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## Even During Teachers' Strike Black People Have Right To Take Over Own Schools

**"Not Streakbreaking" Says WW Chairman  
 But "Exercise of Right of Self-Determination"**

NEW YORK, Sept. 14 — Sam Marcy, Chairman of Workers World Party, today upheld "the right of the Black people to seize the schools in their own community, put in their own teachers, principals and administrative staff and carry out all other measures pertaining thereto, even during the teachers' strike."

Mr. Marcy applauded the efforts of the Afro-American people to take over I.S. 201 schools in Bedford Stuyvesant

and other areas. He denounced those who called it "strikebreaking" and declared that "it was merely a legitimate form of the exercise of the right to self-determination."

"The right to do this," he emphasized, "flows logically as an indispensable part of the right of Black people to achieve liberation in their own way."

"They have the right, not only to

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## Auto Strike Marks New Militancy

**Tired of Speed-up, Inflation-cut Pay  
 160,000 Workers "Hit the Bricks"**

The last wheels rolled off the assembly line at 11:59 Wednesday night and the men roared out of Henry's glorified sweatshops to tell the world that Ford was on strike.

For three years they had worked without a major shutdown and endured the speed-up, the stretch-out and the hard time from the bosses.

"You have to have a strong back and

a weak mind to work at Ford's," the Ford workers tell you. "And you can always tell the Ford workers coming home in the bus, because they're the ones that fall asleep before the first stop!"

Although they now produce more cars and more profits than ever for Ford, the company was only willing to give an increase that didn't even cover the rise in the cost of living — less than four per cent!

Actually, the contract was terminated at GM and Chrysler as well as at Ford's and conditions at those plants are hardly better. Ford was singled out partly because the anti-company feeling was strongest there, and partly because the GM workers put out the most and lost the most time in the last strike — in 1964.

A number of militants wanted a complete shutdown of Ford, GM and Chrysler. But this powerful approach was rejected — partly for good reasons. A general auto strike, while revolutionary in its implications, is also an invitation to the Government to step in and saddle the workers with compulsory arbitration. The Reuther leadership, even in its present militant mood (reflecting the feeling of the ranks), would capitulate to the Government far quicker than to Ford.

The Democratic Caucus of Ford Local 600 in Detroit, fearing Government intervention anyway, even with only Ford on strike, said in a leaflet issued just before the strike:

"Tell your Congressmen and Senators to tell LBJ, 'Hands off our negotiations.'"

The Reuther leadership, social democratic, class collaborationist though it is, was under great pressure from the ranks to call the strike. It will no doubt try, as it has in the past, to sacrifice the workers' demands on speed-up, etc. to get the desired wage increase. But the very fact that it has called the strike at all is a dead-sure sign that the workers are boiling mad.

Ford was the last of the Big Three to be organized (in the early part of 1941), but by no means the least militant. The workers virtually took over the streets adjacent to the Rouge plant, commandeered the bridge that leads to it, used their cars as barricades against the cops and scabs.

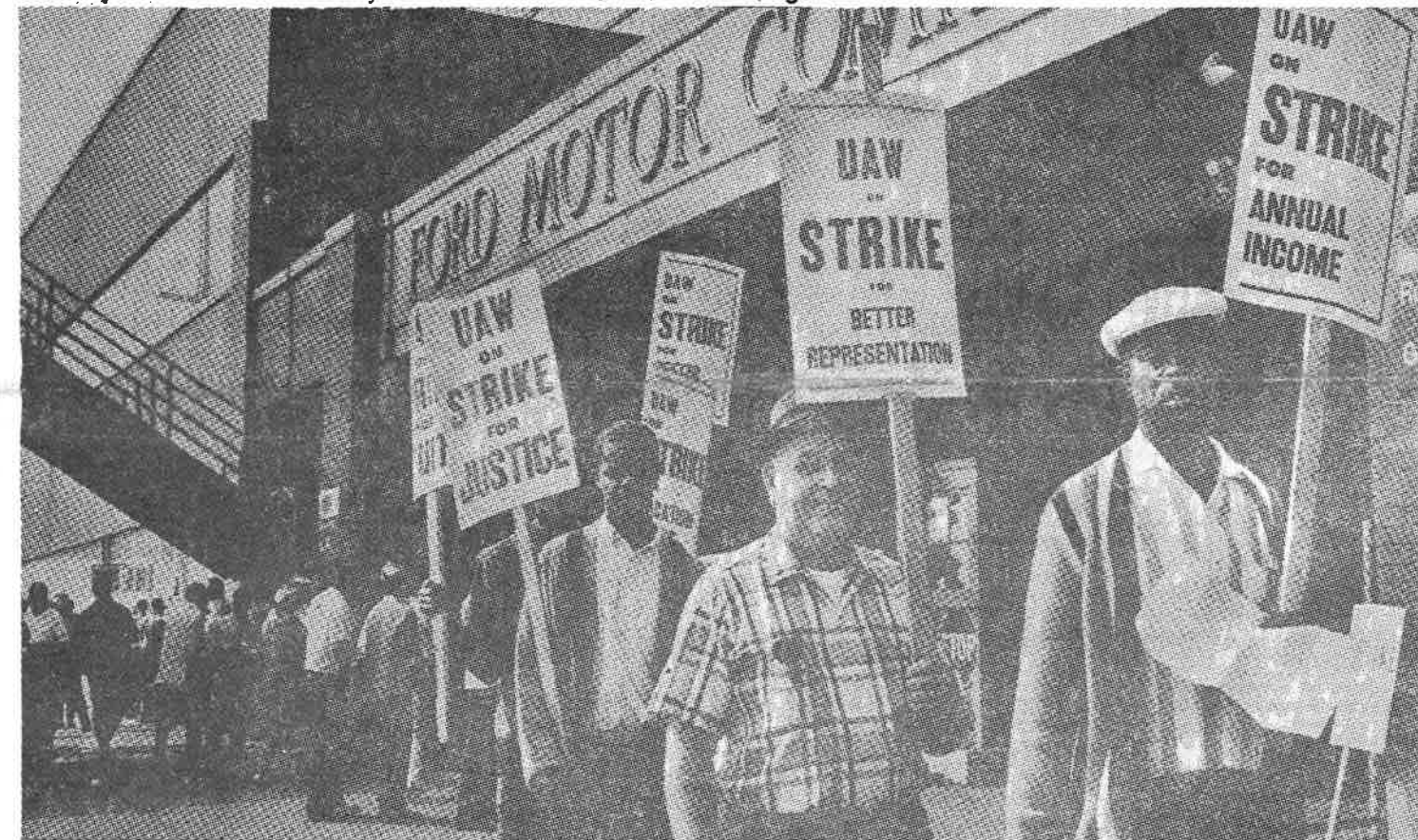
There was a large number of Black workers at Ford in 1941 (and an even larger number now). They led the dynamic action that brought old Henry to his knees — after publicly vowing he would never recognize a union! Some of their children, no doubt, faced cops, national guards and the U.S. Army in the Detroit uprising last July.

Last Wednesday night and Thursday morning about eight out of ten pickets at the Rouge plant were Afro-Americans. The hardest jobs are still done by Black workers. But of course at Ford's, all production jobs are hard.

There's a lot of propaganda about the "high" wages the Ford workers get. And it is true that auto workers are among the highest paid factory pro-

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Automobile workers start up the picket lines outside the Ford Plant in River Rouge, Michigan.

## Racist Ruling Class of Milwaukee Can't Stop Militant Black Youth

By J. Boulton

MILWAUKEE, September 11 — Mounting combat militancy of Afro-American youth in Milwaukee's NAACP Youth Council led to a dramatic blast in Mayor Maier's City Hall office on September 7 when 75 demonstrators rewarded the mayor for his expert cunning, violation of their constitutional right to meet, march, and sing, for cowardice in the face of obscene attacks upon the marchers by Milwaukee's South Side white patriots, and for a brutal, planned police demolition action against their Freedom House and meetings.

In the tit-for-tat action the mayor's office was reduced to a shambles, making it absolutely clear that over 200 arrests and beatings by the police

would not halt the growing civil rights offensive against police rule and the Menomonee River boundary dividing Milwaukee into a white residential camp and a Black ghetto.

The mayor boldly called upon the nation to join him in branding this retribution by the angry victims of his "tough" cops as an "act of hoodlums." This was the exact language of the British Tories against the Liberty Boys of Sam Adams when they dared to demonstrate in reprisal to the criminal acts of British occupation authorities.

The "open housing" demonstrations were planned by the NAACP as an alternative to the July 29 Black Rebellion in Milwaukee when hundreds of embittered Afro-American youth

took to the streets in defiance of Milwaukee's celebrated and tough police force, itching to put on a show of force and advertise "the Maier System" of dealing with "them."

Overnight Milwaukee was transformed into a county-wide prison camp under curfew and national guard patrol. A faulty electrical wiring fire, a broken display window, or a routine resistance to police arrest is sufficient to set the system in motion. "This is what it would be like to live in a police state," said Carl Zimmerman, TV editorialist, in an off-guard statement. The system, on test-run, won national approval for Mayor Maier from the liberal establishment as an efficient method of instant crack-down on ghetto protest, anti-war demonstrators, un-



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## The CIA Prepares for "Celebration" Of October Revolution

The 50th anniversary of the great October Socialist Revolution is approaching and the imperialists have prepared well for it — not in the way of celebration, but with the intention to discredit everything the revolution accomplished or hoped to accomplish.

The bourgeoisie, always speculating on the overthrow of Soviet power, even while they collaborate with the Soviet revisionists, have painstakingly worked out what they consider to be a powerful refutation of October.

The "refutation" is the defection of Svetlana Alliluyeva, daughter of Stalin, which was announced to the world last March, and the scheduling of her highly-touted anti-Soviet memoirs for publication this October. (They are now being published in excerpt by the New York Times.)

Her tutelage by the CIA and by George Kennan, the infamous originator of the U.S. policy of "containment" of the Soviet Union, are too well known for further comment.

But the purpose of this tutelage and the timing of her defection and her book are less obvious, even to politically sophisticated workers.

Among other things, Svetlana's book is intended to be a counter-weight to the 50th anniversary celebration. And Svetlana herself, of course, is now "Exhibit A" of the "failure" of the revolution, since she appears to be as backward and superstitious as many of the Russian peasants of 50 years ago, whom the revolution freed from a thousand years of material and spiritual oppression.

The truth is that there is a neo-bourgeois restorationist stratum in the Soviet Union that is considerably to the right of even the revisionist clique who "lead" the country. Svetlana was at home in this stratum, but apparently even such a "home" was not as congenial as the full-blown bourgeois life in the imperialist U.S.A.

The revisionist leaders are panic-stricken at the powerful trends of restoration, and lacking any real roots in the working class, whom they have so often double-crossed, they either maintain an embarrassed silence as they at first did in the case of Svetlana, or they strike out bureaucratically and often stupidly at their restorationist opposition.

Only last month, they called off the appearance of Andrei Voznesensky for a poetry reading in Lincoln Center in New York and precipitated an "artistic" anti-Soviet crisis. They cancelled Voznesensky's appearance, along with that of the Bolshoi dancers, as a kind of "cultural retaliation" for the U.S.-Israeli aggression in the Mideast.

Small potatoes, indeed! And it wasn't

done openly so all the world could see and get the point. On the contrary, it was meant as a subtle diplomatic suggestion to Washington and weak assurance to the Arabs that the Soviet leaders were really on their side. But Voznesensky being what he was, it didn't work.

In typical bureaucratic fashion, the revisionists did this without working the thing out with the poet himself. And Voznesensky, obviously a neo-bourgeois literary figure, with utterly no sympathy for the Arab cause and chauvinist to the core in relation to People's China, complained loudly about the whole affair and appealed to all lovers of poetry throughout the world against the harshness of the revisionists.

Naturally the house-broken intellectuals of the capitalist world responded with great indignation. But the big point is that the poet's letter kicked up a storm of opposition to the Soviet leaders inside the USSR, too. And this opposition was not concerned with how best to fight imperialism!

The opposition expressed itself entirely within the bounds of "freedom for the artist," which really meant freedom to preach bourgeois selfishness and "humanistic" love of imperialist murderers.

And of course the revisionists were unable to bring out the real issues. They themselves helped bring up Voznesensky and make him what he is. They themselves share the privileges that inspire and encourage the neo-bourgeois elements.

They are poor guarantors of the internal defense of the revolution, which can only be achieved in the long run by the Soviet working class.

The drive to overthrow the achievements of the October Revolution is being stepped up inside as well as outside the Soviet Union. Both Voznesensky and Alliluyeva are signs of it. But even they are only the indirect reflection of the rise of a whole layer of neo-bourgeois restorationists.

It is the latter who are actively trying, in the words of anti-Soviet "expert" Harry Schwartz, to "break the chains (!) of October." These five words alone are eloquent testimony of the terrible social implications of the "freedom" these elements are seeking!

All this should remind us, however, that the Soviet Union is still a conquest of the working class, and however falsely led, must be defended against imperialism and capitalist restoration.

The very fact that so many enemies inside and outside are trying so hard to destroy it, should tell us that the great October Revolution still lives and is well worth defending.

while the rally is taking place. Arnold Johnson (representative of revisionist CP) proposed this as a minimum and suggested we make it clear we meant the gallery and not the floor of Congress, which could be considered insurrection.

—And everyone knows you can't have an insurrection without the permission of the police!

## Racist Prof Wants Black Israel

"Why should not the Negroes (i.e., Afro-Americans) such as those among the Black Power group who truly believe they are forever barred from attaining social justice in the United States have the chance, if they desire it, to organize a model society much as Israel has done?"

Charles P. Loomis, a sociologist from Michigan State University, made this statement on August 30 at the convention of the American Sociological Association in San Francisco.

He followed up this interesting suggestion by saying that the United States could negotiate for land in Ecuador, Peru or Bolivia for such a purpose.

### New U.S. Tank — For Home Front

"WASHINGTON -- A 20 ton answer to civil disorders has come to town. It offers air-conditioned comfort while it spews out a stream of bullets, tear gas or a mind-deranging noise.

"Built in quiet Leesburg, Va., the anti-riot tank costs \$28,700 for any police department that wants it.

"Bullet-proofed and rubber-tracked, it can carry 15 fully equipped lawmen at 35 miles an hour while they fire through gunports in the two-inch plexiglass dome.

"Then it can stop and let them out to go hunting," beamed retired Col. Rex Applegate, riot specialist and consultant to B & M Enterprises Inc.

"The Leesburg firm is headed by contractor Joe Hill. The other initial belongs to George Brown, vice president and former Palm Beach County Sheriff's detective.

"They turned on the curdler -- an electronic directional noisemaker -- and rent the Virginia countryside for

He failed to mention, however, that the Indians in those countries are poor and oppressed just as were the Arabs in Palestine whom the Zionist tools of U.S. imperialism drove out to form Israel.

A number of Black leaders in the U.S. have indeed proposed an independent Black country. But it has apparently not occurred to them — as it has to the bourgeois professor — to take the land from people even more oppressed than themselves.

The Muslims have demanded a "state or several states." And some of those in the Black Power Conference in Newark last July proposed a "dialogue on partition" of the United States, itself.

The Black people contributed more to building this country than any other single nationality and it is possible they might decide that at least 12 per cent of it belongs to them.

Some of the friends and bosses of Dr. Loomis would of course be inconvenienced by losing "their" property in such an arrangement. But perhaps that is why the good sociologist thought of Ecuador, Bolivia, etc., as a happy alternative.

miles. "It destroys the thought train," said Hill modestly. "At 100 yards you can't stand in front of the beam."

"Tear gas pours out of one front jet. The other jet fights fires or crowds. Another nozzle douses flames on the tank itself."

That's the nozzle the racists will need most, because this tank, destructive as it may be, is no more an "answer" to Black liberation than the highly-touted helicopter was the imperialist "answer" to Vietnamese liberation.

## Teachers' Strike and Black People's Rights

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seize the schools, but all other facilities and properties in their community. They have the right to do this without any restriction whatsoever."

Mr. Marcy continued:

"The exercise of this revolutionary right is part of the political struggle for liberation. In these circumstances it takes precedence over the economic demands of white employees in the Black communities, whether they be teachers, janitors or other employees."

He urged "the white working class and all progressives to defend this position as an elementary right in the struggle for self-determination and liberation from imperialist enslavement."

The WWP chairman charged that:

"The capitalist press was deliberately trying to confuse the issue of the rights of the teachers in the white communities with the rights of the Black people to take charge of their communities, which includes, first and foremost, control over the educational facilities which are completely dominated, under the present system, by the white ruling class and their agents.

"Every worker" he stressed, "must understand that a teachers' strike in the white community is one thing. But it is

something else again to denounce as "strikebreaking" the efforts of the Black people to take over their own schools, which are run by white teachers and white principals, just because this is done during a strike.

"No," said Mr. Marcy, "they have a right to do this before a strike, during a strike and after a strike. The issue is not the strike but the right of the Afro-American people to run their own affairs.

"The efforts by the Black people for self-determination must be distinguished from the genuine and outrageous strikebreaking tactics of the Lindsay Administration — a mere tool of the bosses.

"Of course," he emphasized, "we are 100 per cent in support of the teachers' strike insofar as it concerns the white community and is a struggle against the boss-controlled Board of Education, which is an arm of the capitalist class.

"But the white teachers and other whites in the Black community must subordinate their demands to the elementary right of human dignity of the Black people. Only on this basis" he concluded, "can there ever be genuine working class solidarity against the capitalist class."

### Permission Required

From the minutes of the National Mobilization Committee (for Peace in Vietnam), administrative meeting in Philadelphia, August 12:

"...delegates of National Mobilization would go into the gallery (House or Senate not specified), as many of us as are needed to fill it. Do this

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# Milwaukee Black Youth

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unauthorized strikes, and civil rights marchers.

The mayor's star was on the rise. Hundreds of Black militants were jailed and saddled with heavy fines by a notoriously cruel and racist Democrat, Judge Christopher Seraphim. For years he practiced on drunk arrests, family quarrels, prostitutes, and any victim who came along. He was a star in Milwaukee's liberal Democratic establishment which dominates the county -- working the familiar soft-cop, hard-cop political routine.

By August 27, it became clear that Mayor Maier's "massive war on prejudice" had taken shape with police clubs, proclamations, and guard guns

over the ghetto. When youth marches began in support of a modest open-housing bill, favorite ploy of the Black alderman, Vel Phillips, Mayor Maier automatically proclaimed a liberal order on August 29, banning protest assemblies and marches that might anger white racist Democrats in their "clean" surroundings.

On August 30, the entire force went into action, clubbing a peaceful assembly of NAACP youth and Youth Against War and Fascism into waiting police traps and into the paddy wagons. The attack was thoroughgoing, planned, brutal, and on target. A spokesman for Workers World Party denounced the unprecedented attack as a telling show for Milwaukee's liberal Democrat po-

lice establishment.

But the battle was only joined. And despite back-stabbing by Roy Wilkins for national NAACP who yelled "We have had nothing but trouble with them (NAACP Youth Council) since they got started," local civil rights militants closed ranks to open up a defiant opposition to the patently illegal proclamation and ban of the liberal Mayor Maier who, later, would equate furniture busting to his own grave crime in abrogating basic constitutional rights of the citizens. The marches swelled and on September 7 the City Hall had been invested by an angry force of some 75 Commandos and Black youth.

By Friday, September 8, thousands of marchers from seven mid-western states began to join Milwaukee Blacks in driving marches through Milwaukee suburbs and the sprawling South Side residential fortress of white patriots. Marches were directed by Father Gropi, NAACP Youth adviser and social action priest, and by Dick Gregory, a serious comedian on the civil rights front.

A massive encampment at St. Boniface in the ghetto on Sunday, Sept. 10, in preparation for long marches, demonstrated the rising tide of militancy and deepening Black consciousness. Following Dick Gregory, other moderate speakers demanded action at home, an end to the "Negro Draft" and relief from the costly Vietnam War. Albert Wheeler for Michigan NAACP declared:

"The system is rigged so that white boys can escape by enrolling in the colleges while colored boys

can't meet the educational standards, leaving them to fill the draft quotas ....We would rather die at home than in some far-off rice paddy in Vietnam."

All speakers understood that the young Afro-Americans were in no mood for a sell-out behind some phony liberal "open-housing" sell-out plot, and that the non-violent formula for facing police attacks is getting shaky.

## The Judge Wants "Dignity"

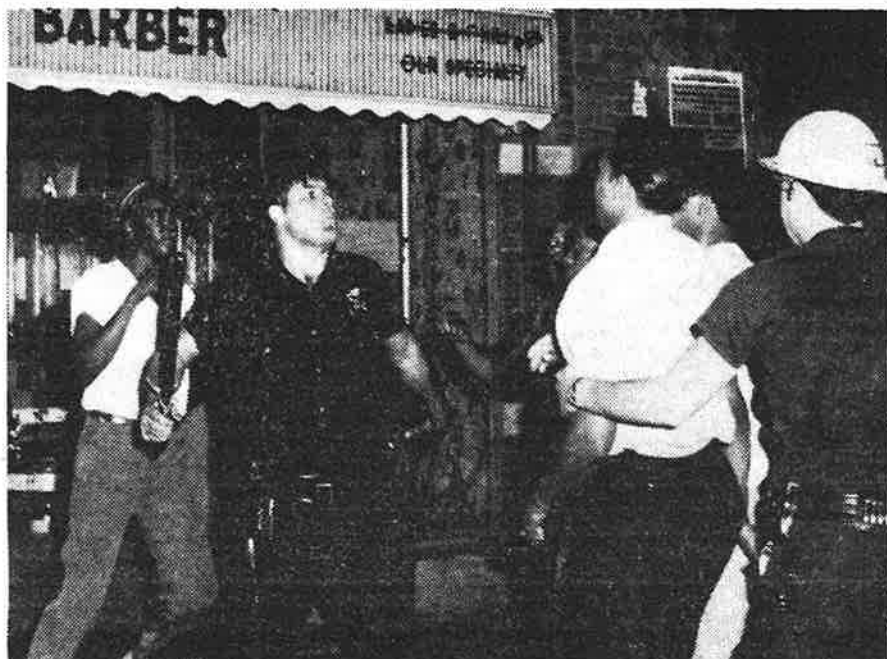
County Judge Christopher Seraphim was sitting on his front porch the other day, in Milwaukee's east side, reflecting on the obligations of citizens to abide by the law of the land. He was reeling off his opinions to New York Times reporter, Homer Bigart as 1,000 Afro-American demonstrators were filing past his front lawn protesting racism in housing.

During the Milwaukee rebellion this guardian of capitalist legality was on the bench busily sentencing Afro-Americans to prison for violating the martial law imposed by Mayor Maier and the National Guard.

In the calmer environs of his Spanish style home, Judge Seraphim summed up his legal philosophy by invoking what he considered to be the loftiest example of obedience to law and to be emulated by all mankind and especially the Black people of Milwaukee.

The judge gestured toward a book on the history of the Jews. "These people" exclaimed Seraphim with awe and approval, "were baked in ovens. But they maintained their dignity to the end. They are the most law abiding citizens in the world."

No doubt, had any of the 50,000 Jewish heroes of the Warsaw Ghetto, who rebelled against the Nazis and were killed to the last man -- had any of them survived, Judge Seraphim would have had them jailed for "rioting."



Lindsay's storm troopers beat enraged Afro-American people of the Brownsville-Crown Heights section in Brooklyn on Sept. 4, after a police detective murdered an unarmed Black youth. The victim, 14-year-old Richard Ross, was shot in the back of the head. Eyewitnesses said the cop was so close "he could have put his hand on him and grabbed him." The brutal murder of Ross touched off a four day battle by the Black people of the area against racist cops.

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duction workers.

But that isn't saying so much. The truth is that they are probably the most exploited of all the workers in the United States! That is, if we take the word "exploit" in its literal sense -- "to make a profit out of."

Profit dividends in auto rose by 666 per cent in the last 20 years, says the UAW Research Department, while production workers' payrolls increased only 169 per cent.

Car and truck production was 4.8 million in 1947 and 10.4 million in 1966. But employment of production workers rose by only 7.2 per cent in the same period.

Thus these workers are producing twice the number of cars and trucks they did then. And since the cars now sell for over three times what they did then, the workers are producing over six

times the dollar value in 1967 that they did in 1947!

The average manufacturing profit for all companies during the years 1962-66 was 11.5 per cent. But Ford's profit was 21.9 per cent, and the other auto companies made like amounts.

It's going to be a tough strike. The Ford workers are up against 5 billion dollars, for one thing.

But they look at it this way:

"That 5 billion is all tied up in buildings, machinery, steel, glass and cement. It's tied up in assembly lines and conveyor belts that half killed us in an eight-hour session only a week ago, while we turned out profits for Henry.

"Now the buildings are empty and the assembly lines are stopped. Let's see how many of us break our backs now, and let's see how many Fords Henry Ford can build without us!"

## Some Facts About Ford

The Ford workers are asking for about \$8 a week wage increase.

The Ford Motor Company has total assets of \$8 billion.

The precise wage demand is a 6 per cent increase each year for three years.

In 20 years, Ford workers have increased their earnings by around \$70 a week.

In 20 years, Ford Motors rose from a company of \$700 million capitalization to \$5 billion -- a 700 per cent increase.

The average Ford worker allegedly now gets \$145 per week (counting all benefits, vacations, etc.).

Henry Ford II received \$615,000 in salary and bonus last year. He also received several million dollars in dividends on his now \$68 million worth of Ford stock. In addition to this, the Ford Foundation owns or controls hundreds of millions worth of Ford stock and stock of other companies.

Ford reputedly has the largest percentage of Black workers of any auto company. A number of these men have college degrees. Ford himself was a dropout from Yale.

There are 159,816 UAW members in Ford plants in 25 states, with 79,000 in Michigan alone.

All these men combined have a strike fund of \$67 million. Henry Ford II, who is the playboy grandson of the original Henry Ford, owns \$68 million in Ford stock.

But he has never assembled a Ford.

## 5 Afro-Americans Charged In Mass Slaying of Killer Cop

## Racist Plainfield Starts Murder Frame-Up

Plainfield police carried out a carefully planned pre-dawn raid this morning and arrested five Afro-Americans, who were charged with murder in the death of a Plainfield killer cop on July 16, the date of the outbreak of the rebellion in that city.

Gail Madden, 21, Howard Brandon, 18, James Toland, 31, and George Morris, 19, were seized by seven teams of city and state police, who met at 5 a.m. at police headquarters to plan the round-up. George Merrit Jr., 23, went to the police station later in the day to find out why he was wanted and was

immediately arrested and also charged with murder.

All five are being held without bail.

The murder charge frame-up is an act of racist retribution by the Plainfield authorities for the killing of Patrolman James Gleason by a crowd of Afro-Americans after he shot unarmed teen-age Bobby Williams three times at point blank range.

Rather than wait for this racist cop to be rewarded for bravery or white-washed by ruling class justice, the people quickly passed verdict and executed sentence.

"The dead patrolman" a Black youth told a New York Post reporter on July 17, "committed suicide when he shot the brother. Gleason, who committed the murder in front of a crowd of Black people, was beaten, stomped and shot with his own revolver.

The ruling class is further bent on terroristic revenge against the Black people of Plainfield because of the heroic armed defense of their community during the rebellion.

So fierce was the guerrilla resistance, that the city police and the national guard had to withdraw com-

pletely from a 14 square block area. They were only permitted to enter again after negotiating concessions which included the early release of Black prisoners.

After the rebellion, the guard tried to carry out a house to house search for 46 automatic rifles reported to have been stolen from a local arms factory by Black freedom fighters. The search was called off because of mass anger and fear of a new rebellion.

At the time of the rebellion the police promised that "we'll get them back when this thing dies down." Now that the struggle has subsided, this vicious frame-up shows that the bosses have given the cops the go ahead to keep their promise.



# Arabs Resist Military Rule As Israel Steps Up Terror

By PETER STORCH

As Wall Street attempts to "stabilize" the oil-rich Middle East, it is running up against growing resistance from the Arab masses who threaten more and more to cut off what may be Wall Street's most lucrative source of super-exploitation. The bloody reprisals by the Israeli army against the Arab people is only further testimony that permanent U.S. - Israeli rule of Arab land is virtually impossible.

Just last week, Arab resistance fighters killed an Israeli lieutenant and wounded four other soldiers in a clash in Jabaliya in the Gaza Strip. The Israeli army, following their customary practice, then ordered four houses to be blown up in retaliation. This vicious form of reprisal has been the policy of the Israeli government to demolish all houses "suspected of having saboteurs."

According to a Hsinhua dispatch of August 31:

"A spokesman of the Israeli armed forces admitted that on August 28, four Israeli soldiers were wounded when their truck hit a mine laid by

the Palestinian nationalists near the Jebelia camp, about four kilometers southeast of Gaza City. Later, a large number of Israeli troops were sent to search for Palestinian guerrillas and their arms but nothing was found.

"On August 27, a bomb exploded at the entrance of a restaurant in Tel Aviv.

"On August 30, an Israeli soldier was killed by the Palestinian nationalists during an armed clash in Gaza.

"On the west bank of the Jordan River, young Palestinians often launch small scale attacks against the Israeli aggressors with mines, hand-grenades, rifles and machineguns.

"The Palestinian nationalists also distribute leaflets denouncing the U.S. - Israeli aggression.

"Last Friday, Palestinian businessmen in Gaza staged a strike in protest against the Israeli occupation.

"A curfew was imposed on many occupied areas. House to house searches for hidden arms were carried out in various parts of the Gaza Strip and the west bank of the Jordan River."

The Israeli fear of Arab resistance can be seen most vividly in the occupation of the Jordanian West Bank area. Out of 170,000 applicants to return to their homes in the West Bank area, only 14,000 have been allowed back by the Israeli occupying forces. This means, according to the Israeli rulers, that 150,000 Arabs have been denied their homeland because of Israeli fear of the strength of 150,000 potential fighters for Arab liberation.

The Israeli invaders have been continually met with armed resistance in all the occupied areas, especially in the vital Suez Canal area. On September 4, as an Israeli torpedo boat and a landing craft approached the canal from the Gulf of Suez, Egyptian forces attacked the occupation forces.

On September 6, Egyptian officials charged that Israeli tanks and mortars fired deliberately into densely populated sections of the town of Suez killing 44 persons and wounding 161. The Suez governor, Hammad Mahmoud, told the press:

"It's becoming a pattern. Every time something happens along the canal

the Israelis take it out on our civilians."

Israeli forces also murdered 25 Arab refugees and wounded 100 in the central section of Suez when Israeli soldiers shelled a school housing 500 refugees from the Sinai peninsula. Governor Mahmoud said:

"The Israelis were still after these poor people."

While the Israeli government is trying to make its occupation permanent, it has wasted no time in following U.S. imperialism's footsteps in exploiting Arab territory. The government has sent research crews into the Sinai to explore its resources. And Israeli professors on the crews, such as Prof. Bendor of Hebrew University in Israel, certainly don't hide what the Israeli invaders hope to do in occupied Arab territory. He said:

## Israel Rewrites Arab Textbooks Jordanian Teachers Shut Down Schools

While the U.S. ruling class is trying to whip up support for a so-called settlement in the Middle East between their puppet, Israel and the Arab states, the Arab people themselves are making it increasingly clear that no "diplomatic" bargains can make them submit to Israeli aggression and rule.

Despite the fact that the Israeli occupying forces are bent on crushing all signs of resistance, it was disclosed in an AP dispatch from Nablus, Israeli-occupied Jordan, that every school in Nablus was closed Tuesday Sept. 5, when "embittered Arab teachers vowed they would remain shut until Israel 'stopped distorting history.'"

The Arab teachers' strike came in response to an Israeli move to rewrite Arab textbooks considered to be "objectionable" to the Israeli version of history.

According to the AP dispatch, "the town's 40 schools had been scheduled to open Monday along with the rest of the West Bank. But teachers refused to report for duty and parents refused to send their children to use the books."

"I had a chance to study the Sinai for a month and a half in 1956. But it's difficult to conduct research when you have to wait ten years between visits to your subjects."

The Israeli colonialists are still pumping oil profits worth \$50 million a year in fields stolen from the Egyptians. In addition to the oil, there are heavy deposits of manganese at the settlement of Ummbugma, which the U.A.R. has been working at a rate of 2,000 tons a year. There are also phosphate and copper deposits.

The Israeli government is now threatening seizure of Arab property in East Jerusalem. By a confiscatory Israeli "absentee property" law, the Israeli state may take the property of Arabs who were driven out of the city during the Israeli attack. The Israeli authorities are hesitating to take action on these properties only because of the mass Arab resentment of the occupying forces.

The U.S. - Israeli aggressors are groping for one way or another to stabilize the regime of exploitation of the Arab masses in the Middle East. But the Arab resistance struggle will inevitably drive out the bloody imperialist invaders.

### 15-Year Sentence

According to a New York Times article from Tel Aviv, August 28, "A military court in Gaza imposed the heaviest sentence since the Middle East war when it gave a 22-year-old student a 15-year prison term.

"The Arab student, Suliman ed Said, was among 500 Gaza strip residents who motor daily to the West bank with passes from the military authorities. A submachine gun was found in his suitcase.

"A peasant, Muhamad ed Roda, was sentenced to three years for also being in possession of a sub-machine gun."

If repression is a sign of fear, then it appears that the U.S. puppets in Tel Aviv have already figured out that they are only living on borrowed time.

"They can stay shut a year, or 10 years," said one teacher, "but we're not going to give in."

Leaflets signed by the West Bank Teachers Union were distributed in Ramallah, Nablus and Jenin, the largest West Bank communities, calling on parents to resist "attempts by the occupation forces to impose new systems of education by unfair means." They charged the Israeli aim was to "weaken our national feelings and obliterate our religion and Arabic language."

A New York Times article of Sept. 5 disclosed that meanwhile, in the Jordanian sector of Jerusalem, the Israeli military authorities had made it clear that they intended to open the schools by force. On Monday morning, Sept. 4, Israeli police arrested Husni Ashab, former Jordanian Inspector of Education for the Jerusalem District, and one of his assistants. According to the Times article, they were accused of "trying to prevent the opening of East Jerusalem schools and urging non-cooperation with Israeli authorities."

## Cuba Will Publish Bolshevik Writings To Put Revolution Back In Leninism

Cuba plans to publish the internal records of the Russian Revolution of 1917.

It was reported last week that a commission is being set up in Havana to examine the minutes of the meetings of the Bolshevik Central Committee before and shortly after the October 25 insurrection, with a view to publishing a book containing their highlights — particularly the words of Lenin on the forcible seizure of power.

If possible, this is to be done in time for the 50th anniversary of the October Revolution.

It is a safe bet that today's revisionist Soviet leaders will not break the seven seals they have put on the records and publish them in Moscow during the anniversary celebration.

This is not only because the records would prove how revolutionary Lenin was and how insistent he was on smashing the bourgeois state apparatus of old Russia. It is also because they would show how Lenin continually insisted that the Russian Revolution was the beginning of the international revolution and could only be understood as such. A publication of these ideas at this time would underline the capitulation of the revisionists to imperialist ideology,

if not to imperialist domination.

As early as 1906, Lenin wrote:

"In order to prevent a restoration, the Russian Revolution has need, not of a Russian reserve; it has need of help from the outside. Is there such a reserve in the world? There is: the socialist proletariat in the west."

The Cuban people are somewhat farther "west" than the European workers Lenin had in mind when he wrote that. And the Latin American continental mass that Castro has in mind are still further "west." But they surely help prevent a restoration of capitalism in the Soviet Union by their revolution, whereas the present betrayers of Lenin in the Kremlin can only make the job of the restorationists easier.

Cuba is a beleaguered fortress, an island of socialism in a western sea of capitalist oppression. Everything it does is difficult, even though it is motivated with the most vibrant optimism in the socialist future, because the imperialists blockade and hamstring it. This particular project may also prove harder than it now seems.

But even the mere assumption of this literary and historical task in connection with the living needs of the

modern international revolution is highly praiseworthy.

Leninism has for too many decades been turned into a "harmless ikon for the consolation of the oppressed, with

the object of duping them" — as Lenin himself said of Marxism.

Literary projects by themselves might have little significance in reversing this process. But with the authority of a revolution behind them, they can do much to de-ikonize Lenin and sharpen the cutting edge of his theory, especially this project to publicize the little-known truth about the great beginning of the international socialist revolution.

### Puerto Ricans Battle U.S. Marines

The following is a dispatch from the September 3 English language edition of Granma, the official publication of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba, on the recent battle between U.S. marines and Puerto Ricans on the island of Vieques. Vieques, about 25 miles square, is nine miles east of the main island of Puerto Rico and has a population of 10,000 Puerto Ricans. Four-fifths of Vieques has been seized by the U.S. and has been used as a naval base.

An AP dispatch printed in the N.Y. Times of August 29 viciously distorted the militant struggle of the people of Vieques for their land as merely a racial incident between some of the Black marines and Puerto Rican civilians. But the question of Vieques is certainly not a racial one, and the demands of the people of Vieques are

only too clear -- that the Yankee marines get out of Vieques now!

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, August 28 (Special) -- Some two hundred U.S. Marines and three hundred Puerto Rican civilians waged a pitched battle on Vieques Island after it was announced that the U.S. Government had refused to return lands to the cattle-raisers living there.

The Marines stationed at the U.S. Naval Base on Vieques Island clashed with cattle-raisers protesting the Washington decision, but the civilians rebuffed the Marine attack by throwing stones and sticks at the troops.

...The police sent reinforcements by helicopter from the towns of Fajardo, Ceiba, and Humacao, and these joined motorized military police from Roosevelt Roads Base to cover the Marines' retreat.

# Philco-Ford Likes Vietnam War Would Like It Even More If U.S. Wins

GIs in Vietnam crawl through mud, wade through rice paddies, plow through jungles fighting a war they never made and the one thing uppermost in their minds is to survive and remain in one piece. But the U.S. corporations who planned the war do not worry about survival but only concern themselves with victory at any price to clear the way for new sources of profit.

Unlike the Vietnamese who have volunteered as a nation to fight for their land, their lives and their national freedom, American workers are fighting purely on command of the brass. GIs are bound together only by a common fear of the officers, their courts-martial and the various reprisals of military "justice." And what's more, the U.S. troops are fighting for an objective which is entirely concealed from them by the banker-generals — the expansion of U.S. big business in Asia.

For the majority of American youth in Vietnam their term of service in combat is not the highest personal contribution to something they believe in enough to fight for, but the most severe and hated trial of their lives which they hope only to live through.

But not everyone feels that way about the bloody carnage in Southeast Asia which is being escalated every day by Washington. In fact a handful of people are positively "delighted" with it.

Take for example the coupon-clippers of Ford Motors (whose former president was Secretary of Defense McNamara), who own the Philco company.

According to Business Week of Sept. 9, (which is not supposed to be read by GIs or ordinary workers), "Philco is delighted with its venture into the trucking business in Vietnam." The giant corporation which manages to see the "bright side" of the war is "also de-

lighted with some other Vietnam ventures that are somewhat unusual for a company" which specializes in electronics.

Philco's "Vietnam ventures" include plush military contracts for such things as "running a vehicle maintenance service for the entire Danang combat command, supplying and operating an army vehicle parts supply line and

since the U.S. escalation began.

Every capitalist spokesman from Johnson on down will swear that the U.S. has no imperialist objectives in Vietnam and that Washington is only escalating so that it can get out faster and leave the Vietnamese to themselves.

Philco doesn't think so.

"We have all the elements out here

## PHILCO IS "DELIGHTED" WITH "VIETNAM VENTURE"



Eschol Walker, head of Philco's Vietnam operations, talking to GI guarding one of the company's truck parks.

warehousing system that stretches from Tacoma, Wash., to Vietnam and keeping dockside materials handling equipment in running condition."

The Southeast Asia operations of Philco's Educational (I) and Technical Services Division received the "delightful" sum of \$32 million a year, at last count, up from \$600,000 a year

of a separate company — industrial relations, marketing finance and so forth" said Eschol Walker who runs Philco's Vietnam operations. If U.S. imperialism can only win the war the \$32 million now being made off the blood of Vietnamese and American workers will be chicken feed. Philco's top men are hoping for an early victory

and "look forward to getting some \$1.7 billion in business throughout the area through 1971," says Business Week.

But the company is not waiting for victory to exploit the Asian people. Over 2,000 South Koreans have been imported to South Vietnam to do semi-skilled labor in Philco's operation. "The Koreans are a good indication of the level to which we hope to raise the Vietnamese," (i.e. "raise" them to a colony of U.S. big business) said Walker.

(The so-called "unskilled" Vietnamese prefer to make machine guns, rifles and ingenious booby traps in homemade weapons factories to fight imperialism rather than to hire themselves out to the imperialists.)

For menial labor the company works with corrupt pro-government officials. "We work through local district and village chiefs to get the people we hire... We also work with the Mayor of Danang." Walker bragged that "All Philco has to do is hire his (the village official's) father or an old uncle" and the chief supplies the labor.

The Vietnamese have managed to steal a considerable number of Philco trucks and equipment. But when the going gets rough, the brass rushes to fix things and the Army's Criminal Intelligence Division is assigned to take care of Philco free of charge. Things have been so successful that the company is "even thinking of going into the garbage collection business in Saigon."

So the prospect for the Vietnamese people is increasing aggression by Washington's war machine. And the view ahead for GIs is clouded with death. But for the giant U.S. monopolies the vision is clear.

"After the war (Vietnam) is going to have to perfect powerplants, sewage facilities, telephones, mail service, transportation and so on. The same is true in Indonesia and Thailand."

And guess who's looking forward to grabbing all the lush profits from this anticipated economic expansion in Asia? "As Walker sees it," says Business Week, "there is a vast potential for Philco in Southeast Asia."

## U.S. Bombs N. Viet Dikes Target Is Nation's Food

Increased bombing of the dike system in North Vietnam's agricultural heartland and most densely populated area is reported by a correspondent for the Manila Times writing from Ninh Binh, North Vietnam on Sept. 4.

It is apparent that President Johnson has quietly given orders for what the U.S. government has repeatedly sworn it would not do: bomb the dikes. Genocidal attacks planned to cause vast flooding, drowning, destruction of crops and the widespread pestilence that floods bring are now being carried out.

"The great dike system near Hanoi and Haiphong, built over a hundred years to shield these cities from floods and divert the floodwaters to irrigate fields, have been reported attacked only lightly," reports Amando Doronila. (Imagine if North Vietnam were to bomb the Grand Coulee Dam ever so "lightly.") "But here in the (Red River) delta region, whose paddy fields provide the bulk of rice supply of 17 million North Vietnamese, there have been almost daily attacks on dikes along the numerous small confluences on the Red River which empties into the Tonkin Gulf.

"The pattern of bombing in the delta seems evident — to interdict agricultural production." In other words, bring about mass starvation. "No military targets are visible in the dikes. The heaviest artillery we saw were antiquated rifles of the peasant militia."

While Johnson speaks of TVA-type

projects for the Red and Mekong Rivers in Southeast Asia and Rusk denies that the U.S. has any designs against North Vietnam, 500-pound bombs reveal imperialism's true intent of destruction and conquest.

"By Hanoi officials' account," continues the Manila Times reporter, "there were 50 attacks in this one province on dams, sluice gates and dikes from June to December, 1966, along with the intensity increasing during the past three months. One particular dike we visited last Thursday in Gia Ninh village, district of Gia Vien, was bombed Aug. 27. Eight 500-pound bombs were dropped and three left a 20-foot breach in the dike.

"The breaching of the dike flooded a small village and the rice crop 9.8 feet below the water level at a time when the rains were heavy.

"When we arrived at the bombed spots, accessible by a 30-minute ride by flatboat, repair crews from the village population, mostly women, were filling the breaches with mud and rocks from the river and at the same time digging trenches to protect themselves from possible raids."

In bombing the dikes, the U.S. again shows that it is at war against the entire Vietnamese people. And in secretly ordering these bombings without fanfare or a pretense of "justification," the government also seeks to hide its bloody intentions from the American people who are increasingly opposed to the war.

## McNamara's "Wall" Shows U.S. Losing War

Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara announced on September 7 that the U.S. would erect a barbed wire and electronically-armed "wall" across Vietnam at the 17th Parallel.

But hardly two weeks before this, the same man said before a Senate committee that "significantly less than a hundred tons" of ammunition and war supplies were being carried from the North to the South.

He was explaining at that time why the bombing of the North was not having the desired results and he opposed any extension of the bombing, apparently for that reason.

Then why the wall?

Because imperialism is losing and the armed masses are winning. The wall is at the very least an admission that things are not going well for the U.S. invaders. Whether it really would prevent the socialist North from helping their brothers of the South is another question. But it is perfectly clear that the South Vietnamese people are successfully holding back a veritable tide of imperialist aggression.

The Pentagon boasted only the other day that 700,000 tons of U.S. equipment are now being unloaded at the port of Saigon each month. Saigon is not the only port and that figure alone is 233 times as great as the one McNamara gives for the whole amount coming from North Vietnam!

In addition to this, the regular armed forces of the National Liberation Front are far fewer than the forces of the U.S., not to mention the combined alliance of puppets and satellites fight-

ing the counter-revolution.

A total figure of 297,000 was recently given by the Pentagon for the revolutionary forces. But this includes civilian workers and administrators in the NLF. Some U.S. intelligence sources in Saigon said on September 7 that there are only 65,000 in the main NLF forces, 120,000 local guerrillas, and 55,000 N.Vietnamese regulars in S. Vietnam.

U.S. forces are now said to be 464,000 (not counting the huge 7th Fleet and the troops supporting the U.S. airbases in Thailand) and the 464,000 figure is already authorized to be increased to 525,000 before June 30.

With nearly a million more puppet troops (paid by the U.S.) from S. Vietnam, S. Korea, Philippines, etc., imperialism still cannot defeat the liberation struggle. The truth is that the invaders face a whole people, not merely the people's armed advance guard.

The "wall" may have a significant political meaning connected to the Gavin "enclave" theory. And it may not.

It may be a real or fake concession to the bourgeois forces who want to "contain" the war. And it may be a military gimmick no more significant than other Pentagon brainstorms, such as harnessing bed-bugs to scream for Vietnamese blood over a powerful microphone, thus revealing the presence of hidden NLF troops (no joke!).

But in any case, it is another sure sign that People's War is still effective against puppet counter-revolution and imperialist invasion.



# Armed Peasant Struggle In Northern India First Shot Fired In Coming Indian Revolution

## Guerrilla Movement Begins in West Bengal Communist Led Peasants Seize Land, Arms

By FRED GOLDSTEIN

A base for revolutionary armed struggle has been established by Indian peasants in the northern part of West Bengal state. The budding guerrilla movement has successfully carried out armed expropriation of landlords under the leadership of the left wing elements in the Indian Communist Party.

Revolutionary Communist leaders in West Bengal have taken up the armed struggle and turned their backs on the revisionist and renegade "Communists" who form the chief elements in the "United Front" government of the state, and who, in alliance with the bourgeois parties in the coalition, are attempting to enforce the discipline of the Indian ruling class on the insurrectionary peasants.

This nucleus of the growing forces of the Indian revolution, armed principally with bows and arrows, long spears, seized rifles and homemade weapons, have already successfully withstood a severe repressive attack by police and troops of the ruling class.

According to the July 14 issue of Peking Review, three villages, Naxalbari, Kharibari and Phamidewa, comprise the center of the base territory which covers 270 square miles and has a population of 80,000 people. Its location is in the Siliguri Sub-Division of the Darjeeling District in the mountainous northern region of West Bengal.

Since 1965, revolutionary Communists in Siliguri have been organizing among the peasants for a protracted armed struggle for power. The armed attack on the landlords was actually launched this March after the revisionists in both the "left wing" and right wing Communist organizations turned openly towards "peaceful transition," took leading posts in the bourgeois government and dedicated themselves to begging the bankrupt regime of princes, landlords and capitalists in New Delhi "to take energetic measure to solve the land and food problem."

After the government was formed, revolutionary elements inaugurated a movement to "desert the United Front" and threw all their efforts behind the Darjeeling struggle in the countryside.

Peasants by the thousands armed themselves, formed peasant societies and forcibly occupied the estates of landlords in Darjeeling District. "They plowed the land, drove away plantation owners, used force to harvest the paddy in the fields of the landlords, seized grain, guns and ammunition from the homes of the big landlords, collected money and grain from the landlords and forbade hoarding and speculation." The peasants also established "people's courts" to enforce their rulings and to try landlords and their agents.

Organized peasants guarded their homes day and night against "police sweeps" and set up an alarm system

### Facts About Darjeeling District

The following description of the Darjeeling district is reprinted from Peking Review of July 14, 1967.

Darjeeling in West Bengal State is a mountainous district of great strategic significance in northern India. Situated not far from Bihar and Assam States, its 1,100 square miles border on several neighboring countries. Naxalbari is only 4 miles from Nepal, 30 miles from Sikkim, 14 miles from East Pakistan and 60 miles from China's Tibet. Siliguri is a trading and communication center through which runs the only railway linking Assam with other parts of India.

Darjeeling District is West Bengal's major tea-producing area. It also produces rice and other grain. Large tracts of its land have been seized by plantation owners and landlords who brutally exploit and oppress the laboring people. Most of the population are Santhals and other tribesmen, the majority being land-

less farm laborers who are the most heavily exploited and oppressed.

Of the 60,000 acres of farmland in Siliguri, 19,000 acres belong to the



Indian Government and the rest to the big landlords. Under the protection of the Congress government, the big landlords and plantation owners often forcibly occupy land reclaimed by the poverty-stricken peasants and plunder them of their crops.

to warn villagers of approaching police.

During late May Siliguri police were sent out several times to shoot down peasants harvesting the landlords' fields. Armed peasant units ambushed police squads on May 24 and May 25. On May 26, peasants surrounded the house of a landlord who was storing arms. During the month of May at least 10 police were killed and many wounded.

In mid-June Chief Minister of the "United Front" Mukherjee (of the

Bengali Congress Party, a split from the Congress Party) sent two companies of police from Calcutta to reinforce the Siliguri police and sent troops to blockade the Darjeeling frontiers on the borders of Nepal and Pakistan. The government in Calcutta had previously sent officials to Darjeeling to get the peasants to lay down their arms and make a "political settlement." The Communist leaders would not even meet with them.

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# Indian Masses In Desperate Crisis New Delhi To The Rescue - of Maharajahs!

When Indira Gandhi took the office of Prime Minister, she proclaimed that the country would continue on its "course of democratic socialism" in line with the road taken by her father, Jawaharlal Nehru.

The filial devotion of Indira to the traditions of her father includes the preservation of a special place in the "democratic socialist" scheme of things for Nehru's allies against the oppressed Indians — the maharajahs.

In 1948, after receiving their franchise to run the country from the British imperialists, the party of the Indian bourgeoisie, the Congress Party led by Nehru, had to deal with the feudal princes.

In a dramatic "struggle" Nehru sent his army to confront the legions of the Nizam of Hyderabad. From that confrontation emerged an alliance in which the Nizam agreed to give up his life and death power over 16 million subjects and ceded political hegemony to New Delhi over his 80,000 square mile domain.

In return the "defeated" Nizam was reimbursed for his lands, allowed to retain a whole list of royal privileges and retired to his palace under protection of the central government on a stipend of \$900,000 a year, tax free, to be paid "in perpetuity" so long as there was an heir to the throne.

Similar deals were made with the 550 princes whose states were then incorporated into the Indian union. State guarantees for the privileges and privy purses of these reactionary tyrants were written into the Constitution. Income and lands are tax free; princes must be addressed by their titles and are allowed to fly their flags; they have the right to have their own palace guards; free medical service and telegraph service are guaranteed; they are exempt from import duties; no legal



Indian women in West Bengal, where starvation is rampant, waiting for their food ration.

action or arrest can be made against the princes without express permission from the central government. (In many areas the rajah's birthday is a public holiday.)

Thus did the Nehru regime weld the alliance with the feudal despots, preserving these medieval parasites, cultivated and fostered by British imperialism for centuries. The Indian bosses preserved these feudal landlords on a royal plane and saved them from destruction by the masses in return for political supremacy of the capitalist class.

Since the February elections, when the Indian masses repudiated the Congress Party at the polls, there has been a movement in the lower echelons of the party to deprive the princes of their privileges. Indira Gandhi and the party hierarchy consider it "a matter of honor" to defend the princely prerogatives and have tried desperately to block the constitutional amendment required to overturn Nehru's original agreement.

In addition to being a "matter of honor" and a "firm contractual obliga-

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## Ministerial Dogs!

PEKING, August 24 (Hsinhua) — The Indian semi-official news agency, the "press trust of India," yesterday released a news item about Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's attendance at a funeral on August 22. But this funeral was not for a man — it was for a favorite dog of her father, the late Jawaharlal Nehru.

The news agency took great pains in its description of this dog, which was named "madhu" (honey). It stated that the dog had lived for 12 long years with the Nehrus and that it was ill for some time past and so on and so forth. No doubt it expects that this story treatment will arouse sympathy from well-fed landlords and capitalists and their ladies who also have fat dogs.

But so far as hundreds of millions of the Indian working people are concerned — people who are on the verge of starvation — this news item can only arouse their anger still more passionately. The money squandered by Jawaharlal Nehru, Indira Gandhi and their like on dogs in one single day is more than enough to feed a large number of poverty stricken Indians. It is reported that in Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and other parts of India, the Indian people are living on grass roots and tree bark. Many villages have been wiped out by famine. Dead bodies lie scattered about everywhere in the open air, at the mercy of the birds of prey and wild beasts. Has the reactionary Indian government ever shown any concern about this situation in the rural areas? Is there any Indian official whose heart is touched enough to bother himself about funerals for those people who have died of starvation?

The Indian people should not pin any hopes on those bureaucrats and politicians who are so fond of dogs like Indira Gandhi — they will never put themselves out to improve the livelihood of the masses. Clearly, the only way out for the people is to take up arms and wage a struggle in the same way as the peasants in Naxalbari.

# Military vs. Civilian Rule? For Black People Both Are 'Worse'

By V. Copeland

In spite of the huge "military-industrial complex" in the U.S. and the predominance of banker-generals in some of the strategic centers of power, the imperialist ruling class of the United States still has a more or less civilian type of dictatorship over the masses — with parliamentary trimmings, of course.

But the question of outright military rule — that is, army dictatorship over the whole country, has been raised more sharply of late, mainly because of the split over Vietnam on the one side and the necessity for "national unity" to conduct a war, on the other.

The New York Times on September 1 raised a cry of alarm against the military brass in an editorial significantly entitled: "Generals Out of Control."

The paper accused Johnson of succumbing to purely military pressure in his conduct of the war in Vietnam.

It implicitly accused him of ignoring the great political questions involved in the U.S. subjugation of South-east Asia and trying to blunderbuss his way to victory.

The preceding week, Admiral Sharp of the Navy; Gen. Greene, Marine Corps Commandant; Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. McConnell; and Army Chief of Staff, Gen. Johnson, had publicly challenged the position of their civilian superior, Secretary of Defense, Robert S. McNamara.

They had all demanded more bombing and a bigger war. And Greene openly proclaimed that the U.S. war in Vietnam would have to take precedence over any "war on poverty" inside the United States. President Johnson shares this opinion, of course, but he doesn't want his military subordinates crossing up his political objectives at home.

The "rebellion" of the generals is thus directed to some extent even against one of their best civilian friends — Lyndon Johnson. This is ominous, of

course.

But the question for intransigent opponents of the imperialist war machine is not whether capitalist military rule is "worse" than the capitalist civilian rule it enforces. The question is how best to overthrow both of these forms of capitalist dictatorships, since the military form already exists, is the essence of the matter.

Some aspects of the "civilian" rule in relation to the military were dramatically displayed in Washington on August 22, when a subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee investigated the military "handling" of the Detroit uprising.

Lieut. Gen. John L. Throckmorton of the 18th Airborne had ordered the "trigger - happy" (his own phrase) National Guardsmen to unload their weapons rather than kill "innocent

civilians or children."

On hearing this, Rep. Edward Herbert of Louisiana, chairman of the subcommittee, taunted the general and accused him of "needlessly risking the lives of the guardsmen." Another Representative shouted at the General and said he was "casting aspersions" on the National Guard. The whole subcommittee in effect accused him of being "soft" and irresponsible.

(Later, the Detroit Free Press contended in a 24,000 word special article studded with names, places and unassailable facts, that "the guard was involved in a total of 11 deaths in which nine innocent people died.")

Gen. Throckmorton, a former deputy commander of U.S. forces in Vietnam, is hardly a humanitarian or even a "moderate." But his civilian superiors certainly seemed to be more hell-bent for ruthless suppression of the masses than he.

And of course it was that well-known "civilian," President Lyndon Johnson, who sent Throckmorton and the tanks into Detroit in the first place.

## Fort Knox Black GI Organizes Against the War

Do soldiers have the right to speak freely and organize against the war?

Pvt. Thomas Tuck, a Black draftee from Cleveland, Ohio, is demanding these rights. And the army is trying to crack down on Tuck and 11 other Black anti-war GIs at Fort Knox who have nicknamed themselves the "Dirty Dozen."

On Aug. 4, Pvt. Tuck was given a summary court-martial and sentenced to 30 days in the stockade at hard labor for twice refusing to pick up a gun. He was not allowed to have a civilian lawyer. The confinement was later dropped from the sentence.

Pvt. Tuck refused to pick up the gun because he feels that as a Black person whose freedom and rights are denied by the government, he should not fight for the U.S. in Vietnam.

His brother, David, returned from Vietnam in February and says that the U.S. is using poor black and white people and Puerto Ricans to suppress the Vietnamese. The "Viet Cong," he says, have wide popular support and a stronger will to fight than anyone else.

Thomas Tuck was inducted against his will on July 3. During induction, he took the step forward, but refused to take the oath. When he arrived at Fort Knox, Ky. (where the ruling class keeps its gold) Pvt. Tuck began to organize a group of Black GIs against the war. The anti-war organizing of the

"Dirty Dozen" is reaching more and more soldiers and the army is responding by harassing the group and particularly Tuck.

His mail has been opened; shortly after he refused to pick up a gun he was locked in the stockade without trial for 15 minutes and told by the jailers that they would be seeing him soon. Other anti-war GIs have been getting extra work details.

During the rebellion in Detroit the army was particularly nervous and suspected Pvt. Tuck of organizing his brothers to carry razors to attack the officers.

The Cleveland Draft Resistance Union has hired attorney Conrad Lynn to file an appeal against the court-martial decision on the basis that Pvt. Tuck was denied due process of law when the army refused to let a civilian lawyer defend him.

Organizing by anti-war soldiers like those at Fort Knox, Fort Sill and elsewhere must be supported by every serious opponent of the war. Further information on Pvt. Tuck's case can be obtained from the Cleveland Draft Resistance Union, Room 317, 10616 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio — Telephone 216-721-1869.

Letters of support can be sent to Pvt. Thomas R. Tuck, Delta Co., 8th Battalion, 3rd Training Brigade, Ft. Knox, Ky.

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tion" the party of the Indian bourgeoisie has a long-standing political alliance with rotten royalty.

When 59 rajahs met to denounce the move against them, their spokesman was the Congress Party Minister of Health, Gaekad of Baroda. The Maharajah of Kashmir, Karan Singh, is the Minister of Tourism. The Congress Party has 12 Maharajahs in Parliament. During the elections, the Maharana of Udaipur, with a train of servants carrying gold scepters, toured his former domain which his family ruled for 1400 years, on behalf of Congress Party candidates. Another maharajah recently offered to give up his \$105,000 a year to run for office on the Congress Party ticket (his political urge was not so strong as to make him forget to ask that his allotment be turned over to his 4 1/2-year-old son).

Much as they have tried however, the Gandhi regime has been unable to hold all the lords in line. In fact,

the opposition campaign to abolish the royal privileges is generated by a fear of the growing power of the former slave holders.

In Orissa, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh, the princes have virtually captured political power.

As a concession, the Gandhi regime cut the annual payoff to the Nizam of Hyderabad from \$667,000 to \$227,000 causing an "economic crisis" in the palace. The Nizam had to lay off 6,000 of his 8,000 servants (he will have extreme difficulty supporting his 56 automobiles). He intends to take other "economy measures" at the end of ten years when he finishes counting up his lands, palaces, jewels, art objects and securities.

As the capitalist system in India is disintegrating at break neck speed, the monarchs of old, who have flourished under the protection of the bourgeoisie for two decades of Indian "democratic socialism," are now moving toward a revival of their political power commensurate with the economic power of life and death which they wielded over the masses in their former kingdoms.

## A Chauvinist Liberal Solves "Servant Problem"

By ELLEN PIERCE

In case you don't know, the rich are having a problem finding servants.

"Today, the shortages (of servants) have become so acute that it is estimated that 10 of us are competing for every available domestic worker," wrote Sylvia Porter in her New York Post column on Sept. 7.

She then went on to pose a solution to the "servant problem." Raising wages, increasing fringe benefits, giving "status" to domestic workers by interposing "private, professional domestic service firms between household employee and employer." Like many reformist proposals it is smoothly stated and reasonably presented — except that it is based on the ruling class assumption that there should be servants at all.

"We cannot afford to have uncounted numbers of trained and badly needed married teachers, nurses and doctors leave the labor force because they cannot find adequate household help," she continues.

Since there is such a shortage in these areas, why not teach Black people to become teachers, nurses and doctors instead of training them to be the servants of professionals. Such an idea is inconceivable in this racist society.

Those "domestic service firms" Miss Porter proposes already exist in the employment agencies that gouge outrageous percentages out of the miserably low wages of domestic workers. And the agencies certainly do not enhance the workers' status; they only help make the oppression and exploitation more complete. These agencies are reminiscent of slave auctions where human beings were bought and sold.

In this country, the question of servants is indivisible from racism and the super-exploitation of Black people. But Sylvia Porter does not mention this aspect of the "servant problem." She also avoids the problem of the idle rich, and talks about married women who do not work and thus deny society of their productive talents because there is no one to tend the home fires while they are out working. Somehow it does not occur to her to suggest who will take care of the home of the woman who takes care of the home of the "professional" woman. After all, the maid is a working woman too. Doesn't she deserve to have some help after a hard day cleaning somebody else's house? Miss Porter doesn't think so.

While the column pretends to be looking for a way to free women to work, the "solution" — paying servants "\$2 to \$3.50 an hour" — is impossible for a working woman. How many women, even white collar workers, teachers or

nurses, earn \$3.50 an hour?

In posing her liberal "solution to the servant problem," Miss Porter does not neglect the money-making aspects of the question. As a clincher to her argument and an enticement for companies to go into the servant business she adds that "the potential of this market (is) between \$1.2 and \$1.6 billion per year."

Actually the biggest thing that prevents married women from working is the lack of day care centers for their children. In suggesting servants as the answer to the working woman's problem, Sylvia Porter is proposing a false solution which is based on bourgeois thinking and ultimately on racism.

The workers' solution to the "servant problem" is to abolish the parasite class that can't even clean up its own mess and establish good day care centers for the children of working mothers.

But even if her scheme were economically feasible it is socially repugnant. No matter how Sylvia Porter chooses to soft sell the job, being a servant is being poor and waiting on someone a lot richer than yourself. As such, it is one of the most personally degrading and frustrating forms of wage slavery. It has its roots as an institution in chattel slavery.

Porter complains that "the percentage of women engaged in household work is down to 8 per cent (1 out of 12) of the women in the U.S. labor force." It was more than double that at the end of World War II. And her proposal is a desperation move to hold on to this vile institution and crystallize its existence by turning over the organization of a ready supply of servants to the corporations on a national scale.

What's the reason for the "servant shortage" anyway? The chauvinistic narrow mind of Sylvia Porter is so over-burdened with the task of reviving this disgusting form of servitude, that she is unable to see why the growing "servant shortage" is inevitable.

The truth is that the overwhelming majority of servants are and have always been Afro-Americans. Black people have supplied the servants of the ruling class and their imitators in the middle class (like Sylvia Porter) for 400 years. With the rise of the liberation struggle in this country, Afro-Americans are refusing to be anybody's servant at any price!

It seems that the only way the reactionary mind of Miss Porter will be brought to recognize Newark and Detroit is when the servant supply reaches the vanishing point and Miss Porter will be left standing mop in hand.



# India Struggle

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The revolutionary significance of the peasant struggle is well understood by the disintegrating regime of exploiters in New Delhi and on June 13 Interior Minister Chavan brought up the "problem of Naxalbari" for discussion in Parliament. A furious debate ensued in which demands were made that the central government dissolve the "United Front" government in West Bengal and run the state under emergency law as was done in Kerala in 1959. But the Indian ruling class decided that its only hope lay precisely in maintaining the "United Front" as a left cover. The Congress Party is thoroughly discredited, as was shown in the February elections. The Gandhi government preferred to let the so-called "left" do its dirty work and take the onus for the counter-revolutionary terror.

The "United Front" complied. According to the Indian Express of July 5 "The West Bengal government tonight gave the green light to the police to go ahead with all necessary steps to combat lawlessness (!) in the Naxalbari area." Hundreds of names were put on a "wanted list" by the police. Special police trained in jungle warfare were sent to the Naxalbari region.

The government gave the peasants until July 4 to surrender and turn in their arms and announced police preparations for an invasion of Darjeeling. No one surrendered. Instead the peasants prepared for the struggle by increasing their campaign for arms collection.

"Surrender or else" threats having failed the ministers in Calcutta sent thousands of police and troops on July 6 to "liquidate" the Communist leadership. Lists of revolutionary leaders "to be apprehended" were circulated among the peasants according to the Hindustan Times of July 28. Not a single leader was caught, although 500 peasants were arrested when police temporarily occupied one area.

With an "encirclement and suppression" under way the peasants shifted quickly to guerrilla warfare. According to Hsinhua of August 6:

"The revolutionary peasant armed forces...before the 'encirclement and suppression' operations... mobilized the peasants for a 'protracted armed struggle.' They armed the masses with bows and arrows and rifles, seized rifles and grain from the landlords, collected and stored up arms and grain, liquidated spies in the areas of armed struggle."

Immediately after the troops began to close in "the revolutionary peasant armed forces shifted to the forest areas" along with sections of the masses and began classical guerrilla operations of quick concentration, surprise attack and retreat.

If the peasant forces have had to retreat under the initial offensive of the government nevertheless "Naxalbari" has become a symbol of liberation to the masses in West Bengal and throughout India. Everytime the peasants take the offensive against the landlords or defend themselves against the police, anywhere in India, the ruling class press denounces the "Naxalbari-type lawlessness" spreading throughout the country.



Through the  
Magnifying  
Glass

By John Moore

## The Smell of Fascism and the Sound of Courage in Buffalo, New York

At the end of June the Black rebellion erupted in Buffalo. As in other cities, the ruling class of Buffalo felt a terrible tremor of fear.

The northern city of Buffalo, just across the river from Canada, is one of the most segregated cities in the nation. It is run by an arrogant combination of right wing banker-businessmen and Catholic Church elements who could give lessons in oppression to General Franco.

But as glass was being shattered up and down Jefferson Avenue by enraged people of the Black community, they temporarily lost their arrogance and there were many frantic questions being asked by those businessmen.

Old hands at finding ways to behead those who oppose them, they knew they had to find and eliminate those who could give leadership and a program to angry fighters who rise up spontaneously.

Martin Sostre operated the Afro-Asian bookstore and sold a variety of literature for liberation fighters that you could find no place else in Buffalo. His customers were the Black youth of Buffalo. They had learned to know and to admire this man who wanted them to question, think, and learn.

And as the rebellion raged many of them took refuge in his store where cops on the street could not, for the moment, reach them and where they could, now in excited, eager tones as they sensed the potential of the revolt, discuss what had happened so far and what could be done. Even as the confused battle went on, young men bought books like Negroes With Guns by Robert Williams and read them.

But it was then that the uniformed guards of Buffalo's capitalist rulers went into action. Working with the police and under the pretext of putting out a fire in a tavern next door, firemen smashed the bookstore windows and with two high pressure hoses they succeeded in flooding the shelves, books, and papers that discussed freedom.

Angry and defiant over this assault by the uniformed gang, Sostre plastered the outside of the plywood boards that covered the shattered windows with pictures and articles extolling the freedom fighters of the world from Watts to Vietnam for all the Black community to see.

The rebellion had now subsided and high agents of the banker-businessmen cruised the street with police to see what action they could take against those whom they felt had guided the rebels. They, of course, saw the defiant display outside Martin Sostre's store.

On the 178th anniversary of the storming of the Bastille by the revolutionists of France, July 14, the counter-revolution of Buffalo big business went into action: a squad of cops stormed Martin Sostre's bookstore.

He and others in the store were beaten. Martin Sostre was at first charged by the Buffalo ruling class with: inciting to riot, arson, assault, and peddling narcotics. Later they decided it would sound more real if they made it just a narcotics charge and an assault charge. Martin Sostre's bail was set at \$50,000.

Martin Sostre is still in jail. Also charged with him was his assistant, Geraldine Robinson.

Earlier, before the rebellion, Martin Sostre was visited by FBI agents and later by Buffalo's A.S.S. (Anti-Subversive Squad). Both pairs of gestapo gumshoes tried to intimidate him. Later as he sat in his prison cell facing up to 30 years as a second offender, a lawyer representing Buffalo's ruling class made him a visit; the gist of it was an offer that if Martin Sostre would help quiet the rebellious Black youths a deal could be made. No sale!

It is hard for the master class mind to understand this kind of rebel who graduated from their prisons like Malcolm X to become a fighter for higher things than they could ever know.

From his jail cell, Martin Sostre has been able to put some of it into eloquent, strong words:

"Last month, as all of you know, the police invaded and sacked the Afro-Asian Bookshop. They accused Geraldine Robinson and me of arson, riot, sale of narcotics and assault. They terrorized and frightened one of our witnesses who can prove that we are being framed — to such an extent that she was forced to leave town and is now afraid to come forward and testify to the truth. Another witness was beaten up and two more were jailed and intimidated by the police. The police obviously intend to make the framed-up charges stick and send me to prison for thirty years — the amount of time I face as a second offender. While I was under arrest at police headquarters, the detectives went back to the bookshop, gained entry with the keys taken from me, and stole everything which wasn't nailed down. What remained, they deliberately wrecked. They accomplished their mission of destroying the bookshop..."

"Today, when vital issues and policies affecting our and other people's lives are being arbitrarily resolved and implemented without our consent and against our wishes by those motivated solely by greed and profit, when we are being asked to sacrifice our lives and to destroy other people's lives in a war which we know is not just — when we also are being asked to acquiesce in the continued oppression of the Afro-Americans — to name only two vital issues — must we go to slaughter like sheep? Must we go along with the program of oppression and brutalizing other humans just because we are afraid to protest or dissent? Those of dissenters ... know as I do, that dissent carries risks, but the risks of silence or assent are even greater — for it is your own lives that will be sacrificed. Even sheep let out on occasional "ba" in protest upon being led to slaughter.

"So let us not be intimidated into spineless silence: let's close ranks and combine our voices of protest till its rising volume overwhelm those who would use us as pawns for their own selfish ends. As for me, far from being cowed by the vicious beating inflicted on me by the police, you have my assurance that upon getting out on bail, I shall strive to make my bookshop the main library of dissent and protest literature in Buffalo.

"I am deeply grateful for your generous moral and financial support without which we would most certainly be crushed. I thank you."

Martin Sostre

(The above message was sent to the Martin Sostre Defense Committee, P.O. Box 382, Ellicott Station, Buffalo, New York, 14205.)



Spanish students in Madrid burn the U.S. flag in a demonstration on August 21, to protest U.S. imperialist aggression against Vietnam. (Hsinhua News Agency)