

Demonstrate: Free Martin Sostre!

Black Liberation Fighter Framed-up for 41 Yrs.

BE THERE: Sat., Feb. 22, 1:00 p.m. at 5th Ave. and 55th St. (Gov. Rockefeller's office).

SPONSORED BY: YOUTH AGAINST WAR & FASCISM and COALITION FOR AN ANTI-IMPERIALIST MOVEMENT

Black and White, Unite and Fight for a

WORKERS WORLD

Vol. 11, No. 2

February 7, 1969

TEN CENTS

In This Issue...

4-page Supplement

Washington

Inaugural

Demonstrations

AN APPEAL FOR SOLIDARITY WITH ARAB PEOPLE'S STRUGGLE

Below is the text of a statement issued by the National Committee of Workers World Party appealing for solidarity with the liberation struggle of the Arab people.

Feb. 4 — U.S. big business and the U.S. government are whipping up a war hysteria against the Arab people.

They are trying to inflame the American working people with stories of alleged Arab atrocities. They are grinding out war propaganda about the Arabs on a scale even more monstrous than they do against the black people at home.

Right now the hysteria is directed against Iraq for alleged anti-Jewish atrocities. The truth of the matter is that Iraq executed 14 CIA agents for trying to subvert the Iraqi government and for helping the Israeli government to launch attacks on the Iraqi 420th Command Battalion stationed in Jordan. The executions were directed against U.S. spies, not against the Jewish people as such.

The Wall Street Journal of Feb. 4 says, "U.S. oil companies have a vital interest in the Persian Gulf area. American oil holdings in Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, the Trucial states, Iran,

Qatar and Bahrein are immense. Reported income taken from this area by U.S. companies in 1967 was more than \$900 million, double the total for American firms in the European Common Market."

The motivation behind the attack on Iraq is that the new government took token measures to restrict the rights of the powerful oil companies which control the Iraq economy — principally the Iraq Petroleum Company which is controlled by the U.S., Britain and France.

Who are the Arabs? What is the real truth about them?

The Arabs are an extremely oppressed people. They suffer the same super-exploitation felt by all people oppressed by imperialism — the Afro-Americans at home and the Asian, African and Latin American people.

The average income of an Arab is less than \$110 a year. Many millions of them get only one meal a day. The majority go to bed hungry every night. And a million and a half Arab refugees from Palestine are starving at the gates of Israel, living in tents on a UN dole in an Israeli-occupied no man's land.

(Continued on page 2)

Nixon Hatching 4-Power Plot To Strangle Arab Liberation

**His European Tour Calculated to Line up
Western Imperialist Allies, Soviet Leaders**

FEB. 6 — The purpose of the forthcoming tour by President Nixon to European capitals is to line up the Western imperialist allies and the Soviet leaders in a four-power plot to strangle the Arab revolution.

During his trip to Europe, Nixon will try to soften inter-imperialist antagonisms and to moderate the struggle of the robbers over booty from the Mideast. Quite possibly the new chief executive of U.S. finance capital will find it necessary to give Wall Street's rivals a greater share of the loot.

One of the principal lessons the ruling class learned from the war in Vietnam is that the U.S. cannot go it alone against a full-fledged war of liberation.

Of particular importance in the Nixon strategy is the improvement of working relations with the French imperialists who are presently seeking to enrich themselves at the expense of Wall Street by diplomatic collaboration with the Soviet leaders in the Mideast and elsewhere. Nixon hopes to pull De Gaulle closer into the U.S. orbit in order to

be in a stronger position to get the revisionists in Moscow to do Washington's bidding.

The U.S. imperialists, via the UN, with the collaboration of the Soviet leaders, imposed a robbers' peace on the Arab people after the June war. The subsequent lightning upsurge of the liberation forces has drastically changed the relationship of forces in the Mideast in favor of the oppressed masses. The original terms of the robbers' peace can no longer be enforced.

By cooking up the four-power scheme, the U.S. is maneuvering in the hope that a new peace can be arranged by imperialist arm-twisting and surface re-arrangements which will leave the stranglehold of Western finance capital over the Mideast intact.

But while they may hope to retain their privileges of exploitation peacefully, the ruling class is feverishly preparing for war against 100 million Arabs whose struggle for independence from imperialism can never be contained by any phony, underhanded arrangements concocted in the meeting room of Nixon's National Security Council.



These Arabs from the Gaza Strip were bused by the Israelis to the Allenby Bridge connecting the occupied West Bank and Jordan. However, so many thousands of Arabs have already been expelled from their homeland and forced to flee to Jordan, that there is no more room for them.

WORKERS WORLD

Editorial office:

46 W. 21st Street, New York, N. Y.

Editor: Vincent Copeland
Manager: Dorothy Ballan
Managing Editor: Fred Goldstein

Vol. 11, No. 2 — February 7, 1969

PUBLISHED BI-WEEKLY



—An Appeal for Solidarity

(Continued from page 1)

Every one of the Arab countries is an oppressed country. And the real oppressor is Standard Oil, Texaco, Gulf Oil and a dozen other U.S. companies, backed up by the U.S. Navy, Army and Air Force.

These big interests are fanning the flames of war hysteria — first among the Jewish people here, and next among the rest of the American masses.

They are using the Israeli state, which they themselves set up, for their own purposes, as an outpost of U.S. imperialism in the Mideast. They are using Israel to help keep the Arabs in line for the U.S. corporations and to prevent them from ever becoming free.

Behind a smokescreen of UN diplomacy and other maneuvers, they hope to lead the American people into a war that pretends to rescue the Jewish community in Palestine, but really intends to rescue the U.S. oil companies.

They are weeping truly crocodile tears for the Jewish masses in Israel. They, who refused to allow the refugees from Hitler to settle in the United States and pushed them into the tiny, overpopulated land of Palestine, now accuse the Arabs of anti-Semitism? And they are openly preparing to fight a new imperialist war against the oppressed Arabs in the name of fighting anti-Semitism.

This cynical imperialist plot is aimed just as sharply against the interests of Jewish masses as against the Arab peoples and the millions of non-Jews in the U.S. who may also be asked to die for Standard Oil.

"Little Israel," like "Little Finland" in the Second World War and "Little Belgium" in the war before that, is not the cause of the coming war, but the pretense for it. The real cause of the war is the deathly fear of the U.S. ruling class in the face of the developing revolution of 100 million Arab people. It wants a preventive war against them.

And the imperialists used the Israelis to fight for them just as the British used the Sikhs and Gurkhas in India, the Czar used the Cossacks in Russia,

the French used the Senegalese in World War I in Europe and used the "ex" Nazis as legionnaires in Vietnam and Algeria — and the industrial bosses use workers to scab on other workers.

In the Arab-Israeli war of 1956 this was much clearer because the imperialists who used the Israelis at that time were the British and French — and since the U.S. did not want the British and French to control the Mideast, this story was brought out in full detail here.

The present situation is far worse for the U.S. population than it was at the time of the British-French sponsorship of Israel. U.S. imperialism is the most dangerous of all imperialisms to the American workers because this is the imperialism they will be asked to die for. The present U.S. propaganda campaign, like the sending of 50 multimillion dollar, supersonic, nuclear-capable Phantom Jets to Israel, is an ominous reminder of the early stages of the war in Vietnam. Where U.S. arms go, there U.S. soldiers will go also.

American workers must not fall for the hysteria. Arabs are exploited by the same U.S. companies that exploit them. Solidarity with their Arab brothers is just as important and vital to their interests as is solidarity against the big bosses on the picket line between black and white workers.

Nor should students be taken in by wild and dishonest comparisons of the Arab people with the German Nazis! The Arabs today are actually closer to the position of the Jews of yesterday — only poorer, more oppressed, more persecuted. Their only advantage is in their numbers and in their rising determination to be sovereign, independent and free.

As for the Israeli state, let it break its ties to imperialism; let it restore the confiscated farms and homes to the Arabs; let it join with the Arab masses to kick Standard Oil and other imperialist monopolies out of the Mideast; and the struggle will shift from a war between the Arab people and the Israelis into a clear-cut, up and down the line struggle against imperialism and all its collaborators, allies and stooges.

Buffalo Students Hear Wm. Worthy Urge Support for Martin Sostre

BUFFALO, Feb. 6 — Three hundred students, many of them standing, filled the Haas Lounge of Buffalo University's Norton Union last night to hear William Worthy discuss the black liberation movement. The meeting was reported on in the Buffalo Courier Express today.

"The ghettos in America are examples of indigenous colonialism—owned by absentee white landlords and maintained by a colonial army—the police force," William Worthy, correspondent for the Baltimore Afro-American said in a lecture at the State University of New York at Buffalo Wednesday night.

William Worthy, continued the article, "is the author of 'Sostre in Solitary' on the case of Martin Sostre, former operator of the Afro-Asian bookstore, 1412 Jefferson Ave. (Sostre) said in a court hearing last year that the 'establishment was trying to silence him' for selling black nationalist and anti-Vietnam war literature at his bookstore...." The Afro-American journalist, who has helped a great deal to publicize the frame-up of the black liberation fighter, said that Sostre's

detention in solitary confinement will be brought up with Governor Rockefeller Friday while he is in Buffalo for a Town Meeting at the Albright Nox Art Gallery.

During the lecture Mr. Worthy spoke of the value of protest and dissent in educating public opinion. "It warmed my heart to see the STOP the war signs as I drove from the railroad station," he said. (Anti-war militants have added the words "the war" to hundreds of traffic stop signs throughout the city.) "Filling courtrooms helps," he said, as he urged everyone to turn out on Feb. 17 for the trial of the Buffalo Nine.

BUFFALO, Feb. 6 — Material on the case of Martin Sostre was distributed by the Martin Sostre Defense Committee at a meeting last night addressed by Mayor Carl Stokes of Cleveland. Today's edition of the Buffalo Courier Express ran a picture captioned: "Mayor Stokes talks with press prior to Kleinhans talk on urban crisis." The photo clearly showed material distributed by the Sostre Defense Commit-

Racist Justice Grinds Ahead: Panthers Jailed, Klansman Freed

Incessant police harassment of Black Panther Party members has led to the jailing in New York City of Joudon Ford and Tyrone Smith on charges of carrying concealed weapons onto an airliner. They were seized at Kennedy Airport by FBI agents (who carry concealed weapons) on Jan. 23 on their way to a funeral in San Francisco and were arraigned at Brooklyn Federal Court.

Bail of \$50,000 each was required by U.S. Commissioner Max Schiffman who said, "I hate guns," as he set the outrageously high bail on the defendants.

Correction Commissioner Schiffman hates black people, not guns. And most of all he hates guns in black hands. He made no anti-weapon statements when he arraigned black liberation fighter Ed Oquendo or draft resister Joel Meyers, both of whom went through kangaroo-court proceedings in the Brooklyn Federal district court for refusing to pick up guns against the oppressed.

One witness testified that he had been present at a secret meeting when Bowers "gave the order for a No. 3 and a No. 4 to be done," explaining that a No. 3 meant a burning and a No. 4 annihilation. Bowers pounded on the table and complained that the "project" was behind schedule.

Another witness described the same KKK meeting at which he saw the defendant "pound on a table and demand that something be done about that nigger Dahmer." According to this witness, Bowers was to be "backup man" if Dahmer was not killed on the first attempt.

The victim, a well-to-do civil rights leader, died of burns after the fire-bombing. Arson charges against Bowers stemming from this murder also resulted in a hung jury in 1967.

HATTIESBURG, Miss., Jan. 25 — The murder trial of Sam Bowers, Jr., former KKK Imperial Wizard of Mississippi, ended with a hung jury today. Ten of the panel, which included two blacks, voted for conviction on the charge that Bowers directed the 1966 fire-bombing murder of Vernon Dahmer, an Afro-American businessman.

(Bowers was one of those convicted for "conspiracy to violate the civil rights" of three young men murdered in Neshoba County four years ago. He is now appealing a ten-year sentence stemming from that conviction.)

ASU Member Returns; Brass Charges Desertion

NEW YORK, Jan. 28 — PFC Terry Klug, an AWOL GI who was arrested at Kennedy Airport on Jan. 16, has been charged with desertion by the Ft. Dix authorities. Klug was returning from Paris where he had been active for over a year as an organizer for the American Servicemen's Union and RITA, Resisters Inside The Army. Under the Anderson decision of the Military Court of Appeals, which ruled that the Gulf of Tonkin resolution constitutes a declaration of war, deserters face a possible death sentence. Klug's statement concerning his reasons for going AWOL and his subsequent return follows:

"I left my unit, the 525th Military Intelligence, Pkt. A, Ft. Bragg, N.C., in June 1967 because I felt that I could in no way serve the military war machine in its attempt to destroy the country of Vietnam and the Vietnamese people. This unit has now been sent to Vietnam. "After leaving the service I went to Europe. I have joined the American Servicemen's Union and actively mili-

tated against the U.S. aggression in the country of Vietnam. As a member of the American Servicemen's Union (ASU) I have talked with and debated against American political figures such as Sargent Shriver and Pierre Salinger. Why did I then wish to return to the US Army and the United States of America? For some time I had been wondering if I personally had been doing all that I could, there in Europe. I came to the conclusion that the answer was no.

"I returned to resist and fight for what I believe in, and where my struggle will be most effective. That to me is inside the US Army and inside the United States of America. I returned to my country as an anti-war activist and an American Servicemen's Union Organizer."

The American Servicemen's Union will provide legal aid at Klug's court-martial.

New Films on Vietnam

COME SEE: "The Rising Storm" from North Vietnam and "The Year of the Pig," a documentary by Emile de Antonio.

Two days of continuous showings: Feb. 15 & 16. 2:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. At the Alternate U., 137 West 14 St. Sponsored by the U.S. Committee to Aid the NLF, Box C, Old Chelsea Station, N.Y. 10011 (212) YU 2-7162. Admission \$1.00.

A NOTE TO OUR READERS

We apologize for the delay in publishing which was caused by a breakdown of equipment,

tee in the Mayor's hand.

The MSDC plans to send a delegation to the "Town Meeting," at which Governor Nelson Rockefeller will appear on Friday, to present the issues in the case and to demand that Sostre be released from solitary confinement where he has been held for eight months.

SUBSCRIBE NOW!

A 6 mo. sub to WORKERS WORLD for only \$1.75 — 1 yr. for \$3.50.

Fill in coupon and mail to:

U.S. Air Mail 1 yr. \$4.50.

Workers World, 46 W. 21st St., N.Y., N.Y. 10010

NAME _____

STREET _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

NEW LAW TEAM OF HARD-CORE RACISTS FOR JUSTICE DEPT.

Richard Nixon ran most of his election campaign on a thinly veiled program of domestic reaction and racism. That program was summarized in the slogan "law and order" — a slogan which he largely shared with George Wallace.

Since his election Nixon has been told by his ruling class advisers that reactionary policy may be easier to accomplish under moderated camouflage. And since then he has changed his tune and talks about peace and justice. He even violated every thing he stands for and spoke of "black and white together" in his inaugural speech. This phrase has been widely hailed in the big business news media and 24 carat proof of the "new Nixon."

If the new Nixon, i.e., the phony Nixon, is to be found in highly publicized speeches ghost written for mass consumption, then the old Nixon, i.e., the diehard reactionary or rather the true Nixon is located at the level of action and implementation.

The candidate who competed so fiercely with Wallace for the racist vote surfaced briefly in the person of John Mitchell, Nixon's former law partner and a member of the inner clique.

The new Attorney General told his first post-inaugural press conference that he was for "vigorous law enforcement." Since the capitalist press did not elaborate very much on his remarks, the general public would have been left to ponder the meaning were it not for the character of the "vigorous law enforcers" he had just appointed.

As his chief assistant he appointed Richard Kleindienst who will be Deputy Attorney General. Kleindienst was one of the earliest Republican supporters of Barry Goldwater in 1964. He is a hardened racist who was the chief architect of Goldwater's "crime-in-the-streets" campaign of 1964 and the field advisor of Nixon's "law and order" drive in 1968.

The head of the Criminal Division will be a former Attorney General of the racist state of Texas. What will be the political policy of the chief prosecutor from the land of oil billionaires, cattle barons and military contractors who rule over oppressed Afro-Americans and Mexican-Americans as over a serfs on a feudal duchy? The head of the Criminal Division has the main responsibility for witch-hunting the Black Liberation movement, opponents of imperialism and progressives.

Tito's Red Carpet for U.S. Monopolies

For years the Tito government of Yugoslavia followed a course of extreme revisionism. It has given political and diplomatic aid to U.S. imperialism in return for so-called economic "aid" from Washington. Simultaneously it has been gradually dismantling the fundamental institutions of socialism. This past week Belgrade took steps to invite U.S. corporations into the country.

Dr. Bozidar Linhart, the deputy director of the Yugoslav Pank for Foreign Trade was in New York and addressed a session of the American Management Association.

"Dr. Linhart said Yugoslavia was trying to attract Western business acumen, licences, marketing and research techniques," according to a New York Times article of Jan. 21.

"In return, he said the American companies could count on good geographical sites for joint ventures, low production costs and wages, skilled young specialists and plenty of free capacity in existing plants."

Linhart told a group of managers whose companies are specifically interested in investing in Yugoslavia that the development of "economic freedom" in Yugoslavia since the early fifties had led to the enactment in the summer of 1967 of "new regulations" governing joint ventures which offered "good profits to foreign companies."

Foreign capitalist enterprises are

Nixon to Take Page From Hitler's Law Book

"Preventive Detention" Plans for D.C. Mean Concentration Camps for Black Masses

The most clear-cut action the new U.S. President has taken since calling for a cease-fire in the War on Poverty is his Jan. 31 declaration in favor of a "preventive detention" law for Washington, D.C.

He unequivocally called for keeping accused prisoners in jail and denying them bail, if they had a certain number of previous accusations of having committed a crime.

"Preventive detention" is a notorious police state measure, legally abolished hundreds of years ago in the English revolution of 1640-1660, and outlawed in the U.S. by the Bill of Rights of 1789. It was first "legally"

To add an ironic twist to racism Mitchell appointed Jerris Leonard of the Wisconsin State Senate as head of the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department. It turns out that not only is Leonard a long-time member of the lilly white Eagles Club, but he is so callous that even after he was appointed he was quoted in the Milwaukee Sentinel as saying that he would only resign "if after I have had some experience, I find that the membership interferes with my ability to carry out my job."

The Eagles Club is an affiliate of the National Fraternal Order of Eagles, is restricted to whites only and has been picketed as a bastion of racism by civil rights groups in Milwaukee.

Small wonder that the New York Times dispatch of Jan. 22 noted that "In his remarks today Mr. Mitchell gave every indication that he would fulfill Mr. Nixon's pledge to have an Attorney General who projects a strong law enforcement image."

"Vigorous law enforcement" is, however, unlikely to befall one particular segment of the population — the giant monopolies. Mitchell chose as the new head of the Anti-Trust Division one of the top corporate lawyers in the country who has spent the last 20 years defending corporations against government anti-trust suits!

Richard McLaren was described in the Washington Post of Jan. 22 as a man who "comes to Washington with a reputation as a prominent legal defender of big corporations which have been targets of government suits in years past."

One might think that Mitchell forgot to listen to Nixon's inaugural speech if it weren't for the fact that Mitchell probably helped Nixon write it.

restored in modern times by Mussolini — then by Hitler.

Admitting that his proposition "might be thought unconstitutional," Nixon called for "further study" — meaning that he intended to force it down the masses' throats by slow degrees, and to condition them for the operation first.

The Hitler-like plan was actually proposed after an already careful study by himself, his White House counsel and Daniel P. Moynihan, his urban affairs adviser. Moynihan has been widely hailed as a particularly wise choice for his job, since he has been called an "uncompromising liberal."

Ostensibly, the project is aimed at the "crime in the streets of Washington" rather than the rest of the country. Even if this were the exact case, it would be a racist as well as a fascist measure.

Washington is now over two-thirds Afro-American, unrepresented — even formally — in Congress, and ruled by white billionaires and racist cops.

Only ten months ago, the Capitol buildings were surrounded by white troops armed to the teeth against black "rioters" in the wake of the Martin Luther King assassination. To this day, large areas of the city are in ruins from the conflagration of that time. These ruins are the only monument to the 41 black victims of cops and soldiers' bullets during the week after the King murder.

News accounts of the Nixon statement on "preventive detention" emphasized that often in "riots" those accused of looting, and then set free on low bail, merely returned to the area of the alleged crime and "took another television set."

Meanwhile, far from mentioning the racism of the Washington police, the

word has gone out to recruit another thousand of them — from other cities, if necessary.

Almost as if to openly emphasize the racist intent of the proposed measure, Nixon's Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, Robert H. Finch, announced within the same twenty-four hours that there would be softer "guidelines" for desegregating the Southern school system. This came nearly 15 years after the Supreme Court had ordered the desegregation "with all deliberate speed."

Underscoring the broader implications of the D.C. proposal, the New York Times, often the most cautious about tampering with the masses' rights — for fear of inflaming their passions — quietly approved of the police state proposal in an editorial of Feb. 1.

It approved the way Nixon tipped his hat to liberal sociology, repeating his statement that "In part, Washington today is reaping a whirlwind sown long since by rural poverty in the South," and then went on to sympathize with the essence of his fascist line.

"The President has proposed some useful steps," said the Times. And "they can be taken as a forecast of his approach to the problem of law and order throughout the country."

Calling for more measures to "solve the deeper troubles of poverty, racism and miseducation," this great liberal institution (The Times) said not a single word about the Hitler-like implications of the "preventive detention" measure itself.

This assault on the people's liberties shows that the ruling class is not split in this case like it is on the war in Vietnam. It is not split over the war on the black people at home or over the question of making police more powerful, judges more dictatorial and jails more terrible.

Like all fundamental assaults on the people's liberties, this one must be fought by the people themselves.

U.S. "PEACE OFFENSIVE" IN VIETNAM



Two liberation fighters from Batangan province held prisoners. In an all-out effort at "pacification" recently, U.S. and South Vietnamese troops drove 11,000 Vietnamese villagers into concentration camps.

U.S. International Agribusiness Making Profits From Starvation

By NAOMI GOLDSTEIN

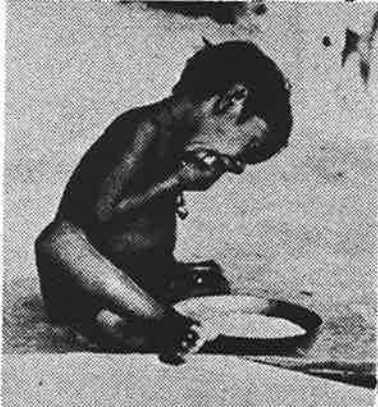
While half the world's population goes hungry, U.S. imperialism has found a way to turn starvation into profits. It's called agribusiness. Agribusiness is described by the periodical of the capitalist class, Business Week, of Jan. 18, 1969, as "the industry of growing, storing, processing, and marketing food." This industry, reports Business Week gleefully, is "tailor-made" to solve the world's food problem. If described from the point of view of the oppressed, hungry masses of Asia, Africa and Latin America, U.S. agribusiness abroad is a method of blackmail by starvation.

India, with its millions of poor living constantly on the edge of starvation, is a case in point. International Minerals and Chemical Corp., according to Business Week, "is turning out nearly 500 tons of fertilizer a day in a new plant in Visakhapatnam, India. More important, IMC is working out ways to market its product in small lots to the peasants who farm India's millions of tiny plots." IMC and Standard Oil (Calif.) own 47 per cent of this venture.

FERTILIZER THE GIMMICK

What Business Week doesn't explain, however, is that the U.S. government held up shipments of grain to India, threatening millions with starvation, to force the Indian government to let companies like IMC invest in fertilizer plants there. So much for the humanitarian motives of fertilizer producers.

Now that U.S. monopolies have to some extent broken



Starvation in India.

down India's restrictions on foreign investment, Occidental Petroleum Corp. is planning to build a fertilizer plant there which, according to the Business Week article, "will be the first fertilizer plant in India with majority control in U.S. hands."

"Says Occidental Vice-President Thomas Wachtell, India's regulations put investors in a 'terrific squeeze' but he sees a tremendous market for fertilizers there."

Business Week works hard to sell the "humanitarian" side of agribusiness. But it is clear that the U.S. monopolies have no intention of feeding the hungry masses gratis. The fact is that by far the largest U.S. agribusiness investments in foreign countries are not in food but in fertilizer plants — usually set up by oil or chemical companies, which can produce fertilizer cheaply from by-products. Esso Chemical Co., for example, "has built 21 fertilizer plants overseas since 1963 costing \$330-million." Esso, continues Business Week, "built a \$31-million plant with a capacity of 1,000 tons a day in the Philippines next to its Bataan Peninsula oil refinery."

Where the capitalist class has invested in research to develop new hybrid seeds for better yields in wheat and rice, for example, much of the money comes from so-called non-profit foundations like the Rockefeller and Ford Foundations. These tax-free institutions, which are essentially subsidized straight from the pockets of the U.S. working class, have poured untold millions into projects like the International Rice Research Institute at Los Banos in the Philippines, the Aduthurai Agricultural Experiment Station in India (Rockefeller money) and a research center at Chapingo, Mexico. While hunger is still rampant in these areas, the agribusiness industry is moving in on the profits.

The Ford and Rockefeller Foundations also rendered an invaluable service to other branches of the industry

aside from those interested in high-yield seeds. For the secret of these seeds, admitted Business Week, is that "the new strains will yield bumper crops only if they are accompanied with other agribusiness investments. They need heavy applications of fertilizer and water, for example, thus creating markets for producers of fertilizers and irrigation equipment." In short, the farmers buying these seeds will have to also buy special fertilizers and irrigation equipment, conveniently supplied at a price by U.S. companies.

UNITED FRUIT THE 'PIONEER'

A world-wide peasantry eternally indebted to U.S. finance capital is a condition approximating perfection for U.S. imperialism — and agribusiness has set out to create just that. In fact, reports Business Week, "some 100 U.S. companies have set up the Agribusiness Council in New York to help define food investment projects abroad and mobilize U.S. industry to invest in them."

The business of extorting profits from food production in poverty-stricken nations takes two forms. U.S. imperialist companies can grow food or produce fertilizers, etc., for export to the U.S. and other well-developed markets, or they can try to create markets in the underdeveloped countries they have invaded. Business Week cites as the archetype of the former method the United Fruit Co., "the pioneer of U.S. agribusiness overseas — with banana plantations all over Central America." What this means in cold, hard facts is that the United Fruit Co., which owns or controls 85 per cent of the land in Latin America suitable for banana growing, has bled the Latin American people of a rich source of food and income.

Now the U.S. monopolies involved in agribusiness are moving toward not only exploiting the cheap labor of the colonial world and bleeding its natural resources, but also opening up new markets and selling their products there.

Naturally, the U.S. government is working hand in hand with big business to make these ventures abroad lucrative. The U.S. Agency for International Development (AID), which fronts as a source of money for helping underdeveloped nations, is in fact pouring money into U.S. companies which are studying how best to make profits in countries suffering from dire shortages of food.

Reports Business Week: "A major effort is now going into the development of high-protein food supplements, and the U.S. Agency for International Development is helping with grants to U.S. companies for market studies in poor countries. Coca-Cola, Pillsbury, Monsanto, and General Mills are among the companies working in the high-protein field." Typical of U.S. "aid," it goes to the huge monopolies which need it least, leaving the masses of people as poor and hungry as ever.

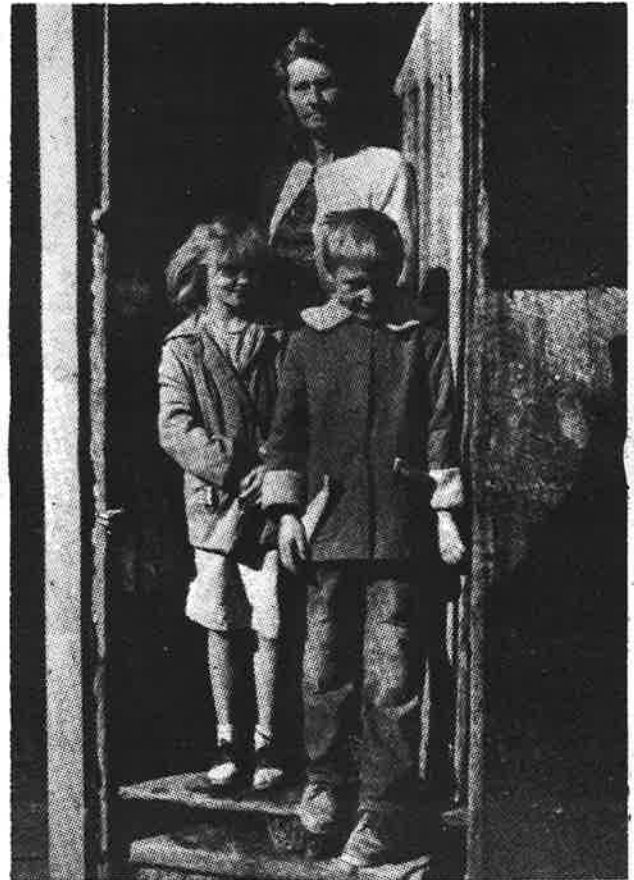
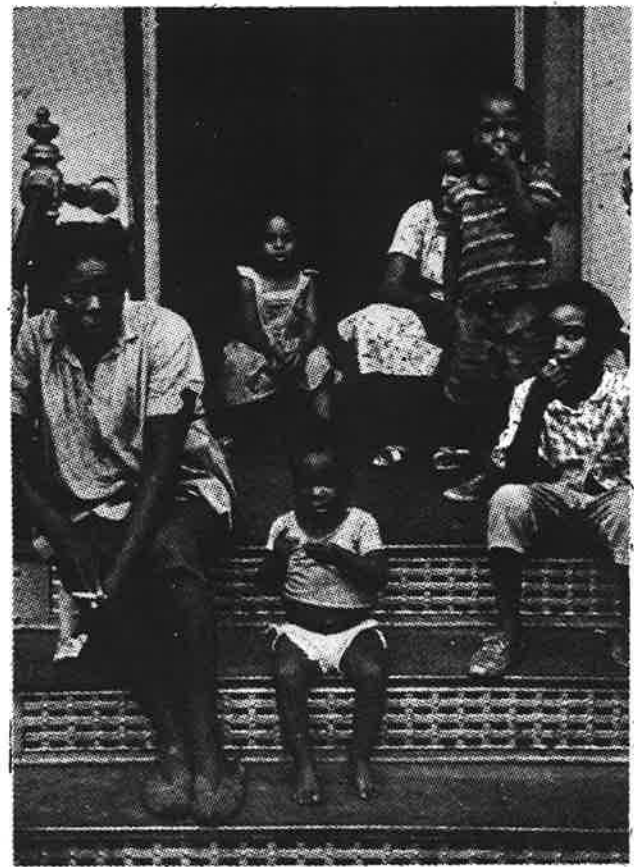
MASSSES WISE TO AGRIBOSSES

But agribusiness, like U.S. imperialism everywhere, has run into some rough going in its dealings with the nations of Asia, Africa and Latin America. Apparently the masses of the people are not so enthusiastic about being force-fed fertilizers, etc., and becoming the slaves of U.S. big business, which can give or take back their food at any moment.

Business Week gloomily gives the example of a deal that may not go through in the Dominican Republic:

"Last year, a consortium headed by IMC was set up to develop half a million acres in the Dominican Republic. Called Agro-Industrial Development Co., it includes Dow Chemical Co., International Harvester, Worthington Corp., and Adela Investment Co., itself a multinational group.... Dominican leftists seized on the scheme as a 'give-away' of the nation's assets. The whole project is now in abeyance pending new negotiations with the government."

Even a servile government installed by U.S. troops could not easily give half a million acres of land to U.S. imperialism. The struggle for independence and liberation in Asia, Africa and Latin America has taught the masses that U.S. imperialism, which super-exploits them and robs the riches from their lands, is the main cause of poverty, hunger and starvation throughout the world.



New Treatment U.S. Firms Won't T

By Elizabeth Ross

For four years a drug that has been found to be very useful in the treatment of mental patients has been unavailable on the American market because it is too cheap.

Lithium, the third element in the periodic table, is abundant in nature as lithium carbonate, the same compound used in medicine. Commercially, it is sold wholesale in large sacks—like cement or sawdust, and is about as cheap. It needs only the simplest purification for human consumption.

Until some 20 years ago, it was believed to have no medical value whatsoever. But in 1949 in Australia, Doctor J.F. Cade found it was very helpful in controlling the depression periods of manic-depressives. In fact, all mental patients suffering from depression have benefited greatly when treated with small doses of lithium. Many doctors believe that it will supplant shock treatment entirely.

American doctors, not generally in a hurry to try anything recommended by obscure researchers, waited until it had been used successfully in Europe for a decade before prescribing it here. Then they ran into trouble.

This simple element, which should be as easy to manufacture as salt tablets, was unavailable on the market. For four years they tried to get any one of the big drug firms to make it. But none of them was interested because there wasn't enough profit in it.

Lithium tablets should sell for about the same price as aspirin (though aspirin itself, as is well known, is outrageously overpriced). If the drug companies can do so well for themselves with aspirin, why not with lithium? Why have American doctors had



These Panamanian cattle are marked with Chase Manhattan brand. U.S. bank owns cattle and ranchers.

Malnutrition Growing in the "Great Society"; Wall Street's Colonialism Coming Home to Millions

It was nearly thirty years ago that Roosevelt, promising to rescue this country from the Depression (by way of an imperialist world war, as it turned out), cited as one of his goals, Freedom From Want.

Since then, the Gross National Product has increased nearly ten times. Corporate profits have skyrocketed while the U.S. has gone on to become the mightiest industrial giant in the world.

Are the American people free from want?

Everyone knows there are still plenty of poor people, even in the rich U.S.A. But an incredible survey just taken by the Public Health Service reveals that there is more malnutrition in American today than at the end of the Depression!

SOME ACTUALLY STARVING

Hunger is so widespread that it compares to the levels of malnutrition in Central America — Honduras, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Panama, El Salvador and Nicaragua — say these government experts.

Food deficiency diseases like rickets and goiter, which were thought wiped out in the thirties, were found in a significant number of persons examined in the survey. And the doctors even found people who were actually starving of calorie and protein deficiency diseases like marasmus and kwashiorkor, conditions that are found only rarely even in the poorest countries of Asia and Africa.

Some of these starving people have died since they were examined. Dr. Arnold E. Schaefer, who testified Jan. 22 before a Senate committee on Nutrition and Human Needs, estimated that 16 to 17 per cent of the persons examined were "real risks" and needed medical attention.

The conditions revealed in this survey, which is still being taken in many states, paint exactly the opposite picture from the "affluent society" bragged about to the world. They also raise many, many questions that it is extremely doubtful this government will ever want answered.

RICKETS, GOITER AMID 'AFFLUENCE'

Why were these conditions kept secret for so long? Why haven't surveys of this kind been taken before? How, in the richest country in the world, where the government has spent billions to eliminate food "surpluses," can people be dying of hunger?

The answers lie in the nature of capitalism. No matter how "affluent" capitalism may become, no matter how wasteful of so-called surpluses, poverty, hunger and disease are built into the system — as this survey has proven. The capitalist productive apparatus may expand to a size that seems to ensure the greatest prosperity, but because the distribution of these products is governed by the market, mass hunger can become worse than ever.

Take the alarming incidence of rickets and goiter. There are simple ways of doing away with these diseases completely. In the thirties, a decade of intense class struggle, Federal programs were finally put into effect to ensure that all milk was fortified with Vitamin D and all salt was iodized. Rickets and goiter virtually disappeared. Now they are back again.

Today, no Federal regulations control these nutrition factors. Ironically, milk exported in foreign aid programs must be Vitamin D fortified, and chicken and

hog mash contain iodine to prevent goiter, but the American people aren't protected against these diseases.

MASS STRUGGLE FORCED EXPOSURE

Why hasn't such a survey been made since the 1930's? Perhaps the question should be phrased the other way around. Why is the government suddenly showing interest in the health of people who have been disregarded for so long?

The answer lies in the struggle and militancy that have opened up in this decade. Like the Depression years, the sixties have seen demonstrations and rebellions that have shaken the country to its roots. Frightened by the prospect of the masses' breaking



This was Christmas dinner for children in Iowa, 1934. Things haven't changed much.

away from their political control, the rulers of the U.S. are talking about a few reforms.

This survey, which has revealed such shocking figures about hunger in America, will probably lead to nearly nothing being done about it. But just for the government to admit that there is starvation is a concession. Yet isn't it a commentary on the rigidity of the capitalist system that it takes hundreds of deaths in rebellions and demonstrations, and untold millions of people demonstrating, in order to push the government into just giving official recognition to a problem that every poor person knows exists?

The doctors and government experts who conducted this survey are not telling all, by any means. In Dr. Schaefer's testimony, he said that he "honestly cannot

say at this point" whether malnutrition is related to poverty. Yet 80 per cent of the persons examined were either black or Spanish American.

Of course, it may very well be true that even among higher-income groups the adulteration of food and other factors can lead to malnutrition. Many women work and have to rely on processed foods that cook quickly to feed their families. When these foods are robbed of their nutrient value and "empty" foods are pushed on the public because they look and taste good, many families even with moderate incomes can wind up with a deficient diet.

But diseases like marasmus and kwashiorkor are not due to some minor deficiency. This is starvation, and only the poor who just can't get any food are the victims.

IGNORANCE OR PROFITS RESPONSIBLE?

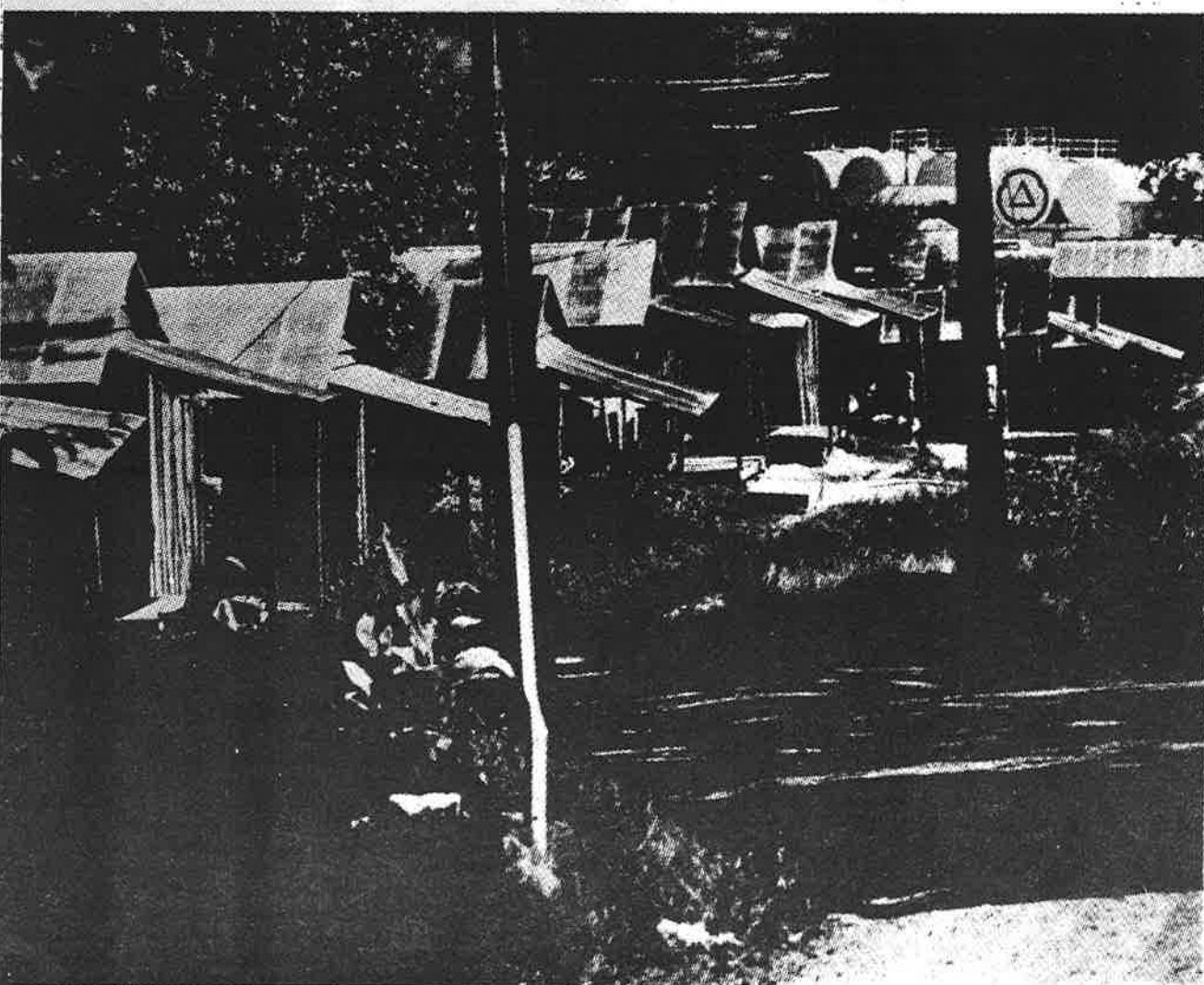
Ignorance of nutrition needs was cited by Dr. Schaefer as a major cause of malnutrition. While it may be true that it can contribute to the problem, this is not the responsibility of hungry people who in many cases barely read and have never in their lives had the opportunity to learn how the body functions and what it needs to grow properly. It is the responsibility of the rulers of this country, who can force through an agriculture program costing billions that plows crops under to keep farm prices up and who make sure that pigs and chickens, which are commodities that must be sold on the market, get a balanced diet, while people, who are expendable, are left to starve.

FBI KEPT SURVEY OUT OF MISS.

If anyone is confused about where the tremendous food combines — the corporate farms that produce the vast bulk of all food in this country — stand on the question of providing an adequate diet for the people, then some of Dr. Schaefer's remarks to the newsmen covering the hearing should be illuminating.

It seems that one state, not covered in the survey was Mississippi. Why didn't the doctors conduct their survey there? Because the Chairman of the House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee, Representative Jamie L. Whitten of Mississippi, stopped them. According to the New York Times of Jan. 23, this tool of the agriculture monopolies had the FBI intervene in a Federally ordered survey! "Dr. Schaefer confirmed that agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation attached to the House Agriculture Committee had questioned him on the reasons for the survey."

This flagrant incident gives some idea why capitalism cannot end poverty, and the diseases associated with it. All the exposes to the contrary, a government run by the bosses is hostile to the needs of the masses. The richer and more powerful it is, the more arrogantly it treats the problems of the poor. Only the most thorough-going social revolution, where the dispossessed once and for all take the power away from their oppressors, can open the way for man to solve his oldest and most deadly problem — hunger.



These shacks are in Mississippi—disease and hunger, side by side with vast wealth of oil companies (r.).

for Mentally Ill: Touch It—No Profit!

to send to Europe for these cheap little pills for the past four years?

The answer is that when a big business grows to the size of a colossus (as the American drug business has), it is contemptuous of anything but a colossal market. There are 200 million potential buyers of aspirin in America, but "only" approximately 1 million potential buyers of lithium tablets because lithium is a specific for certain forms of mental illness, but so far has not been found to have any other medical application. This means low profit margins.

True, there are other "specifics" sold in relatively small quantities. But they usually have to be researched and tested in a laboratory and processed in a plant. And nobody but the manufacturers know just how much money goes into this researching, testing and processing. (For a long time there has been a strong suspicion—hard to prove—that it takes a lot less money than the drug companies say it does.)

But of course they couldn't get away with TV advertising that showed white-coated scientific teams of researchers discovering an element already known for over a century, and one that could be gathered up with a rake! And they couldn't charge outrageously high prices. — So why bother?

So why bother that "only" 1 million desperately ill Americans could find no way out of their long periods of deep depression, when they contemplated, or committed, self-destruction, infanticide, and sometimes—as happened from the top of a water tower in Austin, Texas, and in a girls' bedroom in Chicago—mass murder.

ASU Investigating Sp/4 Brigham's Mysterious Death in Walter Reed Hospital

Was Black POW, Released by NLF, Murdered by Pentagon?

By BOB HEILBRONER
Liberation News Service

The National Liberation Front of South Vietnam has accused the U.S. military of murdering a Black GI, one of three Prisoners of War released by the NLF on Jan. 1, 1969.

The NLF news agency report claims that "U.S. authorities have planned the murder of ex-POW James W. Brigham, fearing that his anti-war opinion might influence the movement of the American people, particularly the Black people." Brigham died Jan. 17 at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C. According to the Army, his death resulted from brain surgery undergone Jan. 9.

According to the broadcast, the head of the delegation which released Brigham "recalled that before James W. Brigham was handed over to the U.S. Command in South Vietnam, he had completely recovered from his wounds thanks to the good treatment given him by PLAF (People's Liberation Armed Forces) doctors." During the reception of the prisoners, the report continues, "the U.S. side had agreed that the health of all three POWs in question had been satisfactory."

Brigham had been quoted as saying that NLF policy towards prisoners of war was "very humane and lenient."

"During my detention," Brigham said, "I was treated as an equal to the others without racial discrimination. This I never saw in my home country and in the U.S. Army." Brigham also said he was given treatment for a head wound after his capture.

Lt. Col. William Hammon, M.D., of the U.S. Army, declared the three GIs "in generally satisfactory to good condition," after examination at the 24th Evacuation Hospital in Long Binh (near Saigon). "They appear to be in full control of their mental faculties, and are able to converse in a normal manner," the report concluded.

According to the NLF statement, the officer in charge of Brigham's release recalled that "just before boarding the helicopter which had come to fetch him and his mates, Brigham twice said 'thank you,' in Vietnamese, to the representative of the PLAF." Right after that, the report continues, "an American officer in the aircraft was seen shaking his fist at Brigham."

The American Servicemen's Union has asked the Army for permission to investigate Brigham's death with the assistance of medical specialists. "Realizing Sp4 Brigham's anti-war position and statements," a letter to Army Chief of Staff William Westmoreland explains, "the ASU feels that his death occurred under suspicious circumstances."

Returned POW's are, of course, under U.S. military discipline. There has been a history of intimidation and suppression of anti-war GIs upon their return.

Sergeants George Smith and Claude McClure, returned by the NLF in honor of the November 1965 peace march on Washington, were held for over four months on Okinawa. The Army investigated them on the charge of aiding and abetting the enemy because of anti-war statements they had made. Before being shipped to Okinawa they had announced their intention to return to America and become active in the peace movement.

New York Times correspondent R.W. Apple scoured the entire military community in Okinawa without finding a trace of the two men. In a Jan. 10, 1966, article, he quotes one military official as saying, "it is as if the Army had nailed them up in a closet somewhere. No one seems to have seen them or talked to anyone who has talked to them." The Army first claimed that the men had been returned to their unit, and then said that they were being held in Okinawa for "psychological treatment."

Smith has since re-enlisted, and McClure has gone into seclusion. Dierdre Stapp of the Bond (the anti-war newspaper of the ASU) visited McClure's mother in West Virginia only to find that she had already been visited by military authorities and the FBI. They had advised her not to become involved in any attempts to



Three GIs follow National Liberation Front representative after being released Jan. 1, 1969. Sp/4 Brigham (center) left the NLF a healthy man. On Jan. 17, he died after "brain surgery" at Walter Reed Army hospital.

Buffalo 9 Charge U.S. With Genocide

First 4 Anti-War Fighters to Go on Trial; Face 3 Yrs. in Frame-up

BUFFALO — Last August 19, nine young men attending an anti-war, anti-draft rally at the Unitarian-Universalist Church here were arrested after a fierce struggle when federal marshals and cops invaded the church. The rally in the church was held in support of two draft resisters who had sought symbolic sanctuary there August 7.

The Buffalo Nine Defense Committee, which is working to raise funds and organize community and campus support for the anti-war activists, announced last week that four of the defendants will go to trial in Federal Court February 17. They face charges of one or two felony counts for allegedly assaulting federal marshals. The four defendants facing trial are: Bruce Beyers (one of the original draft resisters), Draft Resistance Union; Gerald Gross, Chairman of Buffalo Youth Against War & Fascism; Carl Kronberg, Peace and Freedom Party; Ray Malak, SDS.

According to the defense committee, "this is one of the first times that anti-war demonstrators have been charged with federal assault. Conviction carries a possible three-year sentence and fine of \$5,000."

A political declaration of the Buffalo Nine, entitled "Non-Cooperation With 'Our' Government," was also released to the press. It states in part:

"The growing anti-war sentiment of the American people and of the enlightened peoples all over the world against the immoral and illegal war being waged by the Government of the United States against the Vietnamese people is reaching higher and higher levels of political understanding and awareness. The swelling wave of dissent against the Vietnam war has not been stopped by the many repressive measures taken by 'our' government to end its forward movement and disintegrate the political consciousness created in its wake. In-

locate her son after his release by the NLF.

The NLF statement on the death of Brigham calls on the world's people "to make clear the truth about the tragic death of Brigham... and to stop similar acts of the White House and the Pentagon, in order to protect the lives and happiness of those American POWs already released or to be released by the NLF."

The New York Times of Jan. 27 lists Brigham among American soldiers "killed in Vietnam."

stead of defeating the anti-war movement, repressive measures have served only to intensify and escalate the anti-war sentiment and to awaken the majority of American youth from their submissive slumber and thrust them into political life....

"In the disguise of the protector of 'free' South Vietnam, the United States government, 'our' government, has been able to openly commit genocide against the people of Vietnam. The findings of the International War Crimes Tribunal, convened last year by Bertrand Russell and many other internationally known figures in the intellectual world, have established proof in fact that the United States government is committing war crimes in Vietnam in violation of the Geneva Agreements, the United Nations Anti-Genocide Charter, and the Nuremberg Tribunal....

"Since all of these internationally recognized bodies, as well as the Israeli Courts in the Eichmann Case and the Cuban Courts in the trials of Batista's police agents, have declared and instituted into international law the position that conscience is higher than civil law, we have not only a right, but a duty to non-cooperate with 'our' government....

"Since the war in Vietnam is immoral

and unconstitutional and since the administration of 'our' government, despite nation-wide pleas, is determined to continue to wage this illegal war and is employing all the powers and branches to block all challenges to it, no political or judicial means is available by which we can legally obtain redress.... For us, the young men who are being ordered to fight, there is no other means available (except resistance) to stop this immoral and illegal war in Vietnam and prevent our being drafted illegally and being subjected to loss of life and liberty.

"Therefore we demand in the name of humanity: 1) the unconditional withdrawal of all United States forces in Vietnam; 2) that the United States government and the law enforcement agencies of that government, stop all harassment and suppression of the minority peoples in their struggle for their constitutional rights and human dignity; 3) that the United States government stop its military intervention and economic exploitation of the people of the underdeveloped countries of the world."

Please direct all contributions to: Buffalo Nine Defense Committee, P.O. Box 399, Ellicott Station, Buffalo, N.Y. 14205.



Draft resister, Bruce Beyers, being taken from Unitarian-Universalist Church last Aug. 19.

An Inventory of Israeli Spoils From Anti-Arab Aggression

The following article is reprinted from the Nov., 1968 edition of International Affairs, a monthly journal printed in the Soviet Union.

* * *

As a result of its aggression in June 1967, Israel occupied and still holds large territories of the United Arab Republic, Jordan and Syria. The total area of these territories is 60,000 square kilometres, three times the size of Israel within the borders established by the 1949 armistice agreement and four times that of the territory allotted for the Jewish state by the UN General Assembly decision of November 29, 1947. A brief description of these areas follows.

SINAI PENINSULA

In area (56,000 square kilometres), this Egyptian territory is almost twice as big as Israel itself (21,000 square kilometres). Most of the peninsula is a rocky plateau. Its population is about 70,000. It is vitally important for the U.A.R. because of its oil deposits, which produced before the aggression about 4.5 million tons of oil. According to foreign press reports, the occupation authorities have already resumed the exploitation of the oil-fields. There are also rich deposits of manganese ore on the peninsula.

Sinai is also important strategically: in the northwest it abuts on the Suez Canal (the U.A.R.'s income from the operation of the Canal in 1966 totalled 225 million and played a major role in its economy) and is in the immediate vicinity of Egypt's vital centres.

GAZA STRIP

The Gaza Strip, bordering on the Sinai Peninsula, is a small (258 square kilometres) but densely populated and agriculturally developed strip along the Mediterranean coast. Its population before June 5, 1967, was 455,000, of whom 315,000 were Palestinian refugees from the areas occupied by Israel in 1948-1949.

After the Palestinian war of 1948-1949, control over the Gaza Strip passed to Egypt. As a result of the introduction of the system of preferential duties, the area attracted the trade bourgeoisie, who did much business

with the Lebanon, Japan and other countries. After the Anglo-Franco-Israeli aggression of 1956, Egypt agreed to the stationing of an International UN force in the Gaza area. It was deployed along the Egyptian-Israeli demarcation line and remained there until the aggravation of the Middle East situation in the spring of 1967.

WESTERN JORDAN

In Jordan, Israel has occupied the most fertile and economically productive areas west of the River Jordan. The areas add up to 5,000 square kilometres and the population to about 900,000 (45 per cent of the country's total), including 430,000 Palestinian refugees. Concentrated in these areas were about half the country's economic resources and almost all the citrus plantations (accounting for 80 per cent of all fruits grown in the country). There were also many industrial enterprises. Moreover, these places were very popular with tourists and brought Jordan an additional revenue of about £13 million a year. According to the Central Bank of Jordan, the country is losing approximately £26 million a year as a result of the annexation of its territory by Israel. The Jordanian Government has informed the United Nations on several occasions of the expulsion by Israel of thousands of Arabs from the western provinces of Jordan.

JERUSALEM

According to the decision of the United Nations in 1947, when it discussed the fate of Palestine, Jerusalem was to be an independent administrative unit with a special international status. After the war of 1948-1949, it was divided into two parts: the so-called Old City became Jordanian and the other part Israeli. In June 1967, the aggressors seized the Jordanian part of Jerusalem and later the Israeli Parliament passed a bill on its annexation in defiance of the resolution adopted by an overwhelming majority of the Fifth Emergency UN General Assembly on July 4 and 14, calling on Israel to abstain from annexing the Arab part of Jerusalem. There are 65,000 Arabs there and the occupation authorities are doing every-

thing in their power to evict them from their homes.

GOLAN HEIGHTS

The Golan Heights are in Syria occupies 1,000 square kilometres and is sparsely populated. What makes it important is its immediate vicinity to Damascus, as a result of which the Syrian capital is vulnerable to long-range artillery. Moreover, it is through this area that the ARAMCO oil pipeline, linking Dharhan in Saudi Arabia with the Lebanese port of Said, runs. By seizing the Golan Heights, Israel gained control over the upper reaches of the River Jordan, whose waters had long been an object of dispute between Tel Aviv and the Arab states.

The measures undertaken by the Israeli authorities in the occupied territories show that they intend to remain there. On February 29 of last year, the Israeli Home Ministry officially announced that the Sinai Peninsula, the Gaza Strip, the western bank of the River Jordan and the Golan Heights would no longer be considered as "enemy territory." Israel is thus trying to turn the ceasefire line into its state frontier and to annex Arab territories. It is to this end that Tel Aviv is forming paramilitary units among the colonists. It has armed the farmers who have settled down in the area of Baniyas in Syria, on the western bank of the River Jordan, and in the

Hebron and Jericho areas, and set up a settlement of armed fishermen between El Arish and Port Faud on the Sinai Peninsula.

The Israeli budget for 1968/69 allocates £15 million for the administration of the occupied territories. Steps are being taken to put Israeli currency into circulation there.

There are plans for the "economic development" of the seized lands. The Israeli Ministry of Agriculture has already drawn up a five-year plan for multi-branch farming in the Gaza area and on the western bank of the River Jordan, with a view to turning them into sources of the raw materials the Israeli economy needs.

At the same time, the occupation authorities are expelling Arabs from the old part of Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Jericho, the Gaza Strip and other places. The number of people who fled from the occupied territories in the U.A.R., Jordan and Syria by the beginning of this year topped 350,000 and for 120,000 this was the second such occurrence — the first was in 1948-1949. Reports reveal that the Israeli armed forces are perpetrating countless atrocities: they have thrown hundreds of people into concentration camps and razed many villages.

World public opinion, roused to indignation by Israel's brazen and unlawful actions, is demanding the immediate and unconditional return of the seized territories to the Arab countries.

Behind "Little Israel" Stands U.S. Imperialist Colossus

Following is an excerpt from the Jan. 15, 1969 Newsletter of the Committee to Support Middle East Liberation. The CSMEEL was formerly named the Ad Hoc Committee on the Middle East. The Committee publishes a monthly newsletter on the Mideast struggle. For information write to the committee at P.O. Box 948, NYC 10027.

The image of Israel as a slingshot-

armed David defying superior military force is simply not true.

The state is, on the contrary, a thoroughly militaristic enterprise, highly skilled, heavily armed and dedicated to constantly augmenting its technological superiority over the Arab states.

This is achieved at the expense of the Israeli people.

Israel's "defense" budget is proportionally one of the highest in the world, taking up nearly 70 per cent of the total budget and 20 per cent of the Gross National Product. The number of people employed in defense industry has risen by 40 per cent in the past year.

The 1968-69 allocation of \$629 million is twice as high as last year and four times as high as five years ago. Treasury Minister Ze'ev Sharef, noting the ever-rising costs, said that they could deplete Israeli reserves within six years (Jewish Press, Dec. 27).

This has the effect of keeping Israel constantly in servitude to U.S. contributions and capital. "The budget will be disappointing for the major cuts are in domestic services and investments" (Louis Fleming, New York Post, Jan. 7).

Atlas, January, 1969, says, "Israel is protected by 270 military aircraft. The Phantom jet ... has an action radius of 380 miles even at low altitude and loaded with rockets, napalm and bombs; hence it can reach the capitals of Israel's neighbors in a few minutes." Atlas also mentions 50 American Hawk guided missiles, 250 howitzers and 790 tanks.

Israeli pilots who will fly the 50 F-4 Phantoms recently sold to Israel by the U.S. are expected to receive training here beginning early in 1969.

The A-4 Skyhawk fighters sold to Israel by the U.S. two years ago, says the State Dept., "are first-line attack aircraft being used extensively by U.S. forces in Viet Nam and are well suited to their mission" (Perspective, December, 1968).

The Skyhawks are suited to another "defense" role as well. On Jan. 10, the story broke — or rather was deliberately leaked — that Israel had nuclear delivery capacity. Washington refuted the NBC report. Albert Finney, in the NYT of Jan. 11, commented, "Because of arms sales by the United States and France, Israel also has the weapons to deliver an atomic bomb. The American A-4 Skyhawks sold to Israel... are particularly suited for carrying atomic bombs... and the F-4 Phantoms can be adapted to carry small atomic weapons."

Cleveland Delegation Tells Mayor: Drop False Charges Against Dostal, Gass

CLEVELAND, Jan. 24 — Mayor Stokes, Police Commissioner Garrity and Safety Commissioner McManamen met today with an unusual delegation of over 35 representatives of community organizations, anti-war groups, militant political activists and their supporters, demanding an end to police violence in this city and the dropping of assault charges against two activists who were beaten and arrested by police at an anti-Wallace demonstration here last October 5.

The meeting was organized, after considerable pressure was put on Mayor Stokes, by the Dostal-Gass Defense Committee as part of a continuing fight to defend Ted Dostal and Dave Gass from charges of assaulting a police officer. Also included in the delegation were clergymen, professors, newspaper reporters, black student leaders, welfare mothers, and persons who were present at the anti-Wallace demonstration and who had themselves been clubbed by the police or had witnessed the police violence against other demonstrators.

The aim of the meeting was to show the city administration and the community that there are many people who opposed the violence police have used against demonstrators in the past and are taking their stand against such tactics in the future.

Ten people who had been at the anti-Wallace demonstration related their experiences. One of the Welfare Mothers told how she was being beaten by a Wallace supporter in the presence of police who just looked on. She also blasted the violence used by police against poor people on other occasions.

Several of the persons present had been on the receiving end of cops' clubs, so the mayor and the chief of police were unable to refute their statements.

Students from local colleges, some speaking for SDS, explained that police violence is driving more and more students against the system and also stated that many of them are turning to revolution because the police, who defend the system, use so much violence against them. They continued that the students will protect themselves against this oppression.

One of the students, an active member of a black youth group, stated that they are already organizing to defend themselves against the police violence on campus.

A black reporter told the mayor and police officials that there was open racism being propagated in the police department, a fact certainly not unknown to Mayor Stokes who is himself black and has been subjected to the cops' racism previously.

The secretary of the Dostal-Gass Defense Committee, who also witnessed police violence against demonstrators, told the mayor that a large percentage of the police are Wallaceites and that these blood brothers were extra "brotherly" against those who fight Wallace's position on the war and his racism. She charged further that Dostal and Gass were clubbed and arrested because of the Wallace-police mentality and because of official attempts to terrorize demonstrators and protestors. She therefore demanded that the fabricated charges be dropped against the two defendants and that police violence against demonstrators cease.

There was unanimous agreement among the delegates that the police violence was unwarranted, and so the entire delegation supported the Defense Committee's demands.

In reply to the requests of the delegation, the mayor tried to say that it was not in his power to have the charges dropped. This statement was vigorously challenged and he was forced to qualify his remarks. He tried to smoothly explain away the problems by saying that "they are trying to change things but it takes time." The group was not taken in by his defense of the police force and so expressed itself.

Although the delegation did not succeed in getting the phony charges dropped, it did take a big step in forcing this meeting with the executives of the city government. A lawyer for the Ohio Civil Liberties Union who was present as an observer indicated that there may be a good case made for violation by the police of basic civil liberties at the anti-Wallace demonstration.

After the meeting, which lasted nearly two hours, the defendants were interviewed by a television reporter, and the interview was later televised. Ted Dostal and Dave Gass told the news media the purpose of the meeting and reaffirmed that the police and mayor had it in their power to have the charges dropped since the police department itself initiated the charges.

Ted Dostal is scheduled to appear in court on Monday, Feb. 24, and Dave Gass on Monday, March 3. A picket line is being organized in support of Mr. Dostal in his upcoming court appearance.

Spanish Rulers Fear Proletarian Uprising Franco Tries to Revive 'Spirit of '36'

By P. MEISNER

Despite all the talk about a "liberalization" period in Spain, not a shred of democracy has yet been granted to the Spanish masses, and the latest Franco decree, in effect a state of siege, rules out any freedom for Spain as long as the capitalist Franco regime survives.

The Franco government declared on Jan. 24 a "state of exception" for at least the next three months and thereby suspended five articles of the regime's constitution. Police will legally have unlimited powers of arrest, search of premises, detention of "suspects" without the right of trial and banishment of individuals to other parts of the country. Already hundreds of students, labor leaders, and even moderate opponents of the Franco government have been rounded up and arrested, while others still have been "relocated" out of Madrid.

Student rebellions throughout Spain, anti-government battles in the Basque provinces, and the threat of renewed struggles from the Spanish proletariat prompted Franco to take on complete dictatorial powers once more. In fact, one of Franco's ministers feared another French uprising (May '68) was imminent in Spain. The minister of information, Manuel Fraga Iribarne, said:

"It is better to prevent than to cure. We are not going to wait for another 'May', after which a remedy would be more difficult and expensive."

The latter statement from the Franco government

clearly shows that the threat to the regime's survival is not from bourgeois reforms ("liberalization"), but from a proletarian and peasant uprising, which would overthrow the capitalist regime altogether! The 1968 rebellion of French students and workers was nothing less than a challenge to the French capitalist system itself — and no one understood this in Spain better than the Spanish bourgeoisie. And no one remembers better than the Spanish ruling class how heroically the workers and peasants of Spain fought against Franco's troops in the Civil War of the 30's. But it is the struggle of the 60's that has made every worker and peasant feel in his bones again that the fascist regime can be toppled.

Immediately after the 3-month state of siege was announced, Franco generals and police officials called for a revival of the "spirit of July 1936" (the beginning of Franco's counterrevolution which eventually overthrew the young Spanish Republic), while many of them were saluting in front of newspapermen Falangist-style. But there is another spirit in Spain, one which dates back to 1931 when Spanish workers, students, and peasants were instrumental in the overthrow of the old monarchy, later defended the new Spanish Republic from the fascist counterrevolution, and seized land from the landlords and factories from the bosses before suffering defeat at the hands of Franco's troops. The Spanish masses today are in ferment again, and the Franco regime is dead scared this time — of a socialist revolution.

New York Protesters Burn Franco Effigy

NEW YORK, Jan. 30 — A militant demonstration was held this evening to protest the intensification of fascist repression in Spain, where since Friday martial law has been in effect, and hundreds are in prison or in hiding.

The action was carried out by SDS, YAWF, Co-AIM & the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

A leaflet announcing the demonstration demanded "U.S. Get out of Spain." It stated in part:

"The American and the Spanish movements are part of the same world-wide anti-imperialist struggle. As American capitalism wouldn't last without its empire, so too, Spanish fascism wouldn't last a month without America's empire."

Despite heavy rain, 150 persons began the protest at the Spanish Consulate on 53rd Street and Madison Avenue, at 4p.m. They chanted "Jail Franco, Free the People!" and Ho, Ho, Ho Chi Minh, the Spanish People Are Going to Win."

The youths also raised a slogan similar to one used at the Washington inauguration protest: "Nixon's the One — Franco's the Other."

After about forty-five minutes, the demonstration marched to the Spanish Tourist Office on Fifth Avenue and 48th Street, carrying an effigy labelled "Franco — Nixon" which was set afire during the march. Five people were arrested for violating a city ordinance, while the demonstrators chanted "Spain Si, Franco No!"

After an hour and a half, the demonstration ended with several of the youth going to court to support those arrested.

WHO HAD 'DEMOCRACY' AT STERN'S DEPT. STORE?

The Billionaires Who Closed It, Or the 2,000 Workers out of a Job?

By ELLEN PIERCE

What happens when a big business goes out of business?

The demise of a company often calls forth an "obituary" in the capitalist press, nostalgically detailing its history, growth and closing, and quoting heavily from its owners.

Since owners of one large concern invariably own other businesses, for them a shut-down is merely a matter of shifting their interests somewhat. But for the workers, always the last ones to be told when a plant or business closes, it means being left jobless with maybe a few weeks severance pay. It is twice as bad for older workers whose pensions are lost and whose prospects of finding new jobs are poor because companies don't like to exploit workers for "only" five or ten years and then have to pay pensions.

The planned May 1 closing of the eight-story Stern Brothers department store in Manhattan, which employs about 2,000 people, raises several issues about workers' rights in a capitalist "democracy".

"Executed with the precision of a military maneuver," reported the New

York Times on Jan. 25, "the closing was announced to employees at just about the same time that the store was shut down for the day at 4:30 P.M., without warning, two hours before its regular closing time."

Workers then received a letter from Herbert Wittkin, president of Stern Brothers. Shedding hypocritical tears over the employees' plight in a this-hurts-me-more-than-you tone, Wittkin's letter said, "We are all painfully aware of how disturbing and unsettling this must be to our loyal employees..." and pledged "every possible effort to help secure other employment" for the 1,500 fired workers — a pledge worth about as much as a May 2nd sale at Stern's.

"This is a disgraceful way, I should say, with no consideration for employees of long standing," said Mrs. Bridie Logan who has worked there for 17 years. Estell Egan, a cashier in the employees' cafeteria for 21 years said, "I was looking forward to my pension and my social security."

Meanwhile, in a telephone interview from Sarasota, Florida, the president of Allied Stores Corporation (of which

Stern Brothers is a subsidiary) was explaining "the problem of Stern's unprofitability on 42nd Street." Company president Theodore Schlesinger did not complain about the profitability of Allied's numerous other department stores in major U.S. cities. Allied is the 15th largest merchandising firm in the U.S. with sales of over a billion dollars.

If utter callousness marked the bosses' attitude towards Stern's "loyal employees" it was quite another matter when Allied Stores "made satisfactory arrangements" with the owners of the 42nd Street building to terminate the lease which still has about 18 years to run. Of course under law — law written by and for capitalists — the building owners could have sued Stern's for breaking the lease if those "satisfactory arrangements" had not been worked out.

But no such protection exists for workers under the so-called free enterprise system. A contract between one business and another must be honored, but when Stern's closes, its contract with workers of Local 5 of the United Department Store Workers Union will just be thrown out the window by the company.

There are many laws forbidding wor-

kers from withholding their labor if they are employed by the state, perform essential (for the capitalists) functions or threaten the security of the super-profitable war machine. But there is nothing to prevent a business from closing down and throwing out thousands of workers when the owners feel it is not profitable enough. In the case of Stern's the alleged \$2 million loss suffered last year will probably be converted by clever bookkeeping and favorable business tax laws into a gain for Allied Stores Corporation.

In telling about the closing of the department store the press made note of the workers' anger, but it was reported without protest or the indignant editorials used to denounce strikes. It was just another human interest story like a lost kitten's return or an interview with a 105 year old man. In fact it would not be surprising to hear fellow business men actually praising the "humanitarian" way in which Stern's gave its workers a big 12 week notice. When the New York Herald Tribune closed several years ago, workers were not told until the last issue of the paper had been published. The strategy behind this was the bosses' concern that such news, if announced earlier, might damage workers' morale, thus making them work less efficiently and preventing the owners from getting the last ounce of sweat out of them.

DuPont Backs Down Under Mass Pressure; Rulers Withdraw Guard From Wilmington

By LARRY NICODEMUS
Philadelphia YAWF Coordinator

WILMINGTON, Jan. 21 — Under continuing pressure from the black community and the threat of a demonstration demanding the withdrawal of the National Guard from this city, newly elected Governor Peterson was forced to keep his election promise and pull the occupying troops out of Wilmington today. The troops were withdrawn on the same day demonstrators converged on this city to support the demands of the black community.

The protestors, four hundred strong, chanting, "Hey, Hey, Ho Ho, Du Pont's Power Has Got To Go", marched today from two gathering points and converged on Rodney Square in downtown Wilmington, Delaware.

On March 29, 1968 Delaware's Army and Air National Guard were put on alert by Governor Charles Terry. A week later, following the assassination of Martin Luther King, the Guard was called in to occupy the black community of Wilmington. National Guardsmen and State troopers wielding shotguns patrolled the black community in radio-

equipped jeeps from April 9 of last year until today. Hundreds of Afro-Americans were arrested, many under the Emergency Riot Act. On April 14, Wilmington's Mayor Babiarz lifted the city-wide curfew and declared the situation under control, but the governor refused to remove the Guard.

This ruling class experiment in police state tactics was calculated to further suppress the black community and to destroy the young, militant, grass roots leadership. Progressives in Wilmington responded to this repression by asking the help of activists and progressives everywhere, saying that for the problems of Wilmington, there are no outsiders. Leaflets calling for the demonstration were distributed in the New York, Philadelphia, and Washington areas. Many youths who were demonstrating in Washington at the inauguration on Jan. 20 came directly to the demonstration in Wilmington on the 21.

The brutal character of the occupation was evidenced by protests against the repression from Guardsmen themselves on duty in Wilmington. In a letter printed in the BOND, organ

of the American Servicemen's Union, a guardsman writes in part, "The Rat Patrol, in an obvious departure from the traditional Guard role of emergency service, is regarded in the black community as a blatant and inflammatory suppressive measure. Obviously immoral and racist in its nature...."

"The great majority of the guardsmen want no part of the patrol because they consider it a waste of their time. Progressive guardsmen feel that, in addition to being a waste of their time and money, the patrol is a gross insult to the black community."

The demonstration and rally were sponsored by People Against Racism and Communications Network; Philadelphia Youth Against War & Fascism also issued a call for the demonstration. The demonstrators raised three main demands: (1) National Guard Troops get out of black community; (2) Free all black political prisoners; (3) End du Pont control of community affairs.

The du Pont family represents a private concentration of wealth worth upwards of \$7.5 billion. Both of Wilmington's newspapers and its main radio station are owned by the du

Ponts. The du Pont Building, the Nemours Building, the Delaware Trust Company, the Farmer's Bank Building, and the Wilmington Trust Company are all either owned or controlled by the du Ponts. Of the 250,000 people in New Castle County, 30,000 are employed directly by the du Pont Company. The other major employers in Wilmington are Hercules Powder Company and the Atlas Chemical Company, both du Pont spin-offs resulting from government anti-trust litigation earlier in the century. Both Chrysler and General Motors (which the du Pont company used to control directly) have assembly plants in Wilmington.

Governor Peterson, mouthpiece of the ruling class and a long-time executive for the du Pont Company, in an obvious attempt to blackmail the demonstration, threatened that if outsiders came to Wilmington to demonstrate, the Guard would not be removed.

On January 21, the day of Peterson's inauguration, "outsiders" did come to Wilmington and joined with the people of Wilmington in a strong demonstration demanding that the Guard be removed. That night, for the first time in almost ten months, the troops occupying Wilmington's black community were gone.

SUBSCRIBE TO WORKERS WORLD
AND HELP TO BUILD ONE

AN HISTORIC FIRST

The demonstration against President Nixon as he rode in the inaugural procession was a truly historic event. The young militants who hurled missiles at the presidential automobile and hurled anti-imperialist epithets at the new imperialist administration as it passed in regal splendor showed the U.S. ruling class the kind of passionate disrespect which it has not experienced in over a century, if ever before.

The presidential inauguration is the most sacrosanct event in U.S. capitalist society. By their militant demonstration the young revolutionaries declared their refusal to rally to the cry for "national unity" — unity behind the ruling class; their refusal to forget the crimes of the previous imperialist government; their refusal to put one ounce of hope in the new regime and their determination not to sit by in passive acceptance as the new chief executive of the master class takes over the reigns of power.

Breaking entirely with the imperialist establishment, the demonstrators carried out their plans despite the customary deluge of bourgeois propaganda and the lavish show of ruling class power which is meant to awe them into submissiveness. Furthermore, the youth refused to be demoralized by the obstructionist tactics of the National Mobilization Committee and other mis-leaders of the anti-war movement. This makes the action all the more significant and creditable.

Below is an abbreviated eye-witness account collectively compiled by staff members of WORKERS WORLD who participated in the demonstrations.

* * *

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18 — The three days in Washington to culminate in the Inauguration start out at the Hawthorne School. Several thousand people, mostly young and from out-of-town, find themselves thrown into a chaotic situation, where it seems the organizing efforts of the National Mobilization have come to nil. The enthusiasm and political sense of the ranks can barely come through in the atmosphere of confusion at the school.

Hundreds of restless people jammed in and milling around... workshops promised barely materialize... where's the action?... biggest workshop crowd wants to discuss GI organizing... raining outside but most people looking for the action... demonstrations get going.

By mid-afternoon, two demonstrations are organized. The Women's Liberation League is at the "Distinguished Ladies' Reception," while another group goes to greet a bunch of Young Republicans at the Hilton.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19 — This is the Mobilization's big day. The counter-inaugural parade they plan for Pennsylvania Avenue is to substitute for any real action at the Inaugural on Monday. A rented circus tent (costing \$9,000) has been set up near the Washington Monument, where a rally is to precede the march.

Everything slow to get started... tent fills with mud... contingents line up for march, GIs in front... most organization spontaneous... CO-AIM distributes leaflets urging people to stay for Monday... talks by James Johnson, Fort Hood 3 black GI just out after two and a half years in the stockade, and Women's Liberation speaker highlight rally... parade finally starts out for Capitol... at least 10,000... spirit subdued, political character of the march dominated by pacifists and liberals... but on a helmet: "Smash Capitalism" next to pacifist symbol... American Servicemen's Union banners: "Smash the Racist Brass, Free Anti-War GI Political Prisoners"... not too many bystanders.

FLAG, PERFUMED RULERS AND PREVIEW

The parade winds up by the Health, Education and Welfare Building with an interesting incident.

On top of a tall flagpole flies the red, white and blue flag of U.S. imperialism. A group of militants try to get it down and put up the NLF flag. Immediately flagpole surrounded by an odd alliance of Mobe staffers and some right-wingers who have infiltrated the crowd. They defend the flag, the Mobe pacifists not so non-violently, as hundreds gather round. The Mobilization declares that the march is over and tells everyone to disperse.

Chants from the militants "Down, down, down!"... "Leave it up" was the chant led by Mobe marshals and new-found right-wing allies. Key Martin, YAWF Chairman, denounces flag as symbol of imperialism. High school member of Committee to Aid NLF calls for flag to come down. Mobe marshals leap to grab bullhorn... fight ensues.

The crowd finally moves over to the new Smithsonian Institute where the first real confrontation takes place. Gowned and tuxedoed ruling class types have come to attend a reception for the Agnews. They are greeted by hundreds of demonstrators lined up facing the entrance to the building. Park police are called, and they charge on horseback into the crowd but fail to disperse it. Now the demonstrators have a chance to show how they feel about these perfumed rulers, and the militancy really comes out.

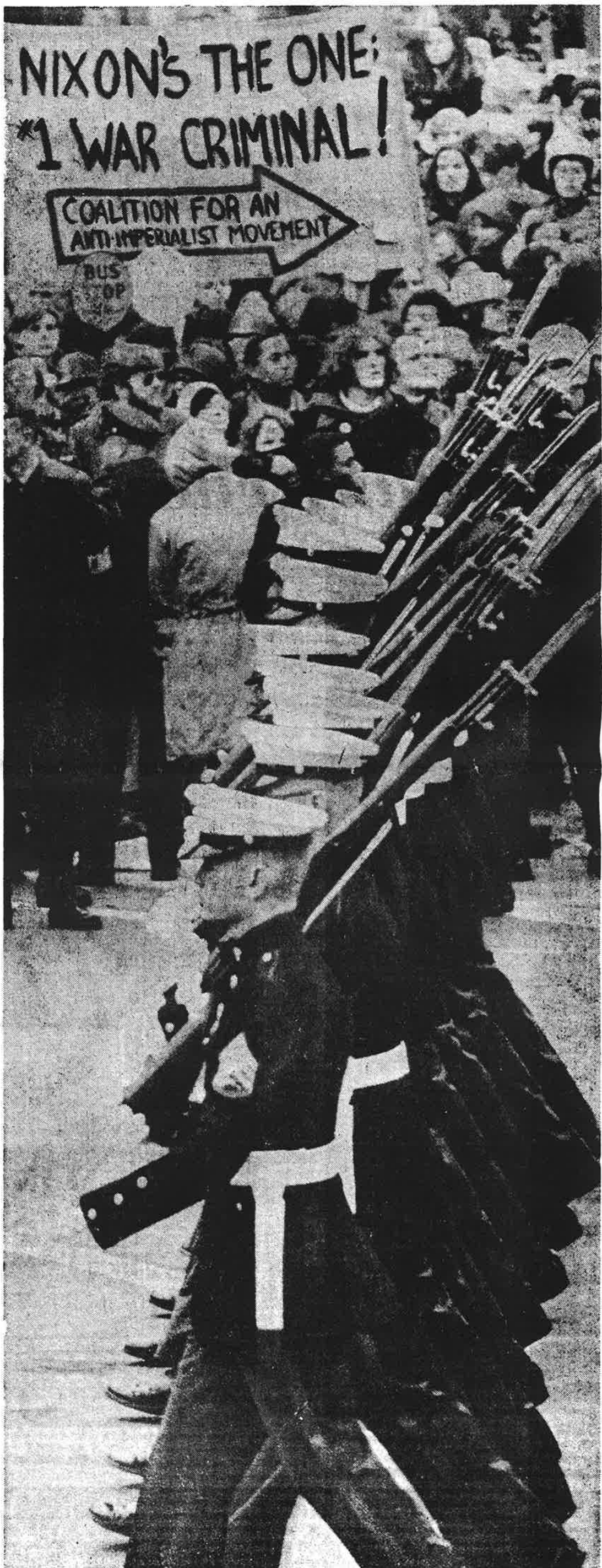
Cops with Mountie hats charge with clubs swinging... the crowd gives way, then regroups... nobody is going home now... mud! it's everywhere, on the horse's hooves, caking our shoes, flying through the air at the enemy... the gleaming new building fills with racist trash, most of them spirited in through the back door... "Sieg Heil!"... YAWF banner up front: "To Rebel Is Justified"... one cop charges alone into the demonstrators... he's swallowed up... later we hear he's been hospitalized... the Smithsonian is a preview of Monday's Inaugural.

PLANNING TO SHOW THE WORLD

After dark, as the Smithsonian demonstration is breaking up, word passes around that some SDS contingents are calling a meeting to discuss tactics for Monday's demonstration. All the militants are invited. At the meeting, Mark Rudd calls for a coalition steering committee to be set up of Ohio, Michigan, Washington, New York SDS, Youth Against War & Fascism, Southern Student Organizing Committee and the Coalition for an Anti-Imperialist Movement (CO-AIM). The meeting unites on a proposal for a massed attempt to push toward the inaugural route with the intent of showing the world our political opposition to imperialism and preparing ourselves for concrete struggle against the capitalist apparatus of violence. This is a crucial turning point for us and for Nixon.

It is agreed to: (1) assemble at Franklin Square, a park about five blocks from the Pennsylvania Avenue Inaugural route, at noon on Monday — we

(Continued on page S4)





Youth is arrested outside of Smithsonian Institute. Sign reads: To Rebel Is Justified!



Mounted park police tear into crowd to rescue a fallen cop.



Walter Teague (center) heads Committee to Aid the NLF contingent.

News in Hanoi, Havana, Moscow

News of the demonstration staged by young militants on Jan. 20 at Nixon's inauguration was broadcast over Hanoi Radio, according to the Christian Science Monitor of Jan. 23.

"Anti-Vietnam war demonstrations that marred President Nixon's inaugural," wrote the Monitor, "gave Hanoi Radio the opportunity it sought. It used them extensively and repeatedly, to flavor its reporting of the change of American administration with pro-Communist propaganda."

"Much of Hanoi Radio's English service, which calls itself 'Voice of Vietnam,' is currently directed at American forces in South Vietnam. Broadcasts are slanted to convince the United States troops that their fight is both criminal and futile and not supported by the people at home."

The Monitor also noted that "Peking Radio, describing Nixon as the new 'reactionary boss' of the United States, went on to quote shouts of demonstrators in Washington calling him 'tool of millionaires' and 'No. 1 war criminal.'"

Excerpts from a commentary in the Chinese Communist party daily, Jenmin

Jih Pao, as broadcast by Peking Radio were also reprinted in the New York Times, Jan. 26. The statement began:

"Richard Nixon has assumed office as new U.S. President in full regalia. At the time of his inauguration, thousands of American people held gigantic protest demonstrations condemning Nixon as a 'tool of the billionnaires' and 'the Number One war criminal.' They expressed the determination to wage resolute struggles against the Nixon Administration."

Granma, the Cuban English language weekly, on Jan. 26 ran a photograph of cops clubbing demonstrators in Washington. The demonstrators, wrote Granma, paid "the price for their desire to demonstrate against the Vietnam war and the new President's policy. In the streets of Washington the police used methods such as those shown in the picture to break up the protest demonstration."

Moscow, too, took note of the demonstration. Reported the Times, Jan. 21, "the anti-Vietnam demonstrations in Washington were the high point of the inauguration in Soviet eyes. The Government newspaper Izvestia said the demonstrations 'brought a note of sharp discord to the solemn atmosphere of the capital.'"

"Their main purpose was to remind United States ruling circles and both the outgoing and incoming Presidents that the disgraceful war in Vietnam continues."



National Guardsmen in fatigues moving in to reinforce the police along Pennsylvania Avenue.



Just before Nixon arrives: Cops lined



D.C. cops manhandle demonstrators during protest Monday.



Two young protesters frisked and arrested.

China Hails Counter-Inaugural

In Peking, the Chinese news agency, Hsinhua, reported the demonstration against Nixon's inauguration. Hsinhua wrote on Jan. 21:

"More than 1,000 young Americans, in defiance of brutal suppression by the U.S. ruling circles, demonstrated in Washington yesterday against Richard Nixon's inauguration as U.S. president according to Washington reports....

"The young demonstrators," reported Hsinhua, "hurled rocks and garbage at Nixon yesterday, giving the new president an initial taste of the American people's iron fist."

Hsinhua takes note of the elaborate security measures used to protect Nixon:

"Before the inaugural ceremony for the new chieftain of the reactionary U.S. ruling circles was held, more than 20,000 troops, police and secret service agents were called out and posted but a few steps to each other all along the route from the Capitol to the White House. The buildings along the route were closely watched by secret agents."

The Chinese news agency commented that Nixon had to hide "behind a bullet-proof glass four centimetres thick and was surrounded by secret agents with automatic weapons.... There had been no precedent in the history of the United States or other capitalist countries that the president of a government or a chief

of state should be shielded by such a tight security net during his inaugural ceremony." This, declared the news agency, showed that "the reactionary U.S. ruling circles... are mortally afraid of the American people."

The account continues that despite this intimidation "large groups of young Americans, shouting anti-Nixon slogans, demonstrated against him," some burning American flags. As Nixon's car approached the demonstrators along the route, the young people "hurled rocks, sticks, garbage and smoke bombs at Nixon." Nixon had to speed up his limousine, wrote Hsinhua, "in deep embarrassment amidst the jeering and booing of the demonstrators."

The news release concluded:

"Nixon ran headlong into the opposition of the people right at the beginning at his term of office. With the further sharpening of class contradictions in the United States, the American people's struggle will undoubtedly develop further and Nixon will surely find the going tougher and tougher."



In front of the Mobe tent, Sunday. Demonstrators line up for march.



Secret Servicemen around Nixon's limousine duck and run as car speeds up and missiles fly from angry crowd.



up shoulder to shoulder, clubs ready.

Lessons of the Counter-Inaugural Demonstration

By SAM MARCY

In trying to draw any lesson from the experience of the Counter-Inaugural demonstration, it is of course always important to bear in mind what the Wall Street Journal of Jan. 28 calls "the power of the press to shrink an event into insignificance."

"SHRINKING AN EVENT"

The way the communications media of the ruling class handled the Inauguration and the Monday demonstration against it reminds one of the manner in which the press and TV handled the recent national Republican and Democratic Conventions.

The repression in Chicago was certainly given a great deal of coverage despite the gross distortions. This of course was not the case with the repressions carried out against the Black people in Miami.

While many, many people were brutally beaten in Chicago, none were killed. In Miami, three were killed, eighteen were seriously wounded of which some died, and more than 250 were arrested — an untold number beaten and clubbed when dragged into paddy wagons.

MIAMI AND THE COUNTER-INAUGURAL

The events in Chicago have already rightfully entered into the folklore of American radical literature. What happened in Miami on the other hand, has practically been forgotten, at least by the whites. Its a magnificent lesson on how the capitalist press could "shrink an event into insignificance," in this case by failure to give it any consequential coverage. So far as the TV networks were concerned, they barely even referred to it, and when they did, it was in the manner of some minor incident unconnected with the Convention, when in reality it was a well-timed, forceful and dramatic protest by the Black demonstrators to the unrestrained racism exhibited at the Convention.

In a similar vein, the dramatic, well-timed and well-organized manner in which the Monday Counter-Inaugural was carried out by a coalition of revolutionary militants, was completely distorted, falsified and maligned by the same capitalist media.

The inauguration of Richard Nixon however, was the most dishonest embellishment yet manufactured by the monopolist media.

THE TWO ASPECTS OF THE 3-DAY PROTEST

The reader should bear in mind that the National Mobilization leadership, which initiated the idea of a counter-inaugural, had projected three days of protest for the weekend of the Inaugural. There were however, two more or less separate and independent actions during the protest days supported by different groups having opposing views on the nature of the protest to be made.

The leaders of the National Mobilization were uncertain from the very beginning as to whether to have any protest at all. However they could not get themselves to say so. In part this was due to their fear that failure to stage some kind of protest would remove them from the arena as a leading anti-war organization.

CHARACTERIZATION OF MOBE LEADERS

It was also due in part to the fear that if they failed to carry out a protest, that the revolutionary militants would seize the initiative and hold one themselves.

When the "Mobe" leaders finally decided to have the protest days, it was not done in the spirit of militant defiance and confidence which such an event required, but was done in the spirit of pessimism and fear. During the period before the demonstration all the activities of the Mobe leadership were characterized by vacillation and indecision on how to carry out the protest, and consequently paralyzed any

attempt at adequate preparation for such a serious undertaking.

To get out of their dilemma, the National Mobilization leaders resorted to the time-honored device of compromising the very objective of the projected protest. They concocted the idea of having three days of protest — Saturday, Sunday and Monday. However they concentrated very heavily on highlighting events for Saturday and particularly Sunday, and deliberately played down Monday, the day of the Inauguration. A mere vague reference to some sort of "presence" on Monday was all that the ordinary reader of Mobilization literature could get out of it.

The scheme behind it all was to have the large audiences for Saturday and Sunday, and take up their time with trivialities, ceremonial speeches and innocuous workshops.

SATURDAY, SUNDAY VS. MONDAY

On Monday, the Mobe leaders reckoned, there would be a few hundred people present at the Inauguration just to show that they were there. But this was not at all what the revolutionary militants had in mind. They came on Saturday and Sunday, only to prepare for the big event on Monday. They were irked by the deliberate effort of the Mobe leaders to wear them down and sidetrack them from their objective of having a militant counter-demonstration on Monday.

It was plain for anyone with eyes to see that of the three days set aside for protest, the big and important one should be on Monday, the day when the press, radio and TV would saturate the country with propaganda calculated to bolster imperialist democracy and paint up the Nixon Administration as the new mild-mannered and peace-seeking custodian of the establishment. Counteracting this on Monday was vital, and gearing all activity for that day was essential to make the protest effective.

But the Mobe leaders pushed the other way. It was not lack of intelligence or foresight on the part of the Mobe leaders that prevented them from seeing what was the logical and common sense thing to do. It was a plain case of fear — fear of a bloody encounter with the federal authorities. That always of course should be a legitimate consideration in any such undertaking.

However this was precisely what had to be reckoned with before the Mobe leaders decided to set the days of protest for the Counter-inaugural.

NEED FOR OBJECTIVE APPRAISAL BEFORE ACTION

Leaders who undertake a serious protest against the imperialist establishment always have the duty to soberly calculate the risks involved. A Marxist for instance, bases his actions on an objective appraisal of the relationship of forces and the character of the political moment for which the actions are planned. If the relationship of forces are unfavorable for the demonstration and the political moment for which the action is planned is inopportune, it is sometimes best to delay the projected action and pick a more favorable moment.

In the opinion of seasoned Marxists who have been active in many of the anti-war protests, the situation was a most favorable one, and the moment for the demonstration, opportune. It was quite plain that the Nixon Administration was not likely on this particular day to unleash an avalanche of armed force, that is, on the day set aside to present itself to the world as an apostle of peace and moderation.

DOUBLE THINK AND DOUBLE TALK

However, the Mobe leaders neither tried to objectively estimate the situation nor to speak their mind frankly. Instead they resorted to doubletalk.

They let loose a series of pacifist drivel publicly disclaiming any violence, promising non-physical confrontation and all the rest of that nonsense. What they were trying to do was to assure the ruling class in general, and the government in particular, that there would be no violence, which in reality meant that they were putting the onus for any violence that would occur, not where it belonged, — on the police and the military — but on the demonstrators.

This could only anger the militants, especially those who would fall victim to police attack. It should be added, inter alia, that at no time did the Mobe leadership issue any statement that could be interpreted as anti-imperialist, something the militants really wanted.

MOBE VIEW OF INAUGURAL AS A CORONATION

The attitude of the Mobe leaders toward the Inauguration was something akin to the way the petty burghers in medieval times viewed the coronation of a monarch. On the one hand they saw the coronation as an opportunity for protest. On the other hand they were overawed by the display not only of the pomp and splendor of the ancient royal rites, but also of the array of force which was calculated to imbue the masses with a spirit of submission and to deepen their respect for the law and order of the master class.

A particular objective of a medieval coronation is to instill the masses with fear, particularly those who are prone to use the occasion for rebellious outbursts.

Is not the elaborate staging of an inauguration for the same purpose? Are not the Mobilization leaders the modern descendants of the ancient petty burghers?

It is no exaggeration to say that practically all of the leaders of the Mobilization undertook the making of this protest under the psychological and political outlook that was more fitting for ancient times than for space age televised spectacles calculated to bolster the reign of the dynastic monopolies.

The revolutionary and militant young people who were there, on the other hand, most of whom were also from middle class families, had anything but the reverence, awe and fear which characterized the Mobe leaders. On the contrary, they were all motivated by the spirit of real revolutionary defiance, courage, and they had tactical know-how. Above all, they were all determined to discredit the Inauguration and not to stand timidly in fear of it.

BEGINNING OF CLASS APPRAISAL

What, however, was most significant about Monday's counter-inaugural, was not only the courage, determination and discipline of many of the demonstrators, but also the beginnings of a class, political approach, as is shown by the vivid and imaginative class slogans, such as "Billionaires Profit Off GI Blood", "Nixon is the One, the Number One War Criminal", "Nixon is the Tool of Billionaire Rule" and others of like character.

Certainly there were many arrests and brutal beatings, but all the world knows that a strong revolutionary contingent of several thousand dared to challenge Wall Street's imperialist colossus on the very day on which it would put on one of its most hideous and disgusting spectacles.

The other lesson was that a new coalition of revolutionary militants made itself felt during the course of the preparations for this counter-inaugural demonstration. It was born in the fire of struggle and cemented by a more or less common political approach.

- Historic First

(Continued from page 54)

want to be visible and organized, so that if there is an attempt to break it up, the world will know; (2) make an announcement tonight at the Mobe tent during the Inauguration Ball about the demonstration tomorrow; and (3) send a delegation to the Mobe office to insure coordination of legal and medical help for the demonstrators.

MONDAY, JANUARY 20 — The day starts with a police raid. Five cop cars pull up at the church at 9:30 a.m. where militants were to plan tactics for the demonstration. Cops forcibly take car keys from a YAWF member and illegally break into his car, loaded with banners, carefully searching all the contents. Cop cars circle the church taking pictures of everyone leaving. The meeting has to be called off.

Despite this attempt to push the organizers off balance, the demonstration for noon is ON. The park fills up right on schedule, and within a few minutes of twelve, the leaders start off for the Nixon parade route. (This is after a few people try to convince the crowd to go to the Mobe "presence" at 12th

Street, "where the people are" for safety.)

The question is: Are the authorities determined to prevent a demonstration hostile to Nixon from taking place along the Inaugural route, or are they more afraid of what another Chicago-like confrontation will do to the new president's "image"? No one knows the answer in advance. We aren't here to outguess the ruling class' strategy. We are here to demand our rights.

The crowd moves on, closer and closer to Pennsylvania Avenue. There are some scuffles — as we approach the parade route a fascist attacks members of the Committee to Aid the NLF who are carrying the NLF flag. Walter Teague, head of the Committee is arrested. However, it becomes clear before too long: we have won the right to demonstrate. By being firm and determined, we have backed the authorities down, and they aren't going to try to stop us.

Our numbers swell as we approach the parade route. By the time we push our way into several blocks along Pennsylvania Avenue from H Street down, the demonstrators number well over a thousand. Quite a few D.C. youth, many of them black, join us.

YAWF and CO-AIM banners upfront: "Nixon's the One, #1 War Criminal," "Billionaires Profit Off GI Blood." A third banner, "Stop the War Against Black America," is seized by the cops in an obvious move to censor the content of the protest. CO-AIM distributes many cloth banners which people tie to their backs or hold.

The chanting begins: "Ho, Ho, Ho Chi Minh, the NLF is Gonna Win!" "Hey, Hey, Viva Chel!" "Big Firms Get Rich, GIs Die."

We're pressed against the cable that holds back the crowd...facing us is a line of D.C. cops...they're soon reinforced with paratroopers linking arms and D.C. National Guards in camouflage uniforms, combat boots...the soldiers are nervous and unhappy...chants reach out to them: "We don't want you to die," "GIs rebel, Join us"...a soldier gives the V sign...but there's no love lost on the cops...the tension builds...everyone is pressed against the cable...those up front have helmets and linked arms...then the cops move, with sudden ferocity and smiling brutally...they club and jab the front row...the front falls back a few feet, just out of club's reach, but the rear

ranks tighten up and press forward...we know Nixon must be on his way...the anger builds as a few injured people are led back through the throng... "Hold that line! Hold that line!"

Now he's coming!...everyone presses forward, the cops are stern and tighten ranks, the soldiers more unhappy than ever...How the roar goes up...boos, catcalls, missiles go flying through the air...little American flags (given out by the Boy Scouts) are burnt and hurled at the limousines...the black car is surrounded by dozens of bodyguards...they speed up as they pass the hostile ranks...the Secret Servicemen can hardly catch up...Sieg Heil!...clenched fists appear by the score...no president has ever been inaugurated like this in America.

After Nixon goes by, the demonstrators spill out into downtown Washington. Running battles between cops, troops and demonstrators move from street to street. Before the afternoon is over, several banks and insurance companies have broken windows. The protesters show ingenuity and street sense, and for the Washington authorities, the whole affair has been a debacle.