the tenants decided bolder action was necessary. About 30 of them went downtown to the HUD offices, carrying jars of roaches, preserved rats, and

paper-mache rat masks. The lobby doors were locked to keep them out, so they entered through a back door. They presented the 89 cent layer cake, stuffed with roaches and topped with a dead rat, to John Davis, a HUD director.

HUD is now threatening to press charges against the protesters, members of a community group called "ONE, the Organization of the North East. But the tenants know that their bold action served notice on HUD and other slumlords that tenants are ready to fight for decent housing and that if our demands are not met, bolder actions will follow.



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no question of our ability to take over the oil-producing states of the Middle East. They are militarily insignificant."

A bare 3 months later the Pentagon invited reporters to a site in the Mojave Desert where 9,000 Marines were undergoing desert combat training. Time magazine quoted a staff sergeant ordering his men aboard a helicopter: "Come on, men. We're out here to get practice so we can grab the oil." U.S. News and World Report, in its article on the desert training exercise, emphasized the "\$6 billion U.S. stake in Mideast oil and gas."

END IMPERIALIST WAR—SMASH U.S. IMPERIALISM
But whether the words out of Washington at any particular time are peaceful or belligerent is not

the point. The warmongers in Washington, when they are not actually engaged in warfare, are constantly planning for it. The "defense" budget alone, a very inadequate measure of the total cost of U.S. militarism, is approaching \$100 billion per year. The Pentagon admits to detailed computerized invasion plans for virtually every country in the world. The U.S. capitalist economy needs war for expansion; the U.S. profit system feeds on death and destruction.

Will there be another Mideast war? There can be no question about it! U.S. imperialism has not for an instant given up its dreams of securing the black gold of Arabia. It will use Israel, the CIA, and every trick at its disposal. It will use your life and mine. Unless

Government buys scab products to help bosses break strikes

By MIKE NIGBOR

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 18—Federal and municipal purchases of scab products are being used to bail out employers faced with community-supported strikes in Wisconsin. Right in the middle of the UAW strike against Oshkosh Truck Co., the U.S. Army awarded the firm a \$1.6 million contract and illegally extended the expiration dates. Oshkosh is a strong union town and only the federal intervention prevented an immediate just settlement of the strike.

When Milwaukee taxpayers demanded that their wages not be used to purchase nonunion lettuce for school children, government officials agreed at first. Then, behind everyone's back, the city attorney falsely claimed this

we say no!

And unless we back, with our words and our deeds, the aspirations and struggles of the Arab people, and especially the Palestinians, to gain control of the vast natural resources of their lands and to remove from their necks the brutal yoke of exploitation and oppression.

hospital grievance procedure, hailed in another hospital booklet as "the working woman's best friend." After attempting to use the grievance procedure for the past 4 months, she found it to be nerve wracking, expensive, and time consuming. "I found out from experience it is certainly no friend of the working woman," she concluded.

Telegrams of support for the nurses' strike read at the rally came from the African Liberation Support Committee, the Congress of African People, and Women United for Action, among others.

THREE DEMANDS

The striking nurses have three

demands. First, the fired nurses must be rehired. Second, the nurses want the results of an independent investigation into conditions at Jeff Davis Hospital made public. Third, they want the worn-out hospital equipment to be replaced.

With the help of the coalition and support from their co-workers, the nurses are confident that their demands will become a reality. They are striking so that in the future no mother who delivers a child at Jeff Davis will ever have to fear that the baby will be permanently damaged because of unsafe hospital conditions.



This youth presents his landlord—The Housing and Urban Development Department—with a jar containing a dead rat found in his home.

so far as to position himself on the plant roof with a gun to intimidate strikers. Everything failed.

So Packerland turned to the State. Police arrested workers on trumped-up charges; picket lines were greatly restricted by court injunctions; and the city leased the highway shoulder to the company to prevent picketing there. But the boss still couldn't break the strike. And he was about ready to sit down and bargain.

Then, lo and behold, the Federal Ground Beef and School Lunch Program decided to give Packerland 70 percent of their beef contracts for a 6-month period. And in came the Milwaukee School Board with a purchase of 147,715 pounds of meat to supplement their school lunch program. Frankenthal was saved, and hasn't bargained with the union since July.

At this stage the union solidarity remains intact. The meatcutters and farmworkers unions are working together in Milwaukee and have begun actions to persuade the school board to reverse its decision.

Center for United Labor Action, along with other progressive groups, has provided support. Everyone concerned is convinced that the struggle will only end in victory for the workers, despite the strike-breaking role played by the State.

As the economy crumbles...

GNP plunges in U.S. while inflation climbs

By ANDY STAPP

The U.S. capitalist economy is in deep trouble. While stock prices leap up and down like a man with a hotfoot, the Commerce Department dropped some more bad news on the American people last Friday: the country's total output of goods and services declined during July-September for the third straight quarter while the inflation rate rose during the same period to 11.5 percent, a new high.

Before making this announcement, Secretary of Commerce Frederick Dent must have ransacked the dictionary looking for some substitute for the word "recession." "The current state of the economy," Dent observed with a straight face, "could be called sideways waffling." When reporters at the news conference could not contain their mirth at this absurd statement, Dent tried again, suggesting that "spasm" might be a better characterization.

Well, whatever the government chooses to call it, the reality of the latest 2.9 percent drop in the gross national product means

more layoffs for working people. It also promises to swell the ranks of the unemployed, which stood at an official (and understated) 5.3 million in September.

Commenting on the increase in the number of men and women thrown out of work, New York Post financial reporter Carol Matthews wrote on October 17, "The Ford Administration is looking at a probable unemployment rate of 7 percent without blinking an eye. Pressure from business for higher unemployment than the 4 percent considered acceptable in the post-war years has mounted significantly in the past years. Alarms have been sounded that efforts to fulfill the requirements of the Full Employment Act of 1946 have created the present inflation."

A TRILLION WASTED

The Full Employment Act is the cause of inflation? What a cynical lie!

Since the end of World War II, the U.S. government has given over \$1 trillion (\$1,000,000,000,000) to the

Pentagon for its monstrous war budget—over \$150 billion for Vietnam alone. This wild orgy of military spending is the main cause of inflation, coupled with Nixon's devaluation of the dollar and monopoly price fixing. The poor and working people are not responsible for any of these things, in fact they are the victims. Only the big businessmen, the armament makers, only the imperialist bourgeoisie have benefited in the form of billions of dollars in super-profits.

Commerce Secretary Dent says that the GNP will rise again if people step up "holiday purchasing." Ford says "Spend less." Caught between the steel jaws of inflation and depression, the capitalist system reels deeper and deeper into chaos.

While production slumps and workers are laid off throughout the capitalist world, the economies of the Soviet Union, China, and the other workers' states offer their people full employment and low, stable prices on all necessities. Just two days after Dent announced the quarterly drop in U.S. production, The New York Times ran an article headlined "Output of industry in Soviet up 8.2 percent in first 3 quarters."

It's gotta make you think...

The credit crunch: Part 4 Government borrowing fattens big corporations

By KEN FRANKSON

At all levels of government, credit is an important source of cash for current expenses. What many people don't realize is the interest on these debts costs billions each year and is the third largest item in the federal budget. It's estimated to be \$24.6 billion in 1974.

The big banks and corporations, which buy most of the government bonds (or treasury bills, as the short-term ones are called), are subsidized in this way by the working class. That class pays nearly all the federal taxes, either directly or indirectly which are then turned over to the banks as interest.

What expenses are so necessary that the government must borrow money to pay them? The largest item in the federal budget is military spending—estimated at \$86 billion this year. How does this

spending benefit the workers who must pay for it?

It's easy to see how the corporations benefit from the military being sent all over the world to protect their interests. They also get the benefits of CIA operations like the one that overthrew the Chilean government (and in the process got back the nationalized properties for Anaconda, Kennecott, IT&T, and others). But the working class has no properties in foreign countries that need protecting.

MILITARY SPENDING HURTS THE WORKING CLASS

Military interventions and threats of intervention hurt the U.S. working class. They set up and maintain governments in Asia, Africa, and Latin America that oppress the workers there, keeping their wages at a minimum. This

Capitalists fear crash will bring end to their world

By MYRON JEFKA

NEW YORK, Oct. 18—The deepening economic crisis facing the entire capitalist world has had a profound effect upon the morale of the capitalist class. An example of the pessimism circulating throughout Wall Street was aired by Frank Cappiello, Jr., president of Monumental Capital Management, Inc.

In a speech to a semi-annual conference of stock analysts held October 9 in Detroit, Mr. Cappiello said of the plunging stock market, "If we are not near the bottom, this will be the worst depression the industrialized Western world has ever seen, and the capitalist

system is done for." Such an open display of horror is symptomatic of a growing trend of gloom among many who know the inner workings of the capitalist system.

Their fear of an economic collapse is far greater than that during the late 1920s. They know that capitalism has no future and that the armed might of the socialist countries makes a replay of World War II suicidal and the ensuing post-war capitalist boom impossible.

They know that the war economy, deficit spending, other currency manipulations, and other capitalist maneuvers can only slow down, but not indefinitely post-

means U.S. companies can threaten the workers here with moving to South Korea, or somewhere else where wages are low, if U.S. workers' wage demands get "out of line."

One group of economists, the "Keynesians," tries to justify increased government spending by saying that it will stop inflation by creating jobs for the unemployed (not to mention for the capitalists). Such spending is of course financed by borrowing.

The problem with this is increased spending causes more inflation, which is the original cause of the recession we have now. This is like someone in a leaky boat saying the solution is to bore holes in the bottom of the boat to let the water out!

If the government increases spending, it will make the recession worse. But decreasing spending will have the same effect, as the companies with government contracts will lay off workers.

The capitalist class has no solution to the credit problem. Only the working class has a solution, and that is a socialist revolution. pone, the collapse of the capitalist economy. They know that a contracting economy, without the hope of further external expansion into new markets, cannot afford another New Deal to ride out the storm of an inevitable working class rebellion.

These gentlemen can't conceive of a world without bosses and profits. To them, the collapse of capitalism means the collapse of "civilization," of everything. But workers and oppressed people don't share this gloomy outlook. The period of economic collapse of capitalism, however horrible it may be (and it will be hardest on the poor, not the rich), is the prelude for a struggle for socialism, for the control of society by the great mass of producers and not the parasites.

In the long run, the future is much, much brighter than the past.



Massive layoff hits Louisville GE workers

By a laid-off GE worker

LOUISVILLE, KY, Oct. 18—The unemployment lines in Louisville, Ky., are getting longer. Two thousand three hundred workers have been laid off at the huge General Electric Appliance Park here. Most of us laid off are members of IUE Local 761 which represents 16,000 of the 23,000 workers at GE.

The company blames the layoff on a drop in sales. However, on October 8 in the Louisville Times it was reported that GE had announced a 2 percent increase in profits on a 16 percent gain in sales in the third quarter of this year. GE sales increased from \$2.88 billion in 1973 to \$3.35 billion in 1974.

A union spokesman stated that the layoff would probably reach 5,000 workers. Although there are no official facts on who was hit hardest by the layoff, it is clear that this layoff does include large

Macmillan fires 300 in union busting effort

By SUE DAVIS

NEW YORK, Oct. 21—On Monday, October 14, Macmillan, Inc., one of the nation's largest publishers, began a mass firing campaign in its New York City office after management had been notified the Friday before that its employees were filing for a union election with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB). Although Chairman of the Board Raymond C. Hagel blamed the layoffs on "belt tightening" because of a recent decline in profits, the 300 workers who were fired call it old-fashioned union busting.

In response, Local 153 of the Office and Professional Employees International Union (OPEIU), which has been organizing at Macmillan since March, filed on Tuesday for a hearing with the NLRB to have the layoffs declared illegal. "This obviously is a tactic management is using because they know that the majority of the employees want a union," said Donna Mobley, a union organizer. On Wednesday, the 300 fired workers voted to strike and set up a picket line the next day.

When this reporter walked the picket line during Friday's lunch hour, the line was primarily made up of those who were fired. But some workers had left the office to march on the line and joined in chanting, "Take your coat, take your hat, leave your desk, and don't come back!" and "Hagel, Hagel, what's your pay—\$750 a day!"

Others had signs identifying them as workers from other publishing companies. Pat Bonder,

numbers of Blacks and women, especially Black women.

Since the GE plant opened here in the early 1950s, it has discriminated against Blacks and women in hiring. From 1956 to 1966, 5,000 jobs were opened and not one woman was hired for those jobs. IUE Local 761 filed a discrimination suit and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission found GE guilty of discriminating against women. As late as 1967, there were only 36 Black women working at GE and that was out of a total work force of 14,400!

These layoffs mean that Blacks and women, who were the last hired, are the first to go. The union leadership is offering no organized resistance to the layoff at this time, but there are a lot of angry workers who don't intend to let GE lay off to the point where once again there are only 36 Black women working at Appliance Park!

one of the fired workers, stressed that all publishing workers should support the strike because "if Macmillan can get away with it, other publishers will try. We have to stick together to win."

Kathy Roth, who was staffing the strike headquarters after a stint on the picket line this morning, said, "Less people are going in today than last week." She added, "One person told me that the majority of those inside support our line, but they're afraid for their jobs."

'PRESTIGE' AND LOW PAY

An added factor in the firings is that last month the Macmillan Women's Rights Committee filed a complaint with the State Division of Human Rights charging Macmillan with sex and race discrimination in its hiring and promotion policies. Although publishing is one profession where large numbers of women have been employed for decades, this is also one reason why wages of publishing workers are generally lower than those of other professionals. Just working in publishing, which has traditionally been called a "prestige" industry, was supposed to be sufficient compensation. And management has played on such a ploy to hinder union organizing in the past.

But with increasing inflation combined with a rising consciousness among women workers, demands for unionization in publishing are growing. The strike at Macmillan is crucial to organizing drives currently conducted by OPEIU and District 65 in numerous other publishing companies here.



... what can workers do?



These workers at J. P. Stevens in North Carolina recently won a union. First they had to overcome racism.

Photo: TWUA

Fight the bosses and win? It can be done!

By VINCE COPELAND

The working people of the United States are beginning to find out quite a bit about the huge monopolies that are gouging them every day of their lives.

With the price of meat skyrocketing while live calves are being shot dead by the hundreds to make the price still higher...

With a President and Vice President of the United States both being proved common crooks after calling upon the working people to observe the "work ethic"...

With the news that the prospective new Vice President's oil and banking dynasty pulls the puppet strings on dozens of other "great leaders" who chisel the people too...

... A great many workers are beginning to wonder: who do we shoot?

Or putting it into more acceptable and immediately effective terms: How can we fight back against these colossal enemies of ours? And if we can, where do we start?

CAN WE DO IT?

How can we organize to fight against a billion-dollar company—or maybe \$20 billion—when we have no money at all and only our own overworked buddies to help us?

How can we act, how can we fight, when our union leaders are so soft that they hobnob with the wealthy bosses?

In a word, can we fight? And if we fight, can we possibly win? The answer is yes to the first question and yes to the second question. Yes, yes, YES!

THE WORKERS' STRENGTH

The working people in this

country, employed and unemployed, are now over 90 million strong.

The owners and real controllers of industry are less than a hundred! (A scholar once boiled down the captains of high finance and industry to 60 families—and that was many mergers ago.) Including their families, their in-laws, and their kissing cousins, the real ruling class numbers not more than ten thousand.

But it is not numbers alone that give the ultimate advantage to the working class. It is the fact that everything produced, everything transported, everything communicated, is produced, carried, and communicated by the workers.

The top owners do absolutely nothing (except watch over their fortunes, and some don't even do that!) and without the workers they are absolutely helpless. They can be fought. The workers can fight them. And the workers can beat them.

A FEW PROOFS

Isn't it true that in July of 1973 the workers of the Jefferson Assembly plant in Detroit (owned by the \$6 billion Chrysler Company) shut down the plant for 14 hours to get rid of a racist foreman—and they succeeded?

Isn't it true that the workers of Harlan County, Kentucky, who worked at the Brookside mine there, went on strike for 13 months to get union recognition from a company worth hundreds of millions, and just a couple of months ago they succeeded?

Isn't it true that in plant after plant throughout the country there were wildcat walkouts this summer demanding fans or air conditioners and all sorts of other

The trouble is that not enough workers strike at once, not enough people move at once. And another trouble is that the workers and all the poorer people have been misled and betrayed so many times that they hesitate to fight even when they are in a fighting mood. But when a large enough number wake up at approximately the same time, it becomes much easier for the new leadership, the honest

things—and many of them succeeded?

Isn't it true that women's rights movements have fought for jobs and fought for equality on the job—and in many places they succeeded?

leadership, to get a hearing from the masses.

And today it is precisely the large number that is being awakened—not just a few radical or progressive workers coming to a boiling point, but millions, literally millions, coming to a point about 20 degrees hotter than normal, even though still some distance below the boil.

This year there have been more strikes than for many a year, more protests against high prices, more consumers' organizing committees formed, and so on.

Of course this still does not win back all that the bosses have taken from us in high prices and speedup on the job. For that, much greater struggles and rank-and-file organization are required.

FROM LITTLE ACORNS...

Beginnings have to be made. Somebody does have to start things. Somebody has to talk about simple actions, for instance, in the plant or in the neighborhood. Somebody has to have a little idea what the people like for a little action that is imaginative, but which they think they can get away with. Somebody has to start a committee, if it's only three people.

Somebody has to begin. And somebody has to begin organizing the whole working class itself. The most likely somebodies are the readers of this newspaper.

First and foremost, racism must be defeated

WHO IS THE KLAN?

Take the Ku Klux Klan, for instance. It has flown organizers into Boston to agitate against busing and develop a structure for more racist actions. The Klan was nothing but a trivial religious sect until the 1890s. But then the former slave owners poured fortunes into the group in order to break up the new-found unity of poor Black and white farmers. It was turned into a murderous army of night-riders and lynchers.

In the horrible years that followed, hangings, burnings, and mutilations were commonplace and made it possible for the old slave-owning class to emerge at the head of a plantation system in which pitiful wages for Black laborers replaced the actual practice of chattel slavery. The free South foreseen by poor farmers, Black and white, was not to be, and racist violence dominated everything.

BLACK STRUGGLE

CHANGING THE SOUTH

Why have workers in the South finally made some progress in recent years? Why is union organizing now possible—for white and Black—when a few years ago unionists were as much the target of the Klan as those who believed in racial equality?

Because of the tremendous Black liberation struggle of the last few decades. It is the fight against racism in the South that has made it possible to organize plants like J.P. Stevens in North Carolina, for example, where the workers just

got a union after trying since the 1920s.

There can't be a strong movement by the people against the rich and powerful if racism is dividing the people. And the rich and powerful know that. Fascist movements (and racism is the main ingredient of U.S.-style fascism) have always received their heavy financial support from the bosses—even if they speak in anti-establishment terms.

Mussolini said he was a socialist—and was backed by the Bank of Rome. Hitler talked about national socialism—and had the Krupp steel family behind him.

We can be sure that the racist groups organizing in Boston have their connections, too. What is more important, right now, is that there is no one among the ruling class and its politicians, from Ford on down, who is putting up a determined stand against them.

The racists are being encouraged to organize their cowardly attacks because they know that the state isn't going to do anything about it.

Divided, the people are weak. United, there is no force stronger on earth. There is nothing the working people of this country can't accomplish if they fight together. But first they must defeat racism. The mayor of Boston isn't going to do it. The cops aren't going to do it. Federal troops aren't going to do it. The people themselves—all who believe in justice and social progress—must stand up now and take a determined stand in defense of the rights of Black people and all oppressed groups.





Capitalists sabotage economy for profits

When their profits are threatened, the ruling class are prepared to sabotage the economy.

In Connecticut, where a utility rate increase has been blocked by consumer court action, discharge notices have been posted on the bulletin boards of the two major electric companies that will affect up to 700 workers in the next year.

A company spokesman declared that the cuts, affecting nearly one in ten workers, will be in maintenance and new construction. "We're taking more risks," he pointed out.

WHERE PROFITS ARE AT STAKE ...

Why are the bosses of Northeast Utilities, which owns Connecticut Power & Light Co. and the Hartford Electric Light Co., threatening not only layoffs but power failures and safety hazards that may cause disasters?

Northeast Utilities is still making huge profits *without* the rate increase. But rather than maintain services and accept a reduction in profits, the Northeast Utilities bosses are preparing to withhold services in order to protect the unearned income of their wealthy investors.

... CAPITALISM IGNORES THE 'PUBLIC INTEREST'

The utilities are supposed to be *public* services. There are laws forbidding strikes by public workers or in cases of "national emergency." But in the service of an inflationary increase in profits, Northeast Utilities is free to use its monopoly power to make extortionate demands on the poor and working people in Connecticut.

While workers are being fed patriotic propaganda about sacrificing in the fight against inflation, the capitalist class shows loyalty only to its profits. The real income of working people has already been cut so sharply that many millions of Americans are hungry, but the bosses would sooner have a recession than put profits on a diet.

Northeast Utilities is raising fears of breakdowns in power transmission partly as a scare tactic to swing votes to a pro-utilities candidate in the gubernatorial election. In this, it is behaving in the same way as the capitalists in Chile who disrupted the economy by cutting back production while the capitalist media blamed the Allende government for its policy of nationalization. Allende was overthrown Sept. 11, 1973, in a CIA-sponsored fascist coup that returned all business to capitalist control. Now the details are leaking out on the millions the U.S. spent to disrupt the Chilean economy during Allende's presidency.

In the United States today, the ruling class is not facing an immediate challenge for political power from working class parties. But as the general economic crisis of the U.S. deepens, the capitalists are showing the same total dedication to preserving their profits as did the Chilean bosses, even to the extent of disrupting the economy.

Capitalism is giving the working class the impossible choice between runaway inflation and depression. All the layoffs beginning to sweep the country as the recession advances, even as prices go up, are a kind of irrational sabotage caused by the capitalist drive to protect profit margins.

While the consumer activists in Connecticut are showing the way in truly combatting inflation, the retaliation of Northeast Utilities has raised the question that will grow larger in the days ahead: Which class shall control the economy, the capitalists or the workers?

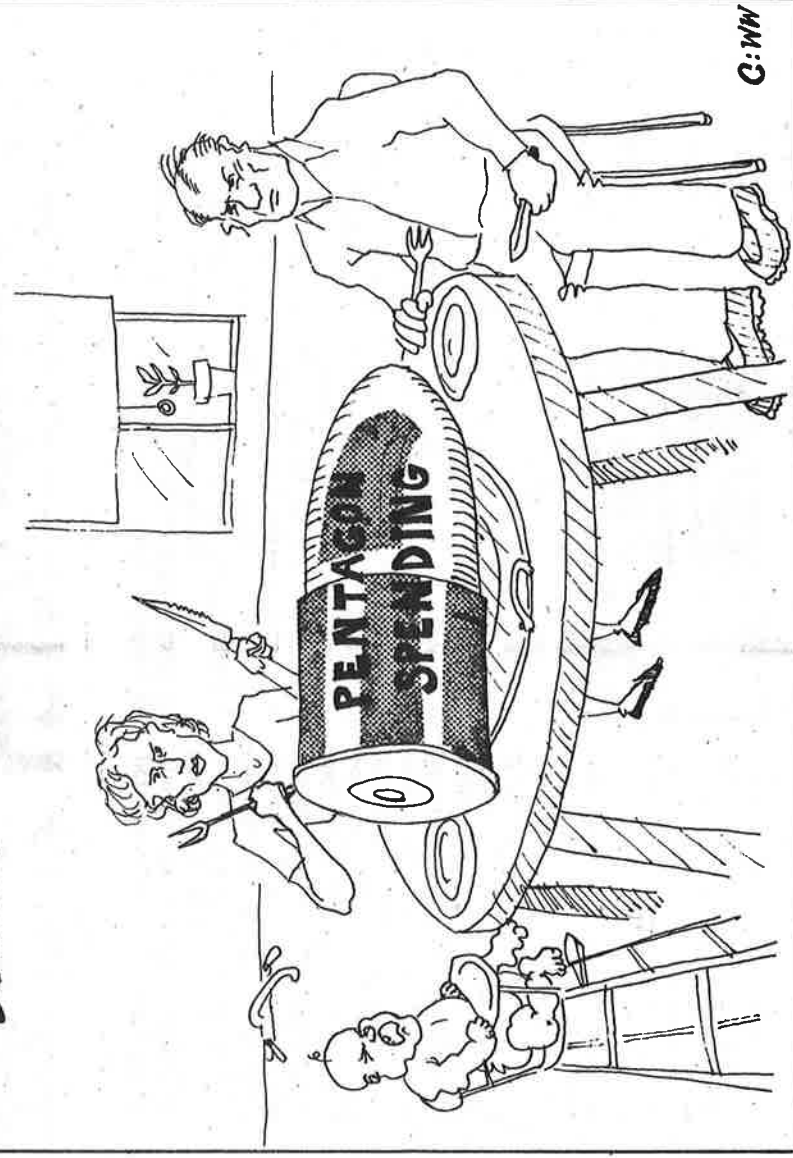
Crisis at the top

With the resignation of Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski and the commencement of the Watergate trial of Nixon's top aides, it might appear that the book is being closed on the fierce internecine struggle among the various contending factions of the ruling class that culminated in Nixon's resignation.

But this would be a superficial assessment. On a closer look, it is clear that the axis of the fight has simply shifted from the debate over Nixon's guilt to the fight over the Rockefeller nomination.

Just as the second Nixon presidency was wracked by "a scandal a day," spread for all to see across the front pages of morning and evening newspapers, revelations about Rockefeller's crimes (bribes, tax evasion) are now appearing with regularity.

"BITING THE BULLET"



WHAT WE MEAN BY ...

CAPITALISM

The bosses like to call it "free enterprise." But for the millions locked into hard, boring jobs with no relief except unemployment, the present system is neither free nor enterprising. What makes capitalism tick—and why does it so often leave the masses with a choice of war or depression?

Capitalism, like feudalism and slavery before it, is a society divided into classes where a few fabulously rich parasites are supported by the sweat and labor of vast numbers of toiling and oppressed people.

But capitalism is also very different from earlier forms of class society. For one thing, the laborers are legally "free." They are not owned outright as chattel slaves, nor are they bound to the land as serfs. Their labor is sold to the owners of capital (called the capitalists, the bosses, or the bourgeoisie) in a new and concealed form of bondage—wage slavery. The boss, who buys the workers' labor power in exchange for wages, always pays the workers less than the value they add to the finished product. The difference is surplus value, from which the boss extracts his profits.

This basic mechanism of capitalist production means that the workers are never paid enough

The exposes buffeting Rockefeller and his hand-picked Secretary of State Kissinger, both of whom represent different wings of the capitalist class than Nixon's, underscore the inability of the bourgeoisie to settle on a figure from any clique around whom they can unite in the current economic-political crisis.

The ouster of Nixon and the short-lived euphoria manufactured by the media during Ford's first 30 days have almost completely disintegrated. The new President's popularity, so high

delivering the finished product. In this way, production becomes more and more socialized.

The development of capitalism has also produced the force that must overthrow it—the modern working class or proletariat. Hundreds and thousands of workers are now brought together to labor cooperatively, often under the same roof.

SOCIALIZED PRODUCTION BUT INDIVIDUAL OWNERSHIP

But this social character of work and production is completely at odds with the individual ownership of production. There is a constant struggle going on between the workers and the bosses over the division of the surplus value, with the workers—Black and white, men and women, gay and straight—trying to raise their standard of living and the bosses trying to maximize their profits.

Capitalist efficiency, too, exists only within each corporate enterprise. Taken as a whole, the system is horribly inefficient, with millions of worker-hours being poured into parasitic industries like armaments and advertising. There is duplication and waste of effort because of secrecy and competition (patents, for example, and 40 different brands of toothpaste).

Moreover, as the world economy becomes more complex, it becomes ever clearer that humanity must plan production to use raw materials wisely and keep the earth beautiful and habitable. But overall planning is impossible under capitalism; production is geared to making profits, and every other consideration is sacrificed to this underlying motive. Also, capitalist rivalries and need for markets inevitably lead to war, which is the greatest destroyer and polluter of all and threatens the very foundations of life on this planet.

But capitalism as a world system is on the way out. Already, 40 percent of the world's people have expropriated the individual owners of productive property and have socialized the ownership of the means of production. It is inevitable that in the rest of the world, which includes most highly developed capitalist countries—the U.S., Western Europe, and Japan—the class that produces everything will rise to assume control over society's destiny.