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## Gov't Launches Massive Attack On Black Liberation Leaders

### \$100,000 Bail on Ferguson Is Part Of Judicial Frame-Up of Black People

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 — In another move to crush the Black Freedom struggle, a Queens Supreme Court judge slapped a \$100,000 bail on Asst. Principal Herman Ferguson, one of the 17 framed for "conspiracy" last summer.

Brazenly, Judge Shapiro today contended that he set this outrageous bail (Many accused murderers are given far less!) because of a speech that Ferguson had made at Intermediate School 201 last week!

In a memorial to the CIA-assassinated Malcolm X at the school last week, Ferguson had called for Afro-Americans to get weapons for



**Herman Ferguson**

self-defense, and practice how to use them.

Mr. Ferguson, who taught at a Queens grammar school, was indicted last summer as part of an alleged "RAM" plot to assassinate Roy Wilkins, Whitney Young, Jr. and others.

The bail is technically related to the "conspiracy" indictment. But Mr. Ferguson had been free on \$20,000 bond. The new bail was set clearly and admittedly because of the accused man's advice to Black people to resist genocide with arms.

So hysterical and vengeful is the New York City ruling class over the Ferguson speech and the whole IS 201 program (see page 5), that it discharged a Harlem elementary school teacher who dared to take his class to the Malcolm X memorial meeting at which Mr. Ferguson spoke.

The teacher, John F. Hatcher of Public School 68, may even lose his license, according to some reports!

Meanwhile, Mr. Ferguson, 47 year-old Wilberforce graduate and NYU Master of Arts, school teacher for over 20 years and father of four children, languishes in jail without being convicted of any crime. He never killed anyone. He only fought for Black Freedom.

—While the murderers of Black people go uncaught and unhung.



**H. Rap Brown**

### Brutally Rounds Up Calif. Militants as NY Judge Sets Fantastic Bail on Ferguson

BERKELEY, Calif., Feb. 26 — As part of the growing offensive in the lynch-war against Black America, shot-gun-wielding cops arrested 16 members of the Black Panther Party here over the week-end.

On Sunday morning at 3 a.m., six cops, armed with shotguns, surrounded the home of Bobby Seale, chairman of the Black Panthers and placed Bobby and his wife under arrest, charging conspiracy to commit murder. Bail was set at \$11,000 each.

In a callous disregard for their own laws and precedents, the racist authorities refused to say — for over 24 hours — just who Mr. and Mrs. Seale were conspiring against, but held them, in effect, for ransom.

On Saturday morning in Oakland, a Panther was charged with resisting arrest because he was protesting the brutalization of a Black man. This is a common trick of the cops everywhere, but the present instance was part of a more general crackdown in the area.

On Sunday afternoon, a car in which four Panthers were riding from Bobby Seale's home was surrounded by three squad cars, each carrying two shot-gun-armed cops.



**Bobby Seale**

Eight Panthers were arrested on charges ranging from using profanity to inciting a riot, as they attempted to stop the police brutalization of a Black woman.

A Vietnam veteran with a bullet lodged in his shoulder also tried to stop cops from beating the youthful driver. The veteran was also beaten. His arm may have to be amputated as a result.

This afternoon (Monday), a crowd of several hundreds converged on the arraignment hearings at Berkeley Municipal Court. Stokely Carmichael addressed them, condemning the racist justice and calling for continued struggle.

"This pattern of mass arrests in the East Bay," said a spokesman for the Huey Newton Defense Fund, "follows upon mass arrests of Black students in Nashville and the mass shooting in Orangeburg, S.C.... The arrest of Rap Brown immediately following his appearance in Oakland in support of Newton is a coordinated move by Federal and State governments to eventually destroy Brown, Chairman of SNCC."

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FEB. 28 — Eldridge Cleaver, Minister of Information of the Black Panthers today told Workers World that all 16 of the defendants were now out on bail. None of them was allowed out on his own recognizance.

"They are dropping the charge 'conspiracy to murder,'" he said. "We believe that charge was placed only in order to justify illegal search and seizure."

Besides the harassment and possible victimization of those accused, Mr. Cleaver continued, "We feel one of the primary purposes was to drain away our funds."

Asked about money raised at the big rally the previous week, the Minister explained: "We couldn't use the money obtained at that meeting, because it was earmarked for the Huey Newton Defense."

(Huey Newton is still in jail awaiting trial for allegedly shooting a cop. See page 4 in present issue.)



**Huey Newton**

## Cops' Reign of Terror in Nashville

NASHVILLE, Tenn.— This city's Black community remains tense and fearful as a result of recent police actions. For several days last month policemen roamed North Nashville area terrorizing Black citizens.

More than 70 people — 40 to 50 of them students at Fisk and Tennessee State A&I universities — were arrested or taken to police headquarters for long questioning. Hundreds had their homes broken into.

The police probed personal and political views and associations, in some cases at gun-point. A number of their victims were beaten severely.

One man suffered a punctured eardrum and spinal injuries. Much of the harassment was aimed at local leadership of the Student Nonviolent

Coordinating Committee (SNCC). One of them was arrested for loitering while he washed clothes at a laundromat, held without bail, and tried that same night without a lawyer.

Wide protests are being organized by SNCC, the Southern Student Organizing Committee (SSOC), which has its headquarters here, and the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF).

The incident which touched off the days of terror occurred on January 16. That night, two policemen were shot. One was killed.

Assistant Police Chief John Sorace then announced that a briefcase containing SNCC literature had been found in the trunk of the car which

the patrolmen had been chasing.

Sorace said: "All of our evidence points to the fact that we're dealing with people involved in the Black Power movement." Local newspapers carried headlines such as "Black Power, killing Linked."

Two men from Cincinnati were prime suspects in the shooting from the start. Police had traced the license of the abandoned car and published the names of these Ohio residents on January 17.

But days of terror didn't end until one of the suspects was brought back from Cincinnati. Then the newspapers reported that he denied any connection with the Nashville Black Power movement, and police were unable to show that he had any.

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— Photo by Howard Harrison

At the mass anti-war demonstration, February 24, 1968.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 — Thousands demonstrated at the UN and the U.S. Mission to the UN today, to denounce and resist the possible use of atomic weapons in Vietnam.

The action was called by the New York Peace Parade Committee and its

emphasis on atomic disaster may have lent an unnecessarily fatalistic tone to some of the proceedings.

But a highly militant focus was provided by a group from Youth Against War and Fascism, some of whose signs are pictured above.

## MPI-Vietnam Solidarity Meeting

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 — Juan Mari Bras, general secretary of the Movement for Puerto Rican Independence (MPI), held a press conference here last night and outlined a program of activities in Puerto Rico around the hundredth anniversary of the beginning of that island's independence struggle.

There will be a natural MPI conference in San Juan this April, said Sr. Mari Bras, and it will feature a Vietnam Solidarity Conference on April 26. A number of U.S. journalists have been invited to attend.

The independence leader revealed that Canadian troops, as well as U.S. forces, were now training on the Puerto Rican territory of Vieques, which the U.S. Army has usurped almost entirely for its own use.

MPI affiliated with the OSPAAAL

## YAWF Leaders In Prison —

Maryann Weissman, now serving the second part of her six-month sentence, may be written to at Passaic County Jail, 11 Marshall St., Paterson, N.J.

Maryann had been sentenced, along with Key Martin, for "trespassing" on federal property at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, last summer, when the two leaders of Youth Against War and Fascism attempted to attend the court-martial of Pvt. Andy Stapp.

They were out on bail for a time, after having served nearly half of their sentences in federal penitentiaries. But last month a higher court rejected their last appeal.

Mail for Key Martin should be addressed to 427 West St., New York, N.Y.

when it attended the Tri-Continental Conference in Havana.

## Dick Gregory Demands Justice For Martin Sostre, Frame-Up Victim

Yesterday morning, the well-known Dick Gregory was on hand at the Erie County Court Building when Martin Sostre — Black political prisoner, frame-up victim and scapegoat for the rebellion in Buffalo's Afro-American ghetto last June — was to appear before Judge Hefferon on a bail reduction petition.

In an unannounced move, Mr. Sostre was not brought to court from the Erie County Jail. Mr. Gregory — in Buffalo on a two-day speaking engagement — met with members of the Martin Sostre Defense Committee and asked the committee to release a telegram which had been prepared and sent out under Mr. Gregory's instructions. The telegram read as follows:

February 26, 1968

The Honorable Ramsey Clark  
U.S. Justice Department  
Washington, D.C.

Dick Gregory Met In Buffalo With Martin G. Sostre Defense Committee. Sostre Black Political Prisoner Frame-Up Victim. Scapegoat June Buffalo Rebellion. Gregory Will Take Case To Black Community Hold Rallies. Has Asked Carmichael To Come. We Request Justice Department Action In Sostre's Behalf.

Gerald J. Gross, Chairman  
Martin Sostre Defense Committee  
P.O. Box 382, Ellicott Station  
Buffalo, N. Y. 14205



Dick Gregory

If justice is not forthcoming, Mr. Gregory has promised to take action himself as indicated in the telegram. (More on the Sostre case, page 5 of this issue —ed.)

## Buffalo Youth in Picket-Protest Against Orangeburg Massacre

BUFFALO, Feb. 24 — A band of militant youths demonstrated in Lafayette Square, the main business and amusement area here, today, to show solidarity with the People of Orangeburg, South Carolina. "Stop the Murder of Black People in Orangeburg!" they chanted, as hundreds looked on.

In this city, where the ruling class is as cold and brusque as the February climate, many of the workers showed sympathy and understanding to the demonstrators, who had been brought together by Youth Against War & Fascism.

While older white ladies in fur coats showed open hostility, the younger and less affluent white youths were clearly sympathetic.

An Afro-American lad of 12 enthus-

astically joined the line from the street and carried a picket sign. One Black worker got off the bus nearby, shook the hand of a white demonstrator, took a sign and stood holding it for about 10 minutes.

Many Black people watched the militant demonstration, pointing to the bold, encouraging signs, some of which said: "Stop the War Against Black America;" "Riots — Rebellion Against Oppression;" "Stop the Frame-Up of Cleveland Sellers;" "Stop the Murder of Black People of Orangeburg;" "Get the National Guard Out of Orangeburg."

Instead of dispersing after the demonstration, the youths marched through the streets, shouting and bran-

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## A Woman in Prison: The Jails Themselves Are the Biggest Crime!

Conditions at the Passaic County Prison, where Maryann Weissman is serving her 6-month Federal sentence for aiding GI dissent, are "inhumanly mediaeval and dangerous to the health of female inmates," said Nathan Tamarin, Chairman of the Bergen-Passaic Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Below are excerpts from Mr. Tamarin's letter to the Federal Director of Prisons, Feb. 26.

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"As an example of the conditions at the Passaic County Prison, Mrs. Weissman is housed in a dormitory cell with seven other inmates in a space approximately twenty by twenty-five feet, containing in addition to seven permanent metal bunks and one temporary cot, a shower, a toilet, a washbasin and a picnic table which serves as the community dining, recreation and writing table.

"There are no provisions for physical exercise or recreation for the inmates outside the cell. Recreation consists solely of four hours of music piped into the cell, a few table games such as playing cards, checkers and scrabble (incomplete sets) and reading material which is wholly inadequate.

"Mrs. Weissman has been refused

permission to have books including novels and standard American history books or magazines sent in at her own expense or even to be contributed to the prison library which consists mainly of religious tracts and 'dime novels'. It was only after considerable effort that she was permitted to have the New York Times made available to her, at her own expense, of course.

"The prison diet does not include any fruit, fresh or canned, or any fresh vegetables. The only vegetables served are potatoes and beans or carrots at dinner. The only exception was a serving of applesauce once in an eight day period.

"The consistent lack of fruit and green vegetables combined with the lack of sun and exercise over a prolonged period constitutes a serious health menace.

"The only regular periods during which the inmates leave the cell are from 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. when they are permitted to mop up corridor floors and from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 A.M. when they sew and iron prison clothes and linens. The twenty-one hour balance of the day is spent within the cell where all meals are served. Further details of the prison conditions will be supplied at your request."



# "The Vietnam Revolution Is Like a Tidal Wave"

Statement of the Presidium of the Central Committee of the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation.

(Issued on February 8, 1968 in connection with the emergence of the Alliance of National and Peace Forces in South Vietnam amid recent offensives by patriotic forces on urban centers.)

The Political Programme of the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation has won high praises and enthusiastic response from the entire South Vietnamese people regardless of social strata, nationalities and religions, whether in the towns or the countryside, the sympathy and support of large numbers of officers and men in the puppet army and officials and personnel of the puppet administration, and warm welcome from friends in all the five continents.

In the light of this Programme and in the flush of their victories, all the armed forces and the entire people in South Vietnam in these early days of Spring are rushing forward, attacking the enemy repeatedly both militarily and politically, in the towns as well as in the countryside, and winning fresh, big, all-round, and unprecedented victories.

Everywhere, the revolutionary mettle is rising high, like a tidal wave, paralysing the U.S.-puppet rule, and causing it to crumble beyond recovery.

It is amid this revolutionary high tide that the militant ranks of the South Vietnamese people further consolidate and develop. Many patriotic groupings and individuals, and a great number of insurgent units (in the puppet army) have risen up to fight, side by side with the entire people, for the peace, independence and freedom of the Fatherland.

The Alliance of National and Peace Forces has thus come into being, with

this watchword for its activities: to overthrow the Thieu-Ky clique of traitors, set up a national coalition administration of the people, demand that the U.S. imperialists and their satellites withdraw their troops from South Vietnam, and negotiate with the

South Vietnam National Front for Liberation so as, together with the latter, to wrest back independence and sovereignty for the country and bring back peace, freedom and happiness to the entire people.

True to its tasks and goals of nation-

## Viet People Fight to Unite Country And Win Their Independence

"Vietnam has the right to be a free and independent country — and in fact it is so already. The entire Vietnamese people are determined to mobilize all their physical and mental strength, to sacrifice their lives and property in order to safeguard their independence and liberty."

HO CHI MINH

(Excerpt from the Declaration of Independence, September 2, 1945)

"The war may last still 5, 10, 20 years or longer. Hanoi, Haiphong and other cities, and enterprises may be destroyed, but the Vietnamese people will not be intimidated! Nothing is more precious than independence and freedom. When victory day comes our people will rebuild our country and endow it with bigger and more beautiful constructions."

(Excerpt from his Appeal to compatriots throughout Vietnam, July 17, 66)

"Our country is one, our nation is one. The people of the South and the North are determined to fight and defeat the U.S. aggressors. The 17 million people of the North are resolved to live up to their pledge to fight side by side with their 14 million blood-sealed South Vietnam compatriots in order to liberate the South and defend the North with a view to the reunification of the fatherland."

(Excerpt from his June 1967 letter)

## The Leader of the Vietnamese People



President HO CHI MINH

al salvation, i.e. to unite the entire people, resolutely defeat the U.S. imperialists' war of aggression, overthrow the puppet administration, establish a broad national and democratic coalition administration, build an independent democratic, peaceful, neutral and prosperous South Vietnam, and proceed towards the peaceful reunification of the Fatherland.

The South Vietnam National Front for Liberation solemnly declares its support for the Alliance of National and Peace Forces, and pledges itself to do its best to strengthen its solidarity with the latter in order to fight the U.S. and the Thieu-Ky clique, and save the country.

At this decisive juncture of history, the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation earnestly calls on all forces and individuals desirous of independence and freedom for the nation and peace and happiness for every Vietnamese to place the nation's interests above all, to be of one mind and join their efforts, and strengthen their solidarity, in order to achieve at all costs an independent, democratic, peaceful, neutral and prosperous South Vietnam and proceed towards the peaceful reunification of the Fatherland.

Although visibly losing, the U.S. aggressors and their lackeys are still very obdurate, cunning and cruel. Therefore, our armed forces and people should strengthen their solidarity, heighten their vigilance, sharpen their fighting will, dash forward with the impetus of fresh victories, and attack the enemy without letup, breaking off all his counter-attacks and winning complete victory.

## "I'm on Our Side" Says Rusk — Is He?

"Whose side are you on?"

"Now I'm Secretary of State of the United States and I'm on our side."

Dean Rusk answered his own question on February 23, without fear of contradiction by the bourgeois reporters who heard him. His expression was accurate. But the impression he sought to convey was false.

He was complaining about newspaper stories that told too much of the truth about Vietnam. He explained that some criticism of the war was so extreme that it gets to the point "when the question is, whose side are you on?"

And true, enough, Rusk is on his side. But is he on our side — the side of the working people and the vast majority in the United States?

Is he on the side of the GIs, who are being killed in battle by the hundreds and the thousands? Is he on the side of the Black people, whom his Government orders shot down by U.S. troops? Is he on the side of the unemployed, who he believes should fend for themselves after their unemployment insurance runs out? Is he on the side of the poor children who have been deprived by the expenses of the Vietnam war? (The U.S. children, that is, not the Vietnamese children slaughtered in the war.) Is he, in fact, on anybody's side but the side of big business in its drive to dominate the world?

One of the most fundamental of all problems in the great struggles in the world today is that the question — whose side are you on? — is not generally answered very clearly. Millions of people are forced — or fooled — into fighting on somebody else's side, rather than their own.

Out of three-and-a-half million U.S. servicemen, at least three-and-a-quarter million are fighting on the wrong side — that is, Rusk's side, instead of their own.

Many of them are learning a very good lesson from the NLF, however, whose members never confuse the people's side with the government of the exploiters.

# Tonkin Bay Was a Hoax; But It Served As Excuse to Get U.S. Into Big War

Under the guise of defending the mighty United States against "North Vietnamese aggression," in the Gulf of Tonkin more than three years ago, the militarists have shed the blood of tens of thousands of GIs in a war where the American people have been fed one lie after another.

But bits and pieces of information leaked out by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee's Tonkin Gulf inquiry have more than confirmed that the "attack" on U.S. destroyers in August of 1964 was a carefully planned frame-up of North Vietnam designed to give the U.S. a blank check for expanding the war.

Even more than the "credibility" of the Administration is at stake in this inquiry. The legality and constitutionality, such as it is, of the U.S. war depends on the so-called Tonkin Bay Resolution, which Congress passed in August 1964, when it was told that the U.S. had been "attacked" by North Vietnamese PT boats.

In recent testimony, Secretary of Defense McNamara admitted that the U.S. High Command knew well in advance that its two destroyers were in waters near South Vietnamese puppet government gunboats, which had just shelled two North Vietnamese islands.

But while McNamara tried to clear the U.S. from having any connection with the 34-A ops (code for the South Vietnamese government's bombing operations), Senator Morse dismissed McNamara's alleged innocence with conclusive logic:

"Our Navy was not only well aware of the fact that those boats were going up to bomb those two islands three to six miles from the coast of North Vietnam, but our Navy was in constant contact with the operation

and knew what was taking place step by step.

"These 34-A operations consisted of South Vietnamese patrol craft, the craft supplied by the United States, and with United States-trained crews, bombarding for the first time North Vietnamese shore installations. This clearly shows the Navy had knowledge



GIs after battle; How many more to die?

of the South Vietnamese operation as early as July 15, 1964...."

Although Fulbright has been mainly responsible for the Senate inquiry, the "liberal" segregationist from Arkansas pledged his loyalty to the Johnson government by reassuring McNamara that his inquiry would never consider the possibility of a U.S. conspiracy in the Gulf of Tonkin events.

But the interrogation of McNamara proved beyond a doubt that the objective of the U.S. destroyer mission was a vicious conspiracy to provoke North Vietnamese patrol boats into an incident. The published testimony revealed that early in the morning of August 4, 1964, the Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific fleet cabled the destroyer Maddox, saying:

"The above patrol will: (A) Clearly demonstrate our determination to continue these operations. (B) Possibly draw North Vietnamese Navy PGMS (patrol boats) to northward away from area of 34-A ops. (C) Eliminate DeSoto (U.S. destroyer operations) patrol interference with 34-A ops."

Another message from the Pacific commander to the same destroyer had directed it to "stimulate Chicom/ North Vietnamese electronic reaction."

A more complete admission of blatant provocation would be hard to come by!

Because of the magnificent fight being put up by the revolutionary Vietnamese people, the U.S. ruling class, temporarily on the ropes, has let out some of the truth about its methods of whipping up foreign wars. All serious opponents of the war will remember the Tonkin Bay hoax very vividly when the next "attack on the United States" hits the headlines of the imperialist press.

## H. RAP BROWN:

# "This Government Has Become the Enemy of Mankind"

## The Events Leading To His Imprisonment

FEB. 23 — H. Rap Brown, Chairman of SNCC, is refusing to eat to protest his illegal arrest and detention by the Federal Government through its agents in the State of Louisiana. Mr. Brown was arrested on the alleged charge that he had violated the travel ban that had been imposed upon him by Federal Courts in Louisiana and Virginia.

This unconstitutional travel ban provided, however, that Mr. Brown was free to travel to consult with his attorneys, which is what he was doing this past weekend when he went to California to consult with Attorney William Kunstler, who is preparing a brief to present to the Supreme Court on February 26 appealing the travel ban.

Rap was confined under maximum security to the Parish Prison in New Orleans on Wednesday, February 21st for "violating" the travel ban, and a new charge of intimidating an FBI agent.

Now any Black person knows that if the FBI will not be intimidated by the American people into telling the truth about the assassination of John F. Kennedy, it sure can't be intimidated by one man, even if that man is H. Rap Brown.

During the recess of Wednesday's hearing, Rap called one of the Negro FBI agents a "Tom" and continued to express the hope that the agent's children would grow up to be better men than their father.

The agent became visibly angry and later told the white judge that Rap had threatened his life and the lives of his children.

The results were the charge of threatening a Federal agent, and Rap's being bound over to the grand jury for a hearing on the charge under a \$50,000 bond. This plus the \$50,000 bond imposed for the alleged travel ban violation brings the total ransom to \$100,000.

Simultaneous with Mr. Brown's detainment, the state of Louisiana issued a warrant for the arrest of SNCC's Cleve Sellers, now in the South Carolina State Penitentiary under \$20,000 bond following his arrest during the Orangeburg Massacre.

The Federal Government, through the state of Louisiana, wants Sellers extradited to stand trial on a charge of carrying concealed weapons, something that they claim he did when he was in the state more than a year ago. It is interesting to note that this charge was dropped by the state so that charges could be filed against Sellers when he refused to be inducted into the army.

It should also be pointed out that both Brown and Sellers are being threatened with long jail sentences on charges concerning the possession of weapons, while in direct contradiction, weapons training is being given to whites by the police in such cities as Kansas City, Mo. and Dearborn, Mich.

We are calling upon all individuals and organizations that are concerned with bringing about fundamental change in this country to DO THE FOLLOWING:

1.) Send telegrams to Attorney General Ramsey Clark; Justice Department; Washington, D.C. Demand the immediate release of Brown and Sellers. (While we are not under any illusion that these telegrams are ever read, they at least serve notice on "the man" that we are watching his every move.)

2.) Send telegrams to Rap at Parish Prison, New Orleans, Louisiana. Let Brother Brown know that he does not fight alone.

3.) Funds are needed for the H. Rap Brown Bail Fund. Send contributions



Prime Minister Carmichael, Minister of Justice Rap Brown and Foreign Minister James Forman pledging to set Huey Newton free. Defense Minister Newton is in jail, framed-up on a murder charge.

—From Berkeley Barb

## Rap Brown's Letter From Prison

Parish Prison  
New Orleans, La.  
February 21, 1968

Being a man is the continuing battle of one's life and one loses a bit of manhood with every stale compromise to the authority of any power in which one does not believe.

No slave should die a natural death. There is a point where caution ends and cowardice begins.

For every day I am imprisoned I will refuse both food and water. My hunger is for the liberation of my people. My thirst is for the ending of oppression.

I am a political prisoner, jailed for my beliefs — that Black People must be free. The Government has taken a position true to its fascist nature: Those who we cannot convert, we must silence. This government has become the enemy of Mankind.

Death can no longer alter our path to Freedom. For our people, Death has been the only known exit from slavery and oppression. We must open others.

Our will to live must no longer supersede our will to fight, for our fighting will determine if our race shall live. To desire Freedom is not enough.

We must move from resistance to aggression, from revolt to revolution.

For every Orangeburg there must be 10 Detroites. For every Max Stanford and Huey Newton, there must be 10 dead racist cops. And for every Black Death there must be a Dien Bien Phu.

Brothers and Sisters, and all oppressed people, you must prepare yourself both mentally and physically, for the major confrontation is yet to come. You must fight. It is the people who in the final analysis make and determine history, not leaders or systems. The laws to govern you must be made by you.

May the deaths of '68 signal the beginning of the end of this country. I do what I must out of the love for my people. My will is to fight; resistance is not enough. Aggression is the order of the day.

### NOTE TO AMERICA

America: if it takes my Death to organize my people to revolt against you, and to organize your jails to revolt against you, and to organize your troops to revolt against you, and to organize your children, your God, your poor, your country, and to organize Mankind to rejoice in your destruction and ruin, then here is my life! But my soul belongs to my PEOPLE.

Lasime Tushinde Mbilashaka. (We shall conquer without a doubt.)

H. RAP BROWN

to SNCC — Suite 803; 100 Fifth Avenue; New York, N. Y.

The atmosphere that is being generated in New Orleans around Rap is one of a lynching and observers there state that there is no doubt that Rap's life is in danger. We are sure that the atmosphere in Richmond will be no different.

Rather than waiting to die like an

animal at the hands of his oppressors, Mr. Brown is refusing to eat, feeling that if he must die, it will be in the act of refusing to cooperate with and fighting against the oppression that continually chokes off the lives of his people.

But it must not be forgotten who is to blame if H. Rap Brown's hunger strike leads to his death.

## SNCC and Black Panthers Merge

### At Rally for Huey Newton Call for Greater Struggle

By LOUISE MERRILL

The meeting reported below was the occasion for which H. Rap Brown went to California and was then imprisoned for "violating the terms of his parole."

The character of the meeting was obviously more important to the ruling class than the fact that it was held in Oakland (where Brown was barred by the judge who had set his bail).

OAKLAND, Cal. — The merger of the Black Panther Party for Self Defense and the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee was announced Saturday night, Feb. 17 at a huge benefit rally for the defense of Huey Newton (sponsored by the Huey Newton Defense Fund).

Leaders of both organizations addressed the crowd of 7,000, which cheered, clapped and rose to its feet again and again in response to every militant word or statement.

Each SNCC speaker was introduced as an officer of the united organization: Stokely Carmichael, Prime Minister; James Forman, Minister of Foreign Affairs; H. Rap Brown, Minister of Justice. Huey Newton, in prison, framed on a murder charge, is Minister of Defense.

Eldridge Cleaver, Minister of Information, emceed the evening.

The emphasis on cabinet minister titles was clearly pointed toward a separate Afro-American state and a liberation struggle to get it.

Main speaker of the evening was Stokely Carmichael, making his first major address since returning from a world-wide journey, which included Cuba and North Vietnam.

"Our struggle is a struggle for survival — nothing less," he told the audience. "We have to organize politically, economically and militarily!"

Preceding Carmichael was Rap Brown. His appearance was unexpected, and when his name was announced, the applause was loud, long and enthusiastic.

"The only politics relevant to the Black people," he said, "is the politics of revolution!"

Bobby Seale, chairman of the Black Panther Party, enunciated the program of the party, and explained the pivotal

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## Eddie Oquendo Victimized Again

BROOKLYN — Eddie Oquendo, already sentenced to five years for defying the draft (he's temporarily out of prison on an appeal bond) was again arrested by marshals in Federal Court here last week — this time, on frame-up charges of "assault."

He was accompanying Black draft resister Lloyd Hawks, who was just giving himself up to serve a three-year sentence, when he ran afoul of the marshals, who accused him of assaulting them.

His present arrest is viewed as an integral part of the country-wide assault on Black Freedom now being launched by the ruling class and hitting Rap Brown, the Black Panthers and many others.

A founder of the militant Blacks Against Negative Dying and member of Youth Against War and Fascism, Mr. Oquendo received nationwide publicity in a recent Esquire article by Wm. Worthy, in which he was prominently featured and photographed.

His bail (i.e. ransom) in the present case is another \$1,000, in addition to previous exorbitant sums.



# Belgian Militants Honor Martyred Lumumba—Nkrumah, Rob Williams, Others Hail Action

Below is a dispatch to Workers World from "La Voix du Peuple," organ of the Communist Party of Belgium. It is especially noteworthy that the memorial to Patrice Lumumba which it describes, and the condemnation of his present usurpers, should take place in the country whose rulers first opened the Congo to colonial exploitation and but yesterday yielded their place to the U.S. financiers.

It is reason for great revolutionary optimism that Belgium should have produced the most important meeting of this nature (outside of the Congo itself) and that Patrice Lumumba's cause is being fought within the very citadel of the imperialism that — together with the U.S. — murdered him.

BRUSSELS — On Wednesday, Jan. 24, on the occasion of the seventh anniversary of Patrice Lumumba's murder, a commemorating meeting was held in homage to this national hero of Congo's people, by the Solidarity Committee with the Congolese Resistance.

Paul Bourdouxhe, member of the Committee, member of the national bureau of the movement "Action for Peace and Independence of Peoples", national secretary of the railwaymen's trade union (ICFTU), presided at the meeting.

On the rostrum were: Luc-Daniel Dupire, secretary of the Committee, Hugo Biets, student at the Leuven University; Monique Vanderstraeten, member of the executive board of the Youth's Anti-Imperialist Action Committees and Nicole Dumez of the Theatre Populaire de Bruxelles.

Present at the commemoration were: Jacques Grippa, secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Belgium, Rene Raindorf and Stephane Struelens, members of the political bureau of the Communist Party of Belgium, Daniel Rochette, chairman of the "Belgian-Albanian Friendship", as well as several leaders of the movement "Action for Peace and Independence of Peoples"; numerous students of Congo-Kinshasa also attended.

After a short introduction, the chairman read messages, received by the Committee from the following anti-imperialist organizations and fighters:

Political Bureau of the Western Front and Lumumba Detachment of the Congo-Kinshasa's Popular Liberation Army; President Kwame Nkrumah, president of the Republic of Ghana, co-president of the Republic of Guinea; the general secretary of the Solidarity Organization of Peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin

America (OSPAAAL); the political bureau of the Communist Party of Belgium; the Executive Committee of the Black Africa's Students Union in France (FEANF); Robert F. Williams, American Black revolutionary leader, and other leading groups and individuals.

Hugo Biets spoke in Flemish, briefly referring to the imperious reasons for which total solidarity with the fighting people of Congo has to be extended in Belgium.

Luc-Daniel Dupire outlined the history of the Congolese people from the colonization period, stressing its different aspects and the struggle of the Congolese people, opposing a resolute and determined reply.

The orator vigorously denounced Joseph Mobutu, Patrice Lumumba's murderer, who passes himself off as "nationalist" and "inheritor" of Lumumba's cause, making every effort to flaunt his opposition to the "Belgian" colonialism of old, and the struggle for a so-called economic independence, for the purpose of trying to deceive the Congolese people as to his real role as puppet of American imperialism and slip himself into the front of progressive African countries, in order to damage from the inside their unity and solidarity in the anti-imperialist struggle.

Luc-Daniel Dupire also pointed out that among African peoples "the Con-

golese people is certainly the one who experienced the most thoroughly the treacherous proceedings of the present leaders of Soviet Union and their like." (He was referring particularly to the UN maneuvers of 1960 — ed.)

He stressed the successes achieved by the patriotic forces as well in combat as from the ideological and political point of view.

He revealed that the patriotic forces of Congo-Kinshasa recently extended the areas under their control in the eastern part of the country, occupying the places of Fizi and Buraka on the Lake Tanganyika.

He also pointed out that the popular struggle in the towns under puppet supervision, is increasing; further, to the demonstrations organized on the occasion of Humphrey's (vice-president of the U.S.) official visit in Kinshasa, the student leaders have been thrown into jail by Mobutu's dictatorial administration.

The gathering adopted a resolution, requiring the liberation of Constantin Kibwe, prominent leader of the Congolese resistance, director of the review "Revolution" leading the Congo-Kinshasa delegation at the extraordinary session of the Afro-Asiatic Writers in Peking in 1966, arbitrarily imprisoned with 22 of his companions in an anglophone borderland to Congo-Kinshasa.



VALIANT FREEDOM FIGHTERS of Congo-Kinshasa continue the struggle in which Lumumba died. Shown at one of their bases in Kwilu.

— Photo by La Voix du Peuple

## That Memorial For Malcolm X



Malcolm X

NEW YORK, Feb. 21 — The anniversary of Malcolm X's assassination was well celebrated here today, particularly at 201 Intermediate School in Harlem, where in the words of the Superintendent of Schools, things seem to be "out of control."

LeRoi Jones and the Spirit House Movers and Players put on a program that led to the New York Board of Education requesting "an immediate and full investigation and a complete report on the memorial performance."

The rulers of the city are obviously launching a new witch-hunt, directed primarily at militant Black Americans.

Using allegedly "anti-white" remarks of the play to cover their alarm at the program's urging Afro-Americans to "arm themselves," the capitalist power structure seems already to regret its first timid pretenses of allowing a tiny measure of "Black control" at I.S. 201.

Herman Ferguson, a suspended assistant principal and one of the speakers at the memorial program, is currently being hounded in a fantastic frame-up, along with Max Stanford and 15 other Black defendants, for conspiring to assassinate less militant Black leaders!

Ferguson called openly for Afro-Americans to get weapons and learn how to use them — in self-defense, of course.

Malcolm X was assassinated on Feb. 21, 1965, when he was addressing a large meeting in Harlem.

Everything pointed to the CIA as the real criminals in the case, although the ruling class harped on the enmity of the Muslims (who had expelled Malcolm from membership about a year previously). And this led the general public to believe it was the Muslims, rather than the Government, who murdered him.

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NEW YORK, Feb. 22 — Another Malcolm X memorial was held today at Stuyvesant High School.

Florynce Kennedy, John Wilson of SNCC, Asaman Bay and Hal Kopper-smith spoke. Dorothy Pittman sang songs of Black Freedom and the anti-war movement.

It was a spirited and militant affair, honoring John Brown, the draft resisters (singling out Eddie Oquendo for honorable mention) and others, as well as Brother Malcolm.

in this hearing (!), ruled this question to be irrelevant, as he did over twenty such questions raised by Sostre during the hearing in the Black defendant's attempt to establish that the Black man has every reason to feel hostile towards the racist ruling class in the U.S.

Sostre then asked the psychiatrist if it was "possible for a court order to be used to have people who are opposed to racism and militarism committed to the mental institutions?"

"Isn't it possible," he asked, "that a perfectly normal person, opposing the political power structure, could be committed by a state judge, who is

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## Framed in Black Rebellion, Defendant Tells Judge: "You're Another Hitler!"

By NAOMI GOLDSTEIN

BUFFALO, Feb. 19 — Martin Sostre, a Black political prisoner held in Erie County Jail since the rebellion here last June, defiantly told Judge Marshall at a pre-trial hearing today, "The main question in this case is the U.S. oppression of the Black people."

Acting in his own defense, Sostre demanded the hearing after Judge Marshall had him committed to the psychiatric ward at Meyer Memorial Hospital in an attempt to intimidate him and question his sanity. Sostre's conduct of his case, however, not only astounded his enemies and oppressors, but electrified much of the Black community here!

(Sostre, who is being framed on a phony narcotics charge, was arrested, along with his co-defendant Geraldine Robinson, after the June rebellion. His Afro-Asian bookstore, which had become a center for militant Black

youth and revolutionary thinking in the Afro-American community, was virtually destroyed by racist cops.)

Members of the Martin Sostre Defense Committee held a militant picket line in front of the Erie County Court Building prior to today's hearing. They carried signs reading, "No More

Frame-ups, Free Martin Sostre Now!" and "Solidarity with Black Political Prisoners."

Geraldine Robinson carried a picture of Malcolm X with the slogan "Support Black Liberation!"

Martin Sostre was brought into court handcuffed and shackled around the waist and arms with heavy chains. He has been kept in solitary confinement in a dark cell designated for mental cases.

Despite continued attempts by Judge Marshall to break his spirit, Sostre raised his fists in defiance after the shackles were removed and then pro-

ceeded to militantly defend himself before the racist court.

The first witness Sostre called was Dr. Howard C. Wilinsky, the Meyer Hospital psychiatrist who had "examined" Sostre under orders from Judge Marshall. Through questioning his accuser, Mr. Sostre established that no scientific psychiatric tests had been given him and that the report characterizing him as a "paranoid personality" was a subjective evaluation, just "another man's opinion."

The real purpose of Sostre's questioning, however, was to expose the use of the psychiatric ward as an instrument of white supremacist repression.

He asked the doctor if he had taken into consideration the fact that as a Black man, he, Sostre, is part of an oppressed minority living in a white, racist, hostile environment.

Judge Marshall, who is supposed to be objectively judging his own misconduct

## How Many GIs Will Die In Somebody Else's War?

# The Escalation of Death

While the Pentagon and White House officials are scrambling to cover up the defeats suffered by the U.S. military in South Vietnam recently, they are most anxious to minimize the significance of the rising number of U.S. casualties there.

The fact remains, however, that for the week of Feb. 11-17, U.S. casualties set a record for the war at 543 admitted killed and 2,547 wounded, according to a U.S. command report. In the week ending Feb. 3, 416 Americans were killed and 2,757 wounded.

And the U.S. ruling class is ready and willing to send many more tens of thousands of youth to their deaths in Southeast Asia.

To hide the full significance of U.S. defeats, the military is claiming that 37,515 NLF and North Vietnamese soldiers were killed from Jan. 30, when the uprisings in the cities began, to Feb. 21.

This outrageous figure is admitted to be highly exaggerated even in the bourgeois press here.

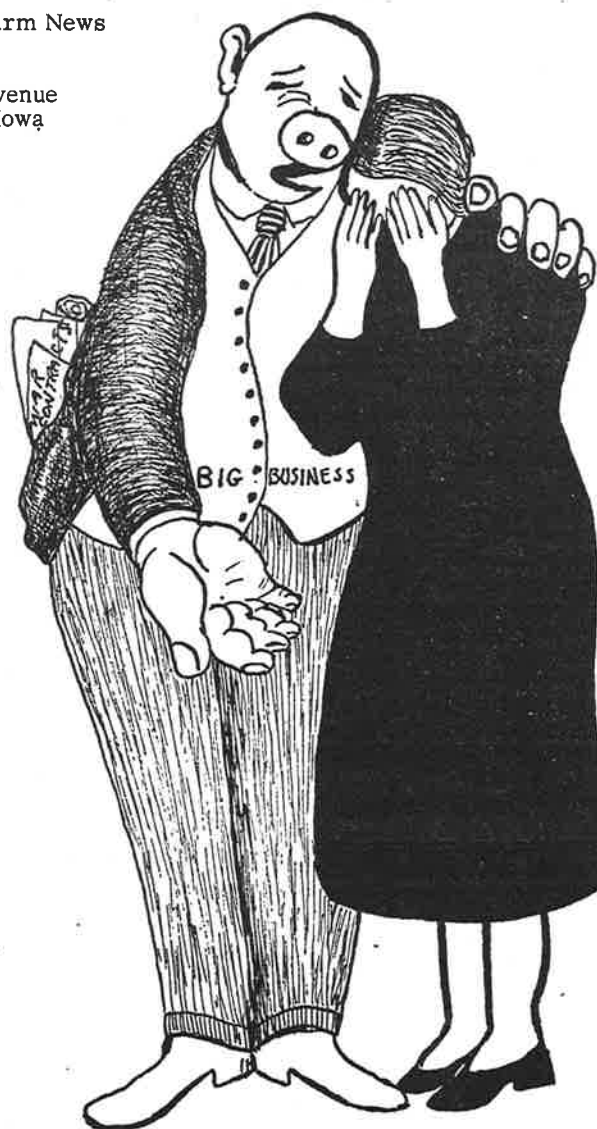
The U.S. Command reported Feb. 22 that 18,239 GIs had been killed in the war and 112,469 wounded. The soaring casualty rate has harshly given the lie to arguments that escalation "saves lives."

This year, when General Westmoreland was boasting that the NLF was on its last legs, an average of 320 U.S. troops were killed weekly. (The average weekly death rate after the Tet of-

fensive is far higher.) This figure is double the number killed each week in 1967.

The averages of deaths per week for 1966 and 1965 respectively were 96 and 26. And before the major U.S. escalation of the war and bombing of North Vietnam, the death rate from 1961 to the end of 1964 totaled 244 in all.

--From U.S. Farm News  
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*Now, now. Someone must sacrifice, madam. In the event of war, you lose sons. In the event of peace, I lose profits.*

## Banker Pinch-Hits For Rusk; Picketed At Northwestern U.

By JAMES BOULTON

CHICAGO, Feb. 5--While enraged Viet Cong liberation fighters stormed the American embassy in Saigon, 350 American opponents of U.S. aggression set up a hot salute for imperialist Secretary of State, Dean Rusk, at Northwestern University on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 4. The instant demonstration had been called by Chicago Students for a Democratic Society; and these were joined by four carloads of Wisconsin supporters from Workers World Party, Youth Against War & Fascism, and SDS.

The Wisconsin delegation carried placards to underscore the class character of the war and distributed Marxist literature to the militant vanguard of student resistance to the war. While additional hundreds of bystanders milled around, the message of Pvt. Stapp for the Committee of GI Rights was circulated.

Dean Rusk was scheduled to make hollow apologies for the latest American atrocities and "stunning victories" against the people of Vietnam at a Loyola University ceremony to heap laurels and doctoral degrees upon the chief State Department bayonet bearer. The heated action in Saigon and across the breadth of the Indochina peninsula detained the prize dove in the LBJ coop at Washington, D.C. He was unable to fly to Illinois and had to be replaced by the vice-president for the First National City Bank of Chicago, in a switch that seems very much to the point.

Inside the hushed auditorium at Northwestern, three determined resistance fighters from SDS distributed a protest against American policy in Vietnam. They were ejected inch by inch by Evanston, Illinois police while a clever team of "responsible" youth in the Young Socialist Alliance assisted the harried cops in clearing demonstrators from the blocked doors of the university.

## 'Little' Conflict Is Really The Longest U.S. War!

By LIBBY ROSS

How long has the United States been at war in Vietnam?

When a war has never been declared, it's easier for the war-makers to pretend it isn't a major war at all. But the fact is that the U.S. war against Vietnam is the longest war in U.S. history.

There are several dates that could be regarded as "beginnings" of the war.

Most Americans probably think of February 7, 1965 -- when U.S. planes first bombed North Vietnam -- as the real beginning. That was the first big escalation and triggered a big step-up in the draft.

Even if that were the real beginning, the war would now be three years and one month old.

The Korean War didn't last quite that long -- it was shorter than that by a couple of weeks.

Even World War I -- as far as American military participation went -- was all over in a year and a half (April, 1917 to November, 1918).

The Spanish-American War, which furnished so much material for

## 'Pacification' Breaking Down As Vietnam People Revolt Viet Puppets, U.S. 'Volunteers' Demoralized

Feb. 19 -- The International Voluntary Services -- an agency backed by the U.S. Government -- announced in Saigon today that it would begin wrapping up all its operations in Vietnam and get its "volunteers" all back to the U.S. as soon as possible.

Last September the then director of the agency, Don Luce, and his whole

field staff resigned in protest against the war, calling it an "overwhelming atrocity." The current protest seems to come more directly from the utter failure of the organization's mission and the death or disappearance of several of its personnel during the recent uprising.

Five are missing in Hue alone. "The number of locations at which we can safely place a volunteer have significantly decreased in recent months," said Don Whitehead, present director of the agency, in a memorandum to the 155 remaining members of his organization.

The so-called "pacification program" is manned by far more people than those in this particular agency. But the situation is even worse in some of the other units.

In January, before the uprising, an unnamed high Vietnamese puppet official told Everett G. Martin of Newsweek that "pacification would not work. He may have overdrawn his case," said Martin, "but he said that within two weeks after the so-called 'Revolutionary Development' teams come into a hamlet, they are so demoralized by official corruption and obstructionism that they become ineffective."

The members of the "Revolutionary Development" teams are usually Vietnamese.

But nearly two dozen other volunteer agencies, whose personnel are all American, appear to be equally demoralized.

Bernard Weinraub of the New York Times reported from Saigon today that "This (the cut-back in the International Voluntary Services) is expected to have an impact on the ... other volunteer agencies in South Vietnam and may even affect the United States Mission's efforts."

## -B'flo Demonstration

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dishing their signs.

Other than a Main Street march against the war last year, this was something new in recent demonstrations here.

Channel 2 (WGR) carried extensive news of the event, and although YAWF sparked and led it, many feel that it is a deeper indication of mass readiness to struggle, and may presage much bigger developments in the near future.

were little more than two-thirds of the time Americans have been fighting and dying in Vietnam.

The war was escalated so gradually throughout the Eisenhower and Kennedy administrations, the majority of Americans hardly knew anything was happening.

When John Kennedy, in 1962, increased the number of fighting men from 685 (the number allowed by the Geneva Accords) to an estimated 5,000, and introduced fighter planes, helicopters and rockets, Youth Against War & Fascism demonstrated in New York City in front of the recruiting center at Times Square, carrying signs reading "Stop the War in Vietnam -- Bring the Troops Home."

Passers-by looked on in bewilderment. They didn't know there was a war going on in Vietnam.

The few Americans who have been making money out of the war know how long it's been, though. The munitions makers, the plane and helicopter manufacturers, and the bankers who lend money to the U.S. Government to keep the war going -- all look back on those nine years of glorious profit-grabbing. And you can bet they're hoping and planning for at least nine more.

But maybe the GIs and the American working people think the longest war has gone on long enough.



# Newark Hospital Strikers Battle Police

## ECHOES OF LAST JUNE'S REBELLION FILL THE AIR

By PETER STORCH

NEWARK, N.J., Feb. 24 — Despite brutal police repression, 330 Black hospital workers fighting for union representation are in their ninth day of a strike against St. Michael's Medical Center. Local 1199 of the Drug and Hospital Workers' Union has already card signatures from over 80 per cent of the workers, but still is denied recognition by a racist hospital management, which only recently recognized the union of 15 white boiler room workers by a card count.

On Monday, Feb. 19, police charged into 250 striking demonstrators with clubs and horses, as pickets attempted to prevent scabs from entering the hospital.

The police were so savage in their attack that it reminded many of the bystanders of last summer's rebellion here in Newark. Many cops were heard shouting racial epithets at the Black workers.

Almost 100 of the pickets then decided to march on to City Hall and demand that Mayor Addonizio take action against the racist policies of the hospital and the cops.

As the demonstrators began to march up the steps of City Hall to the Mayor's office, special "riot control" police standing under a large "Brotherhood Week" poster came raining down with clubs and especially aimed at union officials and organizers.

Henry Nicholas, Local 1199 director of the Strike Committee of St. Michael's Hospital, who himself received a gaping wound in his finger

after having been kicked by police horses, told this reporter:

"The boss of the hospital had a list of our union staff. After the cops had



Cops surrounding pickets outside St. Michael's Medical Center in Newark, Feb. 19. They arrested Leon Davis, president of Local 1199, beat up Doris Turner, vice president, and clubbed others.

photographed everybody on the picket lines, he just pointed us out to them. That's how the cops were able to pick out our organizers and attack them so brutally."

Seventeen people were arrested, including Local 1199 President Leon Davis and Vice President Doris Turner, who was taken to Newark City Hospital after being heavily clubbed by the cops.

St. Michael's is run by the reactionary Newark Catholic Archdiocese and provides miserable working conditions as well as low wages for its employees. Workers currently get less than \$1.75 an hour.

The Strike Committee of Local 1199 widely distributed a leaflet calling for community support shortly after Monday's events. The leaflet said in part:

"The St. Michael Hospital strikers are fighting for equality with white workers."

"The St. Michael Hospital strikers are for union recognition and a decent wage."

"The Hospital management recognized a union for 15 white workers. But the Hospital refuses to recognize a union for 330 Black workers. Instead they called on the police to beat up the strikers. The St. Michael strikers are ready to carry on their fight for justice."

Striking workers surround the hospital 24 hours round-the-clock. On the picket line, in sub-freezing weather, the chants are ringing as loud as ever:

"Union, union! — Strike, strike! — Fight, fight!" the Black workers chant in rhythm, and "Rap Brown, Rap Brown! — Malcolm X, Malcolm X!"

## Murder in San Domingo

By F. REED

A protest by Dominican students resulted this month in another armed invasion of Santo Domingo (this time by Dominican troops), as the U.S.-backed Balaguer regime increased its repression in the face of growing student unrest and guerrilla activity.

The last invasion, by 24,000 U.S. Marines, occurred in April, 1965, when the forces of the Dominican Revolutionary Party (PRD) and the 14th of June Movement (IJ4) and the Dominican Peoples' Movement (MPD) armed and fought to restore constitutional government.

Over 4,000 Dominicans were killed in the fighting.

The Marines finally left Santo Domingo in Sept., 1966, after overseeing the "free election" of Joaquin Balaguer, a close associate of Trujillo. The "election" was a vicious farce, with the usual ballot-box fraud, plus the killing of hundreds of the constitutionalist and, especially, the left opposition.

Since then, the puppet government has continued its campaign of terrorizing the popular forces. Predictably, resistance to the regime has taken more militant forms lately.

Numerous clashes of guerrilla units and government troops were reported in the last six months, and U.S. military advisers are training puppet Dominican troops in anti-guerrilla warfare.

Police-state laws against demonstrating and striking, plus the catch-all Law Number Six, against "communist activities," are eagerly enforced by gorilla cops and trujillist army officials.

The Santo Domingo University students in this month's confrontation had threatened to march to the Presidential Palace to protest a police confiscation of five school buses. Police surrounded the campus to prevent the march.

Word spread through the capital, and after a police attack on one group of youths downtown which left one student dead, two wounded, and one cop injured,

## Biggest Anti-U.S. March in "Showcase" City

By JOHN MOORE

More than 10,000 people marched in West Berlin on Feb. 18 to protest U.S. aggression in Vietnam.

The size and militance of the crowd, which carried hundreds of NLF flags and shouted its support of Ho Chi Minh, would have been impressive anyplace.

But its appearance in West Berlin, which has been subsidized by literally billions of U.S. dollars to make it what the U.S. ruling class likes to call its "showcase" of European capitalism, showed the deep failure of the U.S. rulers to gain popular sympathy for their aggression even among those they thought they had completely bought off and brainwashed.

Hundreds of police under the command of Berlin's former SS officer, police chief "Commander" Hans-Ulrich Werner, cordoned off the U.S. Mission in West Berlin and also the surrounding military and diplomatic settlement to protect their U.S. bosses from the danger of a confrontation with the angry anti-imperialist people.

Police Chief Werner had tried to prevent the march with an official police ban. But when the demonstrators said they would march anyway, a fright-

the campus was surrounded by troops in tanks. The students entrenched on the campus were "allowed" to come out, then interrogated and 60 arrested.

Helicopters flew low over university rooftops, looking for snipers.

The Government closed the university for a week, and proceeded to "search for arms" which they eventually found, of course, along with "communist literature."

The leader of the Dominican Student Union was accused of shooting cops; 22 more students were arrested for violating the weapons law (six days after the original clash). The leader of the militant IJ4 was also arrested.

The Balaguer regime has treated the PRD as public enemy number one. Since Bosch went into exile, the party sounds increasingly militant. Shortly before the university events, the Latin press had been asking:

ened West Berlin court threw out the police ban.

While there are still many older, Nazi-conditioned elements in the U.S.-occupied part of Berlin, the emergence of masses of militant anti-U.S. people there shows how bright the future of the resurgent progressive forces is and how low the stock of Johnson and Wall Street and Co. has fallen.

In the first edition of Workers World (March, 1959), an article on West Berlin by John Black had this to say: "The political and military value to world capitalism of this outpost within the workers' countries is underscored by the annual subsidy of \$300 million which is poured into the capitalist segment of Berlin via the West German Adenauer government."

At the end of the Feb. 18 rally, Rudi Dutschke, leader of the student radical movement, said: "Tell the Americans the day and the hour will come when we will drive you out unless you yourselves throw out imperialism."

The crowd cheered him.

Those were the sons and daughters of Rosa Luxembourg and Karl Liebknecht.

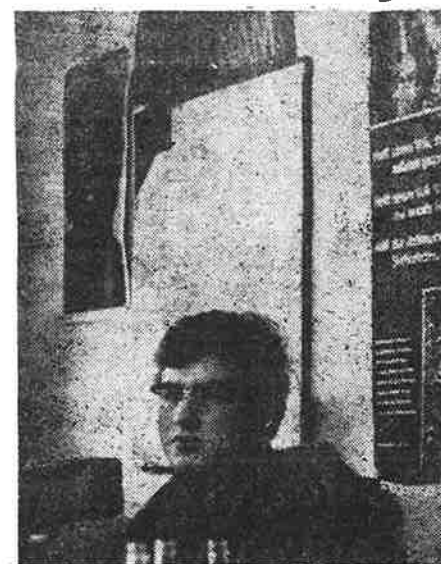
"Is Caamano Defio (the constitutionalist colonel) in Cuba planning a guerrilla comeback?"

Hundreds of PRD members and leaders were rounded up during this month's events, and the PRD radio closed down. Government troops have been sent to the north of the country, creating rumors of an imminent guerrilla uprising.

## Jeanette Rankin Rank-and-File

The Jeanette Rankin Rank-and-File are to have a rally and dramatic presentation at Community Church, 40 E. 35th St., New York City, on the evening of March 7.

Chairman will be Clara De Miha. Among the speakers are Ruth Gage Colby, Florynce Kennedy and Deirdre Stapp.



In Frankfurt, W. Germany, Karl Dietrich Wolff leads a GI Desertion campaign. Note poster of Che Guevara on wall.

## SS Officer Head Cop

(From the Dec. 15 Democratic German Report)

"The head of the West Berlin uniformed police forces, which have made headlines recently by their brutal attacks on left-wing demonstrators, was formerly an SS officer, it has just been revealed."

"Research in Nazi documents shows that Commander Hans-Ulrich Werner joined the Nazi police forces in 1936 and was promoted to the rank of officer in 1938."

"In 1939 an official entry in his personal file stated: 'Werner's conduct is such that he can be relied upon to act ruthlessly in the interests of the National Socialist state.'"

"In 1943 he served in the 'Einsatzgruppe Burger,' one of the special SS liquidation units...."

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# Cops Attack Crowds Protesting Bigoted N.Y. Athletic Club at Garden



Police at work in front of Madison Square Garden.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 — An angry, defiant crowd of Black people and progressive white youths demonstrated their feelings here tonight outside a track meet sponsored by the rich and bigoted New York Athletic Club at the new Madison Square Garden. A phalanx of meaty-faced, club-swinging cops guarded the main entrance for their masters.

"Racism must go!" was the cry as some of the 1,000 to 1,500 demonstrators circled the huge sports arena in early stages of the protest.

The demonstration against the club, which grew out of a boycott by black

athletes to protest their use by white racists, was led by Harry Edwards.

Edwards, a Black man, was an outstanding athlete himself; he is now a sociology professor at San Jose State College in California.

Though the boycott had been in the planning for some time, the obvious anger of the unarmed demonstrators toward the armed cops was heightened by the police murder of three Black youths and the shooting of many more defenseless Black students at Orangeburg, S.C. only a week before (Feb. 8).

After circling the area, most of the demonstrators gathered at the front entrance. When spectators entered the

stadium, a group of the protesters surged forward and swept in. Cops drove them out and then attacked those gathered near the front steps.

The police made several attacks. In one attack a girl was beaten to the pavement and then left to bleed there. Cops clubbed one youth viciously. Then as he was being helped away by his friends, two cops grabbed him without explanation and arrested him for "assault."

But while the youths (there were large numbers of both black and white youths) had to retreat in the face of attacks by club-swinging cops, they surged back again and again, shouting, knocking over the police-erected barricades, harassing scab athletes who tried to slip into the Garden without being seen, and in general displaying the kind of militancy that frightened the city officials into making a statement about denying the use of the Garden to the NYAC if they did not cut out the discrimination which bars Black members and allows only a token number of Jews.

Twelve persons were arrested. Other protesters gathered at night court to show their backing and to provide bail or other help and to greet those arrested when they were freed after arraignment.

Only nine Afro-American athletes participated in the NYAC track meet and there were many empty seats in the stadium. The Soviet Union, somewhat belatedly, withdrew from the meet.

The success of the boycott was a big step toward a Black boycott of the Olympic games, and now that African countries have pulled out because of the admission of South Africa to the summer games, it appears as if a boycott by Afro-American athletes may merge with a world-wide boycott by anti-racist countries.

## -Black Panther

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position of point 7 of the program — the struggle against police terror over the Black communities.

Implicit and explicit in the remarks of Bobby Seale and Eldridge Cleaver was their orientation toward the most oppressed sections of the Black community — toward, as Cleaver said, "the low man on the totem pole: because unless that man moves, the thing won't get done."

Outstanding performances of African dances by the Earth Soul dancers and the Duncan company featured the evening.

The mother of Huey Newton spoke briefly, as well as Charles Garry, Newton's attorney, and Robert Avakian, a leader in the Peace and Freedom Party, a section of which has given all-out support to Huey's defense.

The fighting spirit of the audience was unmistakable. And with it was the consciousness that they represented many thousands more in the Bay Area. The cause of Huey Newton's defense has now been taken up nationally, along with the issue of self-defense.

This should give the racist rulers of this city and the country additional cause for concern.

## — Martin Sostre

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controlled by the local politicians and the power structure?"

Sostre continued to charge that Marshall's order to have him committed was an attempt to coerce and intimidate a Black man opposed to the ruling class by a racist and bigoted judge. Wilinsky reluctantly answered that "this was possible."

He asked the doctor if it were not true that feelings of hostility towards persons or institutions may or may not have some real basis in fact.

Documenting the very real oppression he has suffered throughout his case, Sostre cited the political pressure brought to bear on his lawyers which made them drop his case, the destruction of his Afro-Asian bookstore and the outrageous bail set at \$50,000.

Sostre, who prepared his own defense under the inhuman conditions in jail, also did research on psychology, sociology and psychiatry in order to expose their use as a tool of the racist courts. Quoting from the American Journal of Psychiatry, Sostre proved that it was normal for the oppressed to feel hostility toward his oppressor.

In the face of this evidence, the doctor had to admit that he was correct.

"Then why didn't you take this into consideration in your report, doctor?" Martin asked angrily. The D.A. objected; the judge sustained the objection.

All of Sostre's arguments supporting the right of Black people to fight back against racism were ruled irrelevant.

At one point in the hearing a young woman among Sostre's supporters in the courtroom voiced her support for his defiance of the racist judge. Marshall ordered her removed from the court.

"That's right, get your goons judge," Sostre shot back. "You will have to use violence to cover yourself — you will have to escalate just like the warmongers in Washington. You're another Hitler! But we will use violence to answer your violence!"

Martin Sostre's hearing ended dramatically when he called for Judge Marshall himself to take the stand. The judge refused and quickly called the hearing closed. He ruled that Sostre would stand trial.

Sostre answered that he would appeal the hearing to a higher court. Then the guards began to chain him to take him back to the cell.

On his way out of the courtroom, Martin Sostre lifted his shackled fists up as far as he could, defiantly signalling his militant determination to win.

# Learning About China From Her Enemies

"On one level, China is a ludicrous nation. Take, for example, the campaign to glorify the men who empty commodes to provide night-soil..."

"Gradually, the underlying tragedy of the Chinese experiment is borne home to the reader. The glorification of the cesspool scavenger becomes a sign of the government control of the press..."

"Marcuse has a great love for the Chinese people, and he hates to see them humiliated."

The less than immortal words quoted above are from a Sunday New York Times book review of "The Peking Papers — Leaves From the Notebook of a China Correspondent," by Jacques Marcuse.

They are quoted here because they are among the most classical we have seen anywhere in expressing the class hatred of the world bourgeoisie against the Chinese revolution — and exposing it for what it really is.

What a perfect example of the real nature of their hatred!

So it is ludicrous to "glorify" the unsung workers who have carted out the sewage for them for centuries and been scorned for their task and made to feel that it is shameful! It is ludicrous to glorify the labor that literary night-soil makers are "too good" to do!

This is the authentic voice of the same class that thought it was a "betrayal" and a "surrender" to pay a few more dollars to the New York sanitation workers, whose labor, although less odorous, is functionally similar to the Chinese "night-soil" workers.

Nothing could be a clearer proof of the continuing validity of the Chinese revolution and the class content of the present proletarian cultural revolution than a "campaign to glorify the men who

empty commodes to provide night-soil."

All through the Orient this task has been performed for many ages by those who have been treated as sub-human by Oriental despots, Occidental exploiters and their literary hirelings.

In Japan the outcast "Etas" were assigned this work; in India the "Untouchables." Both countries have made formal decrees abolishing the separate castes. But the social opprobrium and economic oppression continues. "Your sister" does not marry them. Nobody "glorifies" them — except those who have made a glorious revolution.

And just who are the "Chinese people" whom this "Old China Hand," as the Times reviewer describes Marcuse, loves with "such a great

love (that) he hates to see them humiliated?"

Who would be humiliated by a campaign to glorify the night-soil collectors?

Perhaps those who collected old Ming vases, scroll paintings and concubines. And perhaps those whose minds have been collected by the ruling class and stamped into dutiful copies of the rulers' own dirty prejudices. But whoever they are, these friends of Jacques Marcuse, they are enemies, not friends of the Chinese people.

The Chinese revolution and the great masses of China are themselves glorified by the campaign to glorify the night-soil collectors. It is one of the most admirable and heroic campaigns of history — a campaign that imperialist society could not even undertake, much less bring to victory.



Workers discussing Cultural Revolution in Shanghai factory