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### Mae Mallory, Ted Dostal And 17 Others Jailed for Fight to Free Ahmed Evans



Mae Mallory defiantly raises a clenched fist as she is taken from Criminal Court to the Warrensville Workhouse. (See earlier story page 4)

CLEVELAND, June 9—The same judge who sentenced Ahmed Evans to the electric chair today handed down stiff jail terms to nineteen persons who had been petitioning for a new trial for Evans. Judge George McMonagle also served as jury and plaintiff in the contempt of court proceedings against the group, representing the July 23rd Defense Committee.

Mae Mallory, the leader of the delegation alleged to have defied a court injunction by standing on the steps of the County Court Building, was given the maximum of one year in jail and fined \$1,000. The racism of the judge against the defendants, mostly black, was glaringly revealed in the course of the trial.

Sentences on the other defendants ranged from 30 days to six months. Ted Dostal, a militant steelworker who faces three years on a separate charge arising from an anti-Wallace demonstration, received six months, a \$1,000 fine and lecture from the judge.

Mrs. Mallory gave a stirring speech to the court before being sentenced. She opened with a quote from Victor Hugo: "No force on earth can suppress an idea whose time has come." Then she told the judge, "You can lock up my body but you can't lock up my mind."

The judge had given a little speech earlier in which he attacked "people who were carrying a non-American flag which causes other people to ask what this country is all about."

Mrs. Mallory replied, "You are against the Black Nationalist flag. Yet there are black people forced to fight in Vietnam right now, 10,000 miles away, under the Confederate flag!"

Although she spent a year in the Cleveland jail some time ago while



Ted Dostal

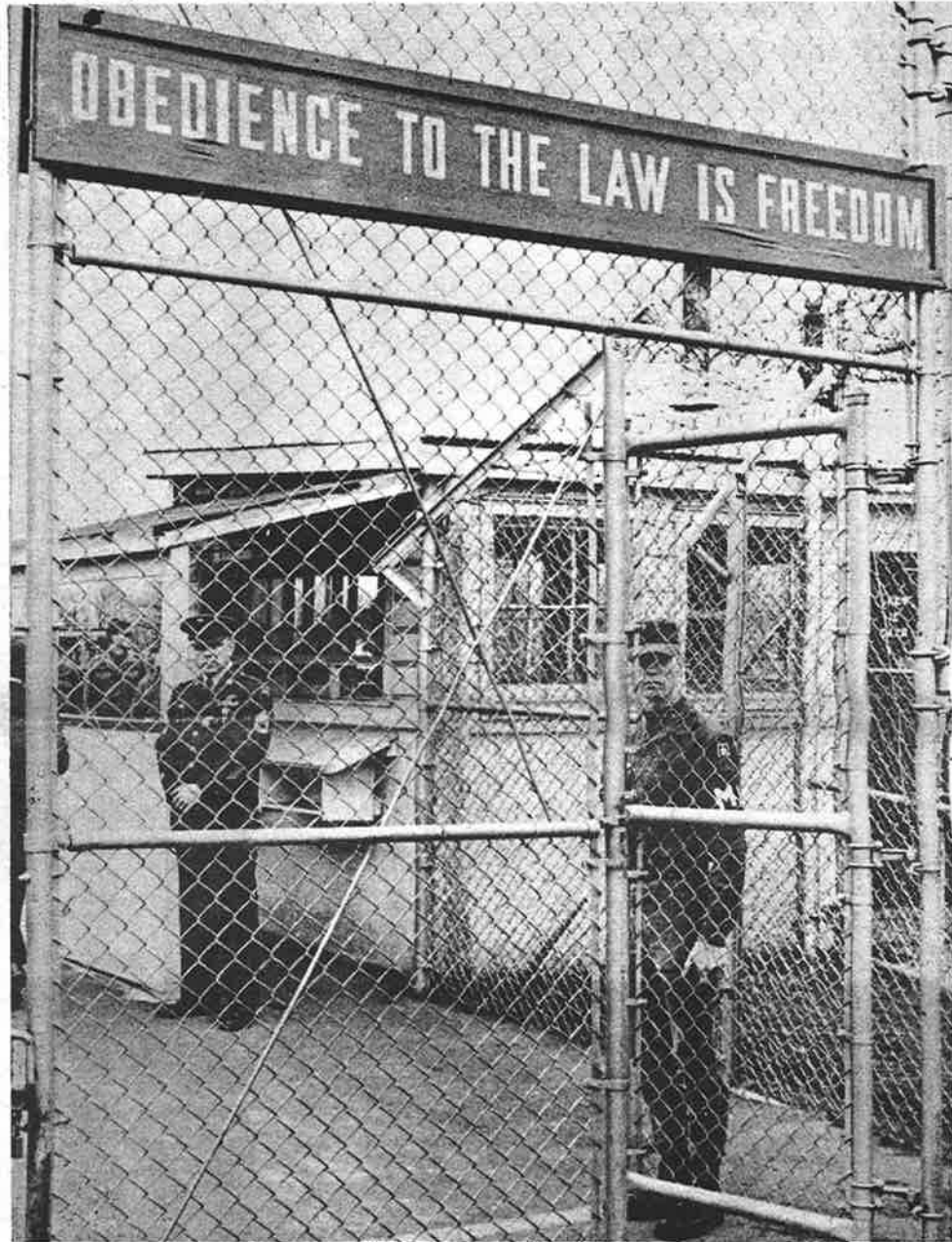
fighting extradition to North Carolina (her case was finally reversed on appeal), Mrs. Mallory showed no fear of the ruling class' courts or prisons. "Pass your sentence," she told McMonagle. "I haven't the power to take it away, but it will not put down the Black Liberation movement."

Mr. Dostal also took advantage of the remarks permitted before sentencing to expose the racist court and its methods.

"We're not in contempt. It's the rulers of this country who have contempt for and are oppressing the people," he said. Drawing on his long experience in the steel plant, he knocked down the court's claim that "agitators" stir up the people.

"It's conditions that oppress people. No one has to tell them. The boss creates the grievances and the workers fight back."

### Ft. Dix Rebellion!



Fascist sign over stockade gate at Fort Dix. Photo by LNS.

By S. ANTHONY

You could tell right away that there had been a rebellion at the Fort Dix Stockade. Two officers stood by the road, watching the people going into the area, in a kind of checkpoint set-up. About every other window was broken out in two of the front buildings. These were cell blocks 66 and 67, where the rebellion was concentrated. Many more prisoners than usual were hanging out the windows. Guards had riot guns at the ready.

This was the up-tight atmosphere three days after the rebellion. A visitor to the stockade could almost feel it—repression by Army Brass countered by growing resistance from the GIs.

The events and conditions that led up to the June 5th rebellion are varied. Yet basically the same inhuman treatment has driven men to rebel in stockades from Fort Ord to the Presidio to Long Binh Jail in Vietnam.

There are 900 men in the stockade. It was built to house 250. At least 200 new prisoners have been brought in in the last two weeks. A majority of the prisoners are now black and Puerto Rican. The men, who are divided among three compounds (the "pound") and segregation ("seg"

or isolation), are not served enough food at any meal. Lately they have been forced to stand in formations in the sun for long periods to impress the colonel. There has been open talk about a rebellion for some time.

It seems the Brass have heard the talk, too. They have brought in a new executive officer to be second in command of the Fort Dix Stockade. He is the man who, as commandant of the Long Binh Jail for 18 months, bloodily put down two rebellions there.

The Fort Dix rebellion started on Thursday, June 5th. The men had been forced to stand in formation for five hours that day—five hours at rigid attention in the hot sun. The Army claimed it was punishing the GIs for refusing to get "whitewall" haircuts. (This subtly racist term describes the style of cut that leaves a GI with nothing but fuzz around the front and sides of his head and about half an inch of hair on top.)

The Brass had also shuffled around the men of cell blocks 66 and 67, moving whole floors supposedly in retaliation for a fight that had occurred the day before.

After the five hours of formation, the prisoners were finally told they

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## Cruder Than Johnson

Immediate and unconditional withdrawal of U.S. troops is still the only honest and effective way to end the Vietnam war.

But Nixon is just as far from that as Johnson ever was. And he is not even giving an inch to the calculating imperialist doves who only want to "live to fight another day" in Southeast Asia.

His anticlimactic announcement of the "withdrawal" of 25,000 troops from Vietnam was hooted even by these opponents of his within the capitalist Establishment.

The journalistic dean of these doves, Walter Lippmann, supported Nixon on the ground that Nixon would line up the right wing and end the war.

But instead of ending the war, Nixon has declared war on the anti-war movement. Differing with Johnson only in the blandness of his own brand of double-talk and in associating with a still more racist faction of the ruling class, he makes a "withdrawal" so phony that even the puppet warrior chiefs of Saigon think it's great.

Much of the official anti-war leadership understands all this, but lacks the will to expose Nixon completely. It is probably waiting for the liberal bourgeoisie to start the offensive before picking up its own weapons for a dubious battle.

But it may wait forever. The time to declare war on Nixon is NOW.

## The Soviet Line on the Mideast

Are the Moscow revisionists preparing once again to double-cross the oppressed Arab people, including the Arab Communists, and sell out the Arab revolution to imperialism in the guise of "reasonableness" toward Israel?

The answer to that question, if recent newspaper articles, hints, innuendoes and statements by imperialist and Soviet diplomats mean anything, is "Yes."

As a follow-up to their own capitulation of June 6, 1967, and having no apparent shame for it, the Soviet leaders now seem hell-bent on capitulating again.

During the Arab-Israeli war they voted in the UN for a cease-fire without demanding that Israel retreat one inch from the extensive Arab territory it occupied. Now they seem to be negotiating for a "gradual" withdrawal of Israel on the basis of serious political concessions they are advising the Arabs to make.

The New York Times of June 7 (of this year) verifies this once again and gleefully reports that "Pravda Bids Arabs Shun Use of Force to Regain Lands."

"Pravda, the Soviet Communist newspaper, noted the second anniversary of the Arab-Israeli war today with a sharp warning to Arab extremists against the use of force to regain territories now occupied by Israel," said the news story.

It also said that "Western diplomats here (in Moscow) who are attuned to Middle East developments said the Pravda article seemed to reflect the general Soviet view of the current situation."

This report confirms the worst fears of those revolutionaries who have watched the Big Four secret conferences on the Mideast with growing alarm. The Soviet leaders are obviously trying to placate imperialism in the area at the expense of the oppressed and super-oppressed Arab people.

The Pravda article virtually admits this to be true. After saying that "politics" must be used rather than force (as though force itself were not the main instrument of class politics!), it asserts that the Middle East conflict is not a war between Arabs and Israelis as such, but a clash "between the forces of imperialism and the Arab national liberation movement."

Thus concessions to Israel's ag-

gression are admittedly concessions to imperialism and blows to the Arab liberation movement!

Pravda warned that attempts by "nationalists and revenge-seekers" (meaning revolutionary guerrillas and Communist fighters for the oppressed) in the United Arab Republic to push Egypt into a new war with Israel would only be costly to the Nasser regime.

What is this but an invitation to Nasser to imprison the fedayeen and keep the already imprisoned Communists in still deeper dungeons?

The editors of the New York Times are generally anti-Nasser insofar as Nasser fights imperialism and opposes Israel as an instrument of imperialism. But these editors took sorrowful note that "Mr. Nasser's following has decreased as the influence of the fedayeen (revolutionary guerrillas) has risen." And they approvingly reported that "The strong support shown for Mr. Nasser in the Pravda article was seen here (in Moscow) as part of a Soviet effort to enhance his prestige in the Middle East."

The Pravda article also criticized Arab leaders who have accepted aid from People's China, thus hitting the revolutionary Syrians and the extremely devoted and hard-fighting Al Fatah.

In the aftermath of the June, 1967 war, the relation of forces in the Mideast changed drastically in favor of imperialism. And now the Soviet revisionists tautously believe their imperialist conferees are going to rectify the balance in the Soviet favor for the price of the Arab revolution!

But this is not to be. The Al Fatah, The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and the fedayeen, generally, are not only more "extreme" than the conservative Soviet leaders—not only revolutionary where the Soviet leaders are obliging and conciliatory to imperialism—they are also wiser.

It is their struggle against imperialism that is helping the Arab people, not the Big Four Conference. And it is their struggle that is helping the Soviet Union, too.

Like the "moderates" in the U.S. anti-war movement who are afraid of their own shadows and help the warmakers at every opportunity, the "moderates" in the Moscow conciliation apparatus are only helping the imperialist enemies of the Soviet Union by their attempts to sell out the Arab revolution.

## Gov't Unravels "Drug" Frame-Up Against Rudd

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y., June 3—Two leaders in New York Regional SDS appeared in Niagara Falls City Court today for a preliminary hearing on frame-up charges growing out of their arrest here, May 19. Mark Rudd and Peter Clapp were arrested on phony possession of marijuana charges after they were detained at the Canadian border and their car searched for several hours.

The two had been returning from a summer perspectives conference in Detroit. When U.S. Customs officials found out their identity, the SDS activists were detained while government officials planted the drugs in their car. They were held on \$2,500 bail.

Rudd is one of the organizers of SDS Regional office in New York City. Clapp, a leading member of Columbia SDS, was recently suspended for a year three weeks before he was to graduate for his role in the struggles there this spring.

As a result of the five-hour hearing today, the government intends to hold over the charges for presentation to a Niagara County grand jury. The charge that the young men had over two ounces of marijuana in their car is a Class C Felony and could carry sentences of from 7-1/2 to 15 years.

The state's alleged evidence against Rudd and Clapp is full of holes. For example, the Treasury agents who allegedly found the marijuana did so after an earlier search of the vehicle by customs agents had shown nothing. Murphy, who seems to be the government's expert in finding marijuana, claimed that as a cop and Treasury agent he had confiscated, in all, five tons of the drug.

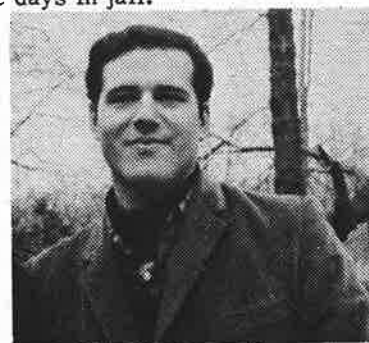
It was also brought out in cross-examination that federal agents had the keys to the car for a considerable time prior to the search and that neither defendant was present at the time. One of the customs officials testified that the trunk contained a large box of "communist literature" and nothing else. Murphy couldn't find this box, but claimed that the trunk was filled with old rags and that the drugs had been found hidden in the trunk.

On the basis of such a trumped-up case, the felony charges will be held over for the grand jury. No cross-examination is allowed before the grand jury, so the state is free to tell whatever lies it wants to bring down an indictment against the political activists. Bail has been continued for Rudd and Clapp at \$2,500.

## "We Committed No Crime ... We Are Fighting Racism"

Below is a statement prepared by Myron Jefka for the time of his sentencing, June 12. Jefka, a former Brooklyn college student and Brooklyn organizer of Youth Against War & Fascism, was convicted of trespass May 29, arising from a sit-in at the school last year. The sit-in was to demand that the college administration admit 1,000 black and Puerto Rican students.

Jefka was the only defendant, out of 36, who refused to plead guilty to the charge of criminal trespass. The other defendants, under pressure from CP and PL youth leaders had made a deal with D.A. Gold to plead guilty to a lesser charge. They were sentenced to five days in jail.



Myron Jefka

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I was proud to have been one of the 42 students and supporters who occupied the Brooklyn College Registrar's Office in May 1968 in support of the black and Puerto Rican students against the racist administration. We committed no crime.

Brooklyn College is our school and its racist admissions policies misrepresent us. It was not only our right to occupy our own building in our own interest, but our duty as fighters against racism and in support of black and Puerto Rican liberation to take an action to aid their struggle for self-determination.

It is not us and our comrades in the struggle against racism who have polarized the country into white against black and paved the way for the Yortys, the Nixons and the Burgers. On the contrary, we are the ones in the vanguard of the struggle against racism among whites. The greater the repressions and ruling class attempts to divide white workers and students from their black and Puerto Rican brothers, the more surely will the

white masses team up with their brothers against their oppressors.

It is the racist, imperialist ruling class which is wrecking havoc, death and destruction at home and abroad. Who are they to outlaw our peaceful occupation of our own building when they are occupying and devastating the oppressed nation of Vietnam? Who are they to accuse us of polarizing white against black when on our very campus they have framed-up twenty black and Puerto Rican students on charges carrying prison terms of 228 years, while they penalize us only five days for our part in the same struggle?

I will have no part in this attempt to divide white students from black. I am not proud of the lesser court terror against me due my "privilege" as a white. Although the courts have chosen to use liberal tactics toward me, while at the same time using fascist tactics against my brothers, I will not allow myself to be separated from them. What is more, I will struggle all the harder to expose the terror of this racist Brooklyn court, its flunkies like D.A. Gold and A.D.A. Crosson, as well as their mentors in Washington and Wall Street and their co-conspirators in the Brooklyn College Administration.

No privilege will turn us from supporting the demands of our black and Puerto Rican brothers, whatever they may be, or from fighting against their and our racist oppressors.

### Poisoning the Water

WASHINGTON, June 3 (UPI)—James G. Watt, a former lobbyist for the United States Chamber of Commerce, has been named Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Power Development, the Interior Department announced Tuesday. Mr. Watt's name made the headlines in February when Senator Edmund S. Muskie, Democrat of Maine, said he had been lobbying for the chamber against Interior Department water pollution legislation. At that time, Mr. Watt was a \$98-a-day consultant to Russell Train, Under Secretary of Interior, under contract through March.

## Tijerina Represents Oppressed In Attempting to Jail Burger

# "We Are the Victims of His Decisions"



He (Burger) Should Submit to Arrest

"Because He's for Law and Order"



While the Senate Judiciary Committee was rushing to confirm the nomination of Warren Burger as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, June 3, a representative of the Mexican-American people appeared at the hearing room door with a warrant to make a citizen's arrest of the judge.

The dramatic action by Reies Tijerina spoke for millions of poor and oppressed in this country who know that the appointment of the racist, witch-hunting judge is a new attack upon their lives.

The warrant charges Burger with "engaging in a conspiracy to create illegal vacancies on the Supreme Court of the U.S. and to pack said august court against the civil rights and liberties of the poor, the minority and the oppressed citizens of the U.S."

Not only did capitol police block Tijerina's way into the hearing room, but over 100 persons waiting to get in were denied entrance. Senator Eastland's committee had packed the room with staff members, reporters and assorted flunkies in order to keep the public out. The confirmation was railroaded through unanimously without so much as one question being raised about Burger's pro-fascist ideology and racist record.

Tijerina told the press, "We are a minority, we are the victims of his decisions." He also charged that the Senate Committee "is aware of how powerful the laws of citizen's arrest are. They are helping Burger evade this arrest."

The Mexican-American militant was kept waiting outside the hearing room for 2 1/2 hours, as Burger was whisked in and out through a back door. But even if the Senators tried to ignore the protest, it was driven home to millions of people as Tijerina went before TV cameras to charge that Burger was out to "administer the court system of the United States against the poor," by depriving them of their civil rights.

## If You Are Arrested, You're Guilty —Burger

By NAOMI GOLDSTEIN

He considers rights under the Fifth Amendment dispensable, the jury system inferior and a defendant guilty until proven otherwise. Sound like a fascist cop? He's the nominee for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Warren Burger.

Immediately after Nixon's nomination of Burger, the bourgeois press reported nationwide that Burger was a tough "law and order" man. Since then, bits of evidence as to exactly what that threat means have been coming through. For example, as a member of the D.C. Court of Appeals, Burger was instrumental in having hundreds of black people held in detention camps during the uprising there after Martin Luther King's assassination. Burger has also been a loud critic of the Warren Court's "coddling" of criminals, that is, protecting their constitutional rights.

In a series of exposés on Burger's background, Drew Pearson's column in the New York Post on June 2 and 3 revealed that Burger was a fellow witchhunter of Nixon's from way back. Assistant Attorney General Burger was so zealous during the McCarthy period, he took on the job of smearing a Yale professor who worked parttime for the government, when Solicitor General Simon Sobeloff himself refused to dirty his hands with the matter.

Burger, touted widely as a man of "high integrity," went so far as to call a secret meeting with the press to get them to incite a hysteria against the "disloyalty" of Dr. John Peters of Yale. He at the same time defended the use of secret informers against witchhunt victims — clearly violating the defendant's right to be confronted by his accusers.

### 90 Per Cent Guilty

But Burger's basic tendency toward fascist, police state tactics in defense of ruling class interests in the courts was best revealed in his comments on "criminal justice" at a small gathering of the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions in Santa Barbara, California, last year. An article on this little-publicized meeting, in the Philadelphia Bulletin of June 1, explains just what kind of "law and order" Burger has in mind.

"If the system of criminal justice is working right," Burger said during the discussion, "at least 90 per cent of the people charged with criminal acts are probably guilty of something, even if not necessarily the particular act charged — because in such a system the prosecutor does his work honestly."

It matters little to Burger whether a person is guilty of what he is accused of or not. If he's arrested, he's guilty. The next step would be to give all power to the cops and DA's and do away with trials altogether.

This method of open fascist repression in the courts is calculated to fall heaviest on political prisoners and the oppressed, particularly black people in their struggle for liberation. Even with the system of trial by jury still intact, it has been a favorite tactic of the courts to frame black revolutionaries on outrageous criminal charges, stir up a racist hysteria and railroad the victims into long prison sentences (for example, the case of Martin Sostre and the New York Panther 21).

### Trial by Jury "A Waste of Time"

As it is, the oppressed never get to be tried in front of a jury of their peers, anyway. But as Burger sees it, without the bother of a jury trial and having to go through the motions of an impartial hearing, the persecution of political prisoners will be much more efficient.

"If we could eliminate the jury we would save a lot of time," Burger pointed out to his judicial colleagues at the Institute meeting.

Apparently Burger's penchant for efficient suppression goes deep. He'd like to get rid of the "wasteful" American adversary system, which pits the state against the accused, because it emphasizes too many "techniques, devices, mechanisms." By unnecessary "techniques" he means the recognition of such cumbersome rights as presumption that the defendant is innocent, jury trials, the rules of evidence, the placing of the burden of proof on the prosecutor and the right of the defendant to remain silent.

According to the Bulletin article, Burger feels that "evidence" which is illegally obtained should be used against the defendant anyway. Undoubtedly, this includes "evidence" manufactured or planted by the prosecution to frame-up the court's victims.

### Back to Slaveholders' Constitution

They say Burger is a strict interpreter of the Constitution. Here are two examples of his interpretation of constitutional rights:

"I heard one Supreme Court justice say in a seminar that the presumption of innocence is 'rooted in the Constitution.' Well, it may be rooted there, but you cannot find it there." Also, "I am no longer sure that the Fifth Amendment concept in its present form and as presently applied and interpreted, has all the validity attributed to it."

In fact, as a matter of practice, the representatives of the bourgeoisie in the courts have found in the Constitution whatever suited their particular needs at any given moment. The signals are now flashing for a right turn, and Burger is going to take a long hard look at the Constitution — more in the light of what the slaveholders and landed aristocrats had in mind when they wrote it.

## James Reston Wins a Special Kind of Pulitzer

James Reston is the Executive Editor of the New York Times. Not only does he hold the highest editorial office on the Times, but his influence and prestige are of the highest order among bourgeois circles everywhere. Reston's column is read by governments and individuals alike, in the attempt at following the course of the U.S. ruling class.

On May 23, Reston wrote a piece on Judge Burger that should win him this year's Pulitzer for Servility, Ingratiation and All-Around-Obsequiousness.

"Mr. Burger is experienced," Reston intoned, "industrious, middle-class, middle-aged, middle-of-the-road, Middle-Western, Presbyterian, orderly, and handsome." All that is lacking in this serious political analysis is a discussion of Burger's middle-toe.

As Reston sees it, "The mood of the moment is not for innovation but consolidation." We expect, for the kind of "consolidation" Reston-Burger-Nixon has in mind, there will be quite a bit of "innovation," of a purely reactionary and fascist character though.

Reston almost drools over how "Burger is such a perfect symbol of the qualities and values President Nixon is clearly trying to emphasize...." Burger, Reston wants us to believe, is going to be just a "symbol" and not the chief administrator of the whole system of legal lynchings and frame-ups.

Burger "is not a hanging judge," Reston tells us. In fact, Burger is from "the progressive political tradition of Minnesota," says Reston. "He was part of that remarkable generation of the twenties and thirties in the Upper Middle West that produced the Progressive and Farmer-Labor parties, the La Follettes, the Olsens..." and so on.

Reston is a veritable Homer as he recalls the great names of the region. As he rattles off the list of Liberal-Luminaries of the Bourgeoisie, Reston hopes the reader's brain will be numbed in ecstasy and thereby forget all about the new Chief Justice.

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# Cleveland Battle For New Evans Trial Goes On



## Masotti Report— Authors Deny, Facts Prove: Evans Innocent

When the Warren Commission Report was released, the press rushed to publicize its conclusions: that there had been no conspiracy to assassinate John Kennedy, that Oswald was the lone assassin, firing from the Texas School Book Depository with a W.W. II surplus Italian rifle and that Jack Ruby's shooting of Oswald was an equally irrational and isolated act.

Then, as critics of the Report pored over its 26 volumes of testimony and evidence, they began to find overwhelming proof gathered by the Commission itself that refuted these very conclusions.

The Masotti Report on the events of July 23, 1968—called "Shoot-Out in Cleveland" and submitted to the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence—has now been released, seven months after its completion, and its parallels to the Warren Report are striking. The press has widely publicized as the "conclusion" of the Report the statement that "A small, well-equipped army of black extremists were responsible for the bloodshed (whether or not they fired the first shot)." The paperback version promises an expose of "the first major armed battle between police and black militants."

"Masotti Blames Glenville Battle on 'Extremists,'" chortled the Cleveland Plain Dealer. The Cleveland Press breathed a sigh of relief, "Masotti Report Called No Help to Evans."

The Report had been held up until after Ahmed Evans, a black nationalist, was convicted of seven counts of first degree murder and sentenced to the electric chair. A scapegoat had been found, the racists partially appeased, and now the Masotti Report confirmed that justice had been done.

Except it's a lie. The evidence contained in the Report, even though disavowed by its authors, shows that Cleveland last summer was the scene of a police riot, that there was no "plot" by Evans to ambush the cops, and that innocent black people were murdered by the police in cold blood. The Report is less than honest about its conclusions—just like the Warren Report—but the evidence is all there.

Ahmed Evans and four other black

Twenty-two people went on trial this week in Cleveland for contempt of court. The mostly black group has carried on a struggle to win a new trial for Ahmed Evans and expose the police riot of last July 23rd.

The group is alleged to have defied a court injunction barring demonstrations at the County Court Building. For three days, a delegation of the July 23rd Defense Committee had sought to meet with D.A. John Corrigan, who prosecuted Evans for first degree murder. On the third day, after Corrigan had repeatedly refused to see the group, five judges signed an injunction barring them from the building.

At the trial, defense attorneys Stanley Tolliver and Walter Haffner argued that the group was arrested without even entering the building and before they could even have seen the injunction, which was tacked up inside. They were assembled on the broad steps of the building in an orderly fashion when 20 helmeted deputies charged out of the doors and arrested the 22 adults and three juveniles.

Among those seized were Mae Mallory, Robert Williams' co-defendant in the Monroe, N.C. "kidnapping" case, who had been incarcerated in Ohio several years ago fighting extradition; Ted Dostal, who is white and is facing trial from an anti-Wallace demonstration; and Othello Mahone a Washington newspaperman. When he protested his arrest, Mr. Mahone was badly beaten about the head, requiring hospital attention.

The contempt proceeding against the 22 has had many grim reminders of the recently completed trial of black nationalist Ahmed Evans. Evans was convicted by an all-white jury of "conspiracy" in the deaths of seven persons, three of them white cops, last July 23rd. Now the people who have been petitioning for justice in the Evans case are being tried by the same judge who sentenced Evans to the electric

men who have not yet been tried were charged with conspiracy to kill three policemen and four black bystanders. As the Masotti Report admits, "Fred Evans was convicted of first degree murder by an all-white jury under an Ohio law that required no proof that he ever pulled a trigger." What the prosecution was trying to prove was that Evans had purchased guns, had a group of followers with him on the day of the "shoot-out," and that they lured police into an ambush by shooting at a tow truck.

The tow truck story is proven false in the Masotti Report, since the shooting started earlier. But most important, the Report reveals that police were originally dispatched to Evans' home because of a "tip" by a paid FBI informer that a concerted four-city attack by nationalists was planned for that day. "Those who had talked to the informer on the telephone suspected he was under the influence of drugs," the Report states, but this didn't prevent the police from stationing several patrol cars in front of Evans' house. (Nothing ever happened in the three other cities.)

This section of the Report alone, had it been available for the Evans trial, would have demolished the prosecutor's contention—necessary to the proof of a conspiracy—that Evans lured police into an ambush. Yet the Cleveland press, and the authors of the Masotti Report itself, continues to claim the Report would have been no help to Evans.

One of the counts of the indictment against Ahmed Evans—for which he was found guilty—was the death of James Chapman, a black man. A week after the shooting, the police suddenly "identified" Chapman as someone who had been assisting them the night of the 23rd.

The Report says, "Chapman was proclaimed a hero, and Bluecoats, Inc., an organization that helps widows of policemen, departed from standard policy to present a thousand-dollar check to Chapman's widow."

Then, in a footnote, they add, "Some people, including several close relatives of Chapman, did not accept the heroic version of Chapman's death...."

chair. Judge McGonagle also signed the injunction barring the group from the court building. Stanley Tolliver, a defense attorney for the 22, was Evans' lawyer.

Judge McGonagle denied a defense motion for a new trial for Evans. (The plea for a new trial had special significance because of new evidence released in the Masotti Report. See accompanying article.) In the trial of the 22, the defense moved to dismiss the charges since there had been no violation of the injunction—the defendants never even went into the building. Judge McGonagle remained true to form and denied this motion also.

Adding to the court's attempt to create an atmosphere of danger and hysteria around the present proceedings is the fact that all 22 defendants are frisked each time they enter the courtroom.

Charges by the black community of police brutality last July 23rd, aired dramatically at a recent People's Court where witnesses told of beatings, shooting and molesting by the cops, have prompted the Cleveland authorities to convene a Grand Jury investigation. However, all indications are that this is another attempt to intimidate militant leaders rather than expose the truth about the Cleveland cops.

Called before the Grand Jury last week were Mrs. Mallory and Professor Paul Zilsel. Mrs. Mallory was chairman of the People's Court, but was not in Cleveland last July. None of the many witnesses before the People's Court, whose names and addresses were presented to County Prosecutor Corrigan in a bill of particulars detailing police crimes, were called by the Grand Jury.

The police riot of last July 23rd, in which nine people were killed and some 15 wounded, has stirred Cleveland's black community—one-third of the city—profoundly. Plans are even now being made for appropriate action to mark the anniversary of the events next month.

The angle of fire and type of weapon do not rule out the possibility that Chapman was killed by policemen.... Testimony at the (Evans) trial cast further doubt on the heroic version of Chapman's death when the eminent pathologist Cyril Wecht said the fatal bullet was fired from no more than six inches. No sniper, of course, could have gotten that close to Chapman in the company of police."

The death of James C. Haynes, a black building superintendent, provides another particularly revealing episode in the Report.

The police had raided and shot up the Afro Set, a craft shop and meeting place. "Then, say eyewitnesses, a patrol-car crew drove into a gas station, turned off the headlights, and began to fire in the direction of the apartment building where James Haynes lived. Another car, they say, drove into the alley behind Superior where Haynes was later found dead."

The black Law Director of Cleveland, Clarence James, soon arrived and was met by an excited crowd that pointed at a patrol car parked in front of the Afro Set, "That's the car that did the shooting," they said, indicating Car 351."

As James walked over, the car pulled away. He grabbed a microphone from his police car and radioed, "Car 351, this is the Law Director; return to the scene on Superior that you just left." But Car 351 kept going.

James got into a police car and pursued with the siren on. Finally, he thought he saw Car 351 ahead, running without lights on.

He ran the car down, found a sergeant and a captain, and asked them why they hadn't stopped in reply to his orders. They claimed they had the radio turned down (in the middle of a rebellion!) and hadn't heard anything. "James found their answers unconvincing," says the Report.

"City officials later promised an investigation of the shootings near East 82nd and Superior, probing for instances of police misconduct. If the investigation took place, the conclusions have not been made public."

These are but a few of the incidents described in the Masotti Report that refute the Report's conclusions.



Black people charge "Genocide" at Cleveland court.

June 12, 1969

# Sostre's Co-Worker, Black Mother of 5, Convicted by Racists

Almost two years after a rebellion in the Afro-American community of Buffalo, the white racist ruling class has completed the frame-up of two black liberation fighters made the scapegoats for the uprising. Martin Sostre was convicted and sentenced in March of 1968 to 31 to 41 years in prison. And on May 29, 1969, Geraldine Robinson, co-defendant in the case, was convicted by an all-white jury on trumped-up charges of aiding in the sale of narcotics and interfering with an arrest. She, too, faces a severe sentence of up to 15 years.

Mrs. Robinson, the young mother of five small children, was convicted after a three-week trial. Although Mrs. Robinson's attorney, Charles McKinney, was both ingenious and militant in exposing the endless lies of the cops and the police informant, the racist court was intent on getting a conviction. It took the jury six hours to reach the final verdict.

## Racist Attack on Poor, Black Mother

Because the prosecution had no real case against Mrs. Robinson, it relied on appealing to the most degenerate and racist prejudices of the all-white, suburban, middle-aged, professions-oriented jury. (In the entire panel of prospective jurors called for the trial, there was not a single black person.)

Prosecutor Dobozin made the state's case a vicious character assassination, dwelling particularly on the fact that Mrs. Robinson is a welfare recipient and he repeatedly tried to

insult the defendant by calling her children "illegitimate." In this way, he played on the racist contempt of the jurors for the poor and oppressed. After that, all the lies of the cops, all the contradictions in testimony, all the defense witnesses made no difference.

The phony evidence concocted by the police in this frame-up rests on the testimony of an informant who claimed that he bought heroin on July 14, 1967 at the Afro-Asian Bookstore run by Sostre. The bookstore was the only outlet for black nationalist and revolutionary literature in the black community. During the trial it was demonstrated by the defense that the informant, Arto Williams, a drug addict who had been held without bail in the Erie County Jail on a fifth conviction, was released on the very day of the alleged sale. That day he was conveniently set free on his own recognizance, and later he turned up in California.

Williams claimed that he knew Geraldine Robinson from high school. But Mrs. Robinson testified that this was impossible since she went to an all-girl high school. The first time she saw Williams, the defendant told the court, was sometime in October or November of 1967 when she went to visit Martin Sostre. Williams was in prison!

## Told for First Time

An eyewitness to the police raid on the Afro-Asian Bookstore also corro-

place.)

Jerry testified earlier that he had been carrying a sign with another person outside the auditorium (no signs or banners were allowed inside) which read STOP POLICE HIDING SNIPERS OF RICHARD GIFF. The sign was one that black youths had brought to the demonstration to show that Giff's murderer would not go free forever.

The cops' story, if believed, has Jerry eluding the Tactics Unit pig at least three times, and throwing a bottle 52 feet in a curve to break the designated window (defense attorney Bill Myers called this "an Olympic feat")

Joe Ippolito, a construction contractor, testified for the defense that he saw a girl on the floor in front of the black-jacketed police. At this point in testimony Judge Kane, in a frenzy, stopped Mr. Ippolito from further testimony. Prosecuting attorney Cleary protested that "the Buffalo Police are not on trial here," to which attorney Bill Myers replied, "Yes, they are on trial here!" Mr. Ippolito went on to testify that he had been at the bottom of the ramp and had seen Jerry practically carried down the ramp by two cops, doubled up in obvious pain.

At the end of the summations, presiding Judge Kane spoke without batting an eye: "... guilty... guilty... guilty." And another U.S. kangaroo court "trial"—Buffalo style—was over.

borated the defense testimony. John Irving, a black youth, who was 15 years old at the time, was in the store when several plainclothes cops burst in, and, without identifying themselves, beat Sostre and manhandled Mrs. Robinson. The youth testified that Sostre had told the cops, "You won't find anything here." When the raiders found nothing, one of the cops pulled a small packet, allegedly containing heroin, from his pocket saying, "I found this."

Just three days after Mrs. Robinson's conviction, John Irving was arrested by the Buffalo cops on the vague charges of attempting to commit a crime and attempted burglary. The 17-year-old witness for Mrs. Robinson was arrested suddenly on an indictment that had been held over by the Buffalo courts since August, 1968. It is strongly suspected by the Martin Sostre Defense Committee that this arrest is another in a series of harassments by the police of people involved in the defense of Sostre and Robinson. For example, the chairman of the committee, Jerry Gross, was arrested on trumped-up charges of possession of marijuana.

The details of the Buffalo frame-up were brought out for the first time at Mrs. Robinson's trial, since during the racist proceedings against Sostre, the defendant had no lawyer and refused to cooperate in his own legal lynching. The Sostre-Robinson case was severed shortly after their arrest in July 1967 to make their defense more difficult.

## Judge Doubles Bail on Conviction

The malice of the court toward the black defendant was again demonstrated at the time of Mrs. Robinson's conviction. Judge Colucci doubled her bail from \$5,000 to \$10,000. All the appeals of Attorney McKinney for reduction of the outrageous bail were denied. The defendant was given the Memorial Day weekend to raise the additional money. (This was not much of a concession since it was very difficult to contact many supporters of the Martin Sostre Defense Committee over the holiday weekend.)

On Monday, June 2, when Mrs. Robinson appeared in court, the court flunkies were so sure the Defense Committee wouldn't be able to make the bail that Public Prosecutor Dobozin tried (unsuccessfully) to lead the defendant away before she had even gone before the judge. Secretary of the Defense Committee, Jeannette Merrill, acting on behalf of Mrs. Robinson, then made two verbal motions to Judge Colucci for extension of the time and reduction of bail. Attorney McKinney could not appear in court that day, so the committee pleaded for the defendant.

Judge Colucci was so taken aback that a lay person would try to exercise the right to address the court with a motion that he lectured Mrs. Merrill, saying she had no right to make the motion for reduction of bail. A 24-hour extension was granted, nevertheless, and bail was posted the next day.

Adding to the difficulties in the defense of Mrs. Robinson is the possibility that the court, in its hurry to railroad the black defendant to jail, may raise the bail again at the time of her sentencing on June 20.

## Black Defendants Fought Back

The entire frame-up of Martin Sostre and Geraldine Robinson has been carried out in the most flagrantly racist and illegal manner. The Buffalo authorities, acting in concert with the courts all over the country, are trying to destroy the revolutionary leadership of the black people in their struggle for liberation.

The ruling class in Buffalo has gone to particularly extreme lengths to abuse and terrorize Sostre and Mrs. Robinson because both of them have fought back with such courage and resoluteness on behalf of their people. (Martin Sostre has been held in solitary confinement at Green Haven Prison for a year now.)

The Martin Sostre Defense Committee, which is determined to exhaust every means available to win their freedom, has begun work on a campaign to raise money and support for Mrs. Robinson. Please send contributions to the Martin Sostre Defense Committee, at P.O. Box 382, Ellicott Station, Buffalo, N.Y. 14205.

# Buffalo YAWF Leader Guilty in Farce "Trial"

BUFFALO, June 6—Gerald Gross, chairman of Buffalo Youth Against War & Fascism and chairman of the Martin Sostre Defense Committee, was convicted today in City Court, after a two-day non-jury "trial" on trumped-up charges of criminal mischief, resisting arrest, and disorderly conduct. (The combined weight of these charges could bring a possible 2 years, 15 days in jail). The charges stem from Jerry's arrest at the Nixon rally in Buffalo on October 7, 1968, where 200 anti-Nixon demonstrators entered Memorial Auditorium where Nixon was to appear and were attacked and brutally beaten by TPU (Tactical Patrol Unit) and Buffalo Police.

Gerald Gross has currently been under vicious attack by the power structure in Buffalo—a reflection of the effect of successful activities of YAWF and the Martin Sostre Defense Committee here. He is one of the Buffalo 9 defendants (anti-war youths arrested for supporting draft resisters in a "church sanctuary" that was raided by FBI gestapo). On another more recent occasion, Jerry was stopped when driving down the street and later informed (in jail) that marijuana had been "found" in his car—a frame similar to that of Martin Sostre and countless other black liberation fighters and New Left activists.

The incredible tale woven by the prosecution in this case (two Tactical Patrol Pigs were the witnesses) ran something like this:

The defendant Gross was on the main floor of the auditorium near the speaker's platform "where he wasn't supposed to be," chanting and stomping his feet (it was brought out that approximately 4,500 people at that time were "chanting and stomping their feet" in a demonstration FOR NIXON) and carrying a sign saying "something about GET FASCIST FUZZ KILLERS OF RICHARD GIFF" (Richard Giff was a black youth who was shot in the back after a Wallace rally, the same month, in Buffalo. He died from the wound.)

Cop Muldoon testified that he told Gross to leave the area, and Gross refused. Muldoon informed him he was under arrest; Gross then turned and ran through a crowd of 50-100 people up a ramp to the second floor of the auditorium. Muldoon, rounding the ramp about 20 feet behind, saw Gross,

who now had a beer bottle in each hand, throw a bottle against the wall above Muldoon's head, then turn away from Muldoon and throw the second bottle through a window (52 feet away!).

Then, they say, Gross ran to the first entranceway, was grabbed there by the back of his collar and belt of his pants by Muldoon but AGAIN escaped, running back down the ramp where Muldoon, still chasing him, finally caught up. Gross then elbowed Muldoon and took a swing at another cop, Kelly, who had come up to help, so Muldoon hit Gross in the stomach with his nightstick.

In actuality, the first time that Jerry saw Muldoon was when he was on the stairway (second floor) and grabbed from behind. Muldoon said "I saw you break that window." Jerry replied, "what window" and received a stunning blow in his stomach from the nightstick, causing him to double over in pain. (Witnesses saw this event taking

## 2 Militants Convicted For Buffalo 9 Protest

By DAN BENTIVOGLI

BUFFALO, June 4 — Paul Dominick, a local YAWF activist, and Terry Keegan were convicted here today on charges stemming from the mass demonstration protesting the sentencing of Bruce Beyer, one of the Buffalo Nine. Paul was fined \$100 for disorderly conduct (he was acquitted on one misdemeanor) and Terry's sentencing has been set for June 20. The case of the Buffalo Nine, which sparked a student rebellion at the State University of Buffalo, had built up tremendous support among the student body.

On March 19, the date of Beyer's sentencing, a group of 800 anti-war, anti-imperialist students marched from the Federal Courthouse through downtown Buffalo to Lafayette Square where an effigy of Judge Curtin (the presiding judge in the case) was burned. At this point, members of Buffalo's Tactical Patrol Unit and Subversive Squad began charging the demonstration and arrested nine people (including

Gerald Gross, YAWF chairman and one of the Buffalo Nine, who was pulled from his car and subsequently framed-up on narcotics charges.)

In a trial that took close to a week, defense lawyers Carmen Putrino and Bill Meyers, introduced dozens of photographs, color slides and movies which clearly proved the innocence of the two activists. As in all political trials in America's kangaroo court system, however, a person is guilty as soon as he voices opposition to America's imperialist policies.

The prosecution case, in brief, contended that Paul and Terry built a bonfire with signs and placards, created a disturbance (Paul had a bullhorn) and that Terry resisted arrest. Two of the charges were misdemeanors and carry a possible jail sentence of one year each.

Judge Ryan, throughout the trial, made no attempt to hide the fact that his sympathies lay with America's

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# \$200,000 Panther Bail In "Liberal" Denver

The nationwide roundup of Black Panther Party members continued last week with the arrest of two young men in Denver. Rory Hithe, 18 years old, and Landon Robert Williams, 25, were arrested at the headquarters of the Panther Party in Denver on charges of "unlawful flight to avoid prosecution."

Bond for the Panther members has been set at the astronomical figure of \$200,000 each by U.S. Commissioner Howard Erickson. In this case, as in all the other political frame-ups of Black Panthers, bail has been used as ransom to keep the black revolutionaries imprisoned. In effect, \$200,000 bail is no bail at all for a victim of racist repression.

Federal authorities claim that Hithe and Williams are wanted in connection with the death of Al Rackley in New Haven, Conn. Last month, eight Panther leaders in New Haven were arrested on trumped-up charges of the murder of Rackley. The police story goes that Rackley was tortured and executed. As in several other government assaults against the Panthers, the frame-up came just as they were about to launch a breakfast food program for children in the black community.

In this latest frame-up, the Panthers face a possible death sentence.



Rory Hithe and Landon Robert Williams, arrested in Denver and held on \$200,000 bail each.

# Panther "Kidnap" New Attack on

Sixteen Black Panthers have just been indicted in Chicago in a new attack on the Black Liberation movement. A Cook County grand jury pinned charges of kidnapping and conspiracy to commit kidnapping on the whole sixteen.

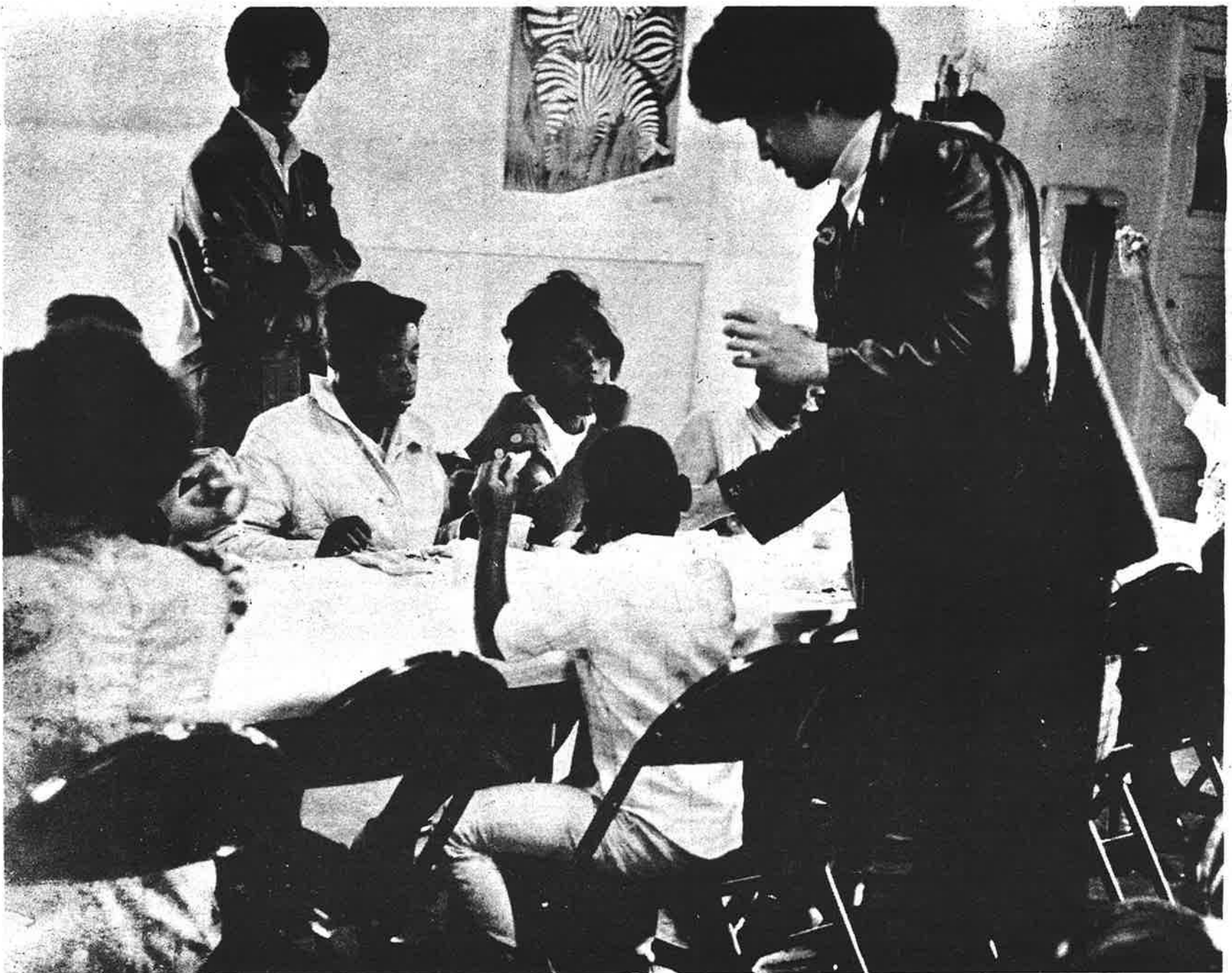
Alleging that a white couple had been abducted from nearby Summit, the State's Attorney, Edward V. Hanrahan, appeared to be building a frame similar to the "kidnap" frame-up Union County, North Carolina constructed against Mae Mallory and Rob Williams during the struggle for black freedom there in 1961.

Hanrahan claimed the Panthers were trying to recover a riot gun that had been stolen from the Panthers' Chicago headquarters and abducted the man and woman who were responsible for stealing it.

This latest round-up of Black Panthers is clearly a part of a nationwide crack-down and an attempt to generate nationwide hysteria against the youthful black revolutionaries and the whole oppressed black nation as well.

The Oakland-Berkeley persecutions that began nearly two years ago against Huey Newton and led to the police murder of Bobby Hutton and others, have

# Capitalism Is the Enemy of the



# Feeding the Poor, Feeding the Hungry

Here's one of the reasons why the racist ruling class is out to destroy the Black Panther Party. Above, Sacramento Panthers feed hungry children breakfast before they go to school. The breakfast program was begun on Wednesday morning, May 7, with 25 children at the Oak Park United Church of Christ at 33rd and 4th Avenues.

By the end of the week, the Panthers were feeding 150 children.

The program, which Panther chapters are setting up all over the country, has not only helped the hungry children, but has also served to show the people, in a concrete way, that hunger exists in this so-called "land of plenty."

# "Indictments: Black Liberation

now spread to New York, New Haven, Chicago and many other cities as well.

The broadness and fury of the "legal" onslaught resembles the infamous "Palmer Red Raids" of 1920. The only precedents for the outrageous attacks are those shameful, vicious frame-ups which even the imperialist liberals have more or less repudiated (many years after the event, of course!). The Scottsboro Case, Sacco and Vanzetti, Mooney-Billings, the Haymarket Martyrs, the case of Willy McGee, the Trenton Six and in more recent times the Fort Hood Three, Eddie Oquendo, Captain Howard Levy, Dave Mitchell, the Harlem Six, Harvey and Daniels and many more.

The U.S. frame-up system against radicals, labor fighters and advocates of black liberation is not taught to children in school. But it has always existed and now, apparently, is getting into high gear again. Unlike the period of the "Palmer Red Raids" however, this is not the end of a short era of labor struggles, but the beginning of a long epoch of resistance in general and the historical rise of an oppressed people to demand its birthright of national independence and freedom from imperialism.

## People

By Ed Williams, Illinois Chapter, Black Panther Party. Reprinted from May 31, issue of The Black Panther.

We the citizens of the oppressed communities here in America are forced to place their hopes on the corrupt values and misleading promises of the capitalist class. We who are oppressed are told that our impoverished state of affairs will improve as time goes on. We are appeased by the thought of exercising patience because our problem requires a great deal of time and study. We are inspired to believe that American style capitalism and freedom will eventually reward the entire working class. However, experience teaches us that the only reward for the working class is an illusionary dream world that will never become a reality. The capitalist political flunkies have tricked the people into believing the lie and counter-lie about the two party system of democracy. One of their main lies is, "If the Democrats do not help the people, vote for the Republicans." In other words if one dislikes the oppression of the Republicans, one should vote for the oppression of the Democrats. Brothers of the working class you must ask yourself, why are the capitalists of the United States prepared with a shark's appetite and a tiger's methods, to conquer a lion's share of the worker's profits? We workers receive a small salary while the capitalists walk off with all of the profits.

There are many illusions in the capitalist system. We members of the Black Panther Party are prepared to deal with the veils of illusions which cover this evil system and prevent the people from understanding why they are oppressed. The Black Panther Party holds no illusions for the people. The Panther Party comprehends what should be done and how it should be done.

If the ruling class wants to bring the people and the country out of decadence and on to the road towards development and progress, it must first and foremost turn the means of production, distribution and exchange over to the people. This foremost first step will bring an end to domestic as well as international imperialism and oppression. This first step will halt domestic as well as international crimes against mankind. This first step will also bring life and hope to the many victims in the community of oppressed people who suffer at the hands of capitalism.

Nullify the white capitalists and their henchmen the black capitalists, if for no other reason than for their contemptuous attitude towards the masses of the people. A contemptuous attitude which manifests itself in the scandalous aspects of profit-making. Everyone understands that profit-making is nothing more than a capitalist way to rob the people. Therefore the working class takes away the profit for themselves.

When we examine the question of profit and poverty, we can easily see that every poverty program that comes out of Washington, D.C., will never help the oppressed people to become self-supporting. Ask yourself, how can a handful of dollars from Washington, balance off the truck load of dollars that are taken from the workers every minute of the day? How can a fist full of dollars correct the robbery



Illinois Deputy Chairman Fred Hampton, second from left, just received a one to five year sentence for protecting some black children who allegedly took \$20 worth of ice cream.

we face everytime we walk into a store? How can a meaningless gift from the class enemies really justify class exploitation? To cover their wretched behavior, the capitalists bring out the veils of contradictions such as, Black people are poor because they are black, or white workers catch hell because they did not attend college. Latin-Americans are accused of having under-developed economies, while Vietnamese are told that they have problems because of the communist elements in their country.

We the people of the Black Panther Party are disgusted with the contradictions and counter-contradictions, lies and counter-lies that are promoted by the capitalists. The truth of the matter is, all oppressed people of the working class are forced to function in a bigoted, hard stubborn arrogant system of human exploitation. A system which makes little effort to meet the needs of the people. A government which can never over-come the class conflicts.

The Black Panther Party has abandoned all hopes for the success of capitalism. We Panthers have abandoned the capitalist system which threatens the workers with police powers. We Panthers reject this government because of the atrocities committed by the ruling class. We Panthers oppose American capitalism because its leaders have killed more people than any government in the history of mankind.

The Black Panther Party is united with the working class. We are class brothers. As class brothers we must agree: 1. Capitalism is an inferior system. 2. Capitalism never rose except to pillage, because it is controlled by a group of power freaks. 3. Capitalism is the inferior monster which has over-run everything the people, the nation, the reason and the science. 4. We class brothers must remain united against the injustice of oppression. Now we agree that we have an inferior form of government, it becomes easy to see that the national, the state and the local capitalists officials are also inferior. Did you ever ask yourself why the Black Panther Party calls for freedom and the power to allow the people to control their destiny? Why? Because we know that capitalism is an inferior form of government. The Black Panther Party is aware of the fact that national, state and local capitalists are not interested in the well being of the people. According to author Frantz Fanon in "The Wretched Of The Earth", "The state which by its strength and discretion ought to inspire confidence and lull everybody to sleep, on the contrary seeks to impose itself in spectacular fashion. It makes a display, it jostles people and bullies them thus intimidating to the citizen that he is in continual danger."

Certainly Fanon is correct. The life of every man, woman and child is endangered by capitalism. There is the danger of world war, the danger of poverty, the danger of oppression and many other dangers. We Panthers know that the inferior CAPITALIST SYSTEM CANNOT HALT THE PROGRESS of its own dangers and contradictions. Pick any capitalist country, be it America, England, France, Germany or Spain, the contradictions will be the same. Any man who has seen the ghettos of Paris, France, has seen one of the highest forms of man's inhumanity to man. Any man who has walked through the ghettos of London or Madrid should know that capitalism kills. In every capitalist country one will find a ruling class exercising abnormal and savage control over the birth, the life and the death rate of the working class.

Thus do our brothers and sisters of the working class decay, driven to death in mills, in the mines and in the ghettos of the capitalists. We are driven,

## Nixon Raids Chicago Panthers

CHICAGO (LNS)—A squad of FBI men armed with machine guns forced their way into the office of the Chicago Black Panther Party at 5 a.m. on June 3, as Federal authorities stepped up their attack on the Panthers.

The agents closed off all the streets surrounding the office, and landed a helicopter on the roof of the building. They ransacked the headquarters, took a strongbox containing \$3,000 in cash (without leaving any receipt), ripped posters off walls and removed Panther literature. They also claimed to have found a cache of illegal weapons. The total damage is estimated at \$20,000.

The pretext for the raid was a warrant they claimed to have for a fugitive wanted for unlawful flight to avoid prosecution for murder, conspiracy to commit murder, kidnapping, and conspiracy to commit kidnapping. The FBI identified the "fugitive" as George Sams, Jr., who they said was wanted in New Haven, Conn.

The Panthers appeared in the Federal Building before U.S. Commissioner James B. Balog. They were all charged and arraigned on harboring a federal fugitive and illegal possession of weapons. Two women out of the eight were released on their personal recognizance at \$3,000 bail; the men, at \$4,000. Two of the Panthers were turned over to Chicago authorities, Larry Maurice Roberson because of an old unpaid fine for disorderly conduct, and Harvey Holt, on a charge of resisting arrest.

The day before the bust, at a press conference held at the Black Panther headquarters in Chicago, Deputy Minister of Defense, Bobby Rush, stated that he had information from a police source that there was a big bust likely. At a press conference held the afternoon after the bust, Bobby Rush said: "What is happening to the Black Panther Party affects all people in the black, brown, and poor white community." He claimed there was no warrant, no arsenal, no fugitive, that the raid was a planned, armed invasion.

Mike Klonsky, SDS National Secretary who was arrested two weeks ago in a similar raid, extends 100 per cent support to the Black Panthers. "Any time revolutionaries begin meeting the needs of the people, they begin to feel the brutal arm of the power structure."

Rush stated that the Panthers still intend to exhaust all legal means to fight this repression.

robbed and despised in the factory; betrayed, and slaughtered on the battlefield; voiceless in the control of industry, voiceless in the capitalist political conventions, voiceless in the judiciary, voiceless in the state and national executive councils, ridiculed by 'high society', scorned everywhere. We must defend ourselves. We must seize the power to control and defend our class everywhere.

Brothers, if you have minds exercise them for your own class; if you have pride, show it for your class; if you have loyalty, prove it for your class, if you have power, use it in defense of your class, if you can climb, unite with your class and together we will climb out of this hell of capitalism. Unite for Panther Power, Unite for Peace and Freedom, Unite for POWER TO ALL THE PEOPLE.



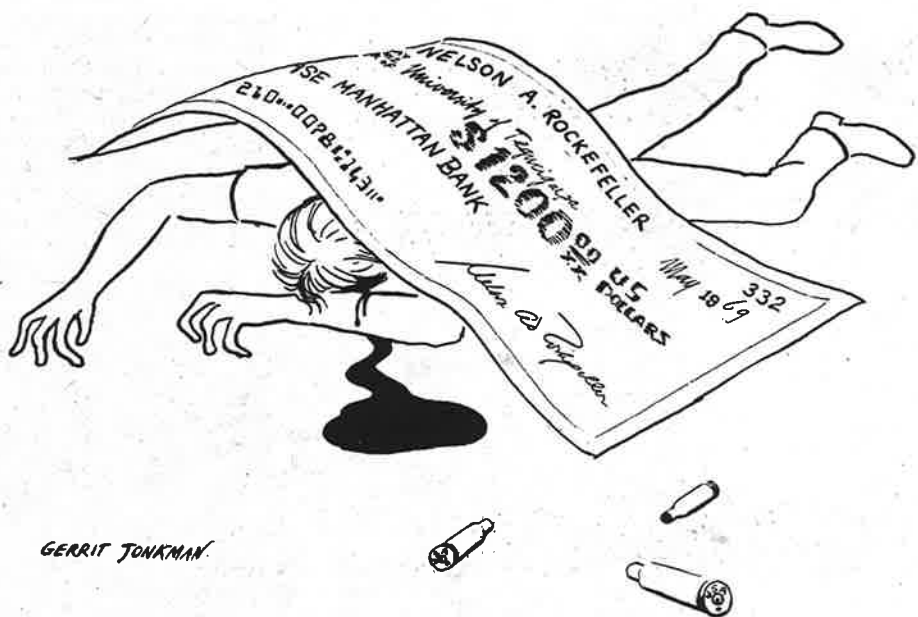
# A Yankee Robber Who Should Have Stayed Home!

By P. MEISNER

Nelson Rockefeller has been put through the embarrassment of having been kicked off his own plantation. Like a hated slave master, he may own the fields and the bodies which toil in them, but he does not own the rebellious heart of the masses, and this time he strayed too far from the mansion and it almost cost him his life.

The Rockefeller tour of colonized Latin America may have been the most humiliating political setback U.S. imperialism has ever suffered in Latin America since the Cuban revolution. In just about every Latin American country scheduled for a Rockefeller visit, virtual rebellions of students and workers "greeted" the "pharaoh of Yankee monopoly," as Rockefeller is called by many in Latin America.

So disastrous has the Rockefeller expedition been that even the ultra-right New York Daily News and "liberal" New York Times agree that the rest of the tour ought to be cancelled. The initial and biggest blow the U.S. received was the barring of Rockefeller from visiting Peru, along with the expulsion of the U.S. Army, Navy and Air Force missions inside Peru. Then, the Nixon Administration



News Item: Rockefeller has offered a \$1,200 scholarship to the Honduran university where police killed a student protesting the Yankee plantation owner's recent trip.

was jolted by the U.S.-puppet regimes of Chile and Venezuela when they announced that they would not be able to receive Rockefeller and protect him from massive anti-Yankee demonstrations in their respective countries.

## Anti-Yankee Avalanche

Just as soon as the Peruvian government issued its ban on Rockefeller's visit on May 23, the anti-Yankee avalanche also spilled over into neighboring Bolivia. Later the same day, eight Bolivian university presidents issued a joint statement declaring Rockefeller as "persona non grata" in Bolivia. When Rockefeller finally arrived on May 31 in La Paz, capital of Bolivia, he never got further than the airport, as thousands of Bolivians made ready to show their hatred of the Yankee billionaire.

Rockefeller's first stop was called a fiasco in itself as he visited Guatemala for only 3 1/2 hours and was attacked by most of the Guatemalan press for having made a "show" of the visit.

In Honduras, U.S.-armed Honduran

police killed a student protesting the arrival of Rockefeller on May 14. Adding insult to injury, Rockefeller offered to pay for a \$1,200 scholarship to replace the student killed. Honduran students answered Rockefeller's "gesture" by burning copies of the newspapers which announced the scholarship offer and telling Rockefeller:

"The blood of a Honduran cannot be bought with dollars."

On May 16, students in Nicaragua trampled and burned the U.S. flag as Rockefeller visited that country. The students carried signs that read, "Rockefeller Dog, Go Home!"

As Rockefeller visited Colombia on May 27, demonstrators burned American flags and hung Rockefeller in effigy, and then burned the effigies. Thousands of Colombian students fought police in the streets of Bogota, as they shouted, "Down with Nelson Rockefeller!"

## Gas on a Smouldering Fire

In Ecuador students battled army troops and dynamited two U.S. military vehicles on May 29, the date of Rockefeller's arrival. Another explosion blew in the door at the main entrance to the U.S.-Ecuadorian Cultural Center. Later, students broke into the Center and set fire to it. Banks in Quito, capital of Ecuador, were closed and metal blinds were pulled down over storefronts. Many schools were shut down as students at the Central University initiated a strike to protest Rockefeller's visit. Rockefeller seemed as arrogant toward the Ecuadorian students as he was towards the students of Honduras. He had the arrogance to ask for a meeting with Ecuador's militant student leaders. He was immediately turned down by the leadership of the 8,000-member Central University Federation. The vice president of the Federation stated that the students of Ecuador had "taken a position against imperialism and its representative, Mr. Rockefeller."

## "Enlightened Billionaire"?

A myth has circulated within the U.S. imperialist establishment depicting Rockefeller as a liberal, enlightened billionaire deeply "concerned" with the plight of the Latin American people. And with all of the U.S. ambassadors to the Latin American nations so far removed from the masses in each country, Washington was not able to anticipate the mass furor building up against the Rockefeller trip and let the New York governor walk right into a storm of overwhelming opposition in every country scheduled for a visit.

Thus, the Rockefeller tour seems to have galvanized revolutionary explosions in many of the U.S.-dominated regimes in Latin America, in what was intended to be a "save Latin America mission" for U.S. imperialism. The magnitude of the Rockefeller fiasco was best expressed by the pro-imperialist Washington columnist, Drew Pearson, writing for the New York Post on June 6:

"The failure of Gov. Nelson Rockefeller's mission to Latin America is more serious than the headlines indicate, and the headlines have been pretty bad."

After Threats of Violence, Chile Requests A Stormy Welcome  
Rockefeller Trip Sets Off Clash; Honduran Police Kill Protester  
Peru Ousts U.S. Military Aides and Bars Visit by Rockefeller  
ROCKEFELLER CUTS HIS BOLIVIAN VISIT TO VENEZUELA OFF IN PROTEST THREAT  
ROCKEFELLER VISIT NOT TO MAKE  
Students Battle Troops—Talks Are Held at Airport  
Two Newsmen Injured Avert Violence  
ROCKEFELLER MET BY STRIFE IN QUITO  
ROCKEFELLER VISIT TO VENEZUELA OFF IN PROTEST THREAT

## Argentine Revolution Boiling

JUNE 9 — The U.S.-puppet military regime in Argentina may be on its last legs. Argentinian workers and students have vowed that the current upheaval against the Ongania government is a fight to the finish. The key labor leader from the militant opposition group within the General Confederation of Workers (CGT), Raimundo Jose Ongaro, spoke before a meeting of the top leadership of the CGT on June 3, after which he was immediately arrested. Ongaro declared in his speech that "the Argentine people must fight to the end to overthrow the tyrannical dictatorship."

Defying the government bans, he said that June 11 would be a national day of mourning for those workers and students murdered by Ongania troops and police in the last few weeks, which saw the beginning of the greatest resistance struggle against the 3-year-old military dictatorship. The last two general strikes virtually crippled the already-shaky Ongania regime, and there is fear in both Washington and Buenos Aires that the next nationwide general strike may topple the U.S.-installed military government.

## Wild Inflation Spread

The Argentine worker and student upheaval was set off by a government reversal of traditionally low prices for student meals. The prices were more than doubled, and students in several universities, such as the University of the Northeast and the University of Corrientes, took to the streets to protest the outrageous price increases. One student was killed by police bullets at the University of Corrientes.

What brought the student rebellion together immediately with the labor struggle was the parallel battle by Argentina's trade unions to put a stop

to the steadily deteriorating standard of living of most Argentinian workers as a result of skyrocketing prices since the Ongania 1966 takeover. (See WHO RULES THE EMPIRE? This issue.)

By May 22, the second largest city in Argentina, Rosario, was paralyzed by a citywide general strike in support of worker demands and the embattled students. There was mourning for several fallen comrades. Rosario police killed at least three more students, but the revolutionary student youths fought back by attacking the local police headquarters. It took many army detachments to finally take back the city at 3 o'clock in the morning.

## Death Penalty Revived

On May 23, a nationwide general strike hit all of the large cities of Argentina. With the army troops on the verge of losing Rosario again, Ongania reinstituted the death penalty — a law abolished in Argentina in 1916 — applicable to any anti-government activity.

Students continued to battle police in Rosario, La Plata, Tucuman and Corrientes and attracted the full sympathy of Argentina's working class. The CGT issued a call for a nationwide general strike for May 30 in support of the students. The entire Argentine army was alerted as a class showdown seemed to be in the brewing. But workers in the third largest city in Argentina, Cordoba, took to the barricades a day before the general strike, on May 29, and fought side by side with the students against army troops and police. Only airlifted supplies to the army troops enabled the Ongania regime to keep control of the city away from armed workers and students.

## Red Flags Fly

The nationwide general strike on

May 30 completely paralyzed Argentina and demonstrated the weakness of the Ongania government, as all transit, industry and schools were shut down to a standstill. The very industrial city of Cordoba was struck with what reporters described as "urban guerrilla warfare." Workers and students marched through the streets of Cordoba defiantly waving red flags until the entire Twelfth Infantry Regiment was called in to disperse the march. By the end of the day, the bloody Ongania dictatorship had killed more than 100 workers and students in Argentina's major cities and student centers, while perhaps as many as 1,500 were wounded.

The panicky Ongania regime has launched a severe witchhunt since the general strike, with phony military tribunals prosecuting thousands of workers and students, including many of their leaders. But even the imprisoned leaders are confident of the determination of Argentina's students and workers to put an end to the pro-Yankee, neo-fascist regime.

## Guaranteed Good News!

RIO DE JANEIRO, June 9 — The military Government of Brazil warned all newspapers and broadcasting stations today to divulge only favorable news about Governor Rockefeller's fact-finding trips to Latin America.

The directive from the Ministry of Justice, marked "confidential," was delivered by hand to the directors of Brazil's newspapers and radio and television stations. It is understood that the directors have consented to the orders.



# Israel Unable To Protect U.S. Oil in Occupied Syria

Palestine liberation fighters blew up a section of oil pipeline last week and at the same time exploded the myth that the Israeli government has no role in protecting the vast petroleum profits extracted from Arab countries by the imperialists.

The pipeline runs through the section of Syria known as the Golan Heights that was occupied by Israel in the last few hours of the June 1967 war. It is undoubtedly the reason Israel rushed to capture this piece of Syria, and the key to Tel Aviv's stated determination never to return this particular piece of land.

The imperialist press surprisingly made little of the incident, although its political and economic importance can hardly have escaped them. Tapline, as the pipeline is called, was a major coup of U.S. oil interests vs. the British when it was first built, and continues to be the main artery for transporting black gold from Saudi Arabian fields to the Mediterranean.

Tapline's capacity is 440,000 barrels-a-day, or 23 million tons of crude oil a year. In the two hours that the oil gushed out of the broken pipeline unchecked, eight thousand tons soaked into the ground and were lost — not to the Arab masses but to the U.S. oil monopolies and King Faisal. Although this represents only a small portion of the vast fortunes amassed daily by the Arabian-American Oil Company (ARAMCO), the loss must have brought home hard the extreme vulnerability of U.S. corporations to Arab retaliation.

## Israel: Guardian of U.S. Oil

Israel became "guardian" of Tapline and the interests of Aramco when she occupied the Golan Heights. At that time, she must have discussed with the firm the terms of this protective relationship. Aramco pays Syria, for instance, certain royalties for the pipeline's right-of-way. It is certain that Israel, now in possession of this territory, would seek to renegotiate the agreement with the U.S. oil company. Tel Aviv has already shown that it intends to put pressure on the oil company by claiming that it cannot protect the pipeline without "help" from Aramco. Thus, imperialism's junior partner in the Middle East is aggressively seeking even closer ties with the corporate giants who control the life blood of the Arab countries.

Moshe Dayan, Israeli Defense Minister, recently declared that economic "cooperation" between Israel and the occupied areas should be intensified if they were to be operated "profitably." Can there be any clearer admission by this expansionist regime that its motive, like that of its imperialist mentors, is profits? And Tapline is a ready source of profit, squeezed out of the Arab workers, and requiring no investment.

## Pipeline to Super-Profits

In negotiating with Aramco, Israel is lending its services to the biggest of the U.S. oil monopolies. Formed in the thirties by Standard Oil of California and Texaco, Aramco took sole refining and marketing rights to all the oil in Arabia for an initial cost of less than \$250,000. By 1947, Aramco was able to cut in Standard of New Jersey and Socony-Vacuum for a 40 per cent share that cost these two companies a cool half a billion dollars. The phenomenal growth of Aramco was largely due to war-time profits, when

Arabian oil cost ten cents a barrel to produce and was sold to the U.S. government by these patriotic oilmen for \$1.13 a barrel.

Tapline was built by a subsidiary of Aramco in 1950 at a cost of \$200 million. It paid for itself in three years, yielding an annual net profit of over 30 per cent. Its 1,040-mile length stretches from the oil fields in Dhahran (once the site of a U.S. air base) to the ancient Mediterranean port of Sidon in Lebanon. While paying transit fees to the countries crossed by the pipeline, Aramco was able to negotiate tax-free status for the company and all its employees.

## Tapline Born by Coup

The Palestinian guerrillas who blew up the pipeline must recall that the construction of Tapline caused the overthrow of at least one militant Arab government. In "World Crisis in Oil," Harvey O'Connor summarized this classic case of imperialist intervention.

"Both left-wing and nationalist groups in Syria opposed any Tapline agreement, in solidarity with their exiled Palestinian brothers. At this point, in 1949, the Syrian government was overthrown by a coup, and the agreement was speedily signed, with parliament conveniently dissolved. Charges swept through the press that IPC (the Iraq Petroleum Company, a cartel composed of Jersey, Royal Dutch, Socony and Compagnie Francaise des Petroles — D.S.) and Aramco were behind the coup." (P.347)

The construction of Tapline pitted the right-wing collaborators with imperialism against the left in the Arab world. Now, its destruction has again polarized sentiment. This act, credited to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, has been condemned by those governments that still look to royalties doled out by the oil monopolies for much-needed foreign exchange.

But the left-wing has applauded the act of sabotage as a serious blow against U.S. imperialism and its Israeli stooges. The class-conscious workers remember that in 1953, leaders of a strike against Aramco had their hands cut off in punishment. For millions in the Arab world, the blowing up of the pipeline comes as an inspiring act of retribution.

It has also illustrated that as the struggle against U.S.-Israeli aggression deepens, the most revolutionary forces in the Arab world are coming to the fore.

By D. STACEY

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## Israel: Base of Western Imperialism

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# Group Marks June 5, Hails Al Fatah As "Mideast NLF"

NEW YORK, June 5 — The second anniversary of the imperialist-backed Israeli attack against the Arabs was marked this evening by a demonstration and march. The Committee to Support Middle East Liberation chose the U.S. Mission to the United Nations as the site of its picket line to emphasize the role of American imperialism, which seeks to maintain its exploitation of Arab resources and people through its Israeli cat's paw in the Middle East.

The ninety demonstrators looked like many more with their signs and brightly colored banners. "No Vietnam War Against the Arab People" and "Al Fatah—Middle East N.L.F." were slogans which explained the complex issues in terms of the hated war against Vietnam. The signs and chants of "Arab Oil for the Arabs," "Israel—Deathtrap for the Jewish People," and "U.S. 6th Fleet Out of the Mediterranean" also were used to bring out the camouflaged role of the U.S. in the area. A leaflet, distributed by the hundreds to passersby, also explained these facts:

"In the period during and after W.W. II, the U.S. Government refused to allow Jewish refugees from Hitler into this country. Instead, it forced them to go to Palestine and be an economic dependency of the U.S. and a local point of actual American power to keep the Arabs from ever becoming independent of foreign domination. By the act of kicking out a million Palestinians and stealing their homeland, the Jewish immigrants became white-settlers who would indeed have to fight to survive—as white-settlers, that is. The alternative for Jewish workers there is to join with the Palestinians and to fight on the side of the Arabs against imperialism...to support the garrison-state of Israel is not in the interest of the Jewish people. As a racist state that supports U.S. reactionary policies in the Middle East and the world, Israel is not a refuge but a deathtrap for its citizens."

A counter-picket of about 15 was organized by



Supporters of Arab liberation marching up Fifth Avenue to the Israeli Mission.

the so-called Jewish Defense League, a pro-fascist outfit which has made a name for itself in New York through racist actions against community control and the admission of black and Puerto Rican students to the City University.

"Moses vs. Marx" read one of their signs, and another was a vile personal attack on Rita Freed, chairman of the committee which sponsored the demonstration. A member of the JDL took a flying leap into the pro-Arab group from a raised garden around the U.S. Mission but he was repulsed, and the counter-pickets confined themselves to yelling after that.

From the U.S. Mission, the demonstrators marched almost two miles through crowded midtown streets to the Israeli mission, passing out leaflets and chanting as they went. New Yorkers

are rather blasé about demonstrations, but many took leaflets with interest and some people joined the march after reading the leaflet.

Police sought to stop the demonstration several blocks away from the Israeli Mission. After a heated argument, the group marched to a spot across Fifth Avenue from their target and picketed again for a while before dispersing.

The demonstrators, who included Arabs, Asians, Jews, Afro-Americans and Puerto Ricans, accomplished another step in the direction of bringing to the people the vital issues of the Middle East struggle.

In an interview televised on the 11 o'clock news tonight, Mrs. Freed, in the few moments given to the demonstration, was able to point out the decisive role of U.S. imperialism in Israeli aggression against the Arab people.

## Mexican-Americans Hail Cuban Revolution



AUTHOR

This article, reprinted from "El Grito del Norte," is the first of a series by a Mexican-American journalist on her impressions of Cuba. "El Grito" is published in New Mexico and has a large circulation among the Chicano population in the Southwest. The newspaper was invited to send representatives to the Tenth Anniversary celebration of the Cuban Revolution held last January 2.

The enthusiasm of the writer for Cuba's newly won equality is obviously related to the plight of Mexican-Americans in the U.S. Unlike the accounts of bourgeois journalists who have visited Cuba and review the statistics of Cuba's progress in cool detachment, looking for points of criticism and manufacturing them when they can't find any, the

present article looks first not at Cuba's night-life, consumption of luxuries and other features of middle class existence, but is concerned with the new life for the millions of workers and peasants who are making the Revolution.

It is this kind of news that Washington has tried so desperately to suppress, because it provides answers to the grievous conditions that many millions of North Americans have to suffer daily. The message of Cuba already has taken root in the struggles for land and equality that are threatening the Yankee conquistadores of the Southwest.

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By ENRIQUETA LONGAUX Y VASQUEZ

Looking at the Cuban people, one can say, "What hard working people! Not only do they have a cause, but the rewards are meaningful. The soul of man is being fed and there is a reason for living." For ten years now, the most powerful nation in the world has looked upon this little island and said, "Die!" "How dare you make fools of us?" "Beg and admit you are wrong, you are wiped out." But you see these people struggle, work hard and continue to survive. WHY???

In exchange for hard work the people have freedom. Not only freedom from want but freedom to develop themselves as individuals. They have shelter, no mortgages, sufficient food for survival and sufficient clothing. There are few cars, as this is really a luxury item, and what cars there are, are for the use of the people. There are many buses. These buses are all made in France or England. In Havana, transportation is only 5 cents. If you have it, you pay it consciously; if not, you can ride anyway. I used to watch the people get on and everyone seemed to pay. Public telephones are free everywhere. Medical care is completely free to everyone. Even sports events are free.

Food is rationed, not because there is not enough but because it is necessary to have control of surplus in order to be able to ship more of it out of the country in exchange for needed goods and farm machinery. Children and elders have priority on milk and juices. Children are fed in schools and eat very well. People are not starving. I believe that this is one of the reasons that Cuba is such a threat to Latin America. The Cubans are becoming more and more independent and are able to feed their people.

Clothing is rationed so that all may share equally. There are not a few people with too much, and others with too little; instead, everyone has enough. In travelling all over the island, it is interesting to note that in the country and in the city one sees linens, towels, underwear and sufficient clothing hanging on the clothes-lines. I was particularly aware of this, as it is not common in Latin countries. All homes are furnished with the necessities. They are clean and simple. All have good mattresses and plumbing and showers. Electricity and water are available and personal hygiene has been taught to all, even in the remotest of areas.

January 6, is El Dia de Los Reyes, the day of the Kings. Some people call it El Dia de Los Niños. At this time every child in Cuba received a toy, those in the campo as well as those in the city. In a village we visited, we talked to the children that were playing with their toys and riding their bicycles.

The lives of the people of Cuba have changed completely from what they were during the Batista Regime. One woman in the hotel where I stayed had been there 15 years ago and spoke to us of life there at that time. Havana was called "The Paris of the Caribbean." It had a night life, gambling and was completely foreign-owned. For the Cubans this meant prostitution, beggars and thievery. This is no more. There has been complete social change. The students were sent out to teach everyone how to read and write



and now literacy is 96 per cent. This is a great accomplishment when compared with the 65 per cent to 80 per cent illiteracy of Latin America.

Education is free to all. At one time education was only for the wealthy but now it is available to all. Scholarships are for everyone. You can choose your profession and attend any university. It is interesting to see the enthusiasm among the students for education. I asked what the motivation for education would be, since money and "status" are not part of the social system. The answer came to me from a student, fast and simple. Education is necessary in order to serve society and our fellow humans. We are all responsible for each other.

These are some of the results of the revolution. What has happened to the rich? They are the ones that have suffered. No longer can they make money from the work of others. They have to work also. And this is very difficult for many of them, since they are not accustomed to work. It is for this reason that many leave the country. They are free to do so. The very wealthy homes in Cuba have all been turned over for the use of the people. They are now used for Circulos Infantiles, nurseries and nursery schools and dormitories for the scholarship students that attend the universities. All are being used for the peoples needs. None are used for private bourgeois homes. The gambling casinos are closed and the big hotels are now used by the people. Everyone is entitled to a 20-day vacation once a year and they can stay at any hotel with meals and everything paid in full.

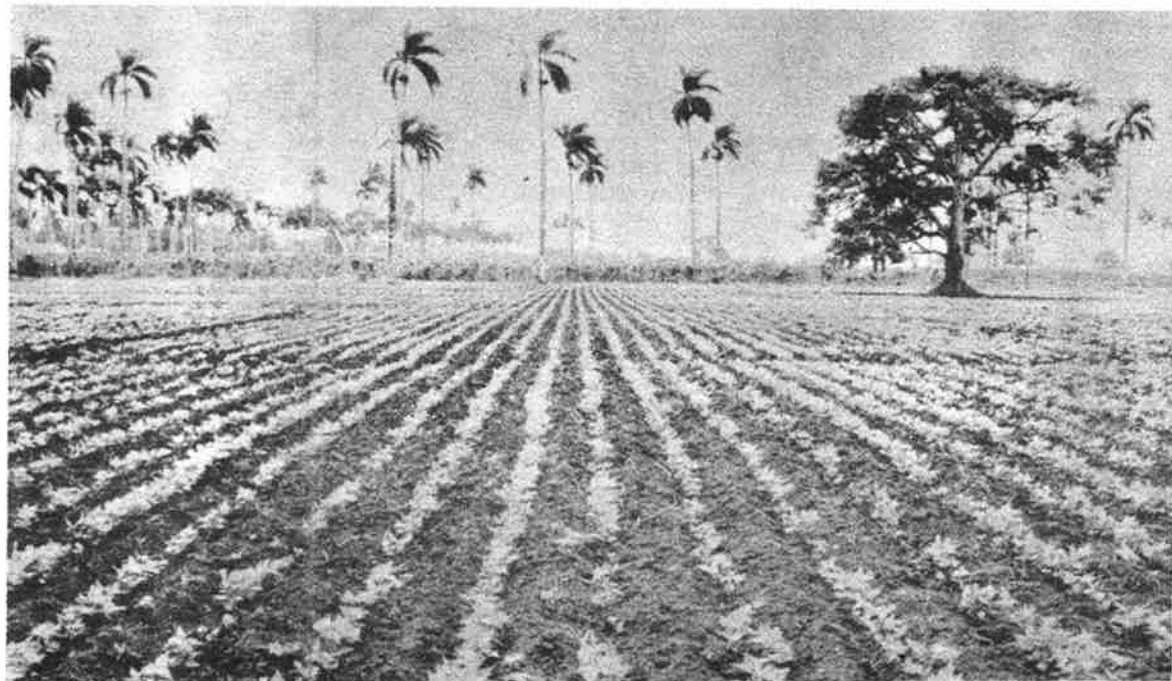
The battle of survival of the Cuban people can be seen as a very brave stand on what humanity can do when thrown upon its own resources. The U.S. has a blockade which will not allow many countries receiving U.S. foreign aid to trade with Cuba, and for this reason there are shortages in Cuba. The Cubans are not able to trade on the open market and they are forced to sell their products to very few countries and not at the best price. However, the continue to survive miraculously.

The freedom of the Cuban people is unbelievable. One can hear people talk against the revolution and everyone respects these opinions and freedoms. They are allowed to talk all they wish as long as they do not take counter-revolutionary action. I talked to some of these people also. Basically, one of the problems for them was adjusting to the equality of people. Losing the class system was a hard blow to those who liked being a little better off than their fellowman.

The churches are still there and many are still functioning. Those who wish to go are free to support and believe, and they are not harassed in any way. The matter of religion is up to the individual. The churches are not persecuted; they are powerless and in their place. We visited a cathedral in old Havana where there are 60 seminarians studying for the priesthood.

Cuba has what is called a people's army. Anyone who wants to can help in guarding against sabotage. This is used to raise the consciousness of the people. I might mention that the people have arms and guns, so if the masses were against Fidel Castro, I doubt that he would have lived so long. When one sees the guns and guards, one thinks of the military in other countries. But in talking to the people and guards, it is clear that they have not forgotten that they were invaded and bombed by the U.S. a few years ago. They have not forgotten that and I doubt they ever will. The Cuban people do not intend to let their revolution be destroyed—by anybody. As one Cuban friend said, "The Cuban people will sink with the island before they give it up."

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# The Capitalist State and James Rector

By V. COPELAND

There was a time when it was very hard to explain the nature of the state to young white radicals other than in highly theoretical terms.

Frederick Engels said that the state was essentially "bodies of armed men—prisons, police, armies, etc.," and that the congresses and parliaments of the world were in reality just talk-shops, and that elections were minor concessions to the people and have never settled anything fundamental.

When you tried to explain this to a worker, you usually showed that in a strike, the police protect the scabs, or if there are no scabs, that they protect the bosses' property, but they never protect the majority of the workers (who are on strike) from the boss.

But when strikes take place only once in several years at a given plant, this action of the police seems to be the exception rather than the rule. And it is difficult to show that this is the basic reality, no matter how seldom it happens—that whenever the poor really take advantage of their numbers (and they are always in the majority), then the ruling class falls back on naked force—that this naked force is the essence of the state—and that the capitalist state is wielded solely by the capitalist class.

However, today the advanced youth of the movement, particularly the black youth, are learning the nature of the state from their weekly and almost daily encounters with it. The ruling class must again and again fall

back on naked force and reveal the violent nature of their rule, educating more and more people as to the real nature of the state, because the youth are questioning the status quo and trying to change it.

James Rector was killed in Berkeley last month because the liberal college authorities did not want a field they owned to be used as a people's park. They did not want "their" property interfered with. And because the capitalist state was the instrument of these liberals, or rather, the instrument of the reactionary capitalists who employ them, the national guard was called out and hundreds of people were shot.

At least 41 black people were killed last year by the police in the 10-day aftermath of the Martin Luther King assassination. And at least 146 were killed in the uprisings of 1967. Nobody knows how many have been lynched secretly, and even more savagely, with the frequent help of cops, sheriffs, etc., in the past ten years of struggle. Thus the state has been doing its work for the ruling class for a long time.

(This is not to say that James Rector is any less a martyr because he is white but to remind ourselves that Eldridge Cleaver has a point when he says: "The racist conscience of America is such that murder does not register as murder, really, unless the victim is white.")

But now there is a growing number of white as well as black youths who are being constantly victimized by the state. That the state is a repressive force and a repressive force in the exclusive service of the

ruling class is becoming clearer all the time.

James Rector was among those hundreds of young people who tried to do what their ancestors did when they first came to California: occupy the land and use it for their own benefit. But lo and behold, unlike the non-land-owning Indians who at first generously allowed the newcomers to use the land, a highly organized band of men, backed by all the power of the City of Berkeley, the State of California and the United States Government itself, came down upon the Berkeley community with guns, gas and aircraft.

This organized band of men was the essence of the state and was in fact a specific armed detachment of it. It was called into action by the owners of society, the capitalist class who employs its state in active, violent repression whenever its ownership of property and right of management is questioned in any serious way.

The same state that killed Black Panther Bobby Hutton in Oakland killed white James Rector in Berkeley. And although the revolution of the black people is being fought more resolutely than ever, the imperialist state shows that it is not to be disregarded by white protesters either. By its employment of ever increasing violent repression against both black and white, the ruling class is educating the new generation of fighters and pounding into their heads with clubs and into their bodies with bullets the lesson that Lenin's "State and Revolution" means the U.S. capitalist dictatorship, too.

## 2 Yrs. Each For 11 Who Opposed Draft

MILWAUKEE, June 6—Eleven members of the Milwaukee 14 were sentenced here today to 2 years each in the state prison, for their part in the destruction of draft records last September. At their trial last week, one supporter was arrested and several others were ejected from the courtroom. The 14 must still go to trial in a federal court, despite their protests that this amounts to double jeopardy.

The case of the Milwaukee 14 is one of several cases involving the burning of draft files. The tactic was derived from the Catonsville (Md.) 9 and was similarly used recently in Chicago, where files of a South Side draft office, primarily of black and Puerto Rican youth, were burned. Eighteen people were arrested there, several from Milwaukee. Most of the participants in these burnings are members of the Catholic radical movement.

The burning of these draft files is simply another part of the growing movement against the American system. It is part of a growing warfare on many fronts, the campus, the ghetto and the community at large. The burnings have been successful in that they have hindered the functioning of the draft system locally for months at a time. In a statement issued by James Miller, chairman of the Milwaukee Youth Against War & Fascism, on May 25, the day following the Chicago incident, the essence of the act was summed up:

"The Chicago demonstrators, by placing themselves between the draft system and its victims, were saying to that system that the war in Vietnam must be stopped and that the Selective Service System, which turns America's poor into cannon fodder while Wall Street get richer off war contracts, is completely unjust...."

It was the task of the anti-war movement to come to the support of these fighters, to use the issue to widen the struggle. In the case of the Milwaukee 14, this hasn't been completely done. There was a national defense committee set up and in recent weeks there has been a growing amount of work



Supporters of the Milwaukee 14 raise clenched fists as they demonstrate outside courtroom after conviction of 12 defendants.

to bring the issue to the people of Milwaukee during the trial itself. There have been several demonstrations in support of the 14, organized by members of Resistance and Milwaukee Youth Against War & Fascism, including a counter-march, in driving rain, against the Armed Forces Day parade in downtown Milwaukee.

If anything should be learned from the trial of the 14, it is that the courts cannot be trusted and that they will not change their role of political repression to those who defy the American system. What the people have to do is organize against those courts and come to the support of all progressive fighters against the war and against the system that produces it.

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corporate interests. At one point during the defense's lengthy entrance of evidence the judge "off the record" asked, "What is this shit?"

The judge could not seem to tolerate the "audacity" of the defense lawyers' attempt to get at the truth, however, and shielded "his" cops every step of the way.

The judge blocked every attempt by the defense to inject anything political into the proceedings. The real issues of war, poverty, racism and imperialism were kept out of the courtroom by the black-robed "justice"

who claimed to be a "fact-finder."

The resisting arrest charge against Terry was dropped mid-way through the proceedings when even the cops' testimony did not substantiate the charge. The judge, who stated during the trial that the burden of proof was on the defense — in other words, guilty until they can prove themselves innocent — convicted Terry on the more serious charge of defacing public property, a misdemeanor.

The only time anything political was allowed in the record was when the assistant D.A. red-baited the witnesses and the defendants. As in the cases of Martin Sostre and Geraldine Robinson, who have already been framed-up by the racist court system (Sostre is currently in solitary confinement serving a 41-year sentence), the judge attempted to strip the case of its political nature and steep it simply in bourgeois legality, i.e., the cops tell the truth because they're cops.

The trial of Terry Keegan and Paul Dominick was a perfect example of the brand of justice white militants can expect in the future and that the oppressed have been subjected to for centuries. The racist courts must be stopped, and the people have to get back in the streets to stop them.

### The Rise of Lt. Addy

From Newsweek, June 9:

"Lt. H.M. Addy, one of the nine South Carolina state troopers acquitted last week of a charge of 'willfully' shooting three South Carolina State College students to death during a demonstration last February, is now on duty in Charleston for the black hospital

workers' strike. Addy admitted in a sworn statement to the FBI that he had fired buckshot into the crowd of students who has been demonstrating against segregation. Addy was promoted before the trial ended and is now in charge of the state trooper contingent in Charleston."



## Who Rules?

## Argentina:

## "We Need A Revolution to Eat!"

## ----- the Empire?

Last August, a New York Times dispatch from Tucuman Province in Argentina reported that the area was "in a state of incipient rebellion." Although there has been sporadic guerrilla war in Argentina for sometime, actual mass rebellion has broken out in the recent general strike. "I'm a peaceful man," a Tucuman taxi driver told the Times' correspondent, "but if we need a revolution to eat regularly, then I'm for revolution."

Governor Rockefeller said that the Latin American people are being provoked by "outside agitators." He is probably right, but let us see who these outsiders are that are causing so much trouble.

"The nation (Argentina) whose growth and independent spirit once astonished the world was flat broke and in pawn." This statement was made by Cedric Belfrage in 1963; today Argentina is no longer "in pawn," it is owned outright! The giant monopolies that dominate the U.S. economy have succeeded in extending their penetration and control throughout the major sectors of Argentine economic and political life.

## U.S. MONOPOLIES MOVE AGAINST ARGENTINE INDUSTRY

During the period 1960 to 1966, U.S. direct investments in Argentina rose from \$472 million to \$1,031 million. In other words, the U.S. monopolies extended their ownership of Argentina by 118.4 per cent. Figures are not available for 1969, but we know the last three years have seen a great upsurge in U.S. takeovers:

"Ford is buying, General Motors is buying, Chrysler is buying, U.S. Steel is buying, Dow Chemical is buying.... And we all know who is selling, and what is being sold: the present economy of the Argentines and their future...." (Panorama Economico Latinoamericano, Havana 1968.)

Siam di Tella Ltd., the largest private industrial enterprise in Argentina succumbed to the combined blows of General Motors and Ford in 1965. Since then, the U.S. monopolies have been ruining and buying out more and more of Argentine industry. James McCloud, president of Industrias Kaiser Argentina explained, "...the big monopolies can sell their production at lower than cost prices until they ruin competing national industries and that, once they had achieved their aim, prices go up again and become higher than they were at the beginning."

The effects of this policy by the monopolies have not only been destructive to the native capitalists — in fact, the working people of Argentina have suffered most. In the period 1960 to 1967, the cost of living for the Argentine masses has risen by 387 per cent. The Argentine peso, valued at 83 to the dollar in 1960, by 1968 had fallen to the present rate of 350 to the dollar, or a devaluation of 325 per cent.

These devaluations, the runaway inflation, the government's "austerity" measures (firing of public employees, wage freezes, higher taxes on the consumer and lifting of taxes on profits, and soon), the forced dependence on loans from the U.S. (or the IMF or World Bank, same thing), are all inevitable consequences of imperialist occupation of the nation. Sometimes these measures must be shoved down the Argentines' throats by the IMF or McNamara's World Bank, at other times Washington can rely on an obedient general, like President Ongania.

## IMPERIALIST ONSLAUGHT CONTINUES . . . .

The manipulation of Argentina's economy in the interests of imperialism can be clearly seen in the deterioration of the terms of trade. (This condition is endemic throughout the neo-colonial world.)

In 1967 Argentina exported 22.8 per cent more meat than in 1966 but it received only 7.7 per cent more of the value. The export of fruits increased by 17.7 per cent, but income from fruit sales increased by only 11 per cent. The sale of hides and skins rose by 12.3 per cent while the value in foreign exchange rose by 0.6 per cent.

On the other side of the ledger, Argentina imported 22.5 per cent less tonnage of iron and steel, but paid only 4.8 per cent less. And Argentina imported 4.3 per cent more vehicles, but paid 22.6 per cent more.

Nevertheless, Argentina has had a favorable trade balance of \$400 million. This would amount to a surplus, were it not for Argentina's giant foreign debt (2.2 billion in 1966 according to Business Week). The net result is that Argentina has an unfavorable payments balance, or deficit, of \$700 million.

These are not just abstract statistics; they have a crucial bearing on the life of the Argentine people. Since Ongania took power, 700,000 workers have lost their jobs. The unemployment rate has hit 8 per cent (one and a half million persons jobless) and is still rising. There is a housing shortage of 2 million units (Argentina is not a tropical country, its climate is similar to North America's). The infant mortality rate for Argentina is more than 10 times that of the U.S. (though still lower than the average for the rest of Latin America).

The imperialist onslaught continues. Recent news dispatches report that Dow Chemical is planning a \$118 million petrochemical complex near Vahia Blance, while Morgan Guaranty Trust just bought up almost half the shares of the Banco Frances del Rio de la Plata. First National City Bank of New York bought out two banks in Mar del Plata and Bahia Blanca.

An Argentine sugar worker told a Times reporter: "Five of my children must work with me when we work...but there's only work for 2 or 3 months a year. The children don't go to the school because without their help we wouldn't have enough." He then added, "This government is not my government!"

Whose government is it then, Mr. Rockefeller? And who are the "outsiders" in Argentina? Over 250 million Latin Americans have already answered — YANQUI GO HOME!

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## -Ft. Dix Rebellion

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could go for chow. But instead of receiving their meal at the usual dinner hour of 6 P.M., the men had to wait on line for three hours until dinner was finally served at 9.

Then, after eight hours of standing and waiting, the Brass dealt the final blow. They said there weren't enough water bowls for all the men, so half the guys couldn't have their water ration. (Men in the stockade are served their water in bowls—like dogs.)

A prisoner named Chabot went over to the dishwashers and asked for one of the bowls that had just been washed. Others followed him. Like the officers in charge of the Potemkin and the master confronted by Oliver Twist, the Brass pretended to be scandalized by this "outrageous" request.

Chabot was lead away by MP's.

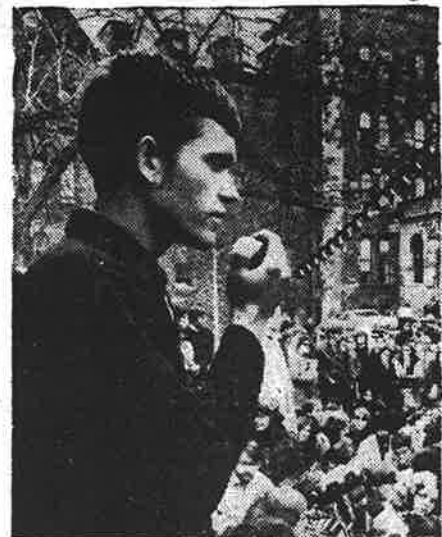
Later, back in their cells, the men learned he had been put in seg for "inciting to riot." His cell was padlocked—the guards claimed to be afraid that the other prisoners would liberate him.

It was then that the months of overcrowding, inadequate food, endless formations, mental harassment and frustration fused. Mattresses were set on fire, furniture was smashed, foot lockers were pushed downstairs and windows were broken. Cell 67 had a good blaze going by the time cell 66 started burning. Major Andrew Casey, in charge of the stockade, was calm at first, telling the men over the loudspeaker to go back in the buildings. But when cell 84 also started burning, Casey threatened the men with mutiny charges if they didn't get back in their cells. Some 150 men were involved by this time.

About 250 troops, outfitted with tear gas guns and shotguns, were called in. Fire trucks and ambulances stood ready outside the gate. While the Army denies it, they did use tear gas to put down the

Nealon; that the ASU be permitted to investigate conditions in the stockade; that no charges be brought against the men involved; that the men in isolation be returned to their barracks; and that the names of the injured men be immediately made public.

The Union also arranged with the Medical Committee for Human Rights



Bill Brakefield, knocked unconscious during rebellion.

to have a doctor investigate the beating of prisoners.

Visitors at the stockade this Sunday — mostly families of the prisoners — ran into extraordinary harassment. They were lined up outside the main entrance, then subjected to scrutiny from non-coms and two obvious CID (Criminal Investigation Division) agents.

In the visiting area, an armed guard was stationed at each row of seats. The benches had been placed farther apart than usual, and the men were not allowed to hold hands with their wives or girl friends. As soon as they tried to talk about the rebellion, the guards told them to keep quiet or the visitors would have to leave.

The Brass are using every technique to discourage unity among the men.



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Fort Dix brass called a press conference to whitewash conditions in the stockade. rebellion as well as beating several of the prisoners unconscious.

One of these was Bill Brakefield, a member of the American Servicemen's Union. He was later placed in segregation, as were Terry Klug, another ASU member, and 18 other men from the three cell blocks.

The next morning all the guards were issued tear gas grenades and face masks. Major Casey announced that if anything more happened he would put it down "with all available force." All permission to communicate with the outside was denied. The men couldn't even write letters.

On Friday, an ASU member who hadn't been in the affected cell blocks was thrown into seg. Tom Tuck, a black GI who defended his views on black power against the attacks of a white racist, was put in isolation as a "suspected" member of the Black Panther Party.

The ASU contacted the Fort Dix authorities on Friday and made the following demands to the Public Information Officer, Col. Carl "Moose"

One prisoner was told that if he identified the organizers of the rebellion, his sentence would be shortened by six months. If he didn't, he would have to do extra time (time in the stockade doesn't count against time left in the Army). Such tactics are being used to pressure the men and isolate them from one another.

But it isn't working. Just like the Vietnamese people, who have been experiencing this same kind of treatment from the U.S. military, the GIs aren't breaking under the pressure.

The Brass tried to crush the June 5th rebellion at the Fort Dix stockade with naked repression. But what they forget is that it was such inhuman treatment that ignited the rebellion in the first place.

ASU Chairman Andy Stapp has requested a meeting with Melvin Laird, informing the Secretary of Defense that if this request is not met, the Union will have to take the question of stockade conditions up with the International Red Cross or "other interested world organizations."