

# Resistance Rises Inside Army; More and More GIs Fight Brass

## The U.S. Soldiers' Rebellion In Longbinh Stockade

American GIs imprisoned at the Longbinh stockade in South Vietnam rebelled against prison conditions and mistreatment August 30, in the largest GI revolt of the Vietnam war.

According to the New York Times report of September 1, the prisoners wrecked the mess hall, destroyed an administrative building and burned all the prison records. Five guards were injured and the warden, a lieutenant colonel, was hospitalized.

Andrew Stapp, Chairman of the American Servicemen's Union (ASU), denounced the "savage act of murder" which resulted in the death of one GI prisoner and the injury of 58 others by military police and guards during the rebellion.

"We demand that the Pentagon release the names and numbers of the men and specify which individual was killed," the union representative said. "We want to know what kind of medical treatment they are receiving and what kind of charges the brass intends to bring against them."

This uprising at the largest U.S. stockade in Vietnam follows another prison rebellion two weeks earlier at the Danang stockade, where prisoners burned down their cell blocks in protest over mistreatment, poor conditions and having to "sir" officers. At that time, the ASU, which was organized to protect the rights of the rank and file against the brass, intervened on the GIs' behalf, demanding that the Pentagon release the names of the 40 men being held as the instigators of the rebellion.

Pentagon officials have characterized the recent Longbinh rebellion as a "race riot," in an attempt to cover up the terrible conditions in the prison and the oppression of the GIs by the guards and officers in the stockade. In addition, official reports now claim that the dead GI was killed by a fellow prisoner, not by a guard or MP.

Mr. Stapp, denounced the Pentagon's cover up of the rebellion saying, "This major rebellion by GI prisoners at Longbinh is a reflection of the growing resistance among the rank and file soldiers to the oppressive rule of the officer caste. This was not a race riot, but an uprising against savage mistreatment, inhuman conditions and unjust imprisonment."

Mr. Stapp added that the American Servicemen's Union (ASU) has

members in the Longbinh Stockade who receive the anti-war union newspaper, The Bond. The ASU is currently trying to obtain first-hand information about the rebellion which has been closely censored by the military.



High point on Grant's statue, Grant Park, Chicago, when the Red Flag and NLF flags were raised in triumph.

## Black GIs Face Court Martial for Refusing to Do Brass' Dirty Work in Chicago

On the heels of full scale mutinies in Danang, Longbinh and milder protests in bases at home, on August 24, sixty Black GIs at Fort Hood, Texas, demonstratively refused to go to Chicago for so-called "riot duty." They staged an all-night demonstra-

tion at a street intersection in the fort, defying various "suggestions" to break it up--and finally, it is alleged--defied direct orders.

Forty-three of them were held incommunicado for 72 hours and not allowed to see Emergency Civil Liberties attorneys nor to receive calls from American Servicemen's Union representatives.

Later, 24 of the 43 were temporarily released "in the custody of their company commanders."

It is thought that this case, especially because of its close connection both to the Black Liberation and anti-war movements, will become a veritable cause celebre that the Army will eventually wish it never started.

## Servicemen's Union, GI Rights Unit Go to Fort Hood

### Andy Stapp, 2 Others

### Arrested in Effort To Defend Black GIs

KILLEEN, Tex., Sept. 11 — Three leaders of the American Servicemen's Union were arrested here yesterday during their efforts to intervene in behalf of 43 Black soldiers held prisoner at nearby Ft. Hood. The soldiers had openly refused to be sent to Chicago to suppress demonstrators at the Democratic National Convention.

The three union leaders, all recently separated from the Service, one a veteran of Vietnam, were charged with vagrancy by the authorities of this Army-dominated city of 34,000. This was in spite of the fact that they had \$300 on their persons and were staying at a local hotel. They are to be tried in city court tomorrow.

One of them, Andy Stapp, national chairman of the Union, was barred from seeing fellow union members at the Army post. The Provost Marshal, Col. Gereche, two other colonels, and a major insisted that he leave, one of them presenting him with a formal written order, which Stapp refused to accept.

The New York office of the ASU issued a statement "protesting the conspiracy of the Army brass and the Birchite Killeen police to deprive the (Continued on Page 8)

## Wallace Picketed In New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 11 — 150 persons came out today to demonstrate against racist George Wallace who was addressing the American Legion convention here. The action was organized by David Lee Stone, in collaboration with Roger Levin of "The Word," New Orleans' only underground newspaper. A soldier, Pvt. Borne, stationed in an artillery battery at Ft. Polk, was arrested by military police after joining the demonstration in uniform.

This was the same convention at which Johnson made a vicious, bomb-rattling war-hawk speech yesterday.

## "Disarm Cops So They Cannot Shoot Black People," Says WWP Statement

NEW YORK, Sept. 5 — "It is time for the police to be disarmed," said a Workers World Party statement made public here today.

"Whether in uniform or out of uniform, they ought not to carry firearms or other deadly weapons, since these are used against the oppressed infinitely more than against the real enemies of the people."

The statement made special reference to the assault of over 150 off-duty policemen against a dozen black and white supporters of the Black Panthers in a Brooklyn court yesterday.

These men, mostly members of the fascistic so-called "Law Enforcement

Group" (LEG) of the New York police, carried heavy truncheons and service revolvers in their civilian clothes. They bloodied the heads of several youths, including a girl, and reportedly kicked one young man in the back 20 to 25 times.

Sporting Wallace-for-President buttons and shouting "White power!" and other less printable epithets, the gang attacked in the well-remembered manner of Mussolini's blackshirts and Hitler's brownshirts.

"Behind the sadism and brutality of the police," said the statement, "is the gun. Every cop knows that he possesses the power of life and death over his victim — and his

victim knows it. Thousands of beatings are administered daily, and people cannot resist, except at the risk of their lives or their freedom.

"We hear daily complaints about the violence in American life. The source of most of that violence is to be found in the police. But not even the most non-violent pacifists will advocate the most obvious solution — to disarm the cops.

"Lyndon Johnson has pointed out how few murders and assassinations there are in Britain," (when Johnson was advocating a gun control law — ed.) the statement continued. "But

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## Huey Newton

With the jury still out and its verdict still uncertain, Huey P. Newton, his life in the balance, told reporters on Sept. 7: "We feel it necessary to prepare the people... for what we feel is inevitable to come, and that is armed rebellion."

In the jail on the 10th floor of Alameda Courthouse, while a nearly all-white jury pondered his fate two floors below, Huey said simply: "I hope some day to be a revolutionary."

He said that a small group of white people ran the country and he called the group "the white business establishment." He would consider himself a socialist, he declared, and said that he worked toward a nation in which

the tools of production would be owned by the people.

"I've been inspired by the dedication of white revolutionaries and the spirit they've shown.... They're integrating theory with practice and this is necessary to become a revolutionary."

He said he hoped no separate Black revolution would be necessary, but indicated that it most likely would be, and that he wanted to help to lead it.

"We feel it necessary to prepare the people... for what we feel is inevitable to come, and that is armed rebellion."

Spoken like a true revolutionary.

## Fort Hood Forty-Three

Sixty Black soldiers demonstrated at Fort Hood, Texas, against being sent to the Chicago Democratic Convention as additional Cossacks for the war-mad ruling class to put down youthful anti-war demonstrators.

It was an act of supreme class solidarity, for which 43 immediately paid by being thrown into the stockade. It was also an example to millions more in the Armed Services -- an example to follow when asked to shoot down the oppressed masses, whether in the USA or in Vietnam.

It was a living proof that the coming American revolution is inevitable, because it is already living in the hearts of those whom the imperialists intend to use to suppress that revolution.

The Black people, who have to face the murder weapons of the cops, can take heart that their brothers in the Army are not professional policemen (in spite of Army training) and in fact will come to the aid of the oppressed, if the conditions are right.

## Reader Emphasizes Economic Basis Of War

Dear Editor,

The Marxist's ability to explain and illuminate history and current events is his one advantage, an advantage too often abandoned on the assumption that the people aren't ready for it when this apparent lack of receptivity in turn is largely a result of those who know the score going around saying they're not ready for it.

With bourgeois ideology pervading the culture in a thousand explicit and implicit ways the only way to supplant it is to expose its "pluralist, reformist and end of ideology" premises as obfuscations of class divided society and preservatives of vested interests and the capitalist system itself.

For instance, exposing the evil of the Vietnam war alone may make people anti-war but it also builds a constituency which a "peace candidate" rhetorician can drain off towards strengthening the war breeding and imperialist capitalist system and obscuring the war's symptomatic relation to that system.

On the other hand, it must be shown how the war serves the global market, resources and investment needs of a minority parasitical ruling class who must be parasitical abroad in the quest for outlets for their surplus commodities and capital because they are parasitical at home. We must show that this same minority is robbing the workers of the better part of the

value of his production, and thus we will help an anti-war, anti-capitalist, and pro-socialist constituency immune to the blandishments of "reformist" candidates who would blame the war on an administration's mistake or personality aberration.

(The tactics, timing, target and rhetoric of Vietnam could possibly be considered a "mistake" even from an imperialist's point of view, but not the larger and older Asian imperialism of which it is a part and the economic stimulant it provides on the homefront -- the whole military-space boondoggle can be seen as a sort of anti-social public works project that doesn't compete with non-military business and with whose taxed surplus capital, along with deficit spending, it is subsidized.)

I think it's going to be fatal that the only organization in the movement that seems to be bringing some hint of capitalism's depredations to the general public is YAWF. During a period when people are starved for an explanation to make the world intelligible to them, it's inexcusable to allow the bourgeois "accidental" non-explanation to prevail by default or even by implicit reinforcement.

--D.W., Cleveland

## No "Miss Tanzania"

DAR ES SALAAM -- Tanzania has banned beauty contests, on the grounds, according to the Associated Press, that they "divert women from the tasks of building the nation and from self-reliance." Miss America contest was picketed, meanwhile, in Atlantic City.

## Black Control of Black Schools Real Issue in NYC Teachers' Strike

The real issue in the New York City teachers' strike is the issue of Black control -- the right of the Black people to run their own schools and determine the disposition of the schools' personnel from the lowest employee to the principal and the administrators.

The union should be in the vanguard of the struggle to extend this right to the Black people, rather than in the rearguard and, in this case, actually fighting against what amounts to a whole people's right of self-determination.

It is a strike wrongly called, although of course the union should be defended against the imperialist Board of Education, which would love to break the union altogether and couldn't care less about the right of self-determination, in spite of some concessions to it.

A year ago, when this issue was just barely raised by the semi-seizure of I.S. 201 and several Brooklyn schools during a teachers' strike, Sam Marcy, chairman of Workers World Party, said:

"Our party upholds 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 measures pertaining thereto, even during the teachers' strike."

## Escalating Prices

AUG. 27 -- The U.S. Labor Department today stated that "Consumer prices rose one-half of 1 per cent in July, matching the increase in June and recording the sharpest two-month increase in 11 years..."

This seems like a relatively small rise in living costs, but taken over a year it means for a worker a 6 per cent increase in expenses. If workers do not receive raises to compensate for this, then they are in effect receiving a 6 per cent salary cut.

Inflating prices and higher taxes go hand in hand with the prolonged aggression of the United States against the Vietnamese people.

Workers, who receive no profit from wars of this kind, are being forced to sacrifice the lives of their children and much of their salaries to line the bosses' pockets as well.

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

"The exercise of this revolutionary right," Mr. Marcy said at that time, "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."

Today the question of independent seizure is not paramount, but with the partial institutionalization of local Black control in some areas (very grudgingly conceded by the reactionary Board of Education) the self-determination issue is, if anything, sharper and clearer now.

But the union leadership is ducking that issue.

Ten teachers were fired by the Afro-American Ocean Hill-Brownsville District governing board. And the chances are ten to one, if not one hundred to one, that these teachers showed racist attitudes to one degree or another. But when the local board tried to compromise by finding some other teaching positions for these teachers, the union leadership refused the compromise, choosing to make the job assignment of ten teachers the main issue, as opposed to the self-determination of over 20-million oppressed people.

The union's position is sure to become more and more untenable if it sticks to this line. The reactionary Board of Education will ultimately be able to destroy the union, if the union persists in such a self-destructive course.

The best way to save the union is for it to make an adjustment and find a different outlet for the teachers, rather than impose them upon the Black community.

"We are 100 per cent in support of the teachers' strike insofar as it concerns the white community," Workers World said of the 1967 strike.

"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 can there ever be genuine working class solidarity against the capitalist class."



Bruce Beyers, nineteen year-old draft resister, as he was being dragged from Unitarian church in Buffalo, where he had taken refuge. Several cops were injured in melee. One hit Mr. Beyers with a chain. Others attacked youths assembled in the church.

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# Capitalist Restoration in Czechoslovakia Would Mean Imperialism in All East Europe

By Sam Marcy

In the midst of all the hysteria generated by the imperialist press against the Warsaw Pact intervention in Czechoslovakia, the State Department's charge that the intervention had "changed the balance of power" in Eastern Europe casts a revealing light on what is really the crux of the problem.

For what this charge about the "change in the balance of power" amounts to, is that in the eyes of Washington's planners, Czechoslovakia had been marked up in the balance sheet of the world struggle between capitalist and socialist countries as already being on their side, as one of their acquired assets.

The long drawn-out struggle waged by the U.S. and allied imperialist countries for the subversion of socialist Czechoslovakia into an imperialist satellite, culminated in the January coup by Dubcek and his collaborators. The imperialists thought they had it made. It was in the bag.

All that was needed was to legitimize the takeover and to bring to the surface the openly counter-revolutionary character of the new regime.

To be sure, Dubcek and company had merely opened the door to it, but it was only a matter of days before full control of the main arteries of life in Czechoslovakia would be in the hands of the open bourgeois restoration. Already one of the new periodicals fittingly called itself "Restoration".

The intervention by the Warsaw Pact powers that followed was calculated to roll back the counter-revolution if not to crush it. This drastic measure came late and only time will tell if it was not too late.

## The Alternatives

Among genuine Communists and progressives who are sincerely concerned as to whether the military intervention was justified, the issue must first of all be considered in the light of what alternatives were available in the given situation. It would indeed be a fortuitous historical circumstance if as a result of the continued and uninterrupted growth of revisionist policies in the Czechoslovak CP there had developed a genuine proletarian opposition from below.

Unfortunately such a development did not take place, and shows no signs of developing even at this moment. To deny this is to fly in the face of stubborn facts and to distort reality in order to suit pre-conceived political notions.

The choices that were left open were support of the bourgeois counter-revolution or a military intervention led by the Soviet Union, whose leaders are themselves revisionist. So the choice finally narrowed itself down to support of the socialist countries led by the Soviet revisionists.

It is no answer to say that the Soviet leadership itself is responsible for the development of revisionism in Czechoslovakia. Of course they are responsible for its development.

But once the Warsaw Pact nations took drastic steps to check revisionism from swiftly degenerating into open counter-revolution, those steps were progressive and could not be opposed on revolutionary grounds.

It should first of all be noted that the intervention was decided upon only as a last resort, and because the situation posed a threat to the very existence of the socialist countries in the Warsaw Pact nations. Here we do not mean a military threat backed by the forces of the U.S. and its Western allies.

## The Main Danger

Of course the socialist countries are always in danger of a military attack by the imperialist powers, but that really was not the main danger so far as the Czechoslovak counter-revolution is concerned. The main and fundamental danger is that it would accelerate the neo-bourgeois restorationist trend in all of the socialist countries and pose an internal danger of a full scale bourgeois counter-revolution in the socialist bloc.

Of course with Czechoslovakia in the imperialist camp, the military threat to the Soviet Union from the West would be enormously increased, since Czechoslovakia is the gateway to the Soviet Union, especially with a militarized neo-Nazi regime in Western Germany.

It is impossible to conceive of the existence of a capitalist Czechoslovakia without the most dangerous repercussions in all of the socialist countries including China. For in the final analysis, one of the fundamental tasks of the Cultural Revolution in China was the destruction of the very forces of reaction and restoration which came to a head in Czechoslovakia.

## Class Character Of Soviet State

It is possible to denounce the intervention only if one takes the position that the Soviet Union is in fact a capitalist, or to be more precise, an imperialist state. In such an eventuality a different approach would be necessary.

Almost since the birth of the Soviet Union there have been episodes which have evoked hysterical cries from the bourgeoisie which in turn found echoes in the radical movement, calling for a re-evaluation of the class character of the Soviet Union as a socialist or workers state.

This was true when Lenin introduced his NEP policy which followed on the heels of the Kronstadt rebellion, a counter-revolutionary insurrection against the Soviet Union.

This was true of the Soviet invasion of Poland in 1920. It was particularly true during the Stalin-Hitler Pact period and the invasion of Finland. And needless to say, it was true during the period of the Hungarian counter-revolution. This is not to say that much of the history of the Soviet leadership after the death of Lenin is not characterized by serious errors and grave miscalculations. Nor is it to deny the growth and development of the monstrous bureaucratic caste which feeds on privilege, inequality and the development of material incentive on an ever-increasing scale.

But this is a long way from saying that the Soviet Union is a capitalist state. The private ownership of the basic means of production and the prevalence of a market economy based on private ownership, which characterizes all the capitalist countries, is by no means the driving force of the Soviet economy.

Despite the introduction of Liebermannism and other capitalist techniques which have resulted in spreading economic inequality in the Soviet Union, the fact of the matter is that the basic conquests of the Revolution, such as state ownership of the means of production and the fact that the economy is basically a planned one in spite of many deformations, have preserved

## WWP Conference

Workers World Party held its annual Conference over the Labor Day weekend. The Conference affirmed the position earlier taken by the Political Committee which supported the intervention by the Warsaw Pact Nations in Czechoslovakia as the only alternative to bourgeois counter-revolution.

There were also many reports of Party activities all over the country. In addition to reports by Black Liberation fighters, there were also special reports on anti-imperialist resistance in the armed forces, street struggles and demonstrations against the police, anti-draft struggles, and a current report by participants in the Chicago demonstrations.

The Conference ended on a high note of optimism marking the growth of the Party, and ended with the spirited singing of the Internationale.

the foundations of the Soviet Union as a socialist or workers state. It goes without saying that as revisionism in politics deepens, the danger to the socialist foundations of the Soviet Union becomes ever greater. This has manifested itself for a long time both at home (in the Soviet Union) and abroad.

## Revisionists Are Not The Capitalist Class

Those who equate revisionism with capitalist restoration do violence to both fact and theory. Revisionism is merely an ideological current. Capitalist restoration means a change in the social system. It is a change from one class rule to another.

Some of those who equate revisionism with capitalist restoration unequivocally supported Soviet intervention in Hungary. Was Khrushchev merely a revisionist — but Brezhnev a capitalist restorationist?

In our view, the difference between Khrushchev and Brezhnev is minimal. They are both revisionists. They are capable of veering leftward or rightward within the same ideological framework, but they are both rooted in the planned economic system of the USSR.

As against the Khrushchev-Brezhnev type of revisionism there has been developing for some time an outright counter-revolutionary current which is symbolized by such personalities as Sakharov, whose document as published by The New York Times is an open call for the dismantling of the socialist foundations of the USSR.

A victory for the imperialists in Czechoslovakia unquestionably would strengthen this current immensely. Parallel currents of this type would inevitably grow stronger in all socialist countries.

The Warsaw Pact intervention has at least rolled back this reactionary tidal wave, but the long-term strengthening of the socialist foundations in the USSR as well as in other socialist countries, can only be accomplished by the proletariat itself. It alone can effectuate the urgently needed substitution of the revisionists, with a truly revolutionary Marxist-Leninist leadership.

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## Who's on Whose Side In Czechoslovakia?

Humphrey, Daley, Nixon, Goldwater and the most rabid right-wingers are frothing at the mouth over Czechoslovakia, even more so than their liberal collaborators in the imperialist establishment. And they are also hysterical against the rebellion of youth in the United States.

Their anti-Sovietism and their anti-demonstration, anti-civil rights positions are all cut from the same reactionary cloth. They are quite consistent in opposing the Red Army and also opposing the rebellious American youth. But those youths who oppose the imperialist establishment and also oppose the anti-imperialist Red Army are not consistent at all.

Humphrey and Co. understand very well that Dubcek and his collaborators want to cut off Czechoslovakian aid to Vietnam, Cuba, North Korea and other countries struggling against U.S. imperialism. Dubcek and the counter-revolutionists want to get together with Humphrey, Johnson, Nixon and all the people whom the rebel youth are fighting against.

The middle class of Czechoslovakia is striving to create the conditions in which its members can become the same kind of suburban sellouts that the best American youths are so contemptuous of today. They are consciously trying to restore the humiliating inequalities of the past.

The Red Army and Warsaw Pact troops have tried to stop these tendencies — at least temporarily — and that should be applauded, not condemned.

## CASTRO FOR WARSAW PACT INTERVENTION

Excerpts from Cuban Premier Castro's speech in defense of Warsaw Pact intervention in Czechoslovakia are given below. In his speech, Premier Castro criticized the Soviet leadership for not giving more aid to defeat the counter-revolution — in other countries as well as Czechoslovakia. But he did not, as some social democrats contend, give merely "critical support" to the action of the Red Armies.

Right here, I wish to make the first important affirmation: we considered that Czechoslovakia was moving toward a counterrevolutionary situation. Toward capitalism and into the arms of imperialism.

So this defines our first position in relation to the specific fact of the action taken by a group of socialist countries. That is, we consider that it was absolutely necessary, at all cost, in one way or another, to prevent this eventuality from taking place...

Discussion of the form is not, in the final analysis, the most fundamental factor. The essential point to be accepted, or not accepted, is whether or not the socialist camp could allow a political situation to develop which would lead to the breaking away of a socialist country, to its falling into the arms of imperialism. And our point of view is that it is not permissible and that the socialist camp has a right to prevent this in one way or another. I would like to begin by making it clear that we look upon this fact as an essential one.

A real liberal fury was unleashed; a whole series of political slogans in favor of the formation of opposition parties began to develop, in favor of open anti-Marxist and anti-Leninist theses, such as the thesis that the Party should cease to play the role which the Party plays within socialist society and begin to play the role there of a guide, supervising some things but, above all, exerting a sort of spiritual leadership. In short, that the reins of power should cease to be in the hands of the Communist Party.

The revision of certain fundamental postulates to the effect that a socialist regime is a transition regime from socialism to communism, a governmental form known as the dictatorship of the proletariat. This means a government where power is wielded in behalf of one class and against the former exploiting classes by virtue of which in a revolutionary process political rights, the right to carry on political activities — whose objective is precisely to struggle against the essence and the raison d'être of socialism — cannot be granted to the former exploiters.

A series of slogans began to be put forward and in fact certain measures were taken such as the establishment of the bourgeois "freedom" of the press. This means that the counter-revolution and the exploiters, the very enemies of socialism, were granted the right to speak and write freely against socialism.

As a matter of fact, a process of seizure of the principal information media by the reactionary elements began to develop. As regards foreign policy, a whole series of slogans of open rapprochement toward capitalist concepts and theses and of rapprochement towards the West appeared.

On many occasions the imperialists have publicly stated what their policy is in relation to the socialist countries of Eastern Europe. And in Congress, in the press, they always talk about encouraging the liberal tendencies and even about promoting, of making available, some selective economic aid and of using every means of contributing to creating an opposition to socialism there. The imperialists are carrying out a campaign, not only in Czechoslovakia, but in all the countries of Eastern Europe, even in the Soviet Union.

## Who Rules



## Tents for Iran — Oil Billions for U.S.

### the Empire?

At the beginning of September, north-eastern Iran was hit by one of the worst earthquakes in the country's history. In the wake of this tragic disaster, tens of thousands were left injured and homeless. Over 100 small villages were reported to have been damaged, leaving 30,000 casualties, mostly peasants who were buried beneath their mud-brick homes. According to conservative government estimates 18,000 Iranians are believed to be dead.

In response to this crisis, the pretender to the title of world benefactor, U.S. imperialism, came up with a belated offer of 5,000 tents and 20,000 blankets for some of the victims of the earthquake.

For the Iranian people it must be a bitter task indeed to accept this meager and totally inadequate "aid" after having been systematically robbed by the U.S. imperialists of their country's wealth.

For years, U.S. oil monopolies have been taking huge profits from the oil fields of Iran. As of June 1967, five giants in U.S. oil, Texaco, Gulf, Standard of New Jersey, Standard of California, and Mobil, were extracting close to 650,000 barrels a day at an average of 40 cents a barrel, or about \$260,000 a day. Yearly profits in oil taken out of Iran totaled close to \$100 million and subsequently have risen well over the \$100 million mark.

The 26 million people of Iran, oppressed by a fascist Shah at the head of a U.S. puppet government, therefore are in no way indebted to the U.S. for its "charity." In fact, if debts were to be paid, the U.S. government, along with the oil companies, would wind up paying thousands of dollars to every Iranian family in return for the billions and billions in profits illegally extracted from them by the U.S. monopolies over the years.

## Bank Robbers and Robber Bankers

The FBI says bank robberies have jumped 600 per cent since 1957.

Why the big leap forward? Nobody knows. Maybe it's like Riffi. Maybe Bonnie and Clyde. And maybe it's a system of society that tells everyone they're rich — on TV but makes everybody get up at 6 a.m. to keep somebody else rich.

How much money have the banks lost?

The FBI won't tell. But the American Bankers Association says that banks lost \$3,323,000 (apparently the robbers refused any small change) in robberies during the first half of last year, up from \$1,900,000 just a year earlier.

Thus the heist-men are now netting about six-and-a-half million a year, give or take a hundred thousand.

Are they hurting the banks? Will you lose your \$67.75, and more to the point, will the millionaires lose any of their millions?

Well, the top 50 commercial banks had \$163 billion in assets at the beginning of 1967. The loss of \$6.5 million is a matter of about four-thousandths of one per cent. If they had 250 times as many robberies, this would be a loss of one per cent, and then perhaps there would be genuine agony among the big money borrowers, who might have to pay one per cent more in interest.

Also, the glittering sum of \$6.5 million seems a little less attractive, when one considers that there were 1,730 people among whom it had to be divided (assuming each robbery was by a different person).

That comes to less than \$4,000 apiece. And the prison terms are kind of long.

If you really want to know, the best way to be a bank robber is to be a banker.

There was a banker named C. Powell Morgan, a man of much initiative, who founded the Atlantic Acceptance Corporation, a loan company, and incorporated it in Canada. He and his associates borrowed some hundreds of millions from U.S. banks. And then it appeared a couple of years ago that they didn't manage so well, and they folded their tents with \$75 million still owing.

Mr. Morgan, unlike the majority of the 1,730 small-time bank robbers, is still out of jail. And it is extremely unlikely that he will ever go there.

There have been some dozens like C. Powell Morgan in the past ten years or so. And nearly all of them have done pretty well for themselves.

But of course, the biggest robbers are the "legitimate" ones — like the bankers who charge New York City \$125 million a year for "interest" alone for loaning other people's money to build subways (reported in an earlier issue of WW). And big corporations like GM rob the workers of \$1.5 billion every year — a sum which they call "profits."

Why, then, do the American Bankers Association and the FBI get so upset over the few pennies the banks lose in the more unorthodox over-the-counter exchanges?

The matter has to be viewed in a more lofty way than we have dealt with it, of course. It's really a question of setting an example.

If the small robber were allowed to get away with it, the whole system upon which the big robberies are based might be so put in question, that not only would there be more robberies, but the whole idea of the sacredness of banks and bankers might disappear.

It's not the money. It's the principle of the thing.

# Revolutionary Committees in P



Workers at Textile Institute in Shanghai receive copies of works of

## U.S. Ambassador to Guatemala As Protest Against U.S. Do

By PETER STORCH

The U.S. ambassador to Guatemala, John Gordon Mein, was shot down in broad daylight on August 28 by the machine gun fire of the well-organized Rebel Armed Forces in retaliation for the capture of one of their guerrilla leaders, Camilio Sanchez. The guerrillas, however, issued a statement on August 31 saying that the "act of justice" against the "Yankee ambassador" was only the first of a series of measures to be taken against the government to force the release of Camilio Sanchez.

President Johnson's tears over the death of his ambassador convinced few people around the world that just an "innocent" American diplomat, with no "interest" in Guatemala's internal affairs, had been unjustly killed by the guerrillas. Unfortunately for the imperialist propagandists in Washington, it is all too well known, and especially in Latin America, that many puppet governments of the U.S. are run out of the U.S. embassies rather than

from the presidential palaces.

While a resurgent guerrilla movement in Guatemala grows stronger every day, the Guatemalan people themselves are fully conscious that the survival of the Mendez government rests on the political support of the U.S. embassy in Guatemala City.

In 1954, the U.S. embassies of Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica, and Nicaragua were the prime instruments in directing the CIA overthrow of the progressive Arbenz government. Whiting Willauer, ambassador to Honduras during the Guatemala coup in 1954, testified before a Senate committee in 1961 about his involvement in the coup:

Q. Mr. Ambassador, was there something of a team working to overthrow the Arbenz government in Guatemala, or were you alone in that operation?

A. There was a team.

Q. Jack Puerifoy (U.S. ambassador to Guatemala in 1954) was down there?

A. Yes, Jack was on the team in

## Soviet Doctor Wants U

A Soviet writer, whose heart apparently beats right in time with Alexander Dubcek's over in Czechoslovakia, has just published an attack on the Soviet medical profession.

He advocates virtual imitation of U.S. capitalist practices to cure the alleged ills of the Soviet doctors.

He says that his country's physicians are too "cold-hearted" and proposes to warm them up by preventing workers and peasants' children from going to medical college.

He advocates tuition fees in the now free universities to "discourage applicants for whom medicine is just another road to higher education and a more

comfortable life" — as the Sept. 8 New York Times puts it.

(The U.S. "discourages" poorer students in this manner, thus causing the shortage of doctors, and maintaining high medical fees. And, of course, the only "warm-hearted" American doctors are on the TV serials.)

Writing in the literary journal, Oktayber, this critic, Vladimir Dyagilev said: "Instead of speaking warmly with the patient, inquiring about his illness and helping him with words, the doctor is writing, writing, writing..." and he does not "seek a path to the patient's heart."

Besides suggesting tuition fees for

# How Mexican Students Dispersed Police , Inspired Workers

The following observations on the continuing Mexican student rebellion have been excerpted from a letter by an American student living in Mexico City.

Here in Mexico, disorderly conduct proceedings are very rare. The usual charge against student demonstrators is "social dissolution," a crime which carries a penalty of up to fifteen years. No distinction is made between peaceful demonstrators attacked by the police and rebellious students who attack them. Everybody is dissolving society. The result is of course that nearly everybody becomes a militant as soon as he joins a demonstration. Since they can't or won't do any more to you for beating up a policeman than for pea-

ful picketing, everybody attacks the cops at the slightest provocation.

At Preparatory (high school) School Number Three two weeks ago, the students seized the school building and barricaded the doors against the police — or rather against the grenaderos (grenadiers). The grenaderos are the specially trained riot police whose job is to beat up everyone in sight.

When the police attacked the building to force their way in, the students dropped wires, including some barbed wire, from the roof. When the police had become sufficiently entangled, they then dropped Molotov cocktails. As soon as the attackers began to retreat in disorder, the students downstairs charged out of the building and dis-

persed the police!

The next day the army was called in. They entered the school by using a bazooka to blow down the door. No one knows how many students, police or soldiers have been killed or injured since the current disorders began. Estimates run as high as forty students killed and over a thousand "injured requiring hospitalization." The problem is that the police give out no information on dead and injured, and have jailed large numbers of students (estimates run all the way up to 2,500) without either informing the press or allowing the students to contact their families or their lawyers.

The families of students killed, held incommunicado, or simply missing

have been jailed or threatened with jail when they come looking for the dead or missing offspring. It is known that these families are being held in Military Compound No. One on the outskirts of the city. This is the reason that no precise figures are available.

The current situation is interesting and in flux. Every university and nearly all the high schools in the entire country are closed with their students on strike. The university city (located on the outskirts of town — an imposing collection of modern buildings constructed entirely since 1956), site of the "National Autonomous University of Mexico," is now completely in the hands of striking students and faculty members. Cultural events and festi-

# Power Throughout All China



Chairman Mao Tse-tung

SEPT. 6 — The government of the People's Republic of China proclaimed today the all-out victory of the Proletarian Cultural Revolution in every one of China's 29 provinces, autonomous regions and special municipalities.

Revolutionary committees made up of representatives of the workers, the People's Liberation Army, and Communist Party cadres, have consolidated their leadership throughout the country, said the proclamation.

The new power structure, as the anti-communist New York Times puts it, "is committed to carrying out a Maoist program that envisions a more austere and self-sacrificing system of Communism."

The great Chinese masses, needless to say, are much better off in material goods, in literacy and general culture and well-being than before the revolution. It is the Communist cadres who will be most "self-sacrificing" — as before — and it is the defeated middle class revisionists and would-be restorers of the wretched capitalist past, who will have to be "austere" now, even though they don't like it.

## Guatemala Shot Down

Guatemala; that is the principal man, and we had Bob Hill, Ambassador Robert Hill, in Costa Rica. . . and we had Ambassador Tom Whelan in Nicaragua, where a lot of the activities were going on. And, of course, there were a number of CIA operatives in the pictures.

Q. Would you say you were the man in charge in the field in this general area of all these operations?

A. I certainly was called upon to perform very important duties, particularly to keep the Honduran Government — which was scared to death about the possibilities of themselves being overthrown — keep them in line so they would allow this revolutionary activity to continue, based in Honduras.

With Arbenz having already resigned and the coup well under way, Puerifoy did more than just conduct diplomatic business. In the book about the CIA, The Invisible Government, the authors, Wise and Ross, described

Puerifoy's "ambassadorial" activities: "Puerifoy put on a 'siren' suit, strapped a .45 to his belt and began maneuvering to topple Diaz. The CIA, which of course wanted Diaz out, nevertheless felt that Puerifoy was making himself entirely too conspicuous for the good of the operation."

To top it all off, the day the U.S. had successfully completed the coup, the puppet military leader, Castillo Armas, was installed as head of the new ruling junta. The latter was to receive a big welcome in Guatemala City, but instead of arriving at the head of his victorious troops, he arrived in Puerifoy's embassy plane.

The U.S. embassy in Guatemala City is still, to this very day, the real headquarters of counter-revolution and suppression of the Guatemalan people.

So the assassination of John Mein has far more significance in Latin America than is generally realized in this country — in fact, it is much the same as the assassination of a Nazi gauleiter by the European underground during World War II. And the new Nazis in Washington know it, too.

## Un-Socialized Medicine

the now universally free medical colleges, Mr. Dyagilev urges the opening of hospitals where patients would have to pay for their care, just like they do in the United States, where doctors speak "warmly" only when they present their bills.

He is attempting to get better facilities for the middle class upper crust of the Soviet Union — just as he is trying to confine the personnel of the medical profession to this upper crust, too. But he is covering this up with references to personality traits, to the "heart," and so on, although he makes perfectly clear that the pocket-book is more important to his own heart than anything else.

There are two important lessons in Mr. Dyagilev's tirade.

One is that the Soviet Union is still a socialist country, although he doesn't like it.

The Soviet Union now has 24 doctors per 10,000 people, while the U.S. has only 18 — three-fourths of Soviet doctors being women. And the Soviets have educated these doctors and built

truly tremendous medical facilities just since 1917, when semi-feudal darkness prevailed through most of the country.

It did this without the help of imperialism, and indeed under the pressures of imperialist boycott for most of that time, and could only have done so because of the workers' revolution and the socialization of production.

The other lesson, however, is that there are capitalist restoration tendencies in the Soviet Union like those in Czechoslovakia.

If Mr. Dyagilev and his friends have their way, they'll bring their "warmth" to the medical profession and to the whole of Soviet society. And this warmth like the Czechoslovak "freedom," is the warmth of the dollar and the freedom to gouge a million dollars out of the masses.

It is the freedom of the rich to be doctors or businessmen — the freedom of the poor to pay high fees to the one and to be sweated and exploited by the other.

this afternoon to continue in front of the Presidential Palace until "the problem is resolved," which means until the government gives in to all their demands.

A half million students together with workers and maybe a few peasants are expected to participate. Our friends predict that the government will negotiate seriously with the students after this demonstration and make as many concessions as possible. The Olympic (Continued on Page 8)

## Cops in a Sweat to "Enforce The Law" -- But They Never Arrest Criminals in Blue!

There is a new, fascist clique in the New York City Police Department which has the ironic name of Law Enforcement Group. The very idea of a police group having such a name is ironic in the extreme and should cause any ordinary person who has ever had any dealings with these graft-ridden swindlers to do a quick double take.

In fact, according to a recent government report, if any faction of the police were really interested in law enforcement it could spend all its time cleaning out its own corruption infested precincts.

At least 27 per cent of all cops in slum areas are crooks, liars, frame-up artists, extortionists or just general criminals. This plain language is in the findings of a report by no less of an authority than the President's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice.

The report, according to David Burnham who wrote it up in the July 5 New York Times, said that the "major classes" of police "misconduct" included "shakedowns of traffic violators, businessmen, drunks and deviants; theft from burglarized establishments and payoffs to the police to return stolen property, to alter testimony at trials and to protect illegal establishments."

Of course to anyone who has ever lived in a slum the figure of 27 per cent sounds ridiculously low. And, in fact, the study should have stated that 27 per cent of the cops openly admitted that they are crooks; that 10.5 per cent discussed their crimes with observers and that 16.5 per cent were so boldly confident of being protected in their criminality that they actually performed in front of special investigating teams from the University of Michigan which carried out the study! "Another class of misconduct" according to the Burnham article, is the carrying of extra weapons "to plant on citizens" so that the cop would be able "to argue self-defense" in case "they injured or killed a citizen and there was no weapon used by the citizen." (Remember James

Powell, Rodriguez and Solero, Leroy Jones, etc.) "Our observers noticed" reads the University of Michigan report, "that many officers, particularly in high crime areas, in all of the cities carried additional weapons," to plant on framed-up victims.

The cops are so crooked that the investigating teams didn't even bother to record petty thievery (petty for the cops, that is) which would carry a prison sentence for any Black or poor white person.

"Excluded," says Burnham, were "shakedowns by the police for free meals, drinks and other small favors" because this kind of blackmail protection racket was "extremely common in districts studied."

Without meaning to, the report confirmed that the poor are the ones victimized by the cops. "The worst policemen tended to be assigned to the slums" in the eight police districts studied in Chicago, Boston and Washington. The report warned that the negative performance of the police in the slums should not lead the reader to believe that the rich got the same kind of dirty deals!

There was also some suspicion that if one-quarter of the cops admitted to being criminals in uniform, the rest of them are criminals with inhibitions (inhibited in front of official observers that is). "The researchers said they thought their findings understated the amount of misconduct in the slums "because" their presence modified police behavior (1)!"

Of course this report only shows the tip of the iceberg. It hides all the beatings, the killings, the tortures and the insults routinely handed out to Black and Puerto Rican people by the police. It completely ignores the corruption of the top police officials who get the biggest payoffs and who supervise the whole protection system for multi-millionaire nation-wide gangster organizations which prey on the poor and give an added dimension to the oppression of capitalism.

## Billion-Dollar Drug Racket Couldn't Exist Without Cops' Consent

Among New York City residents 15 to 35 years old, more deaths are caused by narcotics addiction and related diseases than by murder, suicide, accidents or natural causes. In the first six months of this year, 450 such deaths were reported.

These figures are most interesting combined with recent statements by police that the law would be enforced 100 per cent in New York, "for the protection of life and property." If they really wanted to protect life and property, the cops would start by cracking down on narcotics dealers — the big ones. But narcotics is a very lucrative business for those at the top of it, and unlike the hand-to-mouth addict their relationship with the police is firmly established and entirely businesslike. They form a perfect partnership.

Otherwise, no amount of blundering stupidity on the part of the police could explain their failure to enforce the law in regard to the big business of narcotics which involves an estimated 50,000 to 100,000 people in this city alone. (Certainly if they can "discover" a 15-man assassination plot, which never existed, to railroad Black militants to jail, the cops should be able to get at the sources of the narcotics trade.)

And while cops love to talk about "crime in the streets" — which is their racist view of the struggle for Black liberation — they personally are deeply involved in narcotics pay-offs. Because of this involvement, the elimination of the business that leads to hundreds of deaths — of both addicts and victims of crimes by addicts trying to pay for their habits — is impossible.



Puerto Rican and Black pickets in front of Masaryk Towers in New York demand right to rent vacant apartments. Twenty were arrested. MPI supported action.

# Boston Paper Runs Big Story on Frame-Up Of Martin Sostre, Buffalo Rebellion Leader

In a big news break-through for the virtually unpublicized Martin Sostre case, the Boston Globe published a four-page Sunday magazine article last week, Sept. 8, with several large pictures, including some of the Black leader himself, his collaborator, Geraldine Robinson, and one showing his "Afro-Asian Bookshop in Exile," manned by his supporters at the University of Buffalo.

William Worthy, the well-known writer on world affairs — particularly colonial liberation — is the author of the Globe story. Mr. Worthy, who has several important firsts to his credit, visited People's China shortly after the revolution when it was off-limits to the U.S. press, and shortly afterward broke the State Department's travel ban on Cuba.

He tells the story of Sostre's frame-up, his role in the Buffalo 1967 uprising, his tremendous devotion to the struggle, his self-acquired legal knowledge — and he punches several big holes in the prosecution's case.

More important for Martin Sostre's immediate future, Mr. Worthy describes and protests the inhuman treatment Mr. Sostre is now undergoing at Green Haven Prison in central New York State, where he has begun to serve the court's vindictive 30 to 40 year sentence.

He tells how the prisoner has been kept in solitary confinement since June 25 — and for a time was not even allowed to see his lawyer, Joan Franklin of the NAACP legal staff. On July 26, he himself — William Worthy — was barred at the prison gate and refused admission to see the Black freedom fighter.

He describes the Buffalo police attacks on the Martin Sostre Defense Committee and the burning of the Committee's books, along with those of the Afro-Asian Bookshop in Exile at the University.

Addressing himself to the specific frameup of Martin Sostre on a drug charge, Mr. Worthy says:

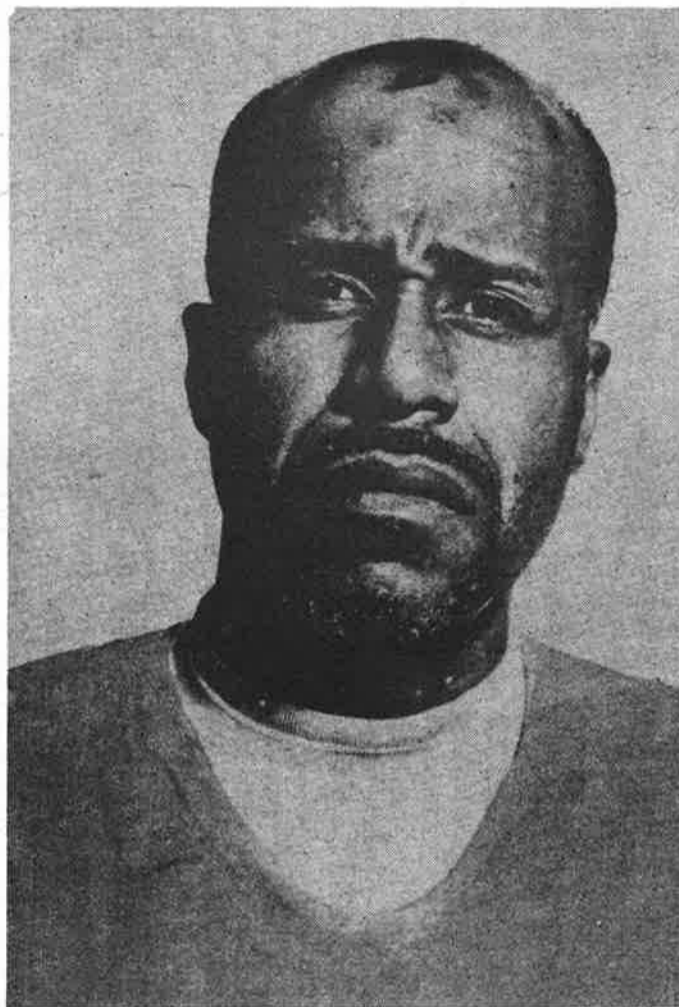
"To his deeply committed friends and supporters Sostre's personal rehabilitation years ago was complete and permanent following his conversion

to the puritanical Black Muslim faith. (In 1964, when Malcolm X parted company with the Muslims, Sostre, an admirer of Malcolm, broke too.) Though no longer a Muslim, he still does not smoke, drink or eat pork. His friends say it is unthinkable personally and politically, for him ever to be involved a second time in the peddling of drugs.

Members of the Sostre Defense Committee, including several law professors at the University of Buffalo, point to 'a chain of frame-ups' around

the country. They argue that the Government has hit upon an easy way to get rid of Negro revolutionaries who have criminal records by planting drugs on them and then imposing savagely long sentences as 'second offenders.' White middle class juries are only too ready to convict on the say-so of cops."

The Martin Sostre Defense Committee, which is fighting to get a new trial for this innocent man, may be reached at P.O. Box 382, Ellicott Station, Buffalo, N.Y. 14205.



MARTIN SOSTRE, prison photograph.

## Bolivian Who Gave Che's Diary to Cuba Nails CIA for Bribery

By NAOMI GOLDSTEIN

The Bolivian military regime was rocked to its foundations last July when the former Minister of the Interior, Antonio Arguedas, exposed the prominent role the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency has played in dictating that government's policies and those of many U.S. puppet regimes in Latin America. The scandal broke when it was revealed that Arguedas had sent the then secret diary of Che Guevara to the Cuban Revolutionary government for publication.

Arguedas held one of the highest cabinet posts in the Bolivian government. As the Interior Minister, he was also Chief of Police and Chief of Intelligence and thus was highly informed on the machinations of the CIA in the Bolivian government. He fled Bolivia on July 19 after it was discovered that he had passed the diary on to Cuba. One month later, after traveling to London, New York, and Lima, he returned to Bolivia to stand trial for treason and, as he put it, "place the CIA in the defendants' dock."

Arguedas explained his action in handing over the diary of the guerrilla leader to Cuba in a Prensa Latina dispatch from Lima on August 17:

"I saw that the aims of the United States were to present the diary as a provocation against Cuba and in order to pressure the Latin American governments to agree to the creation of the Inter-American Peace Force."

(The U.S. government has been scheming for years to create a puppet army under the name of a "peace force," consisting of Latin American troops for the purpose of invading Cuba and crushing liberation struggles on the continent. When U.S. troops invaded the Dominican Republic in 1965, only the fascist regime in Brazil cooperated in putting down the uprising.)

In Lima, Arguedas stated that his purpose in returning to Bolivia was "to unmask the CIA which is operating throughout the world and is destroying the national independence of several Latin American nations." While in Chile, Prensa Latina reports, "... he was held incommunicado for eight days and was only permitted to appear before the press after having promised not to

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# Milwaukee Group Organized to Force Lily-White Co. to Hire Black Workers

By JAMES BOULTON

The writer of this article was employed at the Allen-Bradley plant in Milwaukee for 11 years. He fought the union leadership as well as the company over the issue of racial discrimination in hiring and was fired five times.

While still working at the plant, he campaigned publicly for putting teeth into the FEPC in order to break the jimcrow employment barrier at Allen-Bradley.

MILWAUKEE, August 19 — The industrial headquarters of white racism in the Cream City came under heavy attack from the NAACP Youth Council on August 5 after fifty years of lily-white job hiring practices. Exclusion of Black workers, Indians, and Latin Americans by the Allen-Bradley Co. management, celebrated charter members and part owners of the John Birch Society of America, had long been regarded as a "fringe benefit" among naked racists of all faiths. They could always find ready refuge at this under-organized plant. Since 1938, Local 1111 United Electrical Workers has been forced or wheedled into an open-shop labor agreement; and it must share responsibility along with the gutless Milwaukee Labor Council for glaring failure to break down the race barrier in the Allen-Bradley plant employing 6,500 workers today.

Under the threat of tough demonstrations, kicked off by 200 strong youth, under threat of jampacking the company hiring office on a round-the-

clock basis, the Johnson Administration brought relief to management, finally promising to seek compliance with an old, rotting Federal order that requires equal job opportunities for racial minorities in plants enjoying primary defense contracts and war work.

On August 6, Secretary of Labor Willard Wirtz announced that, "We simply mean business in seeing to it that there will be no discrimination." An open hearing has been called for August 20 under the guidance of the Army's Office of Federal Contract Compliance. Wirtz offered no explanation of what the government had been doing since 1942 when it first issued an order by F.D. Roosevelt himself against discrimination in hiring, why there were no Afro-Americans working at A-B Co. as late as 1962, why the wheels of justice are always flat on all four, why a 1962 complaint by the Negro American Labor Council was funnelled down the old Southern drain. Today there are 30 Afro-Americans and 15 Latin Americans at the plant employing 6,500 workers.

Thousands of colorful folders demanding "End Tokenism at Allen-Bradley Co." had been distributed for six months by the Committee on Jobs for All at Allen-Bradley, (JAAB) an ad hoc committee. Members include Ali Anwar of Afro-American Heritage, Myrtle Kastner and James Boulton of Workers World Party, Nicholas Topping, distinguished civil libertarian, the Rev. Mr. Herbert Huebschman of the United Brethren Church, Dr. John C. Lazenby, Emeritus Professor UWM, and John Rowan of the Catholic

Workers. JAAB called upon the unemployed Black youth to fill the hiring office at A-B Co. on an organized basis around the clock.

On August 10, 1968, Local 1111 UE finally began to face white racism at the plant where socialist militants in the past had been framed up and fired, after calling upon the union and company to do what they say they do for Black Americans.

At a small meeting, the UE local voted 253 to 81 in favor of opening negotiations with management in support of the racial preference quota proposed by the Youth Council and Latin American Poverty group coalition: 12 per cent Black, 5 per cent Latin American.

The Local's President, Nick Ballas, proposed hiring of non-whites "at the earliest possible opportunity" but only after all job recall rights for 97 laid-off employees are honored. After 30 years the union declared its readiness to bargain for a non-discrimination clause in its contract.

The union leadership asked for membership support, above all to block a Federal Government threat to withhold defense contracts if the company fails to make good on Black hiring.

It is significant that only the threat of loss for 1,000 jobs at the company, fattened since 1941 by Federal war contracts amounting to 25 per cent and more of its job load, and only the threat of the Youth Commandos at the plate-glass doors would goad the union leadership into action.

The sharp crisis brought on by 50 years of lily-white hiring and lily-white unionism at A-B Co. brought James J.

Matles, "tough" National Secretary-Treasurer of the United Electrical Workers, bounding to the bargaining table in Milwaukee. Matles declared that 98 per cent of the UE's contracts have non-discrimination clauses; and he called, forcefully, for the Federal Government to do the job that the union has failed to do in breaking the company's resistance to equal racial hiring at A-B.

The Johnson Administration's move comes 30 years late and at the peak of a boiling summer, on the eve of angry engagements at the Chicago Democrat Convention. Still, it is doubtful that the Youth Council demand for meaningful job hiring now can be funnelled down the drain of drag-it-out hearings and bargaining between the union and company.

JAAB proposes that a minimum of 500 job applications be filed now while the hearings and union negotiations proceed. It proposes to load the company employment files behind the demand for preferential hiring.

As usual, the white power structure was ready with wide camera and newspaper space for Father James Groppi who had spurned cooperation with the white militants and revolutionary socialists on the Jobs Committee. Groppi, priest and self-styled white Black man, has been recognized again as spokesman for the virtually solid Black Youth Council.

But since damn few Black people got housing after the victorious Groppi-led marathon demonstrations for open housing in 1967-68, while elegant Bay-side and Fox Point suburbs now feature attractive housing open to Afro-Americans at prices as low as \$35,000, it cannot be expected that the demand for jobs on an escalated scale at A-B will be siphoned off through a funnel cloud, along with other pie-in-the-sky wreckage. The battle is on.

# The Lessons of Chicago

By FRED GOLDSTEIN

The violence openly inflicted on liberals and radicals alike at the Chicago Democratic Convention confirms that the U.S. ruling class is entering a new phase in which their reliance upon deception is to be increasingly abandoned in favor of the use of force. The use of violence against the white population (after centuries against the Black) is part of the preparations for stepped-up attacks on the oppressed people around the globe.

All attempts to place the responsibility on the insignificant hired thug of the bosses, Mayor Richard Daley, are calculated to mask this fundamental shift.

Thousands of U.S. troops, tanks, jeeps, and all the other necessities of combat cannot be shifted around the country at the cost of creating great political unrest (to say nothing of the expense) on the say-so of such a relatively low-ranking political stooge as Daley. Nor can National Guard troops be called upon by a mayor.

For that matter, the Chicago Police Department would never dare to "mar the image" of the entire Democratic Party unless it had received explicit orders from the party hierarchy to crack heads. The White House, the Pentagon, the Democratic National



Confrontation at the Conrad Hilton

Committee and the entire capitalist establishment were all involved in the Chicago operation.

In short, Mayor Daley was working for the ruling class and not they for him, as the bourgeois news media

imply when they either condemn or condone "Daley's handling" of the fascist attack on anti-war protesters in Chicago.

(The U.S. Department of Justice announced on Sept. 3 that it had just allocated \$3.9 million to the cities for so-called "riot-control.")

Of course, the billionaires did not shift from fraud to force arbitrarily. It's just that their bag of tricks is just about empty and their two war candidates are about equally discredited.

It is no coincidence that they started clubbing, gassing and breaking heads just at the moment when the "peace" campaign of Eugene McCarthy was about to come to an ignominious end. (The police attack on McCarthy headquarters was the final humiliation dealt the liberals and served to illustrate the fascist mood of the ruling class.)

The rulers who rigged the convention long in advance knew that McCarthy was to be discarded in Chicago. And they also knew that thousands of youth whom the McCarthy campaign had kept off the streets would be back on the Chicago streets together with thousands of radical youth who had never fallen for the imperialist-liberal McCarthy in the first place.

So the bosses prepared well ahead of time to deal with the anger and indignation which was as inevitable as the Humphrey-Nixon race. They decided to give the white youth a taste of the treatment hitherto reserved for the Black liberation struggle.

But an important by-product of Chicago is the wave of revulsion of new layers of youth for a parliamentary system which has to defend its candidates from the hatred of the population with bayonets and clubs.

Parliamentary illusions went up with the clouds of tear gas as the war party at the amphitheater steam-rolled over popular anti-war sentiment. The flow of blood from the heads of unarmed demonstrators in front of the Conrad Hilton made many a convert to the revolutionary struggle.

The bourgeoisie used strong-arm methods to brush the liberals aside

and thus demonstrated the fraudulence and the futility of imperialist democracy.

If the liberal politicians folded up at the first show of force by the ruling class, the militant youth did not.

While McCarthy crept off to the side-lines and McGovern stepped back into Humphrey's fold, the fighting young people who really want and need to end imperialist wars were spontaneously fighting back against the cops. New and militant tactics were being developed simultaneously with the beginnings of change in their ideology.

Several hundred police, who tried to attack a Grant Park rally after someone lowered the American flag, were literally driven away by the youth in the crowd. The cops were hit with everything that could be thrown and then surrounded by barricades of benches and immobilized before they withdrew in defeat.

Mobile street demonstrations were carried out, during which obstacles were strewn about to slow down police cars. Youth at Lincoln Park built such sturdy barricades to keep from being driven from the park that police had to saturate the area with tear gas many times in order to drive them out.

Occasional aggressive forays were made by small bands of youth in search of isolated police on foot or in patrol cars. In general, however, the brutality of the police produced spontaneous retaliation wherever possible.

Many so-called leftists frown upon these new tactics as "adventuristic" and inadequate to defeat such a heavily armed force as the police. But those who are serious about leading a revolutionary struggle against imperialism must take a carefully constructive attitude towards the initial bursts of revolutionary energy shown by the young people in Chicago.

Opponents of imperialism will try to assist the militants to improve their tactics, not throw cold water on them.

In general the Chicago events have shown that the capitalists will always resort to force if popular will stands in the way of their imperialist objectives.

These events have confirmed the Marxist analysis of the state. This resort to violence on the eve of new imperialist crises has pointed out to thousands of young people that revolutionary resistance to boss rule is the only way to stop wars of aggression.

These are the lessons of Chicago.

## WWP Press Statement

### Given Out in Chicago

The use of massive military force to protect the Chicago Democratic Convention is part and parcel of the same imperialist violence used in Vietnam, Santo Domingo, against the Arab people and against Black America.

The forces which put Chicago under fascist military occupation are the same forces of racism, militarism and reaction who carried out the Kennedy assassinations and the assassination of Martin Luther King.

The valiant struggle of the thousands of militant youth who fought here have brought the Nazi-like character of the ruling class out into the open.

The liberals, on the other hand, must be condemned for coming to this rigged convention. They have only served as a democratic cover for the ruling class, who decided on a Nixon-Humphrey race long ago.



Lone Black youth defies armed guardsman

## SNCC Activist Gets 30 Yrs. In Racist Frame-Up Trial

While all our attention was focused on the Democratic Convention in Chicago, Governor Connally took the opportunity to fulfill his promise to crush Texas SNCC; while he was at it, he also went after members of SDS and Afro-Americans for Black Liberation. SNCC has been gaining strength in Texas and is now doing organizing work in at least seven cities around community control issues. Organizers have been subject to constant harassment, which has now intensified.

Organizers in Austin, Dallas, Houston, and Killen have been jailed on various charges (some have already been sentenced), most of which arose out of demonstrations or organizing activities. In Austin, SNCC, SDS, and Afro-Americans for Black Liberation demonstrated at a gas station about a month ago. The owner, an open racist, refused to serve anyone with long hair or a beard. Larry Jackson, head of Austin SNCC, was arrested on a trumped-up assault charge. When he was arrested, the other demonstrators—about 20 of them—sat down; they were arrested under a Texas anti-labor law that prohibits obstructing the labor of others. Larry was sentenced to two years probation and a \$500 fine. Many of the others are still in jail, unable to pay bail, awaiting trial.

In Dallas, SNCC led demonstrations demanding Black control of supermarkets in ghetto areas. A number of people were arrested; Ernest McMillan, SNCC

Field Secretary, and his aide received 10-year sentences within the past week for "destruction of private property worth over \$50" (that is, dropping merchandise).

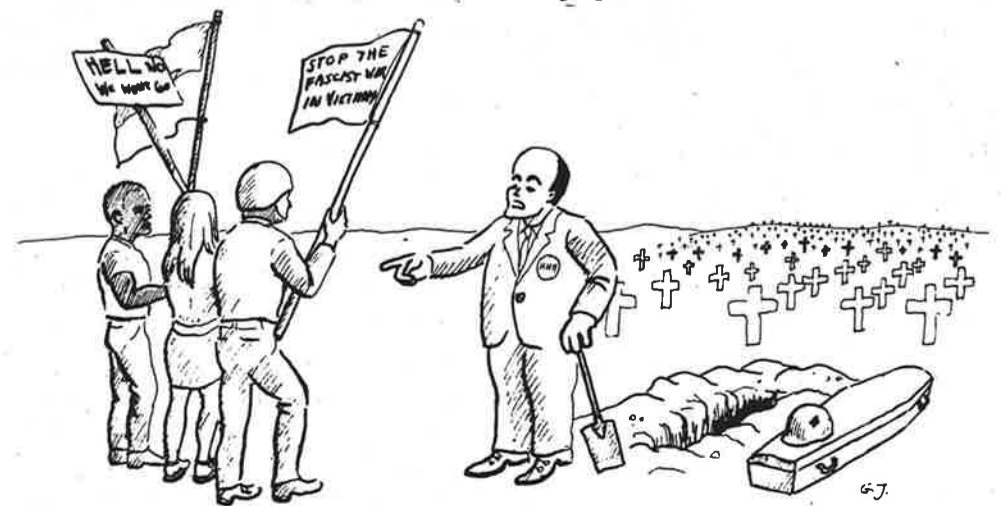
Lee Otis Johnson, head of Houston SNCC, has been harassed ever since he first came to Texas. Last week he was sentenced to 30 years on a trumped-up narcotics charge. His wife Helen is now on trial, charged with assault, and may receive a life sentence.

In Killen, near Fort Hood, the Summer of Support ran a coffee house which offered GI counseling. The Killen City Council had it closed last week as a "public nuisance." Fifteen people, including its head, Josh Stroud, were arrested. Some were SDS organizers; some were with SNCC. They are still in jail.

More busts are expected. Those already jailed have been harassed by unreasonably high bail and lack of funds for legal defense.

They need money—at least \$3,000—and our political and moral support. Recent events in Chicago and Texas indicate that the Establishment is not going to permit freedom of political expression. It is vital, therefore, that we insure this freedom for ourselves; we must unite in support of our brothers and sisters in Texas.

Give now—or wire money to Austin SNCC, 1311 Rosewood Ave., Austin, Texas. Call (in NYC) YU 9-1313.



"YOUR ACTIVITIES REPRESENT ESCAPISM AND YOU ARE SAYING AWAY FROM MARCH REALITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES AT HOME AND ABROAD."

# -ASU Leaders Intervene Against Racist Brass at Fort Hood

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43 courageous Black GIs of their civil rights by interfering with their legal defense and their right to support by the American Servicemen's Union.

"These police state tactics will not prevent the ASU from growing in



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strength until a truly democratic Army is created," the statement declared.

The other two accused leaders are Bill Smith, a Vietnam veteran, and Vietnam editor of The Bond, the Union's newspaper; and Richard Wheaton, union organizer and contributor to The Bond. Wheaton was discharged from the Army at Ft. Sill, Okla. just a week ago.

The three are accompanied by Shirley Jolls, national coordinator of the Committee for GI Rights and two other members of that committee — Helene and Martin Gershowitz.

The whole group has met with a number of Ft. Hood GI Union members in Killeen and has made several contacts with the prisoners on the base itself. A preliminary hearing for some of the GI defendants was held yesterday. And these civilians were prevented from witnessing it.

The ASU has enlisted the aid of Emergency Civil Liberties Committee attorney, Michael Kennedy for the courts martial of the victimized Black GIs, as well as Attorney McCane of the Workers Defense League. Attorney Moore of the NAACP legal staff will enter the case at time of trial.

## Ft. Hood Brass Up-Tight About GI Union

If the idea of a union in the Army is so far-fetched and fantastic, the big brass is pretty wrought up over a fantasy.

When ASU chairman Andy Stapp and a Bond reporter flew to Ft. Hood on September 5, one would have thought that a regiment of invading Chinese or Vietnamese had touched down in the super-sensitive Army base.

First Stapp contacted Capt. Heming of 2nd AD Judge Advocate General's (JAG) office to get arrangements for meeting eight of the defendants—those facing general court martial. Some meetings were actually held with the prisoners. But then somebody's mind began to blow.

On the way to the stockade to see another prisoner, the ASU men were conducted to the Provost Marshal's office to "cut red tape and clear the visit," they were told.

## - Gun Control For Racist Cops

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he forgot to mention that the British police do not carry guns."

"The police in U.S. cities have killed several hundred Black people mostly for so-called 'looting' in the past few years. How many thousands have they shot 'while trying to escape'?"

"The whole country saw the savage brutality of the cops in Chicago last week. Bad as that was, it was only a pale reflection of the daily savagery against the Black people.

"Their conduct is of course sanctioned and encouraged by the ruling class — in spite of hypocritical cries to the contrary. But in addition to that, the police actions are spurred on by the cops' own fascist natures and by the fact that they possess firearms both on and off duty. This is a constant threat and provocation to the oppressed and a sure guarantee that genuine law and order — the people's law and order — will not prevail.

"The police, it is true, are only the agents of the oppressor class. But they are deadly dangerous agents, and they should not be allowed to carry guns," the statement concluded.

Mayor Lindsay has promised an investigation of the police attack in Brooklyn, said a party spokesman. But less than a month ago, this same "liberal" Mayor was pleading for more "understanding" from the public for the "harried" police. And this was after one of their leaders had just called for a savage crackdown on civil rights and anti-war demonstrators.

Obviously, investigations of the police by their own police-minded masters will not change things to the benefit of the oppressed. As the statement says — "It is time for the police to be disarmed."

## GI Letters of Support For Ft. Hood Rebels

The Army's barbarous treatment of the Fort Hood Forty-Three has aroused great indignation throughout the Armed Forces, although, due to the Nazi-like regimentation and pressures from the totalitarian brass, little of this indignation has been made public.

The Servicemen's independent newspaper, The Bond, however, has released the following two communications, of several it received last week.

An Open Letter to the President of the United States (From Ft. Lewis, Washington).

We, the undersigned, wish to state our support of the men at Ft. Hood, Texas, who refused to participate in the atrocities committed in Chicago during the last week of August, 1968.

We feel that the establishment's attack on the news media, demonstrators and innocent bystanders was totally uncalled for.

How can we be seriously expected

to crush freedom in Vietnam and come home to be expected to do the same in our own streets?

Sp/4 Eugene J. Weixel, U.S. 52753896

Sp/4 Paul L. Cheney, Jr., U.S. 56958232

Pvt. Steven A. Roark, RA 19862899

To the 43 GIs.

We, the undersigned, feel solidarity and sympathy with those who were so shamelessly arrested for exercising the freedoms supposedly guaranteed by the Constitution. We abhor the prevalent prejudice and racism employed in the Armed Services and hope that the outstanding display of courage exercised by you will severely shake the consciences of the so-called "higher authorities."

(Signed) James E. Goodman, Philip K. Finkle, Dennis M. Kosharek, Aubrey Winstead, Robert N. Watson, James E. Woods, Cecil Banks, Robert G. Bunsh, Ellis J. Gordon, Lawrence Hagan, Jr., Gary D. Nelman, Thomas E. King, Carl A. M. Kecchie, Richard Hall, John White, Elbert Ulells, Donson C. Pagett. Sent by Goodman, Co. A 1/68 Armor, Germany.

## -Bolivia and CIA

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denounce the CIA."

"That was a promise," they quote Arguedas, "that the Chilean police made me agree to. Involved in it were Undersecretary of the Interior Kraus; the CIA's closest collaborator in Chile, Colonel Walker; and Associate Director of Investigations Shul Gaen."

"At that time they threatened there would be a coup d'etat in Bolivia and threatened the lives of my family if I exposed the CIA's activities," Arguedas also charged that CIA agents had planned to murder him and then claim that the crime was committed by Bolivian leftists.

According to a Prensa Latina dispatch from La Paz, August 18, Arguedas proved his intimate knowledge of the workings of the CIA in Bolivia when he named several of the counter-revolutionary agents. "Among them were Colonel Edward Fox of the U.S. Air Force; Larry Sterfield, also a U.S. citizen; Enrique Kraus, Chilean Undersecretary of the Interior; and Cuban counter-revolutionaries Mario Gonzalez (who interrogated French intellectual Regis Debray, who is in prison in Bolivia), Gabriel Garcia and Hugo Murray."

"He explained," continues this report, "that the CIA agent who made contact with him was Colonel Fox, who blackmailed him, alleging that Arguedas was a member of the Bolivian Communist Party."

Arguedas further stated that the CIA "corrupts government functionaries throughout the world and rigs elections in order to place governments under the oligarchic groups friendly to U.S. capital."

"I have proof," he continued, "that on one occasion a U.S. firm offered me one and a half million dollars if I would approve the granting of a contract in its favor for building highways." In addition, the CIA offered Arguedas a "blank check to buy his silence." The Prensa Latina dispatch also reports that Arguedas "referred to CIA activities in crushing the guerilla movement that developed in his country and affirmed that to do so the U.S. intelligence agency had invested tens of thousands of dollars and employed numerous agents."

In Lima, Prensa Latina reported, that shortly before his return to Bolivia Arguedas declared:

"In my country a victorious revolution must end not with the seizing of the palace but rather with the expulsion of the U.S. Ambassador, and when the time comes for violent struggle . . . it must destroy the U.S. headquarters and sweep the Yankee imperialists from the streets of the cities where they strut around like conquerors."



BILL SMITH

Vietnam Editor, The Bond

nish getting the bar order rather than stand in this heat?"

The ASU men did not answer this siren question, and Stapp refused to accept the written order when it was finally delivered and the colonel shoved it at him. Finally a military vehicle was called and the organizers were taken off the post in an MP squad car.

Several days and several score new union members later, the town police at nearby Killeen obligingly picked up Andy Stapp and two other GI organizers for "vagrancy."

If the Army isn't worried about the American Servicemen's Union, it's showing its unconcern in a very strange way.

## -Upheaval in Mexico

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Games begin in a month and the government wants to put the lid on everything as quickly as possible.

A special vacation for all primary, secondary and university schools for the month of October (announced long ago with the purpose of preventing students from having access to places where they could congregate easily) is expected to help cool things during the Olympics. After the Olympics, everyone expects a very thorough-going repression with many, many arrests accompanied by a rapid abrogation of the concessions made earlier.

Meanwhile, the students are doing the most intelligent thing they could do. They are appealing to the general population to support them, and have formed "political brigades," composed of groups of students who fly about the city making impromptu speeches in markets, public squares, at factories, to crowds coming out of movie theaters, soccer games and bullfights. They are handing out masses of mimeographed propaganda announcing their demonstration for today and appealing for support and explaining their position.

They have a list of six demands,

around which all students in all parts of the country have rallied. They include the release of all political prisoners, especially the release of union leader Vallejo, imprisoned for "social dissolution" in 1959 for leading a nationwide strike of railroad workers, repeal of the social dissolution law, the dismissal of the police chief of the federal district (which includes Mexico City) who is an army general, as well as the dismissal of the Chief of the Grenaderos, dissolution of the grenaderos, etc.

Since the grenaderos and the social dissolution law have been used as often against striking workers as against the students, these demands have won considerable support. And since the police of the federal district are notoriously corrupt and hated, the demands for the dismissal of their chief has won further support. Meanwhile it is no secret that the students are socialists, revolutionaries and communists, because their speeches and propaganda call for a real revolution in Mexico to replace and renovate the moribund revolution of the official government party (which calls itself the Party of the Institutional Revolution).