

## Press Conceals Anti-Wallace Street Struggles ; Tries to Bolster "Lesser-Evil" Election Fraud

### Sentence Ferguson, Harris To Maximum 3 1/2 to 7 Yrs.

**Racist Judge Revokes Bail of Two Militants  
Convicted on Say-so of Police-Agent**

By Fred Goldstein

NEW YORK, Oct. 3 — Herman Ferguson and Arthur Harris, two Black liberation fighters, were sentenced today to serve three and a half to seven years in Sing Sing prison after having been convicted earlier this year of conspiring to murder moderate civil rights leaders. The conviction was based solely on the testimony of a paid police informer who was promoted by the Police Department after the trial.

The left side of the court gallery as filled with Black supporters of Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Harris as it had been all during the trial. The right side of the gallery was crowded with plainclothed police.

The defendants were given the maximum sentence allowed by the law. It was imposed by Supreme Court Justice Paul Balsam who, last June, firmly guided the trial proceedings toward a conviction. At the time, Justice Balsam refused to accept a hung-jury decision after an entire day's deliberation and forced the tired jurors to remain until they finally rendered a guilty verdict at 2 o'clock in the morning.

Both Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Harris were early advocates of self-determination for the Black people and of Black control of Black schools. Mr. Ferguson has written articles exposing the racist system in the schools and recently made a speech in which he saw the current struggle for control of the schools as only one step on the road to total self-determination for Afro-Americans.

Mr. Ferguson is the candidate of the Black Caucus for the United States Senate on the Freedom and Peace Party ticket and Arthur Harris is his campaign manager. Defense attorney, Miss Gene Condon, in requesting a postponement of the sentencing pointed out that over 15,000 people signed petitions to put Mr. Ferguson on the ballot. The clear implication behind the request was that the Black community in New York State would be totally disenfranchised in the senatorial election if Mr.

Ferguson was imprisoned. Miss Condon also pointed out that Queens District Attorney Mackell (the man chiefly responsible for the frame-up) would shortly be attending a \$100-a-plate dinner for Paul O'Dwyer. Jailing Ferguson would clearly assist O'Dwyer. Balsam disregarded both arguments.

Miss Condon introduced numerous motions to have the verdict set aside. Each one seemed to illustrate, not mere technical violations, but damaging legal flaws in the prosecution's case and crass violations of the rights of Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Harris during the trial. The \$25,000-a-year Supreme (Continued on page 6)

### Establishment "Against" Wallace, But Against Anti-Wallace Masses Far More!

The traditional ruling class politicians have suddenly discovered that George Wallace is a "hate-monger" playing upon "the dark forces in American society."

This discovery is of course closely linked with the results of polls which show Wallace taking votes away from them.

But they and the billionaires, with the newspapers, radio and TV stations they own, have concealed or played down the serious and extremely militant demonstrations against Wallace.

In Boston, Baltimore, Canton, Pittsburgh, Milwaukee, Buffalo, Cleveland and a dozen other cities, determined people have come out in increasing force to picket Wallace and demand an end to his onslaught against the Black people, and a decent burial for his and LeMay's program for genocide abroad.

Why don't the "anti-Wallace" rulers play this up and encourage more of the same?

The "anti-Wallace" rulers dignify the fascist as a "major candidate," talk of special laws to give him "equal TV time" with their regular tweedle dum and dee candidates and give him acres and acres of newspaper space.

For what purpose?

The whole idea is to keep the masses chained to the ballot box and keep them off the streets, out of the arenas of struggle. Even Wallace is preferable to the power of the people, to the idea of mass rebellion, in their eyes.

The following accounts of Buffalo and Cleveland opposition to Wallace's mobilization of racism are only a small sample of the mass feeling which could if unchecked, overthrow Wallace and take care of some of his "democratic" imperialist opponents, too.

BUFFALO, Oct. 4 — An ashen-faced George Wallace was visibly shaken here tonight by the largest demonstration so far mounted against him in his present campaign.

Municipal Auditorium, with a capacity of 15,000, was only half-filled, and nearly a thousand demonstrators marched into the building, greeted him with a rafter-shaking "Sieg Heil, Sieg Heil!" that drowned out or discouraged the feeble attempts at reply. And after more of the same, they marched out at an appropriate moment, with fine spirit and unity.

All references to anti-fascists getting him "another half-million votes," to the publicity "helping him," and the like, fell flat in the face of this thunderous opposition in an area where the Wallacites are supposed to be relatively strong.

News photographs of the remaining crowd showed rabid Wallace supporters on their feet cheering some particularly fascist remark, with the spectators quietly keeping their seats.

The united front demonstration, initiated mainly by Youth Against War & Fascism, was the largest of its kind in most people's memory here.

Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), Soul Organization, Buffalo Draft Resistance Union, Peace and Freedom, Buffalo Labor Action, the Martin Sostre Defense Committee and Canisius Concerned Students joined in sponsoring the action.

A huge crowd assembled at Wallace's hotel (the Lafayette) well before the meeting was to begin and besieged him with signs, chants, shouts and pithy characterizations of his politics.

The public square outside the Alabama fascist's hotel was like a scene from Paris last May. Scores of youths clambered up the central monument to hold five extra-large banners high enough so most people in the hotel could see them.

The banners proclaimed:

"Stop Wallace, U.S. Fascist; Politicians Lie, GIs Die; Free All Black Political Prisoners; Free Huey, Free Martin Sostre"; and an anagram with each letter of Wallace's name, as follows:

"Wages war Against Liberation of black people, Labor, Anti-war demonstrators, Common people's rights and Every workingman."

The initial composition of the demonstration was mainly college students, but as the chants grew and militant (Continued on page 4)



Rhody McCoy, administrator of Ocean Hill-Brownsville school district, and supporters demand community control for Black and Puerto Rican people.

### Brownsville Fights to Finish for —

## Black People's Right to Run Black Schools

NEW YORK, Oct. 9 — "The collusion between Shanker (head of the NYC teachers' union) and Donovan (head of the NYC Board of Education) strips the Black and Puerto Rican man of dignity and self-respect. They jointly make a decision to determine the action of a third party. It's indecent."

So said Rhody McCoy, the embattled administrator of the Ocean Hill-Brownsville school district of Brooklyn yesterday. He was describing the disgraceful attitude of the United Federation of Teachers leadership to the Black people's struggle to run their own schools. And he spoke the simple truth.

It seems only yesterday that the UFT was practically leading the fight for genuine unionism in this city and standing up for the right of professionals

to have the same union conditions as blue-collar workers.

But today, in a capitulation to racist reaction, Albert Shanker and his colleagues have made a cheap demagogic twist-play, throwing their union backward losing the good will of a larger and larger section of the community, and inflaming the worst kind of racism, not only in the schools, but throughout the city.

The 83(white) teachers in the district were offered transfers by the local (mostly Black) governing board. The 83 weren't wanted by the students or by the community. And whether the racism of the 83 was open or concealed, or even if it was only imagined, as the racist Shanker seems to imply — the Black people have a right to run their

own schools. And the duty of the teachers' union is to help them find a way to do just that.

Shanker accuses Rhody McCoy of not employing "due process" in dealing with the 83 teachers. But when John J. O'Neill, vice president of the UFT, opposed Shanker's policy the other day, he found himself out of a job in 24 hours. Where was due process then?

But the issue is not "due process." And it is not the right of teachers to take up grievances, either — important as that is under other circumstances. The issue is the right of an oppressed people to self-determination. And Rhody McCoy has been leading a bitter struggle for this principle in one besieged Brooklyn school district. He should be supported to the last ditch.

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## The Rejection of Fortas

The almost-unprecedented rejection of Abe Fortas as the nominee for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court involves far more than just the issue of "cronyism" or Nixonite factionalism, both of which have been excessively dwelt upon in the bourgeois news media. In fact, the real issue underlying the entire episode of the Warren resignation-succession struggle is nothing less than an attempt to intimidate and reconstitute the Supreme Court in accordance with the reactionary turn in the ruling class on all fronts.

At the outset of this fight, on July 5, we wrote that:

"The resignation of Earl Warren from his lifetime position as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is a result of the sharp struggle in the inner circles of the ruling class over how best to combat the Black liberation struggle...."

"The Eastlands, Wallaces, Talmadges, etc., all representatives of the extreme racist wing of the ruling class... have been screaming for Warren's resignation since the 1954 school desegregation decision.

"His leaving cannot but be... an indication of the behind-the-scenes growth of the extreme right wing."

The relentless right-wing attacks on the Fortas nomination, spearheaded by the ardent racist and darling of the military, Strom Thurmond, more than confirms the correctness of the above warning.

At first, however, it appeared that Fortas might be an acceptable compromise in as much as he was a Southerner and was considerably to the right of Warren.

Shortly before his nomination was made public, Fortas wrote a pamphlet in which he as much as stated that while he subscribed to civil rights on paper, he considered any form of effective protest to be beyond the law and punishable. Simultaneous with the release of this pamphlet he gave an interview which was most unusual for a Supreme Court Justice in which he harshly denounced the students in the

Columbia University rebellion. A highly illegal act for a judge who might have to rule in a case with 1100 arrests.

Both these acts were calculated to placate Senator Eastland and the Judiciary Committee.

But the reaction chose to spit on Fortas' outstretched hand. Thurmond and Co. unleashed a frenzied attack couched in the vilest language and filled with racist and anti-Semitic overtones. Of course the extreme right has never been prone to compromise — but this time they won!

Fortas, although to the right of Warren, is still associated with the tactical line advocated by the "Warren Court" for the past 15 years, which asserts that some sort of concessions are necessary in order to stop the Black liberation struggle and that the movement towards a police state is dangerous to the stability of the capitalist system.

To be sure, the charges of cronyism against Johnson and the attempt by the Nixonites to get the full spoils of the office which they anticipate, played some part in the rejection of Fortas, but a purely secondary one.

What has been at issue during this whole display of racist reaction is that the Supreme Court, as a governmental organ of the monopolies, is "lagging behind" the rest of the capitalist establishment — and is still somewhat to the left of the reactionary Congress.

What is at issue in the fight over Fortas is nothing less than an attempt to batter the Supreme Court into submission and turn it into a judicial rubber stamp of the racist, reactionary and militarist policies which have been the rule in the Legislative and Executive branches of U.S. finance capital.

Of course, Fortas and Warren have already capitulated in this struggle, which has been carried out behind the peoples' backs. And the only way to combat such developments is to put the struggle against racism and militarism on a revolutionary, mass basis against the ruling class and all its factions.

## A Valuable Admission

For those who still doubt that a counterrevolution was taking over in Czechoslovakia before the intervention of Soviet troops, we would like to recount a few words from the horse's mouth.

Last week, General de Gaulle visited West Germany for the first time since the invasion and he raked his imperialist rivals in Bonn over the coals for attempting to "upset the balance of power" in Eastern Europe.

According to the News & Review section of the Oct. 6 New York Times, de Gaulle was quite blunt and infuriated his host.

"On Czechoslovakia," ran the Times

article, "he came close to adopting the Soviet argument. He said West Germany was 'to blame' for the invasion since its 'great economic power' would have pulled an independent Czechoslovakia out of the Soviet Bloc and placed it under Bonn's 'hegemony.'"

It's not that de Gaulle, himself a tried and true counterrevolutionary of decades, was in any degree sympathetic with the Czech people. It's just that he can't afford to give the kind of subsidies in Eastern Europe that the U.S.-backed Nazis in Bonn can. In his rage at being so disadvantaged, he made a valuable admission.

## Djilas, Tito's Advance Man, Likes U.S. Czech Position

Milovan Djilas is one of the three or four most famous renegades from socialism in this century. Even the revisionist Tito found him too counter-revolutionary and had to imprison him twice. But Tito has a way of catching up with Djilas' politics from time to time, although Djilas is probably still out in front in his race to be the most loyal imperialist agent in Eastern Europe.

Author of "The New Class" and bosom friend of the imperialist West, it is hardly surprising that Djilas takes an unambiguous stand in favor of the Czechoslovak restorationists and against the Warsaw Pact armies who intervened against them.

But he goes further than that.

On October 5, at a press conference in a London hotel, he gave his prescription for counter-revolutionary success.

"The West must emphasize its military strength," he said, "its unity, and organize moral (!) pressures."

He said he recognized there was little the imperialists could have done "to save Czechoslovakia," but he urged that "the West" should take "all necessary steps, including military actions," if his own country, Yugoslavia were invaded by the Soviet Union.

"The West should help any Yugoslav government, of course," he declared, "including the Tito government."

Djilas explained that Tito had now risen in prestige since the Warsaw

Pact intervention in Czechoslovakia. "Tito is a man of great political instincts, and he felt the danger immediately and reacted quickly in denouncing the invasion. His response was correct," said Djilas.

While this is not the first time that Tito has caught up with his advance man, it is the first time that Djilas has himself clearly recognized it and bestowed his renegade's blessing upon his erstwhile enemy. (Tito fully recognized the counter-revolution in Hungary, when he saw it, but in Czechoslovakian restorationism he sees only "democracy," and thus earns the applause of Djilas.)

Finally, Djilas spoke of the need for the Western imperialists to do all they can "to stop this new period of Soviet imperialism."

Unfortunately, there are still revolutionaries in the world who also characterize the Soviet Union as capitalist and even as imperialist. And they take an almost identical position with the renegade Djilas and the super-revisionist, Tito, on their characterization of the recent Czechoslovakian events.

On the Czechoslovak issue, revolutionaries should support the action of the Soviet and Warsaw Pact countries, in spite of the revisionism of the Soviet leadership. A bloc with Tito on this issue, not to mention Djilas, would lead to disastrous results for socialism.

## Anti-Wallace Demonstration Scheduled in New York City

NEW YORK — Two calls have gone out in this city to organize a massive demonstration against the fascist team of Wallace and LeMay when they come to Madison Square Garden, October 24.

Both the Ad Hoc Committee for the "Anti-Wallace/LeMay Demonstration and Youth Against War & Fascism" are now organizing to build the anti-fascist forces. Thousands of leaflets have already been distributed in the city by both organizations.

The Ad Hoc Committee has issued a leaflet denouncing the Wallace-LeMay mobilization saying:

"The way to defeat Wallace is to fight him NOW — to mobilize the anti-fascist masses against him before his Brown-Shirt or white-sheeted troops are ready!"

The leaflet includes a partial list of prominent sponsors for the demonstration. Among them are: Mae Mallory, Harlem leader; Andy Stapp, chairman of the American Servicemen's Union; John Black, Area Director of Local 1199; Florynce Kennedy, attorney and Director of the Media Workshop;

Ramona Ripston, Co-Director of the ECLC; Alex Munsell and Annette Rubinstein, educator and author.

A leaflet issued by YAWF calls for demonstrators to "Stand up against fascist reaction, Stand up for civil liberties and Stand up for Black liberation." The leaflet is boldly headlined "THEY SHALL NOT PASS!" and reads in part:

"George Wallace and Curtis LeMay are trying to organize a racist mobilization at Madison Square Garden on Oct. 24. They are not exercising free speech. They are trying to destroy free speech. They are not just running for election. They are trying to use the election as a pole vault to open fascism. Whether they win or lose at the polls isn't fundamental to them. They are mainly concerned with opening up bigger guns against the people's struggles.

"One advocates genocide at home; the other, genocide abroad. One is a defender of lynchers; the other a mass murderer on a much bigger scale. They should be in prison, not in Madison Square Garden."

## ARMY MUST BE WON OVER, READER SAYS

Dear Editor

The successful action of the Soviet and Warsaw Pact armies in denying the fruits of counterrevolution to the revisionists and Western sympathizers of Czechoslovakia dramatically demonstrate the decisive importance of national armies in modern industrial states.

Indeed, no revolution or counter-revolution can be successful if it lacks such an army and faces one opposing it in a modern industrialized state. The situation, however, is quite contrary in the case of a people's war in a colonized or neo-colonialized non-industrial state, where a countryside remains as a base for a people's peasant army.

We live in the United States, we revolutionaries, in the heart of imperialism, and the state we live in is quite industrial. There is no countryside in the sense of a peasant area outside of the culture, economy and society of the industrialized sector remaining.

The colonized Black people and poor rural people of the pseudo-countryside that remains are militarily overshadowed by the might of the industrialized national army. This is the logical end of the industrial trend in the world. Thus the political inclination of the

national army of the industrial state is of the utmost importance for the interest of the masses in revolution and socialism.

All armies are composed essentially of ordinary people. This is why the armies of the socialist states are bulwarks against counter-revolution there, and often positive revolutionary influences in internal affairs, as is the case of the People's Liberation Army of China.

The interest of ordinary people is in anti-imperialism, and ultimately in revolution and socialism. This is as true in the United States as it is in China. Thus, the all-important army of the industrialized nation of the United States is secure for imperialism only as long as the imperialist leaders can keep the masses of the troops ignorant of their real interests as ordinary people.

The imperialist army is thus vulnerable and it is vulnerable from within...

If we are serious about revolution, then, and not mere talkers, the army of the United States must be at least neutralized, if not brought over to our side.

Fraternally,  
Bernard E. Galitz.

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# Milwaukee Press Baites WWP, YAWF For Pro-Huey, Anti-Daley Struggle

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 4 — Despite attacks by the local Birchite press and a picket line set up around the headquarters of Youth Against War & Fascism by the right-wing Parents Give A Damn, a busload and several carloads of determined youth set out for Chicago on September 28 to commemorate last month's "Battle of Chicago." A sensationalist headline in the Metro News claimed that high school students were being "lured to clash with the Chicago Police." The trip was organized by the Myrtle Kastner Peace & Freedom Campaign Committee which is running an independent campaign for State Assembly in Milwaukee.

The march and rally, which drew nearly 30,000 people from all over the Midwest, showed the development of the movement here. The demonstration was sponsored by the Chicago Peace Council and the Citizens for a Free Chicago. Although much of the leadership was conservative, many of the marchers were militant in tone. Chants of "Ho Ho Ho Chi Minh, the NLF Is Going to Win," "Free Huey, Jail Daley," and "The Streets Belong to the People" were heard along the mile-long march on Chicago's Michigan Avenue. Visible support came from passers-by who honked their horns and gave the "V" for victory sign.

Among the speakers at the rally were Jorge Aponte of the New York Black Panthers and Andy Stapp, chairman of the American Servicemen's Union. One of the demands of the demonstration was for amnesty for 43 black G.I.'s who refused to serve in so-called "riot" duty during the Democratic

National Convention. Stapp related their struggle and when he read a statement of solidarity to the G.I.'s he received overwhelming support from the crowd.

Later on, Stapp went to Milwaukee and spoke at two meetings, one of which was on the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee campus.

TV Channel 6, a so-called "TV Editorial Station" here, tried to fan up a hysteria by telling the "parents of high school students" in the city that "an attempt is being made to use your young people" by "vicious forces (that) are running rampant today, who are out to discredit established authority" and warned parents against allowing their children to go to Chicago in a bus chartered by "the Myrtle Kastner Peace and Freedom Campaign Committee."

Miss Kastner, said the broadcast, was a "member of Workers World Party."

The Milwaukee Journal has launched several red-baiting attacks lately, most of which have helped the baited more than the baiters.

Two days ago that paper attacked Youth Against War & Fascism as well as Workers

World Party and interviewed James Coatsworth, local chairman of YAWF. It quoted him as describing his organization as "revolutionary" and saying that his group was "against the war in Vietnam and supported Black liberation."

As a corollary to "the attacks by the local Birchite press, a more ser-

ious threat was posed by the Milwaukee ruling class. Police Chief Harold A. Brier called, on October 1, for investigations of "extreme left wing...and subversive organizations," which he claimed were behind disturbances in the highschools and throughout the city. Mentioned in the attack were the Milwaukee branches of Workers World Party and Youth Against War & Fascism. Replying to the attacks, YAWF called the proposed investigation a "witchhunt" and "an attempt to intimidate those fighting against the United States war in Vietnam and in support of black liberation," and labeled Brier a "racist".



Candidate Myrtle Kastner, left, with group organizing a contingent for the Chicago Anti-Daley march. At right is a local fascist parents' group.

# Mass Anti-Daley Rally 1 Month After the Battle of Chicago

30,000 Give Ovation to Fort Hood 43

As Stapp Reads Pledge of Solidarity

By Bob Stewart

CHICAGO, Saturday, September 28 — Thirty-thousand Chicagoans demonstrated today on the first month's anniversary of the Battle of Chicago in response to the power structure's "We love our Mayor" campaign. The demonstration, called shortly after the convention weeks events, was organized by the Chicago Peace Council and the Citizens for a Free Chicago, an ad hoc organization of individuals who wanted to show that many Chicagoans did not support the police attack on demonstrators and who wanted to protest the growing trend toward a police state in America. This group included both liberals and radicals and many battles developed over the tone of the march, the speakers to be invited, the decision to march without a permit and other questions.

Because of the presence of many militant youths, including representatives from the Revolutionary Contingent and the Chicago Workers World, the march was organized not as a liberal protest but as an act of defiance to serve notice to the rulers of Chicago that a police state would not be easily imposed. The march demands included the freeing of the Fort Hood GI's who refused to come to Chicago for "riot duty" during the Convention and amnesty for all Convention arrestees.

On the day of the march, the initial staging area, which was three blocks long, was packed with demonstrators and had to be extended two more blocks as more and more people came. Once the march had gotten under way almost the whole length of Michigan Avenue filled with demonstrators. The head of the parade was reaching the Grant Park rallying site across from the Conrad Hilton as the last of the parade left the staging area ten blocks away. Many felt that this was the largest demonstration of its type since the '30's in the city of Chicago.

The march was dotted with NLF flags, pictures of Che Guevara and militant signs, and the Revolutionary

Contingent carried two banners reading "Fight Daley's Police State — Arm the People, Disarm the Cops" and "Free all Black Political Prisoners." The group chanted "Free Huey — Jail Daley," "2,4,6,8, organize to smash the state" and "Ho Ho Ho Chi Minh, the People's War is going to win."

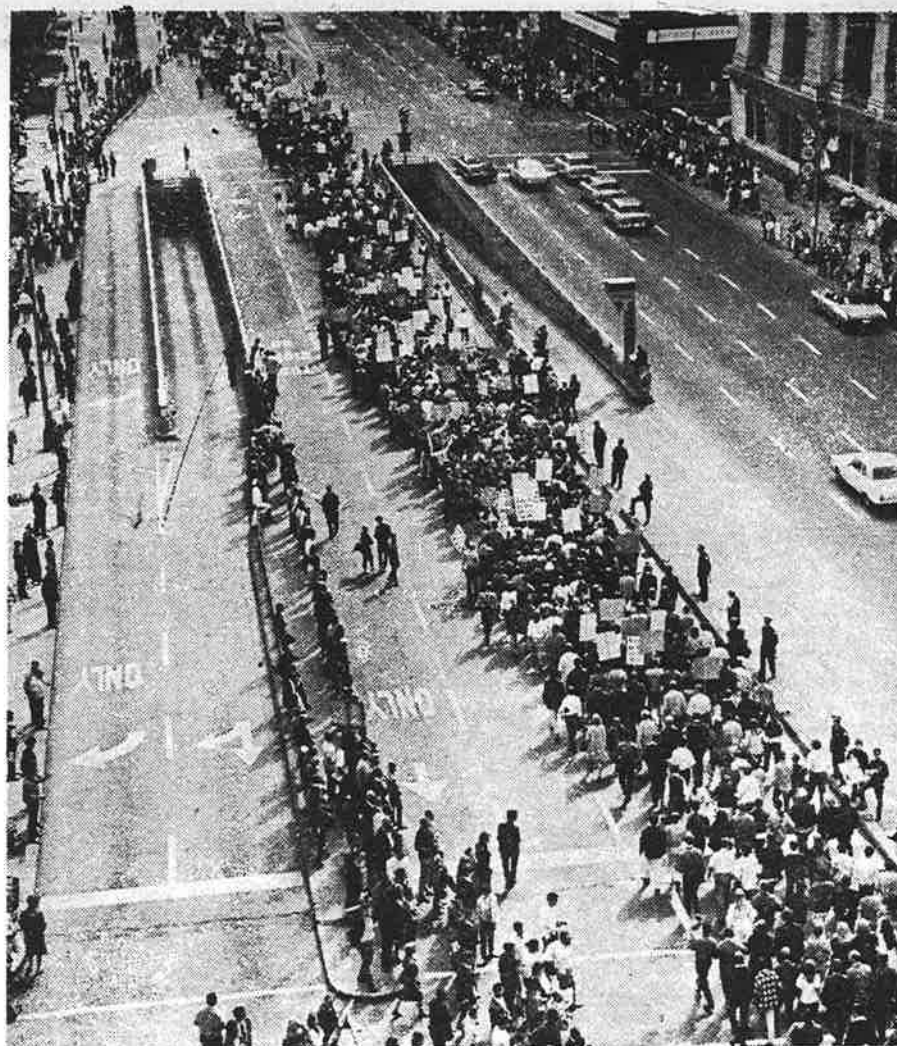
A number of militant speakers had been invited so that the rally after the march was very enthusiastic. Speakers from SDS, the Black Panthers and the Latin American and poor white communities talked of police repression in their communities. They pounded away at the theme that people must get organized to fight against the growing repression at home. A spokesman for the Yippies added a humorous moment by telling of Yippie plans for the HUAC hearing as well as of a plot to release 50,000 pigs in Washington D.C. on Inauguration Day.

Andy Stapp of the American Servicemen's Union, who has been working on the defense of the Fort Hood GIs, received a standing ovation after reading a message of solidarity from the people of Chicago to these men who had refused to come during the Convention Week.

Plans are being made for demonstrations during October and November to center around the war and the elections, and it seems as though Daley's repression during the Convention may have backfired in a big way.

## NLF Film Showing

CHICAGO, Oct. 4 — Seventy people attended a showing of films made by the National Liberation Front and the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. The films were shown on the campus of the Illinois Institute of Technology. The showing was co-sponsored by the IIT chapter of SDS and the Revolutionary Contingent. This was both the first time NLF films had been publicly shown in Chicago and the first public forum of the Revolutionary Contingent. The suc-



Anti-Daley, anti-war march stretched from one end of Michigan Ave. to other.

cessful turnout was in spite of a red-baiting attack the same day in the Chicago Tribune.

Bob Stewart, Chicago organizer of the Workers World and co-chairman of the Revolutionary Contingent, stated that the purpose of the film showing was "to show Americans that the struggle in Vietnam as well as in other countries is not the result of a conspiracy from Peking or Havana but the result of political oppression and economic domination by the U.S. Big Business.

People in Vietnam are fighting, just as people in Chicago are struggling against police repression and poverty."

It was also pointed out that October was the 4th anniversary of the execution of Nguyen Van Troi, that the Vietnamese liberation struggle has grown in those four years despite the terrible oppression and that this should be an inspiration to all U.S. radicals who have not suffered a fraction as much as have the Vietnamese.



# Buffalo United Front Had Racist Wallace on the Run

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youths gave rousing speeches, more Black and working class youth joined in, as well as a number of high school students.

As Wallace's motorcade drew up to the hotel, several hundred broke from the curb to rush up and taunt the No. 1 pig as he hurried inside the hotel.

It was at this point that a large number took to the streets and began marching to the auditorium. The banks that line this area and the big stores that daily exploit the poor resounded to the anti-fascist and anti-imperialist chants of 600 to 800 marchers at this point.

Many people in their cars were openly sympathetic to the demonstrators and the few who were not were quickly reduced to silence by the militance of the spirited throng.

The ranks grew much bigger by the time of their arrival at the auditorium, and they continued to swell. The Wallace fans were obviously cowed by this display of strength, although there were a few minor encounters with the pickets — in which the latter usually got the better of the argument.

A large number of Wallace's followers here were dressed in business suits and fairly expensive dresses, not looking at all like the "grass roots" people he claims to represent.

Others, dressed more casually, their faces not at all belligerent, studied the picket signs intently. One man asked a picket if he (the picket) was pro-union. When the youth said yes, the man joined the line.

After the mass march into the auditorium, the demonstrators took to the streets again, marching up the middle of Main Street, continuing to pick up more forces, black and white.

Finally, at the end of the evening, in one of the most vicious displays of police brutality, the Tactical Patrol Pigs rushed the demonstrators in cars and on foot, cracking heads and ripping up banners, forcing the demonstrators down a dark side street.

One group of four cops ripped the Free Huey - Free Martin Sostre banner to shreds. When people returned later to salvage things, they found all the pieces of the banner except for the top corner — the bold picture of a strong Black Liberation fighter breaking his chains.

Perhaps typifying the tremendous spirit of this occasion was the comment of a Black youth of 15 or 16. He listened for a few moments to the chant that the youths around him were shouting and exclaimed joyfully "That's real brotherhood."

The chant was "Ho, Ho, Ho Chi Minh; Black Power is Gonna Win!"

## Arrested YAWF Leader Defines Fascism for Judge

BUFFALO, Oct. 8 — Cops arrested three young people here yesterday after pushing them out of a Nixon rally at Municipal Auditorium, rupturing a teen age boy as well as splitting his head open with a club, pushing a girl down a flight of stairs and punching her in the shoulders and stomach.

One of the group, Gerald Gross, a leader of Buffalo Youth Against War & Fascism, was arrested at 7:45, just before Nixon began to speak. His \$200 bail was raised by the united front anti-Nixon demonstrators. (These included essentially the same groups as mentioned in the story of the anti-Wallace demonstration.)

Charged with "refusing the reasonable request of an officer, resisting arrest, and criminal mischief," Gerald Gross told the judge:

"These charges are totally fabricated and a frame-up; this is a political case. The Buffalo Police Department has reached an all-time low when they resort to fabricating charges in this manner, covering up their own brutality, their beating up of girls,

pushing them down steps, clubbing people over the head."

Outside the courtroom about 100 demonstrators were chanting: "two, four, six, eight — We don't want a fascist state!"

The judge, after clearing a number of demonstrators from the courtroom for laughing at a humorous remark, asked: "Could you define what you and your fellow demonstrators mean by a fascist state?"

"I would be glad to," Mr. Gross replied. "A fascist state is one in which the constitution is thrown away and police state tactics are used and any means possible are used to insure the rule of the wealthy."

Judge: "Wouldn't you call noisy, disruptive conduct on the part of these demonstrators in the courtroom fascist tactics?"

Gerry: "No your honor. I would rather call the clearing of the courtroom of all the people here to see that I received a fair treatment, clearing them all out so that only cops and court reporters are here, I would call that fascist tactics."

## WWP Organizer, YAWF Leader Arrested

# Cleveland Militants Shake Up Wallace Rally

CLEVELAND, Oct. 5 — In spite of all-out efforts by the Wallace forces here, attendance for his rally tonight at the big Cleveland Public Hall was termed "disappointing" (about 2,500) while demonstrators against him swelled to one of the biggest of crowds for this kind of event.

Wallace, who is supposed to be the "voice of the little man" attracted a swarm of fur-trimmed ladies on the arms of balding businessmen, but few workers or youths.

The demonstrators successfully disrupted the entire proceedings with chants of "Politicians Lie, GIs Die; If Wallace Wins, Unions Die; Two, Four, Six, Eight, We Don't Want a Fascist State; Free Huey, Jail Wallace; Wallace-Hitler"; and "Sieg Heil."

Cloth and paper signs were unfurled

bearing slogans, "Billionaire Hunt — Wallace's Banker; Fight Wallace's Power With Black Power; Racism — Bosses' Tool for Busting Unions"; and "Wallace-LeMay = Hitler-Goering."

Before Wallace was to speak, demonstrators led by several Blacks attempted to get onto the main floor of the auditorium. They were prevented by cops using tear gas and clubs. Enraged by this blatant police support of Wallace, they retreated back to the balcony where small confrontations occurred with Wallace's goons and cops.

About 800 people walked out before the end of Wallace's speech and gathered around the front entrance to the building. A well-organized uniformed contingent of Black Nationalists joined the crowd and quickly rallied them with

their drums into a march right up to and along the wall of cops at the doors. They chanted, "Free Huey, Jail Wallace." When the fascist cops made threatening moves, they were met with shouts of "Chicago, Chicago!"

Then the Nationalists departed and the remaining crowd of about 400, inspired by the events, moved around to the side of the auditorium to heckle Wallace some more as he retreated from his Cleveland fiasco.

It was then that a police sergeant gave a signal. And violently charging into the crowd, the cops clubbed them indiscriminately. The crowd was wedged in between the auditorium and a line of parked cars, and could not avoid being clubbed.

The cops made three separate charges at the demonstrators who refused to be defeated. These police seemed to have gone berserk, having been filled with Wallace ideology. At one point, many cops ringed a young couple and beat them mercilessly.

According to some reports, some cops held demonstrators, while other cops struck them. A young woman was pushed against a police car by the charging police, and while her back was turned, another cop smacked her over the head, knocking her to the pavement. Many other cases of police violence were reported in the daily press. It was really a repetition of Chicago, although on a smaller, local scale.

There were a number of arrests. All charges were subsequently dropped, except those against Ted Dostal, a retired steelworker and Workers World Party organizer, and David Gass of Youth Against War & Fascism. They were both taken to the hospital with head injuries.

They are being charged with "assaulting an officer" under the newly-enacted anti-riot law in Ohio. This state law was written to counter the Black rebellions and anti-war demonstrations. It provides for a penalty up to three years in prison.

Dostal and Gass were obviously framed up because they were so active in organizing and giving leadership inside the militant wing of the anti-war movement.

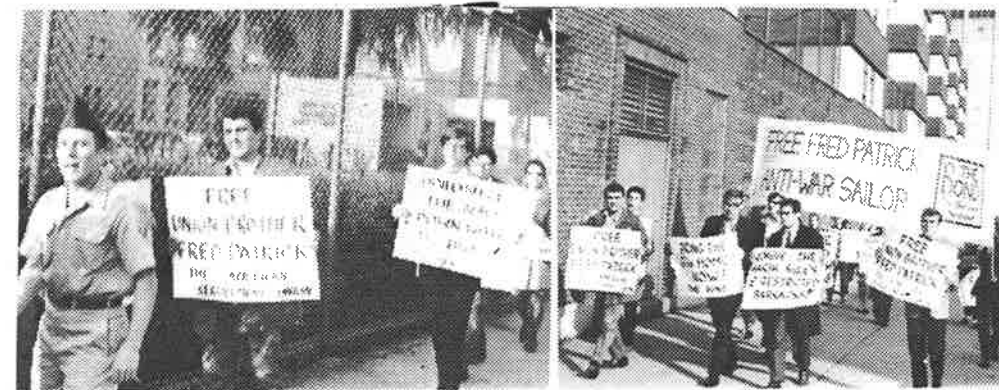
The demonstration began when a contingent of 100 from Oberlin College, posing as "Whippies" (hippies for Wallace — an effort to embarrass the fascist with a joke) along with members of MDS (Movement for a Democratic Society), SDS and YAWF, entered the auditorium with the intention of disrupting the fascists Wallace and LeMay.

Civil libertarians, such as those in the Cleveland Area Peace Action Council, refused to disrupt the meeting, but agreed to picket it.

A report meeting is being organized for Saturday, Oct. 12, to present the issues to the community and to serve as a kick-off in the campaign against this vicious attack on the movement as a whole. And a defense committee is being formed to carry out a running defense by propaganda and action.

The jury trial of the two defendants is scheduled for Nov. 4.

## ASU Member Victimized by Brass; Given Maximum Sentence by Navy



Picketing Brooklyn Naval Base last week

Fredrick Patrick, Airman Apprentice in the U.S. Navy and organizer for the American Servicemen's Union, was convicted today by an officer-dominated court-martial board and sentenced to six months in prison and a bad conduct discharge for "Unauthorized Absence." This was the second trial for the 21-year-old opponent of the Vietnam war; the first ended in a mistrial.

The American Servicemen's Union picketed the Brooklyn Naval Station for about an hour before the trial began. The line included an ASU GI, SP/5 Bob Commike, on leave from Ft. Lee, Va. He was arrested by MPs and faces possible charges back at Ft. Lee. SP/5 Commike will be defended by lawyers of the ASU if he is court-martialed.

Patrick's attorney, Fred Cohn, was

provided by the National Emergency Civil Liberties Committee.

William Smith, the Vietnam editor of the BOND, took the stand on the second day of the trial to testify about the forced deportation of Vietnamese civilians in Quang Nai province. The court refused to hear this testimony, declaring that it wasn't "competent" to judge the legality of the war.

Two weeks ago there was a rebellion in the restricted barracks at the Brooklyn Naval installation where Patrick was stationed. Forty-three sailors, including union members, barricaded themselves into a building for 8 hours protesting harsh conditions.

Patrick will begin serving his sentence immediately as there is no right to stay execution of punishment in the armed forces.



Anti-Wallace demonstrators protest the appearance of the fascist at Cleveland Auditorium.

## What Happened in the Secret Senate Session on the ABM?

# General LeMay Speaks the Mind of Nixon-Humphrey

By V. Copeland

It is already clear that Curtis LeMay is well mated to his candidate-partner, George Wallace. Wallace wants genocide at home; LeMay wants genocide abroad.

But it is hardly necessary to expose LeMay as a super-hawk any more than his opponents within the imperialist Establishment have already exposed him.

The important question that none of his big business colleagues care to answer is—just how far are they themselves implicated in LeMay's war plans, which they allegedly oppose? And just how much are they themselves responsible for his present power and prominence?

Every big daily newspaper, from liberal to conservative, notes that he has a hero's record, served his country well, etc., although they add that he is too much of a wild man today.

What is the record they are talking about?

### Bomb Hiroshima

LeMay was the man who actually supervised the atom bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki (under the top command of the Democratic President) and directed the fire-bombing of Tokyo, where even more people were killed than in Hiroshima. He was decorated and promoted for both achievements.

The present Nixonites, Humphreyites, and McCarthyites among the ruling class all agreed that was great stuff at the time, and none of them has condemned it now, even in retrospect.

Their "opposition" to his emphasis on nuclear bombs, therefore, arises from their fear of being nuclear-bombed themselves—and not at all from any sympathy with the oppressed peoples they kill so unmercifully with "conventional" bombs right now.

And this fear of theirs (which might be overcome, just like the well-known fear of cornered rats) is utterly no reason for the masses to have the slightest confidence in them.

### Secret Senate Hearings

Furthermore, and still more to the

point right now—today—is the performance of the Nixonite, Humphreyite, McCarthyite U.S. Senate over the so-called "Sentinel" Anti-Ballistic Missile project on Oct. 2.

A rare and actually unconstitutional session was held on that day at which Senators voted nearly two to one (45-25) to uphold Johnson's plan to begin this tremendously expensive—and more tremendously provocative—project. Even Robert S. McNamara had opposed "Sentinel" on the ground that it would start an even madder arms race with the Soviet Union and seriously

weaken the U.S. economy.

Not one of these 45 Senators would publicly support LeMay or Wallace at the present moment, but they voted in secret session for military preparations to carry out the Wallace-LeMay program.

Not one of the 25 Senators who voted against it would bring this out or condemn the fact that the whole proceedings were kept secret from the American people. Thus they covered up the complicity of their more war-minded colleagues with LeMay-Wallace, and are themselves accessories before and

after the fact.

### A "Dove" Made It Secret

Senator John Sherman Cooper of Kentucky, who is a "dove" on Vietnam and opposed to the "Sentinel" proposition, was the one to call for the secret session in the first place. He did this purportedly to discuss "intelligence" reports about Chinese and Soviet missile strength.

This was merely supposed to show that the much advertised "anti-Chinese" missile defense was unnecessary because intelligence reports show that the Chinese were not likely to get as many missiles in the next few years as previous estimates had held.

(Some militarists had sold the multi-billion dollar project with the argument that an "anti-China" defense would be much cheaper than an anti-Soviet one. And after all, it was only China that would be likely to attack the United States in the light of the Soviet "co-existence" campaign, etc.)

But the majority of Senators, who are gunning for the Soviet Union quite as much as they are trying to destroy People's China, were able to conceal their real motives, both from the co-existence-minded Soviet leaders and from the American people, too. The secret session, proposed by the "anti-war" Senator, insured that.

### How Different?

The Nixonite, Humphreyite, McCarthyite politicians are all laboring mightily to show the masses how different they are from the genocidal team of Wallace-LeMay.

There may be differences—differences of how fast they want to get into war, or just how far down they want to keep the Black people in the United States.

But their performance in the Senate on Oct. 2 shows that their differences are not basic and not worth voting about. It shows that they will fail to fight Wallace-LeMay when the chips are really down. Not only that—they will throw in with these demagogues whenever the U.S. capitalist class tells them to do so.

## Liberals Who Blame Wallace's Rise On Militant Anti-Wallace Fighters

In the same way that the U.S. ruling class has baited the German left-wing students by blaming them for the rise of fascism, the bourgeois press in this country has carried on a campaign to blame the rise of Wallace on the Black and white militants here.

The liberals quietly admit the fact that Wallace and his running mate, Curtis E. LeMay, are backed by the most racist and militarist billionaires in the ruling class. But when it comes to placing public blame, they condemn Wallace's militant opponents rather than their class colleagues among his financial supporters. The press of the liberal bourgeoisie has continually harped on the theme that demonstrations against Wallace only help his cause.

In fact, however, it is the liberal "opponents" of Wallace who have helped the most to legitimize and popularize his racist mobilization by giving him an enormous amount of publicity.

Wallace has repeatedly told hecklers, "Keep it up—you just got me half a million votes." The New York Times was quick to pick up this theme to threaten demonstrators that Wallace actually likes to be heckled because it gives him votes. But what the lib-

eral bourgeoisie has left out of its press is that as long as there are billionaires to pay his way and buy publicity, Wallace will never go away. (This is a lesson the German students learned well.) Only the demonstrators, who seek to drive Wallace off the political arena entirely and who seek to arouse the masses against his fascist message, stand in his way.

The bourgeois press has also often suppressed news of the size, militancy and even the existence of anti-Wallace demonstrations throughout the country, thereby robbing the people of a real view of the genuine opposition to this U.S.-style fascist and his Ku Klux Klan, Birchite and cop followers.

The policy of the U.S. ruling class here, as in West Germany, is to cover up its own responsibility for the rise of fascist elements while at the same time try to blame fascism on the left to intimidate the revolutionary elements. In truth, the bourgeois press has denounced the anti-Wallace demonstrators because their ruling class masters are less fearful of fascism than they are of the growth of revolutionary struggle which the billionaires know would threaten the very existence of the entire capitalist Establishment.

## W. German Students Do It Right: Smash Nazi Rally

German students and workers gave revolutionary youth throughout the capitalist world an inspiring lesson on how to fight fascism last week, when they broke up the neo-Nazi rally of the National Democratic Party and forced the NPD to cancel all its scheduled public meetings.

The Fuehrer of the NPD, Adolph von Thadden, had to be led off the stage of Beethoven Hall by his bodyguards and police after unsuccessfully trying for one hour to deliver a speech in Bonn on Oct. 1.

The audience of 2,000 was made up mostly of anti-fascist demonstrators, according to a New York Times report of Oct. 2. They shouted "Sieg Heil," "Nazis Out" and "Nazi Swine," completely drowning out von Thadden's talk. The students fought NPD guards who tried to quiet the jeering. One demonstrator leaped onto the stage and shouted "Down with fascism!" into von Thadden's microphone.

The Nazi leader was bombarded with apple cores, and the meeting was finally broken up when the demonstrators threw tear gas onto the stage.

Von Thadden, dabbing his streaming eyes with a handkerchief, was reported by the Baltimore Sun of Oct. 2 to have told reporters afterwards:

"We can't go on like this. The party presidium will meet tomorrow and we shall pass a resolution discontinuing rallies of this kind." He charged that labor unions and the Socialist German Students League were responsible for the demonstration.

Outside the hall, demonstrators fought police as they attempted to storm

the meeting in a show of militant opposition to the fascists.

To the demonstrators, many of whom are only one generation away from Hitler's Third Reich, the means of defeating fascism are quite clear—struggle.

These German youths know from the first-hand experience of the German people that fascism will never be defeated if it is left up to the vacillating, opportunist liberals and renegade Social Democrats who paved the way for Hitler and will ultimately pave the way for another fascist takeover. The students' militant struggle is a testimony to the fact that purely parliamentary methods are clearly recognized to be totally bankrupt in the fight against fascism. They learned this well in the country where Hitler rose to power under a parliamentary system.

In a continued struggle against von Thadden and his gang, demonstrators have plagued NPD representatives during their election campaign this year. In Lower Saxony, where von Thadden was pelted with tomatoes and eggs, the NPD lost 2 per cent of the 7 per cent vote it received in 1967.

Last April the NPD won 10 per cent of the vote in the state of Baden-Wurttemberg. This aroused a brief flurry of talk in the bourgeois press in this country as to the possibility of a "neo-Nazi" resurgence.

The New York Times, on May 1, editorially charged that the militant demonstrations of left-wing German students were responsible for the fascist gains. In this viciously twisted

## Students Mock Nazis Before Breaking Things Up



The mock 'Sieg Heil' is for Adolph von Thadden, chairman of the NPD.

explanation the Times neglected to reveal the fact that the NPD, which plans to raise \$2.5 million for the national election campaign of 1969, is being financed by several large Ruhr industrialists, according to charges in the West German press itself.

In blaming the militant struggle of the West German students for the rise of the new Nazis, the U.S. is in truth covering up its own tracks—for it was the U.S. rulers who rehabilitated the old Nazis and put them back in the West German government, only this time on the side of U.S. imperialism. By reinstating the old war criminals, the U.S. paved the way for the rise of the NPD, the inheritor of Hitler's

rabid nationalism, racism and expansionism.

In fact, the U.S. role in nurturing fascism can be no better exemplified than in its alliance with the "ex-Nazi" Kurt Georg Kiesinger. None other than President Johnson recently held a strategy meeting with this man, who joined the Nazi party in 1933, was a Nazi to the bitter end and was a member of the Foreign Ministry during the war. Kiesinger was arrested by the U.S. military after Hitler's defeat. He was held for barely one year, then released and groomed for the office of Chancellor of West Germany by the U.S.-controlled de-nazification tribunal.



# YAWF in New Legal Move to Free Ed Oquendo

By Ellen Pierce

NEW YORK, Oct. 4 — A new brief was filed today in an attempt to free Edward Oquendo, a Black draft resister now serving a five-year sentence for his militant resistance to the imperialist military machine. The appeal was submitted by Youth Against War & Fascism. Mrs. Maryann Weissman, national coordinator of YAWF, filed the amicus curiae ("friend of the court") brief with the clerk of the United States Supreme Court in Washington.

Oquendo's trial lawyer, Conrad Lynn, is making an appeal on the draft conviction to the Supreme Court, and YAWF has now retained the law firm of Karparkin, Ohrenstein and Karparkin to file the additional "friend of the court" brief.

A founder of Blacks Against Negative Dying (BAND) and a member of YAWF, Oquendo was rushed to prison on May 27 of this year after his conviction in Brooklyn Federal Court was upheld by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the district, despite the fact that further appeals to the Supreme Court were in progress.

In the brief filed by Youth Against War & Fascism it was argued that Local Draft Board No. 48 in Brooklyn and the New York Selective Service Headquarters acted illegally on several counts in their haste to send this Black militant to jail.

The Selective Service Headquarters instructed the local board clerk on Jan. 7, 1966, that "if registrant does not report for second physical examination, declare (him to be) Delinquent immediately." This was in violation of the Headquarters' authority since only the local board can evaluate and declare alleged delinquencies under the Selective Service law.

In addition, the local board did not have the necessary quorum present on March 10, 1968, when it voted on Oquendo's case. And finally, the board "either never classified registrant in Class 1-A after declaring the registrant delinquent, or, if it did classify the registrant, it failed to send him a Notice of Classification (SSS Form 110) or otherwise inform him of and accord him his rights of personal appearance and appeal."

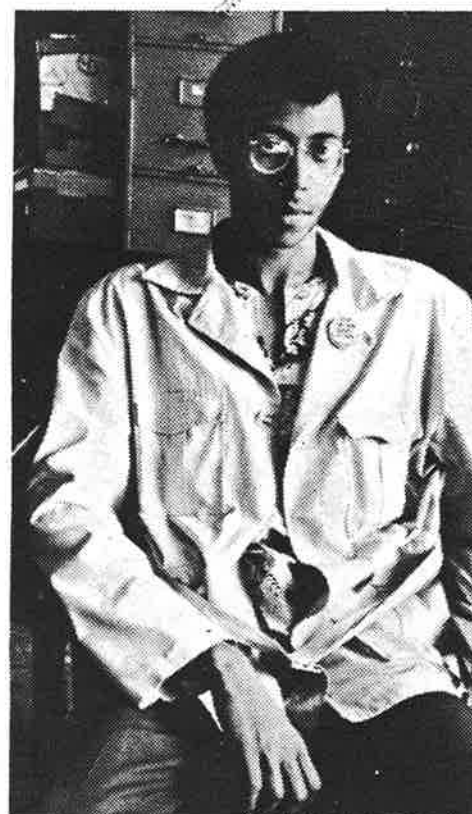
The strong legal arguments stated

above, taken together with the obvious bias of trial judge, Joseph Zavatt, indicate that Oquendo's indictment and conviction were the type of railroading commonly used against Black militants and anti-draft fighters by supposedly "impartial" courts.

While Oquendo is appealing on the technical violations, his opposition to the Vietnam war is far from technical.

Before he was given the maximum five-year sentence last Dec. 15, Eddie Oquendo told the court, "I want to make clear that I support the National Liberation Front in their struggle against 500,000 troops armed with the most barbarous weapons the world has ever seen. Long live their struggle!" Supporters who filled the courtroom applauded several times during the 20-minute statement, despite threats from the judge and federal marshals who ringed the room.

Oquendo concluded, saying, "I support all the oppressed around the world. I feel with the oppressed people. A man who goes into the army, if he is Black, is asked to kill his mother, brothers, sisters, like Detroit and Newark... I say, hell no, I won't go!"



Eddie Oquendo

## — Ferguson and Harris Convicted

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Court Justice tried to maintain a calm and polite exterior as he denied motion after motion, all persuasively argued, with the most perfunctory explanations or none at all.

The first and key motion claimed a violation of the constitutional requirement of trial by a jury of peers. Out of 57 persons who came up for jury selection, three were Black and one was finally permitted on the jury. To this argument the prosecutor, Assistant District Attorney Thomas Demakos, jumped up and declared in annoyance, "I didn't count." Judge Balsam advised Demakos, "Why get into an argument when I'm going to give a favorable ruling," and he denied the motion.

Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Harris were supposed to have conspired to kill Whitney Young of the Urban League and Roy Wilkins of the NAACP. During their trial Robert Kennedy was assassinated. The following day Judge Balsam permitted testimony in the case concerning a list of potential "assassination victims" to which Robert Kennedy's name had been conveniently added.

Miss Condon pointed out that "literally hundreds" of ordinary homicide cases had been postponed across the country in the aftermath of the assassination, very often on the motions of judges and prosecution lawyers, because no jury could remain unaffected by the hysteria of the moment.

This argument was overruled on the grounds of Judge Balsam's "faith" that this jury could render a fair verdict.

The first indictment against the two Black defendants specified that they had conspired with persons "known and unknown." When the defense asked for information about the other "known" conspirators in order to prepare the defense's legal case, the indictment was thrown out and a new one drawn up. This time it specified only "persons unknown." This did not stop the prosecution from subsequently naming Max Stanford, leader of the Revolutionary Action Movement, as one of the conspirators — he apparently was "unknown" until the prosecution wanted to frighten the jury.

The entire case is based on the "notes" allegedly taken by a police spy named Edward Lee Howlette (now Detective Howlette) who read his police-prepared testimony throughout the trial. His inflammatory versions of the most casual conversations with the defendants were illegally introduced as "evidence," even though they took place before the so-called "conspiracy" was supposed to have begun. Another piece of "evidence," the guns in the case, were bought and paid for by the Police Department.

The entire "conspiracy" case was so flimsy that Judge Balsam had to keep it from falling apart altogether (see Workers World, June 5, 1968) by repeatedly overruling the defense and by rendering aid and assistance to the prosecution during the trial.

Considerable hysteria against the defendants was generated in the big business press at the time. The so-called conspiracy was discovered shortly after the federal and local governments expanded their programs to infiltrate Afro-American organizations across the country.

Judge Balsam refused to continue bail. He ordered both defendants to jail immediately. They are appealing the case.



Herman Ferguson



Arthur Harris

Persons interested in supporting Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Harris please send contributions and inquiries to:

National Legal Defense Fund for the 15 Afro-Americans Accused  
P. O. Box 821  
Jamaica, N.Y. 11431

## Panthers Lead Protest

NEW YORK, Oct. 6 — Two hundred fists shook in the air, emphasizing each syllable: "Free Herman Ferguson, Free Arthur Harris, Free All Black Political Prisoners!" Today's demonstration at Queens Criminal Court, organized by the Black Panther Party, amazed onlookers with its militancy and discipline.

The Panthers, plus a group of white allies from Youth Against War & Fascism, circled the courthouse and jail where Ferguson and Harris have been held since their sentencing on Oct. 3. There was nothing casual about the march or the standing demonstration in front of the court, where the group faced busy Queens Blvd., lined up in military formation. Mostly in their late teens or early twenties, the Pan-

## In 1968 "Great (Capitalist) Society"...

# 80% of Soft Coal Miners Suffer Dreaded Black Lung

By D. Gordon

"The booming soft coal industry is recruiting young miners while 'black lung,' a preventable disease caused by coal dust inhalation is disabling and killing thousands in the work force. This is known to the government, to the coal operators, and to the United Mine Workers. But practically nothing has been done about it."

That such an observation can be made in 1968 is truly astonishing. Most people, when they think of the coal miners at all, probably have assumed that such death-causing working conditions in the mining industry were eliminated long ago.

The United States Public Health Service made a report on the conditions in the mines to the Department of the Interior, which includes the Department of Mines. The Department of Mines sat on the report until Ralph Nader, well-known for his exposé on unsafe automobiles in the auto industry, opened the issue recently.

The medical term for "black lung" is pneumoconiosis. Unless the ailment is discovered in time and the miner ceases to work in the coal dust area, he will die. The miner develops emphysema (a disease of the lungs) or heart failure or both. The slightest exertion brings on a gasping for air. He may develop tuberculosis, pneumonia or psychological or gastrointestinal disturbance. The only relief from dying horribly by asphyxia is

a fatal heart attack!

The highest degree of black-lung health hazard occurs in the deepest depth of the mine at what is called the face of the coal. Powerful drilling machines cut into the coal vein, creating clouds of coal dust, and forced ventilation is used to cut down the coal dust concentration to reduce the possibility of explosion, but these precautions (forced on the coal bosses some years ago which resulted in the Federal Mine Safety Act) do not alleviate the health hazard.

A Charleston, West Virginia cardiologist, Dr. I.E. Buff, says that as many as 80 per cent of the nation's 120,000 soft coal miners might have black lung to some degree. (Pennsylvania and Alabama are the only states that make black lung a compensable occupational disease.) Dr. Buff says that a miner can be equipped with an oxygen tank and a mask for \$130. \$130 for a human life.

From a worker's standpoint what makes the blood boil is that the union has been in collusion with management all these years to do nothing about the situation. No matter that the coal bosses have made fabulous profits for years.

For a long time the Soviet Union has taken preventive measures in this direction, and when a worker does appear to be developing symptoms of black lung, the worker is transferred to another job.

## Thailand Front

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educational and democratic reforms.

Also, the guerrillas' popularity is undoubtedly based on much more than the south's ethnic and geographic isolation from Bangkok. The National Liberation Army taxes rubber-plantation owners and executes police oppressors of the peasants, and it is the same sort of struggle which is being waged in northeast and central Thailand by the Patriotic Front, resulting in the growth of PFT influence in seven new provinces in 1967-68.

The new activity on the liberation front in south Thailand could be of great importance ultimately, as a hinge for the struggle on the whole Malay Peninsula as well as that of Thailand.

Newton Minow, who as chairman of the Federal Communications Commission made headlines when he called TV a "wasteland,"

Today Minow said he will resign his Citizens Committee trusteeship in response to the Hoving statement. The ex-public watchdog is in private law practice nowadays. One client is AT & T.

thers conveyed deep seriousness and discipline in the way they marched, chanted and responded to their leaders. Police assigned to the demonstration stayed across the street.

"Power to the People — Black Power to the Black Nation" echoed against the tall building whose prisoners, many of them Black, could just manage to peek out of the high, barred windows by hoisting themselves nearly to the ceiling. Most of the demonstrators wore black jackets and berets with "Free Huey" buttons.

After nearly three hours of marching around the buildings and standing on the court steps facing the traffic on the boulevard, the demonstration, first of its kind in Queens and a milestone for this conservative section of New York City, dispersed.

## It Was All a Waste

Sept. 30 — Thomas P. Hoving, speaking as chairman of the National Citizens Committee for Public Broadcasting, today attacked the commercial television networks and AT & T for "collusion" to dominate the airwaves with "trivia."

Hoving's denunciation echoed sentiments expressed several years ago by



# Mexican Massacre Meant as Death Blow to Struggle

**U.S. Bosses Eye Colony on Eve of Olympics;  
Diaz Orders Bloodbath to Prove 'Stability'**

By Naomi Goldstein

"Faced with mounting student opposition to the Government only days before the start of the Olympics, the (Mexican) Army appears to have tried to restore calm with one massive action."

This cool appraisal of the motives behind the Mexican government's massacre of students and workers participating in a protest rally Oct. 2 comes from eyewitness reporter Carl J. Migdail of the right-wing U.S. News & World Report.

What is not revealed in this explanation of the bloody attack, now named "Noche Triste" (night of sorrow), is the fact that the Mexican government ordered a wholesale massacre of anti-government demonstrators in order to regain, through one fierce assault, a facade of stability. The surprise attack on a peaceful rally was clearly an act of arbitrary terrorism aimed at crushing the student rebellion and intimidating the population from supporting their cause.

Just days before the opening of the Olympic games, the Mexican government made a desperate attempt to show its U.S. masters that it could still effectively suppress revolutionary uprisings.

Despite the fact that a concerted effort has been made throughout the U.S. bourgeois press to minimize the significance of the criminal attack on a peaceful rally of about 6,000, many facts come through clearly (if some details are still being kept secret):

On Wednesday evening, Oct. 2, striking students held a rally of about 6,000 persons (including many people from the neighborhood) in the Plaza of the Three Cultures, a large plaza bordered by low-income, high-rise apartment buildings. Student leaders, who had planned a march to the National Polytechnic Institute a mile away, called off the march because the army had massed troops, tanks and jeeps with mounted machine guns at the campus. Everyone was asked to go home after the rally since the leaders

did not feel they could protect the demonstrators.

At 6:00 p.m., according to several eyewitness reports printed in the U.S. press, soldiers converged on the crowd from all directions and without warning opened fire with rifles and machine guns.

Press reports claimed that 1,000 to 2,000 soldiers were used in the onslaught in which 49 were said to be killed, 500 wounded and 1,600 arrested. However, Migdail of U.S. News openly admits that "unofficial" estimates place the casualties at double the official figures. Witnesses described the plaza as strewn with bodies and the pavement stained with blood. Students report that six leaders of the National Strike Committee were killed, many were wounded and jailed, and the rest have gone into hiding.

An account of the massacre in Time Magazine of Oct. 11 described the attack this way:

"(The troops) formed a cordon around the crowd and moved in — shooting and bayoneting as they went.

"A 60-year-old woman was bayoneted in the back; a 13-year-old boy died with a bayonet wound in the head. Others were shot at such close range that hospital attendants found powder burns on their clothes." The account goes on to reveal that the army was "under strict orders to crush the demonstrations at any cost."

Characteristic of the meager reports of the Mexican events in the U.S. bourgeois press has been the attempt throughout to label the student rebellion a "moderate" movement and its participants fundamentally different from the "hard-core revolutionaries of the Paris model," as Time Magazine put it.

Whatever the political views of the student leaders may be, no comparison can separate the mass rebellion of 150,000 Mexican students against state repression from the struggle all over Latin America against U.S. imperialism and its puppet governments, nor can it be separated from the worldwide movement against imperialism and oppression.

## LETTER FROM MEXICO

### Participant Tells of ... 'Methods... Purely Nazi'

Dear Friend:

After living some days in a true state of emergency, of interrupted transportation, of soldiers taking possession of the schools, tanks in the streets, barricades, the National Palace full of soldiers, trucks and light tanks, with more than 20 deaths, many tens of injuries, and thousands of arrests and moreover kidnappings, now we have relative calm.

With respect to the deaths I want to explain the following. When a comrade is hurt, immediately elements of the Red Cross take care of him, but if the student resists this the "Granaderos" or the agents of the secret police will take the injured at bayonet point, he will arrive at the hospital completely isolated and if he dies he is incinerated at the Number 1 Military Camp.

Other injured have been carried in army trucks to the Military Hospital (at the San Ildefonso Preparatory School) where some have died and also their bodies were incinerated.

I can tell you this because I have a friend who works in the military hospital and she has given me an account of all this.

The methods that the Mexican police and army are using are purely Nazi.

It is very important that you make this known in any way you can: in Mexico it is made known only by way of handbills for the establishment press will not publish it.

Until the 21 of August the tactic of the government was to weaken the

student movement by way of silence, of not making known that there were deaths, of cheap anti-communism and saying that it was all a "red" conspiracy.

On the other hand the tactics of the student comrades were the following:

In the face of the silence of the authorities, to explain to the people by way of "Political Brigades" what the true situation of the problems are. To demonstrate that there are deaths and kidnappings by publishing a list with the names of the victims. In the face of this reactionary anti-communist campaign our work has been of fighting for six democratic points. 1) Disbanding of the "Granaderos." 2) Liberty for all political prisoners. 3) Indemnification to the injured, to the families of those kidnaped and to the families of those killed. 4) Repeal of Article 145 of the Constitution and Article 145 of the penal code (Mexico's subversive laws). 5) Repair of all damaged property caused by the army to the polytechnical and preparatory schools. 6) Dismissal of those that ordered the massacre: Cueto Ramirez and Cerecedo Medolea Frias.

I must explain that the political brigades have had magnificent results among the workers and peasants. We are organizing a demonstration for Tuesday the 27 of August; we figure that there will be some two hundred thousand demonstrators. How this turns out I will explain later.

Hasta La Victoria Siempre  
Venceremos

## MOMENTS BEFORE THE MASSACRE



Rally at the Plaza of the Three Cultures just moments before troops opened fire.

One of the events which triggered the rebellion was the police attack July 26 on a large student demonstration celebrating the victory of the Cuban revolution. Since then, the revolutionary tendency of the movement has been revealed in many ways. For example, when students took over the National University, they renamed the audience of the school of philosophy and letters "Auditorium Ernesto Che Guevara." Classroom doors were painted "Lenin Room" and "Ho Chi Minh Room."

Among the demands of the students are freedom for all political prisoners and abrogation of the "social dissolution" laws. The students have agitated for the freedom of militant labor leaders and leftists who have been framed and sent to prison for long terms (some over 10 years) on vague charges of "social dissolution." These charges have been consistently used against leftists to break up any real workers' or revolutionary organizations.

In the revolutionary tradition of Mexico, the class-conscious students have actively sought to involve the workers and peasants in their rebellion. From the outset, student groups have gone into the factories and streets to leaflet, speak and gain support among the people. Perhaps the students' Aug. 13 demonstration of 200,000 in Mexico City convinced the government that they were beginning to succeed.

Despite the severity of the repression unleashed against the rebellious youth, the two months since the uprising started have been characterized by the most militant actions on the part of the students. They seized the National University and Polytechnic Institute and defended them against police attacks. They fought back against repression using rocks, bottles, firebombs, flaming barricades and at times firearms.



Joel Meyers, YAWF activist, speaks at NYC rally protesting Mexican massacre.

Each act of repression by the government has failed to stem the tide of revolutionary struggle among the Mexican students. The "Noche Triste" massacre has not, as the government had hoped, crushed the students spirit of rebellion, even if it has seriously decimated the leadership.

Student committees are still going to the factories and neighborhoods to agitate among the people. And if Avery Brundage, chairman of the International Olympics Committee, thinks all will go well during the games, he should drive along the expressway leading to the Olympic village. On two giant sculptures at the roadside, painted in red, are signs saying, "Death to the Government" and "Victory or Death."

## Chic. Mexican Protest

CHICAGO, Oct. 5 — Forty members and supporters of the Revolutionary Contingent picketed in solidarity with the Mexican students in front of the Mexican Tourist Office, 210 N. Michigan Avenue. The demonstrators carried pictures of Che Guevara, Mexican and Cuban flags and signs reading "Support Mexican Students," "Zapata, Villa, Che: 1910-1968" and "U.S. Imperialism Get Out of Latin America."

A humorous note was added when three counter-demonstrators wearing Nixon pins arrived carrying signs protesting against SDS, who had not even called the demonstration. One counter-demonstrator who carried a sign saying "SDS, the US Viet Cong" was invited to join the demonstration as it was felt that the sign was really complimentary.

A rally was held after the picketing during which the group was addressed by two Mexican students who talked about the Mexican situation and thanked the demonstrators for coming out in support of their country.



# New U.S. Escalation by Battleship; Vietnamese Call for World Protest

The North Vietnamese Foreign Ministry appealed on Oct. 2 to "all peoples of the whole world" to condemn the use of the U.S. battleship New Jersey against the Democratic Republic of Vietnam.

This appeal came two days after the New Jersey turned its huge 16-inch guns on North Vietnam and pounded targets nine to twelve miles inland.

The stationing of the New Jersey three and a half miles from the coast of North Vietnam marks another in-

famous escalation of U.S. aggression in Vietnam. According to the battleship's captain, the New Jersey's guns shot high-explosive shells "farther than naval gunfire has reached in North Vietnam thus far in the war."

Spelling out the threat that the battleship poses, the New York Times of Oct. 1 reported, "The New Jersey, which was brought out of the mothball fleet because of her big guns, could reach deep inside North Vietnam from the relative safety of the sea." The

New Jersey, quiet since the Korean War, is the world's only active battleship.

In the Sept. 30 attack, shells weighing 1,900 pounds were shot at North Vietnamese positions all morning. The 16-inch shells hurl chunks of shrapnel about 200 yards from the point of impact. According to the Times report, the battleship also has "armor-piercing" shells that weigh 2,700 pounds and can tear through 30 feet of reinforced concrete.

In addition to the serious threat that the battleship poses for North Vietnam, the Vietnam News Agency has charged that the U.S. last month stepped up its raids on water conservation projects in the southern provinces of the DRV. On Oct. 5, the North Vietnamese Ministry of Water Conservation denounced the U.S. intensification of air attacks on dikes and water-management projects in the North. These criminal attacks are calculated to destroy food supplies and cause extensive flooding.

Xuan Thuy, chief negotiator for Hanoi at the Paris talks, pointed directly to the ominous implication of these new U.S. escalations when, on Oct. 2, he charged that the U.S. plans to attack North Vietnam and ultimately dominate "the whole of Vietnam."

## YAWF Protests Viet War; Disrupts Rusk UN Speech



Woman demonstrator unfurls sign, "Stop the War Against Black America," at UN.

NEW YORK, Oct. 2— While the guns of the battleship New Jersey were striking deep into North Vietnam, Dean Rusk, one of the main architects of U.S. aggression against Vietnam, came to the United Nations today to blame the war on the Vietnamese people. In addition, Rusk delivered a sabre-rattling speech, threatening the Soviet Union and defending U.S. imperialism's neo-Nazi friends in West Germany. However, before Rusk could finish the first few sentences of his talk, demonstrators in the visitors' gallery rose, interrupting his speech with chants against the war in Vietnam.

The demonstrators, six men and three women, were all members of Youth Against War & Fascism. They were led by Myron Jefka, National Student Coordinator of YAWF. Mr. Jefka is currently contesting his suspension from Brooklyn College last spring. At that time he was among a group of BC students to be charged with criminal trespass for participating in a protest against the racist admission policy of the college.

At today's demonstration Rusk was first interrupted when three protestors stood up holding a banner denouncing Rusk as a war criminal. They chanted "Stop the War in Vietnam, Bring the Troops Home Now" until security guards dragged them out of the gallery. As they were being taken out, a second group of demonstrators stood up in a different part of the audience and chanted "Big Firms Get Rich, GIs Die."

When these were being taken out, a third pair stood, holding a banner saying "Stop the War Against Black America." They chanted, "Billionaires Profit off GIs' Blood." By this time, UN security guards were running in all directions, thinking the audience was full of demonstrators. A fourth pair stood up chanting as the third pair was pulled out of the gallery. In this way, the very vocal demonstrators were able to completely stop Rusk's war-mongering speech.

The demonstration was filmed live and shown on TV during the broadcast of the General Assembly meeting.

The anti-war militants were taken by guards to a room in the basement where they were lined up against a wall and the men frisked. Each demon-

strator was photographed and questioned. After being held for about 40 minutes, the protestors were released, with the warning that they were "barred from the UN."

## Malay Guerrillas Fight Bangkok, 2nd Anti-U.S. Front in Thailand

By F. Reed

The Sept. 8 issue of the Thai Patriots Bulletin, reporting a July 26 attack on the Udorn airbase by the armed forces of the Thai Patriotic Front, quotes a Western news agency as saying "The attack... poses the question of whether Thailand will become a second Vietnam earlier than expected."

Recent developments in Thailand's southern border provinces indicate that the question may soon be answered affirmatively.

It is fairly well known in this country that the Thai Patriotic Front, which was founded in 1965, has been waging a steadily growing guerrilla war which has its base in the northeast of the country and has spread to at least 29 provinces. Just a few months ago the guerrillas in the northeast frightened the Pentagon when they made their first attack on a U.S.-Thai air base at Udorn.

With the northeastern front three years old and growing, all anti-imperialist forces can be encouraged by the news of a second front based in the southern tip of the country. This marks a new threat to the U.S. puppets in Bangkok.

Thai and Malaysian authorities were startled on June 17 when a guerrilla band ambushed a Malaysian truck convoy, killing 16 border police and wounding 17, and escaping with ammunition and food. It was the most successful action to date for the National Liberation Army of the Malaysian Communist Party.

The guerrilla movement originated in the Malayan anti-Japanese resistance during WW II. Leader Chin Peng

continued to fight for Malayan independence, leading 11,000 against the British. Britain granted Malaya a fraudulent, pro-Western dominated independence in 1957, having driven Chin Peng and the guerrilla army across the border into Southern Thailand.

The guerrilla struggle has gained strong support among the Malay-speaking Thais and the overseas Chinese workers on border rubber plantations. In two years of sporadic skirmishes with puppet forces, it has grown to 800 fighters and 3,000 supporters.

The Malaysian regional counter-insurgency commander admits, "Often, when our patrols move through the rubber plantations, they hear the tappers beating on their latex buckets to warn the Communists away." (NYT, Oct. 2)

It is unlikely that a taker will be found among the people for the \$83,000 reward on Chin Peng's head. Thai-Malaysian authorities are depending on a border force of 2,000 police, U.S. equipped and trained by U.S. Special Forces experts.

Bangkok has also been operating a "Peace Corps" style operation, sending 1,000 university students and plainclothes soldiers to the south to teach Thai and dig wells.

The use of students to head off insurgency may prove less than successful, since the students have now become one of the Thai puppet regime's greatest embarrassments. Since the great awakening in June, when thousands came out to protest the phony new "constitution," the university youth have gone on to demonstrate in the thousands on numerous occasions for

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Demonstrators march downtown to protest U.S.-engineered Indonesian massacre.

NEW YORK, Oct. 5— The third anniversary of the fascist take-over in Indonesia was marked today with a demonstration at the Indonesian Consulate General here.

The protest was part of a continuing effort by Youth Against War & Fascism to focus public attention on the right-wing coup in 1965 which led to the slaughter in Indonesia of an estimated 300,000 to a million progressives and to expose the key role the United States played in these events. The demonstrators also sought to gain support for the 200,000 or more political prisoners suffering in the prisons of the Suharto regime.

The demonstration was the second to be held in the United States to protest the bloody CIA-engineered coup in Indonesia. The first demonstration was also sponsored by YAWF. A special four-page report on Indonesia printed by YAWF and reprinted in Workers World two weeks ago was handed out. The report is a thorough expose of the CIA role in the massacre of hundreds of thousands of Indonesians and documents the rush of U.S. big business back into the country. It has stirred widespread interest.

The State Department and the City Government considered this demonstration important enough to mass a large force including four high-ranking police officers and mounted cops around the Indonesian consulate, but the big business press maintained its total suppression of news regarding the protest against the CIA-sponsored coup.

The signs and chants— "U.S. Puppets Slaughter a Million Indonesians," "Free Indonesia's Thousands of Political Prisoners," and "Stop U.S. Aid to Fascist Regime"— contrasted with the hushed, plush atmosphere of upper Fifth Avenue where the consulate is located.

"Humphrey and Suharto— Brothers in Blood!" the 70 demonstrators chanted as a leaflet was distributed to on-lookers pointing out Hubert Humphrey's key role in providing U.S. arms and money to the right-wing generals to insure the success of their take-over and the following blood bath of repression against communists and leftists. (See Sept. 27 Workers World supplement on Indonesia.)

After two hours, the picket line turned into a march down Fifth Avenue through shopping areas. Signs and banners supporting the Mexican students were added to those on Indonesia.