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## Harlem's Spirit Remains Undaunted In Spite of the Brutal Police Terror

They Started on a Teen-Ager



Schoolmates of James Powell protesting to police just after Lieut. Thomas Gilligan had shot and killed him on July 16. Police later started rebellion with shots over Powell's coffin.

### Harlem Solidarity In Garment Center!

NEW YORK, July 27—At noon today, at a crowded, cheering mass meeting held at 8th Ave. and 38th Street in the garment center by the Harlem Solidarity Committee, a series of Black and white speakers attacked the police for brutality and high officials for supporting their beatings and killings.

"What would have happened if a Black cop had shot a 15-year-old white youth coming home from a private school on Park Avenue? Would he have gotten an okay from Commissioner Murphy like Gilligan has?" asked speaker Vincent Copeland, Editor of *Workers World*.

The huge crowd, standing on the sidewalk, in the street, sitting on top of trucks, and leaning out of windows, applauded his question and cheered loudly as he said "The garment workers standing here can't even win a ten cent raise unless we have unity. We need Black and white unity against racist cops."

Police on foot and horseback and motorcycles surrounded the many hundreds of listeners. Early in the meeting, a heckler who was later identified as a member of the fascist United Nationalist Party tried to interrupt speakers with shout and boos. He was surrounded by angry Black and white workers in the audience and intimidated into silence.

Before the meeting, passing workers grabbed thousands of leaflets passed out by Youth Against War And Fascism reprinted on page 4.

Speakers and signs at the meeting called for the removal of the police occupation army, the arrest and trial of Policeman Gilligan who shot 15-year-old James Powell, the removal of Police Commissioner Murphy, and the impeachment of Mayor Wagner for supporting racist police action.

In addition to Vincent Copeland, other speakers at the meeting were: Milton

### Rebellion Spreads to Rochester; 'Liberal' Rockefeller Calls Out the Troops, Tanks and Machine Guns!

The Black People themselves were heard from instead of the "leaders." They suffered long, endured much and were provoked by the thousand-and-first murder of the innocent to stand up and fight the oppressor with bare hands, bottles and bricks.

Now the ruling class, after firing tens of thousands of steel bullets, is back to the honeyed words and sweet talk again.

Again the bourgeoisie is trying to buildup discredited leaders who have no influence over the real masses and are divided from them by a chasm of poverty and the wall of a false, pacifist program. Again the oppressor class is lining up one leader against another—while the masses wait.

There will be "concessions" of course. But the people want equality and freedom, not tokenism and promises. That is why the people of Rochester rose up

to take the torch from Harlem's hand and held it high in the face of 800 arrests, four deaths, and untold brutal beatings.

### Rochester: How It Began

Just as the forward surge of the powerful Black rebellion paused in the New York City area, the uprising burst out at a higher, fiercer, and more disciplined stage in Rochester—some 300 miles to the northwest.

As in New York, the deep and bitter and unrelieved grievances of the Black people had produced a revolutionary mood. On top of the discrimination in jobs, housing, and schools, Rochester Afro-Americans had also been angered by a series of police beatings early last year. As in New York, the cops were cleared—in spite of the forming of a Civilian Police Advisory Board.

The chief incidents in the events of early 1963 which heightened Black bitterness were these:

1. In January police invaded a closed meeting of Muslims with the excuse that it had been reported that a man at the meeting had a pistol. It was the police who broke into the meeting and attacked members of the group. But it was 13 of the Muslims who were convicted of assault and unlawful assembly.

2. The following month an Afro-American man was beaten by four policemen after they arrested him for a traffic violation. The beating sent him to the hospital but he was the one charged with assault.

3. In March two policemen beat up a Black gas station attendant. Following this case a Civilian Police Advisory Board was formed.

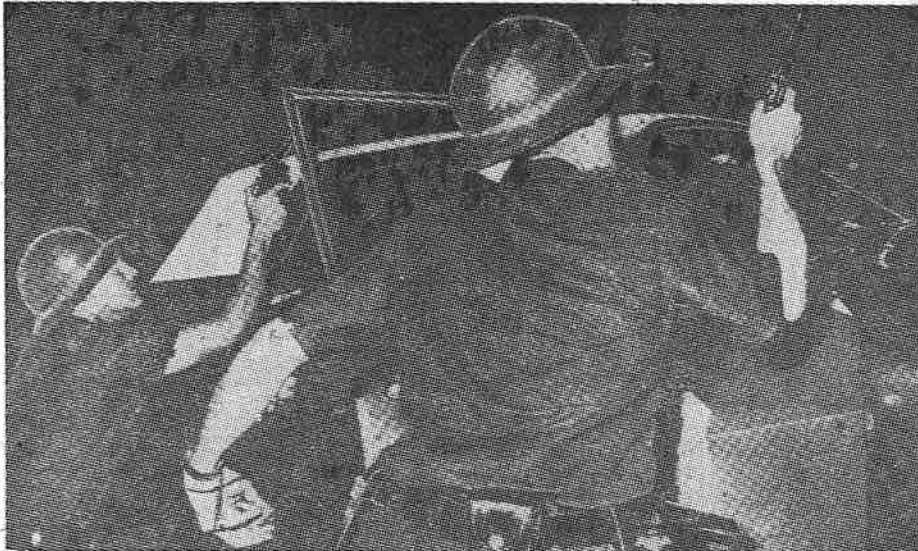
4. But the next month the police in this case were tried and freed.

This was part of the background which continued to simmer until this July night.

July 24th was a Friday night and a street dance was being held sponsored by a mothers' group trying to raise

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### Killing Whomever Else They Could



Cops in battle-dress fire at rooftop demonstrators in Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn after days of bloody repression.

## Vietnam: More U. S. Troops; More Raids on North!

by Henry Stone

BULLETIN July 28

The U.S. has just sent 5,000 MORE troops to South Vietnam. At the same time, puppet dictator General Khanh told newsmen his government feels free to attack North Vietnam whether the U.S. approves or not. "We are an independent government," he said—meaning, inde-

pendent of any control by the U.S. "moderates" because it is the tool of U.S. militarists.

JULY 23—Now it's official! The U.S. is hell-bent on carrying its war against the South Vietnamese people into North Vietnam, and provoking war with People's China.

The South Vietnam puppet air force is now admittedly dropping teams over North Vietnam to sabotage industrial and transportation facilities. It is training to extend these combat operations, and to make special attacks on North Vietnam with parachute and support operations.

What's more, these raids have been going on for three years.

All this was revealed in a July 22 speech by puppet South Vietnamese Air Commander Nguyen Cao Ky, who boasted that he had personally piloted a

plane over North Vietnam.

Continuing his boasts, he said that his air force was ready to attack the North at once and could destroy Hanoi.

Friends of the Vietnamese people will be heartened to know, however, that the raiders have always been wiped out, and that 80 per cent have been wiped out before they could even do any sabotage. (The New York Times made this information from special sources public on July 23.)

The attacks on the North were welcomed by a Herald Tribune editorial, which said that "North Viet Nam is not a sacred cow, is not and cannot rightly claim to be immune to attack by land, sea, or air." An act of international aggression could not be more shamelessly proclaimed.

One effect of Ky's speech was to reveal some feuding, within the U.S.

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## Self-Defense

It is almost incredible that the people of Harlem were able to stand up against thousands of police bullets with only bare hands and raw courage.

Almost equally incredible is the racist hysteria that was generated by the ruling class and the slanders that were spread implying that every Black Man had a gun or a knife ready to assault all white people indiscriminately.

The truth was that Harlem had not taken up arms, and the gutter-press photos of one (1) rifle in the headquarters of Malcolm X were only to fan up the hysteria further.

The people of Harlem have not yet taken up arms. But they have the full right to do so, in the face of the most unprecedented provocation that any people on the middle North American con-

tinents have endured since the Indians were massacred.

It is certain that if not in New York, then in Rochester; if not in Rochester, then in Alabama or Mississippi; if not there, then somewhere else, a section of the Black People will take to arms and their action will spread to other sections.

Such an action, no matter how aggressive or forceful its first expression, will be purely and completely defensive—defensive against the aggressions and depredations of the centuries.

Our slogan has always been to “disarm the oppressor; arm the oppressed.” The oppressed Black People are going to implement this slogan against the police and police agents of the oppressor.

It is the duty of all workers of all nationalities and races to support them.

## Who Elects the Police Force?

At the beginning of the mass protest in Harlem, Roy Wilkins of the NAACP advised everybody to go home and settle their problems on election day.

But the question arises:

*“In what election do we vote for a new police force?”*

Politicians come and go, but the police, apparently, go on forever.

Wilkins probably meant that by beating Goldwater in November, the masses could keep the extreme racism of the fascist Goldwater forces from taking the top seats of power in the U.S. government.

But Goldwater is already half in power right now.

If Goldwater himself gets an electoral rebuff in November, the question of dealing with the police, the police chiefs, the sheriffs at home and the U.S. generals and admirals abroad will still be unanswered.

Johnson does not even rebuke (much less prevent!) the Goldwaterite police in New York for shooting Black Americans—even while he is depending on the latter for votes against Goldwater.

If Hitler-Goldwater cannot be defeated in the day-to-day struggle against the fascists and the fascist police, Goldwater will win no matter who has the most votes in November.

confront the Southern fascists with the armed might of Northern “liberal” capitalism and thereby defend the civil rights of the Black People.

But it was Northern police who shot up Harlem; it was Northern police who fired on Bedford-Stuyvesant; it was Northern state troopers who committed mayhem in Chester, Pa.; it was Northern national guardsmen who invaded Rochester, N.Y.; and Northern FBI men that Johnson sent into New York City.

The federal or state troops of imperialism will never bring Black Freedom in any event. Only organized, armed self-defense by the masses themselves can do that.

## The Time Is NOW

The whole German people have often been accused of being responsible for the rise of Hitler because they did not take up arms against him and they let him, his fascist gangs and police, etc., bully, beat, lynch and burn the Jews—first individually and then by the thousands.

But how do matters stand with the American people?

Those in the U.S. who make this accusation should take a look at what the U.S. police are now doing to the Black People of the United States. The police are doing to the Black People what the Brown Shirts did to the Jews in the years before the gas chambers were put into use.

Hitlerism—or Goldwaterism—is already well on the road to power in this country. Goldwaterism, like Hitlerism, regards elections as rallying points, rubber stamps, legal carte blanches, as secondary to seizing power by ruthless force employed first against a vulnerable minority of the country and next, against the laboring majority.

## No, the Violence Was Not “Senseless”!

by J. Richie

When huge air raids destroyed German and Japanese cities in World War II they were reported with pride by the U.S. press. These were blows against the enemy, we were told. The destruction was a necessary part of the fight, we were told.

But the press and TV coverage of the Harlem, Bedford-Stuyvesant, Rochester rebellions deplores the “senseless violence.” “It doesn’t solve anything,” they say.

They are wrong.

We, the people, are engaged in a great fight against an enemy of the people. This enemy clothes itself in many guises. It speaks as “law and order” and as “property rights.”

This enemy is centered in giant banking outfits which control politicians, the press, the factories and stores, the land. And it uses the police to protect itself and its property and its laws.

Top big businessmen are its general

staff. The police are its occupation army.

The people of New York and Rochester fought the enemy with the only weapons they had: bricks, bottles and the like. They struck only at the tentacles of the octopus because it is all they could reach at this time.

The general staff of the enemies of the people have now called up massive armed might. They will also employ the news media they control to try to make the people think that nothing is to be gained by fighting back this way.

But we must do our best to patiently explain and to firmly organize a people’s resistance in an even larger and more efficient way.

Only then can we break the power of the enemy. And only when we break that power can we proceed to build a world where it will be a joy to live.

## MDC Widens Struggle in Klan Territory

### Another Frame-Up in Monroe

by Ellen Pierce

A white man claims he saw somebody run from a dark bedroom in his home about four in the morning. A Black “suspect” is picked up, kept in virtual solitary confinement for three weeks, and then charged with crimes for which he can get a death sentence. The press picks up the story and inflames the white community against the suspect.

This incident sounds like a typical example of South African police-state methods, but the dateline for this story is Monroe, North Carolina, U.S.A.

The state of North Carolina, sometimes held up as a shining example of racial progress, recently held a Democratic primary in which an extreme racist beat a “moderate” white supremacist 2 to 1. Only a fraction of one per cent of the Black children attend integrated schools.

The town of Monroe itself is regional headquarters for the Ku Klux Klan, and it is here that Robert Williams, Mae Mallory, and several local youths are being framed on a phony “kidnap” charge.

The Monroe Defense Committee, which has helped Mrs. Mallory, Harold Reape and Richard Crowder fight the kidnap charge, spearheaded several

other struggles against racism and oppression in the state. Now it is looking into this latest case too.

Hubert Barrett, a young Afro-American father, was originally arrested on a “Peeping Tom” charge on June 24. After three weeks in the Monroe jail he was also charged with first degree burglary, a capital offense, and required to raise \$10,000 bond.

He cannot raise the money and will remain in jail for at least another month until his case goes before a white jury and a racist judge.

Meanwhile the Monroe police have plenty of time to plan a frame-up, while the local press prints vicious stories about Mr. Barrett.

The Committee “has some strong reasons to substantiate the fact that Hubert Barrett is innocent on both charges,” says MDC Chairman Clarence Seniors. A jury trial in the Monroe courts “may actually guarantee not a fair trial but a lynching...”

“Monroe officials have been accused of deliberately holding Mr. Barrett ‘in the hole’ for three weeks until they could lodge a capital offense charge against him. It is doubtful whether the question of Mr. Barrett’s innocence or guilt ever entered their minds.”

## Rockefeller Pulls a Goldwater On Civil Rights

After Rockefeller’s “courageous” performance at San Francisco, condemning Barry Goldwater for right wing extremism and leading the fight for a half-way “moderate” civil rights plank in the Republican election program—came Rochester.

Rockefeller had the state police up there within 24 hours and soon thereafter a thousand national guardsmen with the announcement that 20,000 more were on a special alert. Goldwater could hardly have acted faster or dirtier.

When the chips are down, it seems, the “liberal” capitalist statesman is a Goldwaterite himself!

The argument between Rockefeller and Goldwater is real enough, of course. Rockefeller is sincerely for tokenism

and Goldwater is sincerely against tokenism. Rockefeller is frightened of the rising world revolution and the rising Black revolution—and wants to buy it off with some concessions. Goldwater says this cannot be done and the revolution must be met head-on with an open counter-revolution.

Before the catastrophic crisis of the U.S. capitalist system, Rockefeller and his like may fight for a time to preserve the “democratic” status quo against the extreme racist militarism of Goldwater and his fascist crew.

But once the revolution is on, the Rockefellers are as violent as the Goldwaters in trying to put it down. And once the counter-revolution really begins, the Rockefellers will even submit to the leadership of the Goldwaters.

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## — Rochester

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some money to get equipment for their children's small underequipped public playground—which the city authorities had grossly neglected.

There were about 100 couples at the dance. There was music. It was summer. The work week—if you had a job—was over and the enjoyment was coupled with the feeling that it was a benefit for children's play facilities.

Yet even this innocent affair had to be befuddled by the interference of police with K-9 dogs.

A man was supposed to be bothering a woman—no one claimed it was anything serious—something to be settled by friends in the spirit of the occasion.

But the policeman turned the K-9 dog on the man.

"He turned that dog loose on Eddie," reported a resident in anger. A protest began.

That ignited all the buried feeling. It became a rebellion, a rebellion (a part of a growing revolution) against the police abuse, the vicious beatings, the overall discrimination, poverty, and suppression.

Whites should recognize that this rebellion is actually a fight against the powerful white ruling forces—which also exploit white workers.

Reports indicate that the Rochester rebellion was better organized and more conscious of its enemy than the New York uprising. White businessmen's stores were attacked. Black organizations and businesses were not. Also the freedom fighters were better prepared and their onslaught actually drove the police into retreat from the area.

Although the incident flared up from an unexpected attack, the inevitable uprising, long in the making, was organized on the spot by the militant rank-and-file leaders of the people.

A *Workers World* correspondent was in a diner when a group of state police sent by Rockefeller to suppress the uprising came in. He reported that these police on their way to the battle appeared worried. The police arrogance so familiar to oppressed people was less in evidence. Their self-confidence was shaken. One was overheard to say fearfully to a friend, "I hope I see you again."

But of course, now that Rockefeller has sent a thousand national guardsmen and alerted 20,000 more in a major act of violent counter-revolutionary repression, the masses are "quieted"—but only until the next stage in the irrepressible drive for Black Freedom.

# There Aren't Any Racist Cops in CUBA!

In Cuba, racists don't shoot the Black People. In Cuba racists can get shot for racism.

Five years before the too-little-too-late U.S. "civil rights" law was passed, the Cubans made it a serious criminal offense to commit any act of racial discrimination of any kind. More serious or repeated offenses carry the death penalty.

The very first U.S. business that the government took over in 1959 was a swanky hotel that refused to serve the Afro-Cuban members of the revolutionary army.

Rob Williams says he was never treated like a human being until he came to Cuba.

## Would THIS Policeman Kill An Innocent Teen-Ager?



A 16-year-old Cuban "miliciana" guarding a sugar mill. Now if Harlem had police like this. . . .



ROBERT F. WILLIAMS

Rob Williams, editor of the *CRUSADER*, now in Cuba, has been preaching and practicing armed self-defense for the Black People during the past seven years. Though Rob is absent, his militant ideas are ever more present in the minds of the people whom he faithfully serves.

## 26th of July, Cuba's Revolutionary Holiday

On on the 26th of July, which the Cuban people celebrate as a national holiday, it is well for us to remember the origin of this anniversary.

It was on the 26th of July, 1953, that 167 revolutionary Cubans led by Fidel Castro attacked and attempted to seize the Moncada Barracks as the first step in overthrowing the fascist Batista tyranny in Cuba.

And although the attack was defeated, it was the first step, followed by Fidel's courageous defense of the insurrection, the formation of the "Revolutionary 26th of July Movement," and the building of the guerilla army, which resulted in the overthrow of the tyranny in 1959.

The attack on the Moncada Barracks went far beyond what most people at the time believed possible. But it was the same revolutionary determination to overthrow the tyranny, shown in the July 26 attack, which carried the Cuban revolutionaries on to their final victory.

## Bravo, Fidel!

The revolutionary Cuban government has been making overtures to the U.S. government to open normal trade relations in the interest of Cuba's socialized economy and in the interest of peace between the two countries.

But—said Premier Castro on July 26—people have been saying that we offered to give up our solidarity with the Latin-American revolution in order to get a treaty with the U.S. That is false. We will continue to aid the revolution. *Bravo, Fidel!*

## — Vietnam

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ruling class, which big business would rather conceal from the masses.

U.S. Ambassador Taylor told dictator Khanh in a meeting on July 23 that the U.S. government (meaning President Johnson and his faction) doesn't want to attack Hanoi at once.

Johnson's "moderate" faction hesitates—and one reason why it hesitates is that it is afraid of People's China, which is intensively preparing its people so they can come to the aid of the North Vietnamese. Another reason is that they are afraid of the great majority of the American people and are desperately trying to delay all decisions until after November 3.

But other quarters in U.S. ruling circles have been working on Ky and his boss Khanh. An indication of who they are was given by the Roman Catholic Saigon newspaper Xay Dung. In calling for war on the North, they hailed *Goldwater's* program for Vietnam (which includes atomic extermination of the South Vietnamese people).

The deepest implication of this feuding is that the Goldwater-CIA fascist faction is already taking over more and more positions of the American state, and their interest in the November election is only as a legal cover for a seizure of power already half accomplished.

But whatever feuding may go on, the fact remains that it is U.S. imperialism as a whole that is attacking North Vietnam, and Johnson and Taylor bear the full responsibility for it.

American workers and progressives must swell their voice, demanding of the U.S. government:

Stop the attack on North Vietnam; get out of both North and South Vietnam at once!

# GOP's No. 2 Fascist Picketed in Buffalo

by J. Meyers

BUFFALO, July 20—William E. Miller, Goldwater's Eastern partner, and Vice Presidential candidate, was met here today by 58 pickets from Youth Against War and Fascism.

Miller's plane arrived at the airport at 6:57 PM, and after a press conference with the usual flash bulbs and TV cameras, he came out to speak to several hundred assorted Republican committeemen, members of the semi-fascist "Young Americans for Freedom," and other groups such as the self-styled "United Anti-Communists of West New York," etc.

Youth Against War and Fascism boldly set up its picket line right in the enclosure where the Miller supporters had been rallying with their brass bands, choruses, armed color guards, etc. The pickets constantly booed Miller and Goldwater as fascist henchmen.

"Down with Goldwater, down with fascism!" they shouted. "Two-four-six-eight, we don't want a fascist state. One-two-three-four, we don't want another war!" They thundered "Down with Goldwater, up with freedom!" lowering their signs in the first phrase and raising them on the second. This chant and the booing could be heard on TV as Miller's speech was broadcast.

All three local TV stations showed the picket line, including signs that read such slogans as "Freedom Now, Goldwater never!" "Goldwater-Miller—Fascist threat!" and many others. Two of the stations, in their news broadcasts, gave prominence to the ten-foot long banner with the name of the youth organization on it.

## Youth Chairman Protests Arrest of Epton and Injunction Against Demonstration in Harlem

NEW YORK, July 25—The chairman of Youth Against War and Fascism today protested the police ban on the Harlem Defense Council march and demanded the release of two arrested leaders of the proposed action.

"Police Commissioner Michael Murphy has again shown his racist character by banning the proposed march in Harlem today and arresting Bill Epton, leader of the Harlem Defense Council, and Conrad Lynn, noted civil rights lawyer," said Key Martin.

"Murphy did not even suspend, much less arrest, the policeman who murdered James Powell on July 16, but he now jails a man whose only crime was his desire to protest that murder," Mr. Martin continued.

"We protest the arrest of Bill Epton and Conrad Lynn and demand their immediate freedom.

"That Murphy's ban on the march is an abrogation of the Constitutional right of assembly goes without saying. But more than this, it is an arbitrary action of a police state character. It is a police-made law directed against the victims of the police themselves. It is a further attempt to put the onus of the crimes of the police upon the people who have been made to endure these crimes.

"Considering that Murphy only the other night referred to the racist violence of anti-CORE fascist-minded hoodlums by saying 'this is not violence,' we cannot pretend to be surprised at the

fascist attitude of this police-chief dictator.

"But," Mr. Martin said, "it is not enough to consider the question of a 'civilian review board' to guard against police brutality. It is now time for the racist cops to be withdrawn from Harlem altogether, time to investigate the whole police force and begin a fundamental shake-up by arresting Thomas Gilligan for murder and firing Murphy."

Epton and Lynn were arrested by the

police when they appeared for the march, their arms linked. At the same time, the city was getting a Supreme Court restraining order against any demonstration in Harlem in the foreseeable future.

Epton and Lynn were arraigned in night court. Epton was released on \$1,000 bail. Lynn was released on his own recognizance.

The Supreme Court injunction was also served on Youth Against War and Fascism at the arraignment, by a police spy who spotted a Youth representative there.

"This restraining order," said Mr. Martin to the press, "is a violation of our most elementary democratic rights. It is another police attack on the Black People and is a further step toward fascism."

## Fascist Gangs in New York

(This box from the leaflet reproduced on the last page is printed here for reasons of space.)

NEW YORK, July 24—Last night, hundreds of fascist-minded teen-agers attacked CORE pickets who were protesting the Harlem police violence in front of Police Headquarters.

The actions, attitudes, language and signs (some of which heiled Goldwater) of the attackers were as depraved and degenerate as anything Mississippi, Birmingham or Nazi Germany ever produced.

Even after the fascist bricks and bottles had filled the air (two seriously injuring policemen by mistake) Fuehrer Murphy, the police Commissioner, in describing the fascist hood-

lums, said "THIS IS NOT VIOLENCE."

The struggle of the Black People is for their freedom.

The violence of the fascist gangs is for further suppression of freedom.

Those who think fascism "can't happen here," should consider well both the actions of the racist gangs and their justification by police commissioners and Presidential candidates.

Close your ranks, honest working people and all progressive men and women of New York! Fight this ugly menace that threatens the liberty of both black and white!

# A Message to the White People of New York In Defense of the Black People of Harlem

## Withdraw the Racist Troops!

Who occupies Harlem and Bedford-Stuyvesant, armed to the teeth?—The police.  
Who fired all the shots in Harlem and Bedford-Stuyvesant last week?—The police.

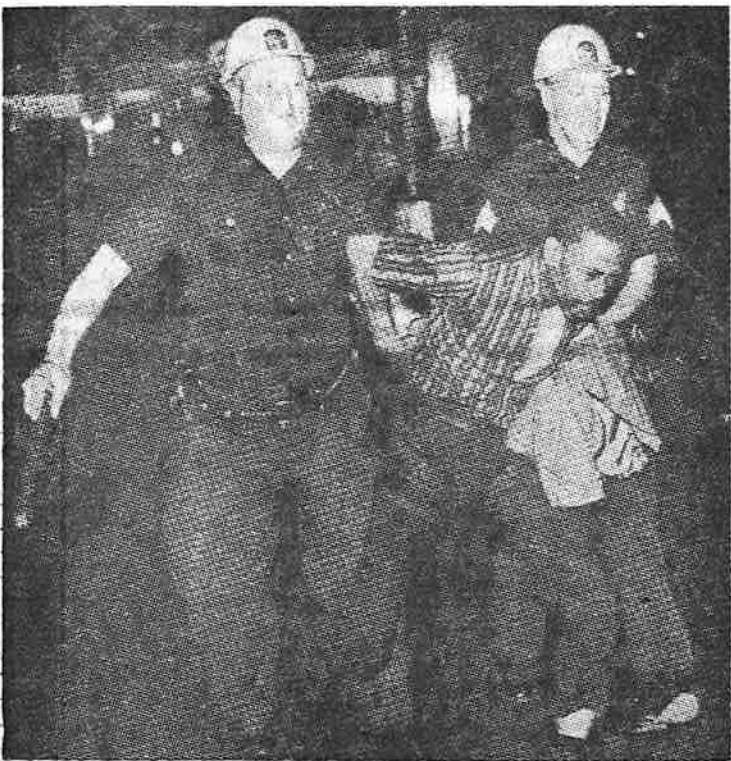
Who wounded over a hundred people with bullets and clubs?—The police.

Who killed Jay Jenkins and 15-year-old James Powell?—The police.

Who, then, is directly responsible for the violence?—The police.

The working people of New York must demand that these police be REMOVED. They must demand an end to the invasion of Harlem, an end to the occupation of Bedford-Stuyvesant.

Write, phone, wire, demonstrate—tell Mayor Wagner to GET THE RACIST COPS OUT OF HARLEM.



## ← BLACK

On the left, two New York cops are arresting a Negro youth in Harlem, July 21. On the right, a Salt Lake City policeman holds a white picket at the Kennecott Copper plant, July 15, as a deputy is in the middle of a roundhouse right-hand blow at the helpless picket's head.

White workers must protest the police violence in Harlem and Bedford-Stuyvesant as a matter of vital importance to their own interests and the interests of all labor everywhere.

If white workers do NOT protest, they can hardly expect black workers to close ranks with them against cops and strike-breakers when labor's living standards are at stake.

## WHITE →



*This page is a reprint of a leaflet distributed by the organization, Youth Against War and Fascism. The youth group gave out tens of thousands of this leaflet in the streets of New York and also at the huge solidarity rally of black and white workers in the garment section on Tuesday (reported on the front page).*

But Police Lieutenant Thomas Gilligan, the 250-lb. murderer of a frail teen-ager, and the immediate cause of all the demonstrations, has not even been arrested!

Is it any wonder that the Black People are outraged? Shouldn't everyone be outraged?

## If Your Skin Were Black—

Remember that if your skin is black, you can be beaten by the cops just for *breathing*. If you ever get in trouble with the law—even for a parking ticket—you have two strikes against you before you ever get to court, and you stand a fifty-fifty chance of being beaten at the station house when you are being booked—especially if you don't give the "right" answers.

If your skin is black, you can't easily get a job, or if you do get one, your chances of a pick and shovel are a hundred times greater than your chance at a pipe wrench.

If your skin is black and you live in Harlem, you are crowded into a few concrete and asphalt acres with 300,000 other people who are poor, miserable and super-exploited. Your wages are just about half those of the average white worker. Your life expectancy is less and your expectancy of arrest by prejudiced cops is greater.

## FBI and Red Herring Trick

Now President Johnson is sending in the FBI to "make a complete investigation" in Harlem. But who will the FBI "investigate"? Not the police, not the killers, not Gilligan, not poverty, not discrimination, not misery.

The New York papers are already full of stories about "Communism" and "professional agitators" that the FBI will "investigate" or have already "investigated."

This is a DIVERSIONARY TACTIC, designed to take attention away from the terrible plight of the Black People and their victimization by white supremacy in general and racist cops in particular. It is a RED HERRING drawn across the trail of the murderers like Thomas Gilligan and his protector, Police Commissioner Murphy, and his bigger bosses, the white supremacist landlords, loan sharks, sweatshop bosses who all prey upon the people of Harlem and Bedford-Stuyvesant.

## The "Looters"

Some of the most sensational racist propaganda is about the "looting."

When you see the pictures of smashed storefronts, remember this:

In an Irish neighborhood, there are Irish-owned stores; in an Italian neighborhood, there are Italian-owned stores; in a Jewish neighborhood, there are Jewish-owned stores. But in a black neighborhood, nearly all the stores are *white-owned*.

The pent-up fury and frustration of an oppressed and deprived people, not being able to reach the high and mighty whites exploiting them, could only take its vengeance on the lowly or middle shopkeeper who represented the absentee owners in the neighborhood.

But after the stores are damaged, people do walk away with stuff from the shelves.

—Like Harry Britton, who was shot in Bedford-Stuyvesant on the night of July 21 by Patrolman Edward Rybacki.

Britton was photographed after he was shot, writhing on the ground still clutching a *can of peas* in his hand.

## The REAL Looters

These are the poor "looters" who are shot down. But what about the *other* looters, the ones you don't hear about?

The Black People have been looted for 400 years. The Black Homeland was looted when slaves were first taken from Africa. And black workers are still being looted of their most precious possession, their lives and liberties, by the 20th Century looters of U.S. big business.

## Not a Riot!

This is not a riot. This is a genuine rebellion of the people against the monstrous conditions of existence. Everybody knew it was coming—long before last Saturday night and long before Thomas Gilligan killed James Powell.

It is a social convulsion against unbearable oppression. It is not peaceful and prayerful, it is true. But neither was the Boston Tea Party.

Mayor Wagner says it will "hurt the civil rights struggle"—but it *is* the civil rights struggle. Every single black or white person who believes the immortal words that "all men are created equal," must defend the embattled Black People of New York.

There have been hundreds of appeals to the Black People—from Police Commissioner Murphy to President Johnson—appeals which amount to ORDERS to "cease and desist"—to give up the attempt to redress their many grievances.

This is an appeal to WHITE people to resist the racist hysteria, to intervene on the side of their black brothers and sisters, to do their utmost to stop the slaughter of the innocents.

## Don't Be Taken In!

The New York daily newspapers, the TV and radio are trying to inflame the White People against the Black People in the interest of exploiting both. They are whipping up a lynch spirit and trying to tell the White People that the Black People are on a "rampage" of senseless violence.

The papers show pictures of enraged men and women calculated to frighten the uninformed reader. (In some cases, the people portrayed had just been clubbed by cops and were in agonized anger.) They write special "scare" headlines. And they put the Black People in as unfavorable a light as they possibly can.

## Hundreds Clubbed or Shot

Hundreds of people have been clubbed or shot down during the past week.

But who have been the victims? Nearly every single one is black.

Scores of people have been arrested, many just for being on the streets at the time of the demonstrations. (Some cops can't—or won't—distinguish one Negro from another!)