

GI Union Calls for Nat'l Boycott of Army Bases

Asks Labor to Halt Services to Camp Lejeune, Ft. Dix to Protest

Racist Repression Against GIs by Dictatorial Officer-Bosses

NEW YORK, August 11 -- Andy Stapp, National Chairman of the American Servicemen's Union, today announced that his organization is calling upon organized labor to boycott Camp Lejeune in North Carolina and Fort Dix in New Jersey to protest the "harsh repression and unbridled racism to which rank-and-file GIs are being subjected by the officer corps at the two bases."

The call for the boycott is one of the initial steps in a nationwide campaign by the ASU to familiarize wor-

kers with the plight of GIs and to gain support within the labor movement for GI union organizing. Mr. Stapp exhibited a copy of a brochure being distributed across the country in the tens of thousands which appeals to workers to come to the aid of GIs forced to work under "a totalitarian dictatorship where every request of the boss, no matter how unreasonable, is an unappealable command."

"We have called for the boycott at Camp Lejeune," said Mr. Stapp, "in conjunction with ASU activities on

the base. We are demanding that frame-up murder charges and all other charges against the three black and two Puerto Rican marines be dropped immediately and that they be released from the stockade.

"Instead, we want criminal charges brought against the brass who have systematically propagated racism against minorities in direct violation of their own orders and directives." The ASU chairman cited a report which

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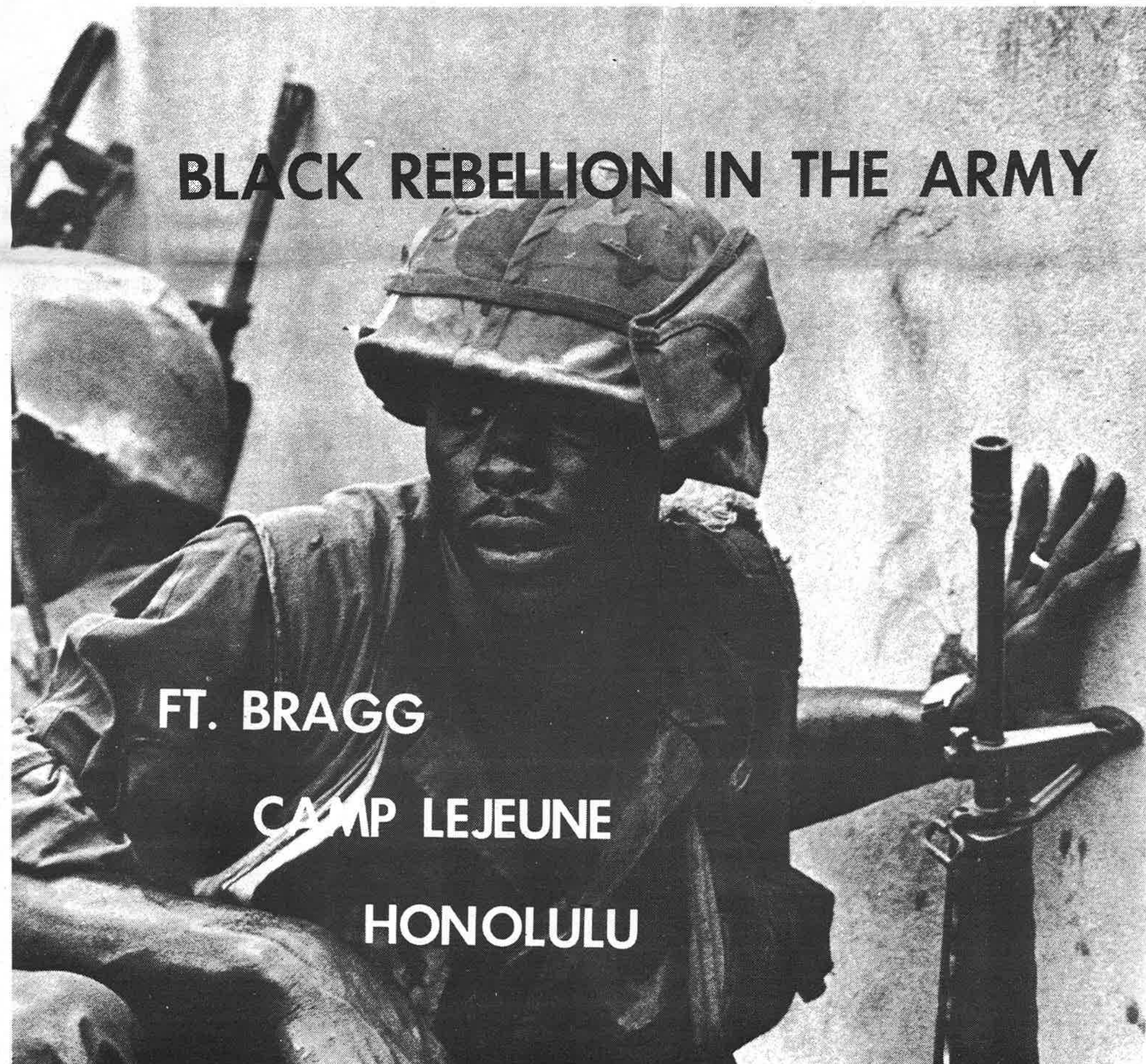
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The Hiroshima Day Incident

YAWF's Answer to Opportunists Anonymous

From the very beginning of the anti-war movement there have been two discernable trends: one, the opportunist, conservative forces led by the CP-SWP-bourgeois liberal coalition, which is basically a pillar of the establishment acting as the loyal opposition; the other, which is new, young and inexperienced, represents the nascent revolutionary yearnings of the masses.

The opportunist trend has, from the very beginning, tried in every way to stifle and strangle the new trend by means of vilification and character assassination. It has left no stone unturned in its attempt to crush the new revolutionary youth movement. Because of their inexperience, youth are bound to make errors in judgment.

What happened on August 9 in New York's Central Park was that there was a contest between the two trends. One instinctively tried to do what was revolutionary, but made a mistake in judgment. The other did what was reactionary. It took advantage of an error to lay the heavy hand of the dead past upon the new and growing revolutionary trend.

The August 13 issue of the Daily World, organ of the revisionist CP, contains an article allegedly written by an anonymous "group of W.E.B. DuBois Club members" which makes a violently hostile attack on the group that seized the platform at the Hiroshima Day rally.

This article, ominously entitled "Police Agents and Peace Are Incompatible," calls for the expulsion of the group from the anti-war movement, refers to Walter Teague of the Committee to Aid the NLF as a "well-known agent" and implied that "the so-called Youth Against War & Fascism" belongs in the category of "agents, provocateurs and misguided radicals," because YAWF allegedly "initiated a physical brawl on the rally platform."

Even if this slanderous, unsigned article, with its character assassination and totally unsubstantiated charges about "agents," did not focus attention on a vital topic, we of YAWF would feel strongly compelled to answer it. We would have to answer it if only out of duty to our devoted comrades, so many of whom have stood up bravely to the ruling class and suffered for it — comrades such as Eddie Oquendo of New York, now serving five years as a militant black liberation fighter and draft resister; such as Joel Meyers of New York, who is about to serve a four-year sentence as an anti-imperialist draft resister; such as Jerry Gross of the Buffalo Nine, now on three-years probation and facing framed-up felony charges for his tireless activities, especially in defense of Martin Sostre; such as Dave Gass of Cleveland, who is facing three years as a leader in the struggle against fascist Wallace; such as our comrades resisting inside the army and our rank-and-file members and friends whose arrests number in the many, many hundreds, who have suffered the beatings of the cops in order to carry out their duties in the struggle against the racist imperialists who employ, among other weapons, "agents and provocateurs."

But, inasmuch as issues vital to the anti-war movement are deeply involved in this incident, we wish to limit ourselves to the following points.

1. That YAWF categorically denies having participated in this incident at the rally. That although two or three of our banners were on the stage, our banners have traditionally been up front at such mass anti-war rallies. That they were inadvertently carried up there and that it was well known by everyone on the scene that YAWF did not participate. That the only "physical brawl" which we initiated was the one against the Nazi Renaissance Party (a brawl in which the DuBois Club and Parade Committee marshals intervened against us).

2. That although we did not participate in what the hostile press calls the "disruption," we affirm that the incident in no way constitutes grounds for any of the libelous charges levelled at the participants. On the contrary, the entire matter must be regarded, at worst, as an unfortunate error in judgment, honestly made, which also unfortunately alienated a large part of the audience. In that sense, and in that sense only, the incident was harmful to the struggle.

3. That any criticism directed at the militants must be, first of all, friendly, and must take into consideration the extenuating circumstances: namely, the prospect of having to watch another rally being dominated by the craven opportunists whom the militants unsuccessfully tried to preempt. The negative aspects must be properly balanced against the fact that all revolutionaries find themselves, time after time, year after year, in a position of being excluded from effective political participation and attacked by an unholy coalition of bourgeois liberals, pacifists and opportunist radicals who regard all anti-imperialist ideology and all militant tactics, under any circumstances, as the plague to be avoided at all cost. Militants have been excluded, not because of disruption in the normal sense of the word, but because the opportunists who run the Parade Committee consider militant politics and struggle to be "disruption" by their very nature.

4. That the destructive criticism fired off by hostile elements is calculated to break the back of the entire revolutionary youth movement, including SDS. That, in truth, a genuinely constructive approach must be to find the cause of the problem—who and what is to blame?

The answer is that anarchism and ultra-leftism grow up out of frustration during long periods when right-wingers and opportunists dominate the mass movement. It is because revolutionaries cannot participate within the framework of the official anti-war movement and retain their political principles, their integrity, that a mood of deep frustration takes hold. Under these conditions revolutionaries often lash out at moderate leaders whom they see betraying the liberation struggle day after day but are powerless to stop.

In short, the cause of such "disruptions," the real danger in the movement, the real treachery, the real provocation is the opportunism of false leaders, which is a thousand times worse and more harmful than ultra-leftism, which is only the effect.

One More Round Won in Long Fight to Free Sostre

Below is the text of a press release from the Martin Sostre Defense Committee. Black liberation fighter Sostre is serving a 41-year sentence resulting from a racist frame-up after the 1967 black rebellion in Buffalo.

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BUFFALO, August 12 — On August 1, Federal Court Judge Constance Baker Motley (Southern District, State of New York) signed a preliminary injunction ordering Martin Sostre's release from solitary confinement at Green Haven Prison in Stormville, N.Y. Martin Sostre has been held in solitary for over a year, allegedly because he dared give legal advice and share his law books with other inmates.

This decision by Judge Motley (the first black woman to hold this position in the Southern District of New York) insures that Martin Sostre will remain with the regular prison population pending a trial and civil action against Governor Rockefeller, State Commissioner of Corrections Paul McGinnis and Wardens Vincent Mancusi and Harold W. Follette of Attica and Green Haven Prisons respectively.

The trial and civil action instituted by Sostre raise the claims of cruel and inhuman punishment of inmates in New York State prisons, the denial of due process of law and a racist conspiracy among the defendants (i.e. Rockefeller, et.al.).

Mr. Sostre will be represented by Attorneys (Mrs.) Kristin Booth Glen and Mr. Victor Rabinowitz of the New York City law firm of Boudin, Rabinowitz and Standard. The firm has been retained by the National Emergency Civil Liberties Committee of New York City with the approval of Mr. Sostre and his defense committee. The court action is scheduled for September 30 in Foley Square, New York City.

On Friday August 8, in a surprise move, Martin Sostre was transferred from Green Haven Prison to Wallkill State Prison, Wallkill, New York. Wallkill, located on the Hudson, is a minimal security type state prison and Mr. Sostre is expected to be granted those small privileges of U.S. prisons which he has been denied in the past.

The prison warden, Charles L. McKendrick, notified Attorney Glen of the transfer early on Monday, August 11.

NEW PAMPHLET!

Martin Sostre in Court

Edited by Bob McCubbin

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This pamphlet contains Martin Sostre's testimony at his trial as well as his comments to the courtroom spectators. Sostre's highly political exposure of his frame-up is available, along with his Letters from Prison, from the Martin Sostre Defense Committee, P.O. Box 382, Ellicott Station, Buffalo, New York 14205

5. That we must remember the traitorous record of those who were the object of this frustration: the record of having invited in April 1968 the then presidential hopeful Mayor Lindsay to a mass anti-war rally over the objections of YAWF, other militants and black organizations, including SNCC; the record of opening the door to mass support for an imperialist, for the chief in charge of "law and order" over 1 million black people, 900,000 Puerto Ricans and the entire New York City working class, while turning a deaf ear to militant black liberation fighters; a record of consistent refusal to rouse the millions against the war on a militant basis and into a cohesive fighting force despite all the golden opportunities while at the same time our Vietnamese brothers are dying on the battlefield.

6. That the W.E.B. DuBois Club and the CP are only acting as the spokesmen for the SWP, YSA, SANE, the pacifists and the entire opportunist wing of the anti-war movement in taking this vicious offensive on the issue. That they are not only aiming at one or two groups, but that this vile attack, and the attacks of others in the so-called radical press, are part of a determined effort to intimidate the revolutionary youth and make them tow the line of the bourgeois loyal opposition, i.e., the opposition loyal to the imperialist establishment.

7. That the Parade Committee, the CP, the SWP and SANE are not in the least concerned with "disruption" per se. That they never raised one note of protest when the million Indonesians were slaughtered, while YAWF raised it to the level of an international issue. That they refused to lift a finger in support of the Arab people during the June war. That they have falsely and cunningly seized upon an unfortunate incident to try and confuse the anti-war movement, to try to dress up their, wholly, traitorous attack upon the

revolutionary youth movement as a justified attack upon alleged "agents" and "provocateurs."

That they want to use the false slogan of "disruption" vs. "unity" to cover up the real issue of left vs. right, of revolutionary struggle vs. bourgeois pacifism.

8. That we know you, W.E.B. DuBois Club, CP and all the opportunists whom you so fully represent, and we know that you oppose us for our revolutionary anti-imperialist politics and our tactic of militant struggle — and for that alone. And we know that you are too cowardly to sign your name to such a vicious document. We proudly sign our names below.

Key Martin, Maryann Weissman and Myron Jefka, for the National Committee of Youth Against War & Fascism

About the Authors:

Key Martin is the National Chairman of Youth Against War & Fascism. He served six months in federal prison for helping militant GIs fight the brass and form the American Servicemen's Union. He has been arrested numerous times in demonstrations, has been the object of continual harassment by the police and is currently serving a jail sentence in New York's Tombs for participation in an anti-Humphrey, anti-war demonstration.

Maryann Weissman is the National Coordinator of YAWF. She also served six months in federal prison for charges arising out of the same case involving the formation of the ASU, and she is currently facing charges stemming from a demonstration in support of Martin Sostre.

Myron Jefka is the Student Coordinator of YAWF, who recently served a sentence on Riker's Island for the seizure of the Registrar's Office at Brooklyn College in support of black and Puerto Rican students' demands. He was the only defendant or 43 in the case who refused to plead guilty in order to get a reduced sentence. The bulk of the defendants were from the DuBois Club and Progressive Labor.



National Guard troops and tanks lined the streets of Columbus during black rebellion. SDS activists leafleted in support of the uprising.

Gov't Moves on Ohio SDS for Supporting Black Rebellion

In the wake of a determined rebellion in the black community of Columbus, Ohio, last month, the racist ruling class there has decided to try to pawn off the blame on young white radicals. Three SDS activists in Columbus were arrested July 23, another was picked up the next day on frame-up charges of "inciting to riot," and all are being held in \$25,000 bond. Warrants for the arrest of five others have been issued.

Rather than place the responsibility for the rebellion on the white businessmen who steal from the black community, on the racist courts and government officials and on the vicious repression of the black colony by the cops, the government has singled out a handful of white youths who were leafleting in the white working class community to organize support for the justified rebellion of the black people.

In addition to looking for a scapegoat for the rebellion, the ruling class is out to crush Ohio SDS which has a history of fervent militancy and has generated political struggles at several campuses in the state. The latest raid is a continuation of the attack on the Chicago National Office several months ago.

In reality, the rebellion was sparked by the murder of an Afro-American by a white businessman July 21. Roy Beasley was gunned down by David Chestnut after the black man went into his store to protest that Chestnut had slapped one of his children. But the Mayor, police chief and bourgeois press are all trying to dump the blame on SDS "outside agitators."

Cops Raid SDS HQ, Charge 'Inciting to Riot'

Ten carloads of cops raided a house where the activists were living for the summer and arrested three of them as "suspicious persons." The charges were switched to "inciting to riot" after they were in jail. Seven other SDSers have also been rounded up on the ambiguous charge of being "suspicious persons." To add to all the other

illegal aspects of this frame-up, the defendants have been denied a speedy arraignment. The date has not been set until six weeks after the arrests, according to a report in New Left Notes of August 1.

The real "crime" of these young people was that they were trying to organize solidarity in the white community for the black people—an act which the ruling class fears will break down the racism that divides black and white workers. The leaflet they were distributing explained that the "black community rebelled from the injustices it faces every day, from the lying politicians, the greedy, thieving businessmen and the grovelling pigs...."

"All these rebellions, including the one in Columbus, are part of a world-wide revolution against big businessmen and the government (U.S.) they own. The people of the world are courageously and successfully fighting against these rich men who make money off the work of the people of the world."

The leaflet continues, "We, as whites, have learned from our brothers and sisters around the world. We must get together and fight in support of the Vietnamese, blacks and browns. And we must aid them and others who are rebelling, in any way we can...."

"We either fight for our liberation by fighting in support of blacks, browns and other revolutionary peoples of the world, or we praise the rape, robbery and murder of the people of the world by the rich who are too chicken to fight for themselves."

Rulers Fear White Support for Black Rebellion

According to the NLN article, a group of 25 SDS activists from the Ohio region were in Columbus this summer to live and work in the white working class neighborhoods. The cops have been watching them closely and harassing their activities. During the rebellion the cops drilled holes in the radiators of all the SDS cars in the city and they had to get the leaflets around the city on foot.

In his eagerness to dump the blame for the rebellion somewhere else, fascist-minded Mayor Maynard E. Sensenbrenner (who wears a rhinestone-encrusted American flag on his lapel) is threatening to personally bring charges of sedition and treason against the youths. Judge Schwarzwald, who refused to lower the outrageous \$25,000 bail, also showed his judicial "objectivity" when he raved in court, "I hate and despise people who publish this material and the people who would attempt to destroy the United States."

The black rebellion in Columbus raged for several days after the murder of a black sanitation worker by the white owner of a cleaning store. When the black people angrily drove the cops out of their community after the shooting, the National Guard was called out in force. After several days of pitched battles between the invading army and the black community, \$300,000 damage had been done to the property of white profit-gougers in the black community and over 400 black people were imprisoned on charges of arson, looting, burglary, grand larceny and curfew violations.

City officials feigned shock at the violent explosion, but the extreme oppression of the black community in Columbus and the racist atmosphere in the city can be exemplified by the fact that two years ago cops cordoned off the entire East Side merely on the pretext of a rumor that "black militants" were about to "stir up trouble."

Justice Dept. Officially Approves Beating Confessions out of Poor

By Ellen Pierce

The United States Justice Department is presently strengthening its repressive powers through several proposed laws and procedures.

The preventive detention laws, the Justice Department's assertion that it has the unrestricted right to bug and wiretap "domestic subversives," the narcotics bill which would give police and federal agents the legal power to break into people's homes without knocking, and the virtual reversal of the Miranda ruling are all part of the judicial assault against the poor and oppressed of America.

The Miranda decision was a ruling by the Supreme Court in 1966 that all arrested suspects must be warned of their right to remain silent and to have a lawyer present during police interrogation. This limited somewhat the police power to obtain confessions by means of the "third-degree"—terrorizing a suspect, telling him that they have witnesses against him, that if he won't confess, they will bring heavier charges against him, and all sorts of psychological intimidation as well as beatings and physical abuse.

These methods were by no means eliminated by the Miranda decision, but the Justice Dept. is now circulating a memorandum telling its prosecutors that they may offer confessions as evidence in court even though suspects who confessed were not given all of the required warnings. If agents "inadvertently forget" to tell a suspect of his rights, "the Government intends to use the confessions anyway in an effort to 'salvage some cases which might otherwise be lost,'" reported the New York Times on July 28. In other words, even the most tainted confession, unsupported by any evidence, can be grounds for a conviction.

The legal basis for the memorandum, according to Will Wilson, Asst. Attorney General of the Criminal Division, is the Crime Control Act of 1968 which allows a confession

to be admitted as evidence if the trial judge thinks it was given voluntarily.

The power to eavesdrop without constitutional, judicial or Congressional restraint was enunciated by the Justice Dept. in Chicago several weeks ago. It was applied to the case of the anti-war activists on trial for violating the 1967 "Civil Rights Act" by "conspiring" in the organization of last year's demonstrations against the Democratic National Convention. Black Panther Party leader Bobby Seale was one of those whose phone was tapped to gather "evidence" for the indictments.

The preventive detention law would allow Federal suspects to be held without bail for 60 days if a judge thought the arrested person was guilty—without the benefit of a trial -- and a hearing "found" the defendant posed a danger to the community if released. The fact that many prisoners are already held on excessive bail or no bail—such as many Panther defendants—under the present system does not make the newly proposed law any less dangerous.

Nixon's narcotics bill, with its "no-knock" powers for police, also is intended for frame-ups and harassment of liberation fighters and rebellious youth.

All these laws, it should be pointed out, are blatant violations of Bill of Rights "guarantees" against excessive bail, self-incrimination, the right to counsel and a speedy trial, and unreasonable search and seizure of a person's home or belongings. The preventive detention law goes even further than that by attacking the very basis of the Anglo-Saxon legal system—the presumption of innocence.

But it is unlikely that Chief Justice Warren Burger, the supposed "strict constructionist" of the Constitution, will stand in the way of these laws. The overriding need of the ruling class is to maintain its brand of law and order against challenges from the oppressed.



Joan Bird, one of N.Y. Panther 21, after interrogation.

AFTER 76 DAYS IN STOCKADE, 'NOT GUILTY'



John Lewis, ASU Organizer

FT. DIX, August 7—Today saw the end of a court-martial that ran for two and a half days and resulted in what would have to be called a victory for the American Servicemen's Union and John Lewis, the defendant and an ASU organizer.

Lewis, a white GI, was arrested when he protested the arrest of his close friend and union brother, Henry Mills, a black GI, who was being arrested by MPs for missing a formation. Lewis testified in his trial that he intervened in Mills' defense because he himself had been taken to the stockade twice before and had been beaten by the guards, so that he feared for Mills' safety.

"I asked the MPs who were arresting Henry where they were taking him," Lewis explained. "When they told me to the stockade, I said that if they took Henry, they would have to take me

along also."

After a brief scuffle the MPs arrested Lewis and took him to the stockade. He was then charged with breach of the peace, AWOL, and two charges of assaulting an MP. Lewis was held for 76 days in pre-trial confinement, 21 of which were spent in Segregation (solitary confinement). Over this 11-week period the trial date was set and postponed no less than six times. Four of these times Mr. Henry DiSuvero, the defense attorney, and twenty ASU mem-

bers and civilian supporters travelled to Ft. Dix only to be told on arrival that the court-martial had been postponed until another day. Despite the harassment by the Dix brass, the many days the supporters took off from work and even the attempt by the brass to pack the courtroom with officers when the trial finally started, the ASU members and civilian supporters came out in strength time and again to support John Lewis. Lewis demonstrated the same strong spirit consistently, regardless of the harassment and rotten conditions in the Dix stockade.

Lewis and SPD News

Lewis and Mills were both attached to the Special Processing Detachment (SPD) at Ft. Dix and were co-workers on an anti-war, anti-brass, pro-union paper, the SPD News. At Mills' trial, where he was given the maximum sentence of six months at hard labor, it became quite apparent that the brass were out to get Lewis and Mills for their political activity. Captain Hunter, the commanding officer of SPD, testified, and under cross-examination from Mr. DiSuvero admitted, that he had been keeping a close watch on Mills and Lewis because "in my mind I was convinced that Lewis and Mills were behind SPD News." Hunter also said that Military Intelligence, the Criminal Investigation Division (CID), MPs, local New York authorities and the FBI had all been contacted about SPD News.

Mr. DiSuvero emphasized in his summation that it was not John Lewis who was on trial, but the sadistic brass as represented by Captain Hunter. He also stressed that Lewis was moved on moral grounds of brotherhood to show solidarity with Mills and that as an opponent of the war he was motivated by his political views to publish SPD News.

John Lewis faced a court-martial board made up entirely of officers—three captains, two lieutenants and one warrant officer. These officers found Lewis not guilty of the assault charges and guilty of the other two. They sentenced him to forfeit \$85 a month from his pay for four months.

"I Stand with Oppressed"

Before sentencing, Lewis made a strong statement to the court. He said in part: "17 per cent of the deaths in Vietnam are black; this is way out of proportion. The entire infantry, which is forced to conduct the war, is made up of blacks and Puerto Ricans and there are also people who don't have any color, the poor whites, the oppressed whites, who are forced into serving because of economic reasons, who, because of lack of education in this system, do not qualify for administrative specialties which would keep them out of the front line. Black GIs feel every kind of oppression in job discrimination, housing, discrimination which I could never express, which is so subtle, but stabbing—they face this daily."

"I know that this system of dog-eat-dog expects a person such as me, who was able to get a little college, to step on my brother to get ahead. But I don't seek to escape from my class. I cannot do this. I must stand with my class—the oppressed."

Bob Lemay, Executive Director of the American Servicemen's Union, commented on the court-martial. "Although John's sentence was relatively light and the Union considers it a partial victory, it must be kept in mind that John was forced to spend seventy-six days in pre-trial confinement. Pre-trial confinement and any sentencing whatsoever of a GI by the brass is intolerable, and the ASU has never recognized the right of the brass to try GIs."

Fight to Win Mass Support for Ft. Dix 38 Begins



Banners of the American Servicemen's Union, SDS and YAWF line rally for Ft. Dix 38.

NEW YORK, August 2 — Mass civilian support was demonstrated here today for the imprisoned Ft. Dix 38. Three hundred demonstrators, including a number of GIs and recent vets, rallied to demand the immediate release of the 38 GIs being held prisoner by the Ft. Dix brass. The demand for the release of the Panther 21 and all other political prisoners was also made.

Speakers representing the Black Panther Party, Youth Against War & Fascism and the Ft. Dix Coffee House were heard at the demonstration in front of Penn Station. GIs from Ft. Dix, including Hal Muscat (who was just sentenced to 7 months in the stockade), described the oppressive conditions and torturous provocations that drove the GIs in the Ft. Dix

stockade into rebellion.

It was after this stockade revolt that charges (carrying 40-year sentences) were made against 38 GIs. Of the 8 principal defendants (those who are facing general courts-martial with the heaviest charges), 6 are members of the American Servicemen's Union. "Union Busting!" is how Andy Stapp, chairman of the ASU, sees the situation.

The Deputy Minister of Information of the Black Panthers (N.Y.), Zayd, also addressed the rally and demanded the release of the Ft. Dix 38 and the Panther 21. He said, "There is not a street in the world where the imperialists can walk down without being attacked by the broad masses of the people."

The highlight of the rally came

when, reading a letter from Terry Klug that had to be smuggled out of the Ft. Dix stockade on toilet paper, Maryann Weissman of Youth Against War & Fascism conveyed to the demonstrators the spirit of militant resistance that has characterized the struggles at Ft. Dix. Klug, who wrote this letter especially for this demonstration, ended his letter by saying: "May our many comrades who are presently and fortunately on the outside take up the fight with us so that we together, as one strength, as one righteous force, may bring an end to the evil that is warping our country and bringing destruction and suffering on our brothers of the world!"

Mrs. Weissman (together with Key Martin, chairman of Youth Against War

& Fascism) was arrested at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, and served 6 months in jail for supporting Andy Stapp at his court-martial. The struggle there led to the founding of the American Servicemen's Union, of which Mr. Stapp is the National Chairman.

Mrs. Weissman was also able to read excerpts from a letter by Bill Brakefield, another of the ASU organizers among the Ft. Dix 38.

Following the rally, the demonstrators took to the streets and marched to the U.S. Veterans Administration building. The VA building was picked as a target because, despite its innocuous title, it is a local center for Chemical and Biological Warfare Research (CBWR), army recruitment, and various other militarist activities.

Explosion of the Population Myth

By Libby Ross

The "baby boom," coming in the wake of World War II, grew into the "population explosion" a decade later, as a result of the feverish post-war increase in production and world trade. And the scientific community of the western world has expressed much more horror over this explosion than it ever did over the two which took place over Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Scores of books have been published in the last two decades, written by demographers, agronomists, physicists and mathematicians -- all predicting catastrophe for the human race as a result of its unremitting fecundity. The consensus among them appears to be that the villain in this too-human drama has been the world-wide use of preventive medicine.

India's population for instance, used to be held in check by malaria, but now that that dread disease has been conquered, hundreds of thousands who might have been wiped out each year live on to reproduce. (William Vogt, author of a widely-read book entitled "People" complains that love-making is India's national pastime.)

Mathematicians point out that while it took the world's population 300 years to double in number, in the next 30 years it will double again -- unless, of course, the teeming billions learn to control their sexual appetites (which, they agree, is highly unlikely) or unless that other, hitherto unthinkable explosion, intervenes.

The Modern Malthus

But even if every two human beings on the earth reproduced only 2.1 offspring instead of 2, "experts" warn, in a few centuries the planet would be so crowded we'd all be standing on each other's shoulders!

The pundits hasten to add that it isn't literally true we'd be standing on each other's shoulders (they only put it that way to dramatize the problem and scare us all -- and, incidentally, increase the sales of their books). Long before the population could get that congested, they say, there would be mass starvation on a scale never before imagined. The Malthusian doctrine, so long disregarded, they say, has again asserted itself: population increases geometrically while vegetation increases only arithmetically.

Charles Galton Darwin, a British physicist and grandson of the great naturalist, published one of the first of this series of gloomy predictions in 1951. He called his book, "The Next Million Years," and it was hailed by British

and American critics as a work both fascinating and courageous.

"Courageous" is right. He had the guts to tell the world's starving billions that their troubles were only beginning!

His conclusion: the "Golden Age" ushered in by the discovery of the Western Hemisphere, and its consequent increase in the world's food supply -- which in turn brought a greater increase in population -- is nearing an end. Millions of people will starve in the generations to come because there is not enough arable land on the planet to feed a population double or treble the present one (and if some new source of food is found -- like a high protein yeast that will grow in water instead of earth -- the population will again double or treble, and again face starvation.)

In view of all this hysteria, it might come as a surprise to many readers that during the years of the Great Depression in the 1930s, the tide of prediction was running the other way.

In that decade the birth-rate in the capitalist nations fell for a period of several years! European governments offered bonuses to mothers producing the largest families, and clergymen exhorted their flocks to "Be fruitful and multiply."

The scientific community, too, followed the popular trend. They warned: "If every two human beings consistently reproduce only 1.9 offspring instead of 2, the human race will be extinct in 300 generations." (Three hundred generations is about 6,000 years.)

Higher Culture and Lower Population

How strange that the learned gentlemen writing about the "population explosion" of today don't stop for a moment and look back across that short space of time and ask why the population decreased for a few years in the 30's, while at the same time there was a supposed surplus of food, so that coffee and wheat were burned, oranges were dumped in the ocean and covered with gasoline to make them unedible, and little pigs slaughtered to keep them off the market.

And how strange that they don't ask how the population decreased at a time when there was no great war going on, no world-wide plague to decimate humanity, and when knowledge of easy birth-control was much less accessible than it is today.

You don't have to be a mathematician to figure out that people in the advanced capitalist countries had less children in those years because they wanted less children, just as the farm families in the 19th century had large families because that's what they wanted. (The need created the want.)

You don't have to understand calculus or take a course in statistics to know that very few women want more than two children, especially if they have other dynamic interests in their lives. And you don't have to be a demographer to know that in all ages the higher a culture develops the more stable the birth rate becomes.

There Won't Always Be Imperialism

In the U.S., where education and technology are widespread, the population increase has been slowing down in the last five years. In Japan and Czechoslovakia, the population is actually decreasing. Even in the Catholic countries the culturally privileged have small families.

The answer, then, is to make a higher culture universal. But to the bourgeois scientist, to the mind imprisoned in the sterile walls of the ruling class outlook, imperialism will always exist and will always be able to keep the oppressed submerged in medieval darkness, in a state of cultural backwardness. To the mind hypnotized by the stale formulas of intellectual snobbery -- a higher culture can never be universal or, for that matter, advisable. (What would distinguish scientists from bricklayers and ditch-diggers if it were?)

"There will always be rich and poor," says Charles Galton Darwin, smug in his belief that he and his heirs fall into the former category.

Strange that the grandson of the great biological evolutionist has not the dimmest concept of an evolution in social organization! Neither he nor his co-thinkers can believe that the system of private property will ever evolve into a higher form. They see the future as an arithmetical continuation of the present. If questioned, they would very likely say, with a shrug, "But that is not my field."

Rebellions Erupt at 3 Bases

Black soldiers and marines are in massive rebellion against the racist U.S. armed forces. Just in the past few weeks, major battles of black servicemen against the bigoted officer caste and its flunkies have broken out on several large military installations.

The most recent clash occurred at the Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station near Honolulu, Hawaii. The brass have become increasingly tense and repressive against the rising influence of black power militants on this big base. On Sunday, August 10, 50 black marines standing on bleachers gave the clenched fist salute as the American flag was being lowered. The same weekend, three black marines had been thrown into the brig on "suspicion" of assault and battery.

When the brass tried to discipline the men for the black power salute, widespread fighting broke out that led to 16 marines being injured, and it is rumored one was killed.

Similar clashes have occurred at Camp Lejeune and Fort Bragg. They are being represented by the military and by the boss press as racial "riots" between rank-and-file servicemen. While most whites are infected to one degree or another with racism, the truth is that the oppression of black GIs comes from the military brass and it is against them that the men are rebelling. Black GIs have suffered double oppression in the U.S. armed forces for years, and are now banding together to defend and raise themselves. Far from antagoniz-

ing white soldiers, black leadership of rebellions in the rotten hellhole stockades of Long Binh and Danang has earned the respect of their white fellow prisoners.

An official report on the fighting at Lejeune admits that the racism of the officers and noncoms has blocked attempts by young black and white marines to settle problems. This is undoubtedly true at Bragg and Kaneohe also. The officer caste is drawn from the most bigoted segments of racist U.S. society. Forts Bragg and Lejeune, both in North Carolina, sit astride an area where black people have been systematically oppressed and terrorized for centuries, as do most bases which are mainly located in the South.

Young black men who have been trained to fight and die in imperialist adventures abroad are now deciding that their fight is at home against the racist institutions that oppress them directly. The kind of massive resistance they are demonstrating on bases around the country and the world is causing deep dismay and fear among the brass and the entire ruling class. This paper has learned in a telephoned interview with the Honolulu office of the American Servicemen's Union that the brass at Kaneohe have been forced to meet with a delegation from the black marines and hear their grievances.

The black liberation struggle in the armed forces is setting an example that all enlisted men will surely follow.

— GI Union Calls Boycott

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has just reached the public, compiled by an official committee at Camp Lejeune which investigated conditions in the 2nd Marine Division. The report found that "many white officers and non-commissioned officers" are prejudiced and "deliberately practice" racism; that black marines are "the special target of military police," that "young marines, black and white" have been "striving for mutual accommodation" but that "their attempts have been blocked and frustrated by the officers and non-commissioned officers." Mr. Stapp declared that findings "by our own union members on the base have been far more gruesome, far more damning to the officers."

"While we know that much of the report is true," he continued, "we have

absolutely no confidence whatever in the racist, brutal brass to reform itself. They are case-hardened reactionaries. The only way that the marines can get protection is by the rank-and-file acting through their union, the ASU, to make a thorough investigation and follow up with drastic, anti-racist counter-measures against the officers. They must be brought up on charges.

Torture at Dix

"We have a similar situation at Fort Dix where 38 men are being framed up on charges of arson and riot and face long sentences for rebelling against torture and brutality in the stockade. Over 750 men are stuffed into a hell-hole built for 250, are beaten by guards, strapped up and kicked around, made to stand

in the broiling sun for hours at a time, put on half rations, and so on. Who are the criminals at Fort Dix? The brass who preside over this torture chamber or the victims, the rank and file?

"The only way the ranks can ever get justice against the will of the brass is the same way that workers get justice against speed-ups, lay-offs, pay cuts, forced overtime -- by organizing into a union.

Army "forced labor"

The ASU brochure for workers, which is being distributed at plant gates by supporters, explains that "GIs are back where most workers were thirty to a hundred years ago" as far as conditions are concerned. The ASU describes the Army as "a factory in the field" and the Navy as "a factory at sea." The generals and admirals retire to big business, explains the brochure, while big businessmen often become generals over night. The mili-

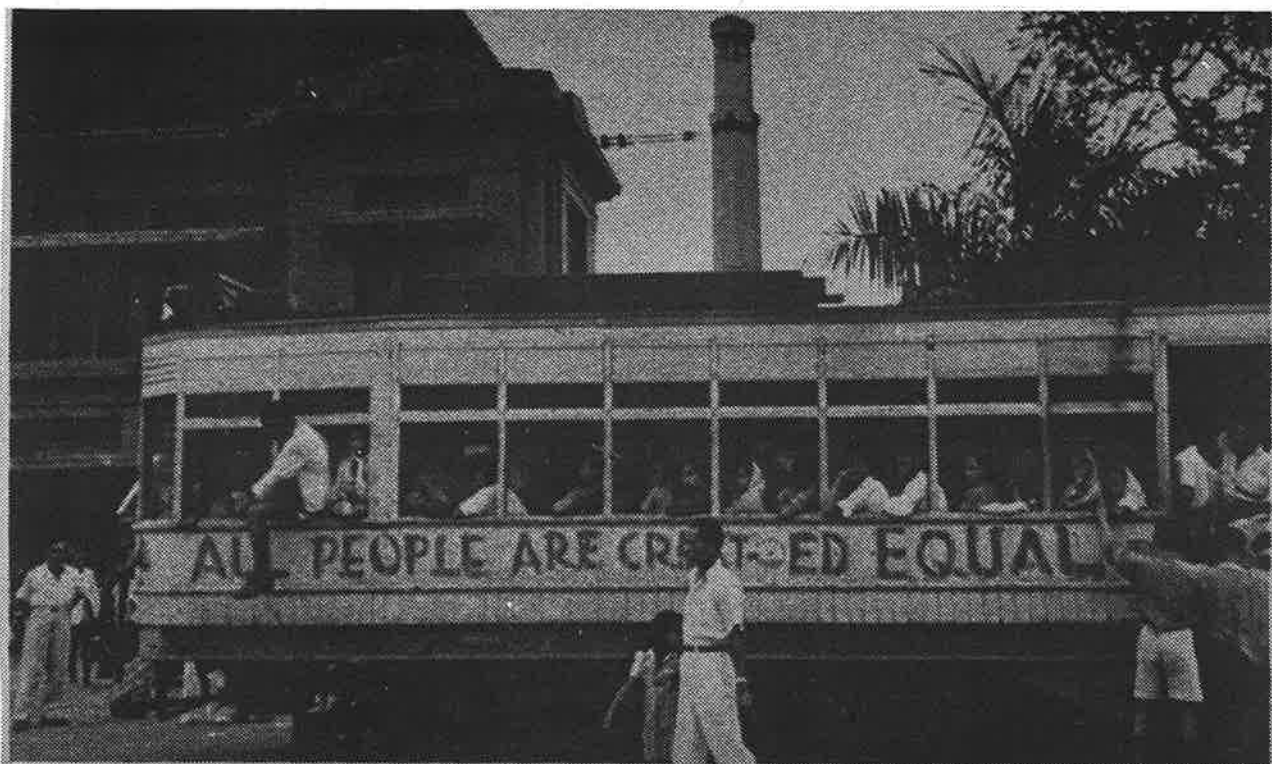
tary machine, aside from being "a sweatshop" is also "forced labor" and thereby unconstitutional. A court-martial by officers is analogous to "a foreman being the absolute judge over a worker." The result, explains the ASU, is that 95 per cent of all court-martials return verdicts of guilty.

\$3.50 a day

While auto workers earn \$3.50 an hour and have rights against the boss, rank-and-file GIs earn \$3.50 a day and are virtual servants of the privileged officer caste 24 hours a day. "This is the message we want to bring home to the workers in this country -- the message that the class system which they suffer under is the same in the army only hundreds of times worse -- the racism which the bosses instigate on the outside is even more vicious inside the army where a black GI can be sent to die because an officer doesn't like his skin color."

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Why the U To Become



Indonesians in 1945 welcomed American troops as liberators. Their hopes were quickly dashed as the U.S. rearmed Japanese troops and equipped the British to fight against Indonesian independence forces.

By Deirdre Griswold

On August 6, 1945, the U.S. brutally told the people of Asia that America intended to be the post-war power in the Pacific. In case anyone doubted this, the lesson was repeated three days later at Nagasaki. It was one of the most costly ways an imperial power ever chose to make a political point.

Hundreds of thousands of people were killed and maimed in the atomic firestorms that obliterated these two Asian cities. As thousands more began to weaken and die from radiation sickness, it became clear that the toll from the two blasts would continue to mount for years.

What was the object of this unparalleled destruction? Was it, as the U.S. rulers have since claimed, to save American lives by bringing the war with Japan to a speedy end? Was it really to extract a surrender from Japan?

If so, this certainly would have surprised many of the men whose scientific work helped make the bomb. Atomic scientists like Einstein and Oppenheimer had been convinced by the U.S. military to work on the Manhattan Project because they feared similar weapons were being developed in Nazi Germany—not Japan. Germany was the adversary with an advanced industrial base supporting its military machine—not Japan. Germany had developed sophisticated rockets and stockpiled nerve gas—not Japan.

But the war in Europe was over before the first atomic test was held at Alamogordo. Germany had surrendered, Hitler was dead and American politicians were triumphantly touring the headquarters of the German General Staff and having their pictures taken atop Hitler's "Eagle's Nest" at Berchtesgaden.

China and USSR the Political Targets

The threat that the Axis powers might use an "ultimate weapon" to retrieve victory from defeat was over. Yet the United States rushed to complete work on the atomic bomb. On July 16, 1945, the bomb was tested and proven to be infinitely more destructive than any other weapon known to man.

Just three weeks after this test, Hiroshima was a hellhole of radioactive rubble.

James Forrestal, U.S. Secretary of the Navy at the time, related in his diaries that the Cabinet was already discussing the need to "get the Japanese war over with before Russia has an opportunity to enter" (The Forrestal Diaries, p. 74). Averill Harriman, U.S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union, had first raised this question in relation to China (p. 55).

These discussions among the policy makers of the Truman Administration took place from May onward. They took place at a time when the top men of Washington, the Pentagon and Wall Street knew that Japan's surrender was imminent. Dispatches from Foreign Minister Togo to the Japanese Ambassador in Moscow had been intercepted and decoded by the U.S. On the day before the Alamogordo A-bomb test, Forrestal recorded in his diary the information that Japan's rulers were already discussing the terms of their surrender. Washington knew that the only point on which Japan wanted to bargain was retention of the Emperor—a condition that was readily granted a few weeks later when the surrender was made formal.

On July 10, the thousand plane raids of the Third Fleet began. Japan's communications, industries, coastal installations and the remnants of her fleet were hit with air bombing and naval artillery, delivered, in the words of the official report, by "the greatest mass of sea power ever assembled."

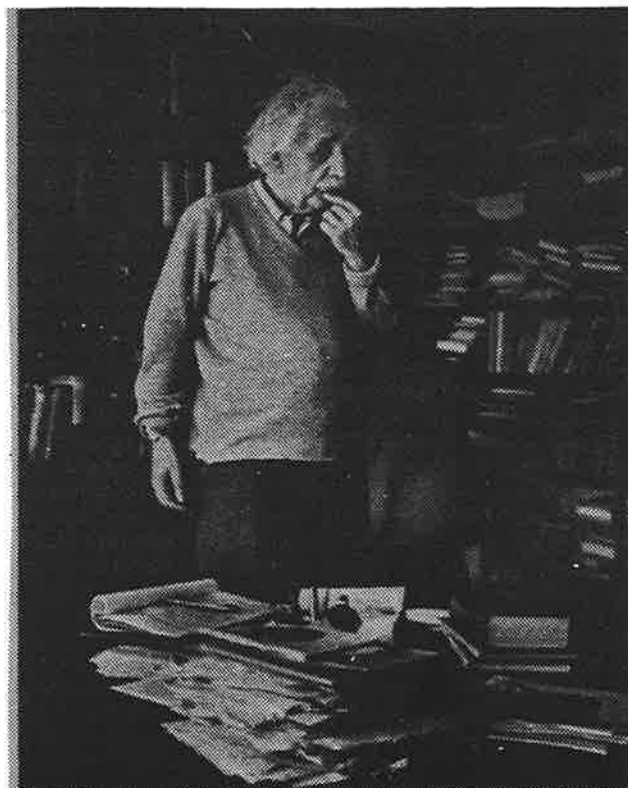
The question of the war against Japan was already

settled. It was inconceivable that this battered country, with a much smaller industrial capacity than the U.S. colossus, would try to continue the war alone. Both in Tokyo and Washington, the politicians were dickering over the formalities of Japan's surrender terms. But in Los Alamos, the night and day efforts to prepare the first A-bomb were moving ahead at a feverish pace.

Racism Made Genocide O.K.

If there was no question about Japan's surrender, then why were the bombs dropped? Why did the U.S. rulers risk the anger and hatred of millions? In large parts of the world, much of Asia included, U.S. troops were looked on as "liberators." Yet the use of such a horrible weapon was sure to call forth universal repugnance and shock and change the attitude of Asians of many classes. It could not be hidden that this was a genocidal act committed against Asians by white people.

Most Americans, certainly, didn't understand why the atomic bomb was used. Not being party to Washington's intelligence reports on Japan's imminent surrender, they swallowed the story that it was to "protect American boys." Racist anti-Japanese propaganda during the war made it easier to accept mass slaughter in Asia, and very few Americans had any inkling of what U.S. imperialism's



He unwittingly helped U.S. imperialism commit genocide in Asia.

aims were in the Pacific.

However, a few "old China hands" like Averill Harriman understood very well what the goal of a "Pacific Power" meant. A member of the banking house of Harriman & Brown, he has been a prime shaper of U.S. policy in Asia for over three decades. He has always served as a loyal and relatively far-sighted servant of his class—the monopoly capitalists whose drive for global domination has led them into an unending series of imperialistic adventures for most of this century. Harriman is today trying to salvage in Paris what the U.S. military is unable to seize by force on the battlefields of Vietnam. He must deal with a situation

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"Old China hand" Harriman confers with "Pacific Power" Johnson.

that was unthinkable in 1945—the defeat of the greatest military power on earth by a small, largely agricultural Asian people.

But when Harriman met with Forrestal and a group of admirals in May of 1945, and then a few days later presented a series of questions on American policy in Asia to the State Department, it was a meeting of victors deciding how they were to collect their spoils. There was Indochina and Indonesia, where neither the French nor the Dutch could restore their pre-war colonial status. There was Korea, another area where the war had created a power vacuum.

Carving up Asia, Country by Country

Forrestal summed up the points raised by Harriman at the State Department meeting. Here are a few pertaining to the forthcoming imperialist division of Asia:

"Korea: Mr. Roosevelt proposed trusteeship for Korea and Stalin's response at Yalta was, why was there any need of trusteeship if the Koreans could produce a satisfactory government—which in Harriman's view would unquestionably be a Bolshevik or Soviet government.

"Hong Kong: Should we try to get the British out, or try to persuade the Chinese (i.e., Chiang Kai Shek -- W.W.) to come to some arrangement by which they would retain some rights there?

"Indo-China: Do we want any military rights in Indo-China? Do we want to let the French have a free hand and drop the proposals for trusteeship?

"What is our objective as regards the future of Japan? Destruction? Retention as a power?"

And then there was China itself. The "400 million customers" that U.S. bankers and businessmen had schemed for so long to control were now wrested out of the grip of their competitors. It was no longer a question of insisting on an Open Door Policy in order for U.S. merchants to get a piece of the action. With the European colonial empires shattered and Japan on her knees, the U.S. wanted to close the door and have a monopoly on the exploitation of the most populous country on earth.

But men like Harriman knew that there was a

tremendous social upheaval sweeping China that could reduce their calculations to rubbish. They banked on the Chiang Kai Shek regime to keep the masses enslaved and work with the U.S. conquerors for a price. Yet at the same time they couldn't close their eyes to the fact that revolution was transforming the countryside, the greatest victories against the Japanese had been won by the Red Army, the decadence and corruption of the Chiang clique was driving new layers of the population into the camp of revolution, and the gang of warlords and compradors allied with the imperialists had no solutions to even the most elementary problems of social existence.

Truman in a Hurry to Drop Bomb

Furthermore, they knew that if the Soviet Union were to enter the war in the Pacific, even if the motivation of the leaders was nationalistic, the objective effect would be to immeasurably strengthen the Communist forces in China, Korea and elsewhere.

Stalin had pledged at Yalta that the USSR would enter the war against Japan within three months of the time Hitler surrendered. The German collapse came on May 8. The Soviet Union was committed to a declaration of war on Japan by August 8 at the latest.

The men in Washington decided they had to end the war quickly, before Soviet troops could mass in Asia. And they had to end the war brutally, with an indelible warning to all the revolutionary peoples that a new and overwhelming super-power was going to dominate Asian affairs. The political targets of Washington's policy decision were China and the Soviet Union. The geographical targets happened to be Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

On August 6, Hiroshima was levelled. On August 8, the USSR declared war on Japan. The next day, Nagasaki was blown to bits.

Harry S. Truman had said to a group of scientists and military men after the successful test at Alamogordo, "That will sure give me a hammer to shake at those boys."

Puncturing the American Myth in Korea, Vietnam and Indonesia

General Douglas MacArthur was entrusted with the "democratic transformation" of Japan in the post-war period. This consisted of the token execution of a few military men and politicians as war criminals. The ruling circles of Japan remained untouched -- unlike the masses who had perished by the tens of thousands at Hiroshima and Nagasaki. As in West Germany today, the mighty industrial and banking houses were taken into junior partnership by the U.S. imperialist conquerors, whose real concern was to decimate the anti-war masses.

Throughout Asia the process of disillusionment with the U.S. "liberators" as their true social role became clear was repeated in country after country. A Newsweek correspondent wrote, "The most spectacular fact of the first postwar months was the puncturing of the American myth."

This myth had been cherished most widely by the rising nationalist forces fighting against European colonialism and Japanese imperialism. They had welcomed U.S. troops as allies in their liberation struggle. In both Indochina and Indonesia, the U.S. Declaration of Independence was a model for their own documents asserting freedom. American troops arriving in Java were greeted with hastily chalked up signs reading "All men are created equal" and quotations from Lincoln.

The myth was punctured as U.S. troops

teamed up with their colonial allies to bathe the independence movements in blood. In Korea, Vietnam and Indonesia they used Japanese troops for this purpose. The people's liberation movements had disarmed the Japanese before the victorious Yanks arrived; U.S. commanders put them back into temporary service against the very people who had resisted Japanese aggression the hardest.

In Korea, one of the first acts of General Hodges, who commanded the American forces, was to demand that all Koreans continue to obey the notorious Japanese Governor-General Abe and that all Japanese officials be retained or restored to office if they had been dismissed.

In Vietnam and Indonesia, Japanese troops were used as a stopgap measure until the French and British could arrive and take over the battle against the independence forces. When they did, it was with all material assistance from the U.S. Army. French troops returned to Indochina, carried from France in American ships, and marched into battle against the Vietminh, armed, from .45 caliber revolvers to tanks and artillery, with American weapons, and dressed from head to foot in American uniforms. In Java, the British fought the Indonesians, bombing and strafing their villages, using American lend-lease fighter planes and maintaining supply and liaison with American lend-lease transport planes.

Expanding Empire

by Vincent Copeland

"The basic cause of the U.S. invasion of Vietnam lies deep within the social and economic system of the United States, itself. The aggression was built in, and the Asian war was pre-determined before Lyndon Johnson was born."

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Japan was already talking surrender when the first bomb was tested.

Israel Openly Appeals to U.S. Imperialism For Support

By P. Meisner

The Israeli drive for military conquest in the Middle East has, in the last few weeks, more openly revealed Israel's dependency on U.S. imperialism's military might. The myth of Israeli "independence" from the West has once again been exploded.

Two almost simultaneous developments last week showed how intimately tied are the Israeli puppet rulers to the U.S. imperialist masters in their effort to crush the Arab liberation movement. The Israeli ruling Labor party declared in its party platform on August 3 that it intended to keep the conquered territories of Syria's Golan Heights, the Gaza Strip and a large part of the Sinai Peninsula. Also, there is a strong possibility of the permanent seizure of Jordan's West Bank (not to mention the illegal annexation of Jerusalem).

However, the Israeli plans for expansion were matched by a desperate request for more U.S. jets and other military hardware, including F-4 Phantom jets equipped to carry atomic weapons. The U.S. has already committed itself to giving Israel 130 Phantoms, 40 of which have been delivered with

many new Israeli pilots just trained in the U.S.

Myth of U.S. Neutrality

Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir, in a rare admission of the importance of U.S. ties with Israel, said in an interview in Tel Aviv on August 7: "The Russians are not just Egypt's friends in the way America is our friend."

The statement amounts to a violation of a long-standing policy on the part of Washington and Tel Aviv to maintain the myth that U.S. imperialism is merely an "outsider," an impartial party to the struggle between Israel and the Arab world. This breakdown of the facade of U.S. neutrality is no accident, however. It grows out of the desperation of the Israeli puppet government to suppress the rising tide of Arab revolution. And it is inevitable that as the people's war against imperialism in the Mideast intensifies, the U.S. will be forced to show its hand more and more in the attempt to shore up the Tel Aviv regime.

The increasingly desperate mood of the Israeli government and its open admission that it is tied to the U.S. military machine is further evidence of the total failure of the Four Power Talks. The Nixon Administration wanted to get the USSR to impose a rotten settlement on the Arab people. The conservative Soviet leaders were not able to do this, not because they are for revolutionary struggle, but because no Arab government would dare go along with such a U.S. deal. It is the Arab masses, the struggle of the Palestinian people and

their fighting organizations which stand firmly for armed struggle and prevent the USSR and the moderate Arab governments from selling out to imperialism.

Four Power Talks a Fraud

The phony call by the U.S. and Israel for negotiations, that is, the surrender of the Arab revolution, is now being abandoned. James Feron, New York Times correspondent in Jerusalem, wrote recently: "The (Israeli Labor party) platform, an apparent victory for the party hawks, seemed to signal the end of official efforts to couch policy in terms of hopes for direct negotiations with the Arabs."

The Israeli military aggressors also showed how sincere they were about "negotiations" by bombing a vital canal feeding drinking water to Egyptian cities in the Suez Canal area.

But behind the aggressive mood of the Israeli rulers is a deadly fear of the growing strength of the Palestinian guerrilla movement. Guerrilla attacks have penetrated deep into Israel and constitute a major threat to the U.S.-puppet Israeli leaders. Also, representatives of the Al Fatah and the Palestine Liberation Organization have expressed great enthusiasm over Syria's militant air response to Israeli aggression in Syria's Golan Heights.

It is in light of these events that Golda Meir will come to Washington on September 25 to confer with Nixon. Her comment on the trip was: "The President will understand our problem."



Another Arab home broken into in Gaza by Israeli invaders.

Milwaukee Mideast Comm. Tells Israeli General: "Arab Lands for the Arab People"

MILWAUKEE, July 22—Over fifty chanting pickets demonstrated against General Itzak Rabin, Israeli ambassador to the United States, this evening. They carried signs such as "Arab lands and oil for the Arab peoples," "U.S. Sixth Fleet—Out of the Mediterranean," and "Victory to the NLF and Al Fatah." The demonstration was called by the Arab-American Committee and the Milwaukee Committee to Support Middle East Liberation, and a leaflet put out by these groups was distributed by members of the Black Panther Party and Youth Against War & Fascism as well as Committee supporters.

General Rabin, who was Chief of Staff of the Israeli Army during the June War of 1967, has a long history of aiding the imperialists. He was the commander of the Palmach, a Zionist military organization which in part forms the core of the present-day Israeli army, which aided the British overlords in Palestine in the brutal suppression of Arab anti-colonial revolts in 1938. This bloody general well represents the Israeli regime which has

used war and terror to drive over a million and a half Palestinians from their homeland, all in the name of Israeli security.

Rabin's appearance in Milwaukee is part of a campaign to sell the people on another war on the Arab people in the Mideast, right on the heels of the American defeat at the hands of the Vietnamese revolution. He, and other Israeli spokesmen (such as Moshe Dayan), with the blessing, encouragement and outright assistance of the U.S. government, are attempting to sell Israeli Bonds to gain money for Israeli war plans.

The success of the demonstration is in part the result of the work of CSMEL in the last six months. The Committee sees its task: to build American support for the liberation struggle of the Arab peoples, as well as to aid Arab students in their actions against the rabidly pro-Zionist propaganda put out in this country. The Committee will continue this work into the fall, with a planned dual teach-in in both Madison and Milwaukee. The Committee also publishes a local newsletter to gain support for the Arab cause.

An Israeli Workers Answer

(M. S. Arnoni's Zionism Rebutted)

By Mike Rubin

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Cornell SDS Sponsors Pro-Arab Spokesman; U.S. Denounced

ITHACA, N.Y., August 3—An audience of 350 Cornell University students and faculty heard Israel denounced as an instrument of U.S. imperialism at an SDS-sponsored meeting this evening.

The speaker was Rita Freed of the Committee to Support Middle East Liberation, who gave a detailed history of U.S. economic and strategic interests in the Middle East, quoting ruling class spokesmen to show that the Zionist state had been created as a U.S. garrison.

Noting that Walter Lippmann had called in 1945 for a "local point of actual American power" in Palestine, she said, "the U.S. government refused entry to the Jewish refugees from Hitler and demanded that Britain reopen Palestine to them. Instead of a haven the refugees were being sent to create a garrison, a U.S. outpost."

The CSMEL Chairman went on to explain that in the June, 1967 war, Israel acted out the role defined by Israeli officials in 1966 as "the deterrent of a friendly power... a first line to stave off America's direct involvement."

Speaking in an auditorium in the Student Union, Mrs. Freed urged the audience to support Arab self-determination as part of the world liberation struggle, together with that of the Vietnamese and the black people. "Progressives should defend the oppressed Arab people just as they defend the Black Panthers," she said.

The Student Union was the scene of

a militant struggle in April when black students took over the building in protest to a cross-burning and administration attacks on their leaders and then took up arms to defend the seizure against right-wing students' threats.

At that time SDS came to the aid of the black students by manning picket lines, distributing leaflets and holding rallies, culminating in 10,000 people occupying Barton Hall.

After the CSMEL representative had spoken, Dave Burak of SDS talked briefly about the Ft. Dix 38, a group of GIs facing long prison sentences after a rebellion against inhuman conditions in the stockade. He announced that a demonstration would take place to support the GIs. He circulated a petition issued by the American Servicemen's Union, which is defending the 38, several of whom are ASU organizers.

A contingent from Hillel, the Zionist organization, then demanded the microphone. This was rejected by the guest speaker as well as by the SDS members and 50 or so Arab students present. A question period followed which brought out additional facts about Israeli aggression and the U.S. Middle East role, to the discomfort of the Zionists. One girl, who had made an emotional outburst at the beginning of the questioning, was later overheard saying unhappily: "She quotes Ben-Gurion, she has all those facts—she's going to convince people!"

By Fred Goldstein

Now that the ABM vote is over with and the ruling class has confirmed its determination to plunge ahead with \$40 to \$100 billion worth of nuclear terror weapons, the liberal establishment is laboring to deceive the people about the significance of the minority vote.

Listening to the liberals, one is supposed to get the impression that a great progressive stride has been taken; that the ABM vote constitutes a mighty assault on the warfare state; that the forces of peace have besieged the citadel of war and that the very pillars of the military-industrial complex would have crumbled altogether but for one missing vote in the Senate. In short, the imperialist liberals are hailing themselves as the almost-victorious heroes in the struggle against militarism.

Of course, all this rubbish has nothing whatever to do with facts. There never was a Senate vote against militarism, or even against an anti-ballistic missile system. This is the most important lesson to be pointed out to the people.

No Anti-ABM Vote

Senators Cooper, Hart, Fulbright, Gore and Co. were never opposed to an ABM. (They claimed to be opposed to the Safeguard variety of the ABM.) In fact, when Margaret Chase Smith proposed an amendment which would have cut off funds for the research and development of the Safeguard system, and accidentally left out of her proposal a request for funds for some other ABM system, Cooper, Gore and Fulbright quickly took her aside and got her to rectify the error. By way of explanation it was made clear that if there were no authorization for some alternative form of anti-ballistic missile system, these great liberals could not vote to cut off funds for the Safeguard.

Their opposition to the Safeguard was so meager that they drew up a compromise long ago which called for research and development without deployment. Of course, research and development is the most important and most expensive phase of missile development and virtually guarantees implementation at a later date. Anyone who handed a gun and bullets to a homicidal maniac and told him not to load it would be held liable for the murder which would inevitably follow. And any imperialist liberal who would authorize the Pentagon to start the multi-billion dollar nuclear weapons program on the grounds that they withheld permission to deploy them surely deserves to be indicted as a

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criminal accomplice of the very militarists whom he is supposed to be fighting.

But, of course, the mis-named "anti-ABM" bloc in the Senate is neither innocent or foolish. On the contrary, they are knowing accomplices. The basis of their opposition to the deployment of the ABM is two-fold and neither reason has anything whatever to do with principled opposition to militarism.

25 Years of Militarism

First of all, they are not even opposed to deployment at all but to the timing of the Administration's plan. They seek a delay. They hope that U.S. imperialism can use the prospect of deployment as a club to threaten concessions out of the Soviet leaders in the upcoming arms limitation negotiations. They have said as much, in their own language, over and over again. Deployment now would serve to remove the element of threat and precipitate an arms race which the



'Dove' Fulbright with war criminal Rusk.

liberals fear would be disadvantageous to U.S. imperialism. Cooper, Fulbright, and Co. consider themselves to be far more cunning imperialists, far more helpful to the master class than Nixon and Laird.

Secondly, they have technical and financial objections — that is, they fear that Safeguard will cost too much and won't work well. A truly courageous anti-militarist position! The liberals have mustered numerous teams of scientists to testify that the ABM has not been sufficiently worked and tested, that its reliability is unproved. They have complained about the high cost of the system and want cheaper paths to nuclear predominance. In short, they would like to streamline the military establishment along the lines of their hero, Former Secretary of Defense McNamara, who spent six years cutting costs, improving efficiency and waging bloody war against Vietnam!

The bourgeois liberal propaganda machine claims that a mighty blow against militarism fell short by only one vote, which made all the difference. But if the defeat were just a matter of one vote rather than a reflection of the fundamental agreement as to imperialist aims between the liberals and their adversaries, then how does Fulbright explain the \$80 billion military budget which he and his group voted for? How do they explain the hundreds of billions of dollars which the liberals helped to appropriate to the general staff over the last 25 years? How do they explain their previous approval of the atomic bombs, the hydrogen bombs, the underground nuclear missiles, the underwater nuclear missiles, bombers equipped for nuclear devastation, tactical nuclear weapons, etc., etc., etc.? Where have these sudden opponents of the "garrison state" and the "balance of terror" been these last two-and-a-half decades?

11th Hour Fears

Is it not true that if the minority vote on the ABM shows anything, it simply reflects a mood of fear which

has overtaken a section of the ruling class at the eleventh hour of their leap into the stratosphere of nuclear terror — a fear that they will commit themselves to enormous military and economic measures which could threaten the stability of the entire imperialist system and at the same time not yield any strategic advantage in the campaign of world domination?

But is it not also true that, fear or no fear, militarism is inseparable from imperialism, that it is the barbaric means to the predatory end of exploitation and plunder and that no matter how fearful the bourgeoisie may be of the military conclusions dictated by its own profit lust, the slave-masters are willing to live with the most horrifying conclusions rather than take one step backwards in defense of their "god-given right" to loot the countries and the peoples of the world?

The liberals in the Senate have not carried out a fight against militarism. They have compromised and capitulated in their loyal oppositionist manner. Their vote is not a struggle but a mere expression of ruling class anxiety.

It is genuinely in the deepest interest of the masses of people to stop the ABM, to put an end to the U.S. nuclear build-up and to choke off the flow of billions into the coffers of the military-industrial complex, i.e., the ruling class.

But the masses need far more than gestures of "concern" by imperialist liberals to do the trick. In place of capitulation there must be principled and uncompromising struggle. In place of feeble attempts to streamline the military establishment there must be bold attempts to destroy it. In place of deception which disguises defeat as victory, the masses must be told the class truth that militarism is inseparable from imperialism and that the destruction of the power of the military establishment can only be brought about by the revolutionary destruction of the imperialist system through the struggle of an aroused, class-conscious proletariat and of all the oppressed.

Nixon's "Withdrawal" = +10,000 Troops!

When Richard Nixon took office as president in January, there were 532,000 U.S. troops in Vietnam. Today there are five thousand more GIs in Vietnam. This increase has taken place during the supposed "withdrawal" announced by the Administration.

Armed Services Committee Chairman Stennis of Mississippi, when confronted with these figures, said he didn't have any ready explanation, but added, "I certainly wouldn't think there is anything deceptive about it." (1)

Even before this disclosure, there were many signs that the withdrawal existed only in propaganda speeches aimed at placating the millions of Americans who want to see a real withdrawal. In one case, the standards and emblems of a battalion were sent home, but the men stayed in Vietnam. And it is no secret that the GIs who have come home were those due to be rotated back to the States anyway.

Apparently "withdrawal" in Nixon's dictionary means escalation, because that is what has occurred behind his phony "peace" front.

Milwaukee Panther Leader Framed

MILWAUKEE, August 10 — Felix Welch, Minister of Information for the Milwaukee Black Panther Party, was arrested yesterday on a theft charge based on an alleged failure to return a rented car. After Welch submitted to arrest peacefully, however, the arresting officer claimed to find a packet of marijuana on Welch, and booked him on a drug charge.

It is well known that the Panthers enforce strict rules against the use of drugs, and even excesses of alcohol. Witnesses at the Black Panther Party office, where the arrest occurred, state that the "pot" was planted on Welch. In fact, the charge came the day after a Panther spokesman, George Owens, told a group of hippies, "We're not gonna mess around with a group that wants to smoke pot," and told them to "get some Marx and Lenin and read it."

The arrest is a continuation of the police harassments against the Panthers here. The liberal Democrat, Mayor Maier, and his administration quickly unleashed the cops against these spokesmen of the doubly oppressed black proletariat. The cops themselves especially hate and fear the Panthers, and do not rest in their attacks upon the black revolutionaries. Felix Welch and all the Black Panther Party must be defended!

THESE TENEMENTS

by Jacob Kisner

Your eyes do all the talking.

old little boy faces: these tenements are for burning.

By Naomi Goldstein

Radio Free Europe, the Voice of America, the U.S. Information Agency and a host of other propagandist agencies of U.S. imperialism constantly point to the 40-hour week in this country as evidence of the so-called "superiority" of capitalist wage-slavery over socialized production. Aside from the fact that workers had to fight and die in the struggle to wrest some meager reforms from the bosses, it is also true that now the 40-hour week is disappearing—and it's not because the workers have won a 35-hour week either!

The myth of the 40-hour week is quickly being exploded as workers, hard-pressed to keep up with inflation and bills, put in longer and longer hours in industry. The day of the 48- and 60-hour week, evils which were largely eliminated by bitter struggles against the bosses in past decades, have now been restored to large sections of the industrial working class.

More Deaths Than Vietnam

The net effect of the inflationary spiral on the working class has been twofold: longer hours at lower pay (compared to the plummeting buying power of the dollar) and a drastic rise in industrial accidents which result from exhaustion caused by excessive overtime. (It should be remembered, too, that inflation, while it may have some ill effects for the capitalist economy, means more profits for the monopolists to steal from the wealth that the workers create. The U.S. government quietly admitted that last year alone, inflation wiped out the pay raises of 45 million workers.)

While the sellout AFL-CIO labor bureaucrats close their eyes, the

Job Accidents Increasing As 40-Hr. Week Turns into 48-60

bosses are raking in the profits and the workers have been forced to resort to second jobs and/or overtime to make up for the 12 percent rise in the cost of living since March 1966. At the same time that overtime is increasing, industrial accidents are also on the rise.

According to the Wall Street Journal of August 5, "The close relationship between accidents and fatigue-causing overtime is apparent in Government statistics showing that the two rise together."

In 1968, 14,300 workers were killed on the job—almost equal to the number of GIs killed in the Vietnam war in the same year. Death and injury in the factories, however, are well-kept secrets. There are no weekly counts of the tolls in the bourgeois press as there are for Vietnam casualties. But the American GI and worker both die for the same "cause"—profit to U.S. monopoly capitalism.

Compulsory Overtime

In an article on the link between overtime and industrial accidents, Labor Today (July 1969) reports statistics from the U.S. Department of Labor indicating that "the number of disabling injuries incurred on-the-job in 1958 was 10.8 per million man-hours worked. This figure had risen to 13.2 by the first half of 1966—an increase of 22 percent over a 7.5-year period. In 1967, 14,200 workers were killed on the job, 2.2 million were disabled, many permanently, with an additional 10 million suffering less serious injury."

(It should be kept in mind that these statistics are based on company reports which grossly underestimate the real number of industrial accidents.)

It is a well-known fact that job injuries increase after a certain number of hours of work. In fact, many of the early labor battles were fought over shorter hours and safer working conditions. Yet today workers are often forced to accept compulsory overtime written into their contracts. Many others are also forced into overtime by

sheer necessity.

Bosses 'Forget' Safety Rules

Labor Today cites the facts from the Bureau of Labor Statistics' "Monthly Labor Review" (July 1966):

"In May, 1966, more than 17 million wage and salary workers were putting in 41 hours or more, with more than 8.5 million working 49 hours or more and over 3 million of these working 60 hours or more per week...."

"In March, 1966, there were 9.9 million working mothers with children under 18 years of age, whereas in 1950 there were 1.5 million."

"The report observes that 'A significant portion of the nation's work force consistently works more than a 48-hour week and this is increasing rather than decreasing.'"

The bosses have been trying to shift the blame for job injuries onto young and inexperienced workers or non-compliance by workers with safety rules. But the real blame lies with the bosses' insatiable drive for higher productivity, regardless of safety. Speed-ups and fast new equipment make for higher profits, but more and more worker injuries. And longer hours, often in noisy, dimly lit plants, increase the chances of job accidents.

As for safety rules, the bosses are the first to forget the rules when the inspectors are gone. In many ways, a foreman can let each worker know that certain safety measures which cut down on production are not popular. In addition, the Wall Street Journal article referred to above openly admitted that some companies force the workers to pay for their own safety equipment.

One executive who preferred to remain anonymous owned up that "When you come right down to it, a lot of our

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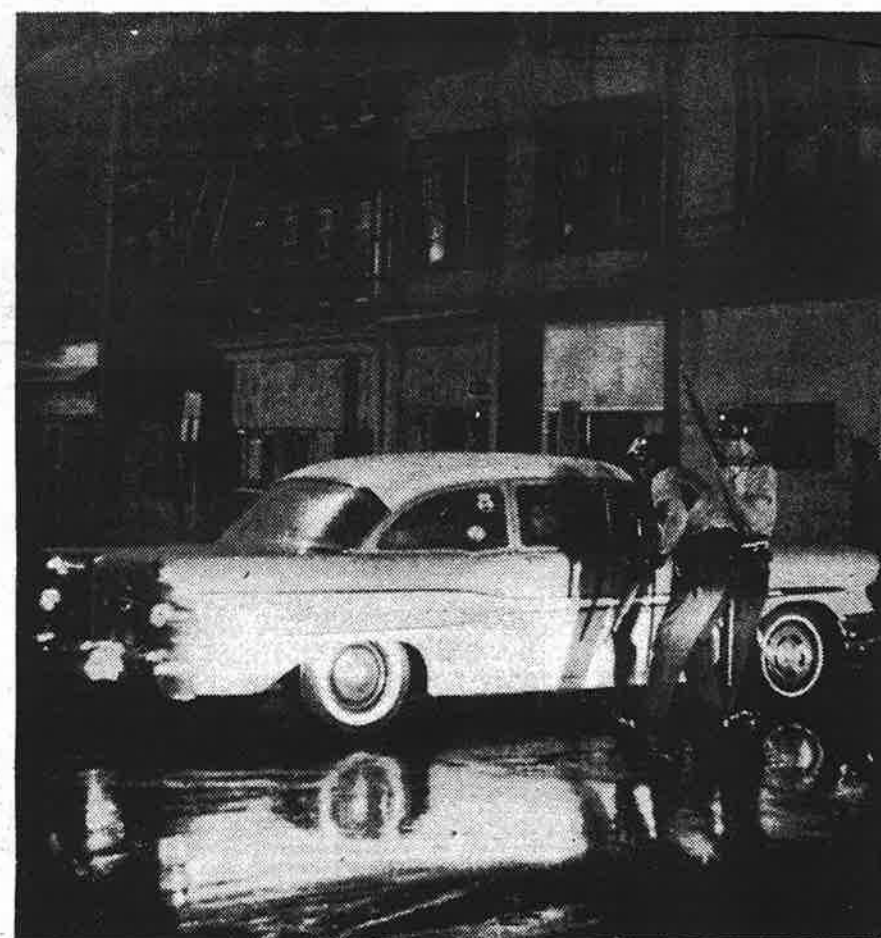
Slumlords Provoke Puerto Rican Rebellion

Aroused by a slumlord's eviction of a Puerto Rican mother and her eleven children, thousands of Passaic, New Jersey's ghetto residents took to the streets last week in the East Coast's first sustained rebellion by Puerto Rican people.

Restrained by a Church hierarchy zealously committed to the bosses' cause, separated from their neighbors and fellow workers by barriers of language and culture, Puerto Rican workers had nonetheless risen up against the oppressions they share with black Americans briefly on New York's East Side last summer and in still more deadly earnest two summers ago in Chicago.

But the struggle in Passaic marks a new high in the struggles of the Puerto Rican people in America, spurred on by the unparalleled arrogance of New Jersey's political "leaders" and their ruling class masters.

On August 3, a 27-year-old mother and her eleven children were thrown out of their apartment into the streets by a local slumlord. The eviction precipitated a widespread, angry reaction in the Puerto Rican community with thousands pouring into the streets by the same evening to protest not only this eviction but the inhuman housing conditions and outrageous rent increases in the neighborhood. On August 6 again, police carrying shotguns and teargas canisters, were met by showers of



Armed cops stop cars during Passaic rebellion.

rocks and bottles as they stormed into the community.

Two years ago, Governor Hughes called out troops to crush the people of Newark and end what he called the "law of the jungle," but he did nothing to halt the arming of fascist Imperiale's anti-black goon squads. Hughes and his associates have since remained silent about the growing upsurge of paramilitary, rightist, night-rider groups in New Jersey suburbs. Now, adding insult to injury, vigilantes of the proto-fascist Jewish Defense League have rushed to join official forces of "law and order" in Passaic in order to "help local businessmen protect their property"—only to be enthusiastically greeted by many local officials, according to the New York Times, August 7.

Just what this oddly assorted gang is so concerned about protecting can't be much of a mystery to black or Puerto Rican ghetto dwellers, nor even to most

white workers, in the face of public attacks on "unconscionable" rent increases, often exceeding 100 per cent, even by such notables as Passaic's City Manager. But the rent rises, now supposedly stalled by a phony "moratorium" agreed to by the slumlords, go on; the evictions continue.

Over 100 area residents, most of them youths, were arrested during the four days of rebellion, and a permanent curfew has been imposed on "juveniles" as a standing threat against black and Puerto Rican youth. While helmeted, heavily armed cops stalked the streets, with state troopers nearby in "reserve," and racist vigilante gangs lurked in the shadows, thousands of citizens continued to shower defiance, missiles and even fire bombs on their self-styled defenders. It now becomes clear to all concerned that things will never be the same again.

New Jersey Poverty Money to Pay Cops to Oppress the Poor

The New Jersey "law and order" legislature has just passed a bill to increase the pay of cops with government funds designated for the poor.

The city of Passaic had exploded into rebellion. Years of oppression and degradation for the Puerto Rican and Afro-American communities of Passaic were being translated into revolutionary violence against the thieving businessmen, the parasitic landlords and the brutalizing cops.

The New Jersey ruling class showed how promptly it could respond to a crisis. The New Jersey legislature was called into emergency session to receive a bill submitted by Governor

Richard J. Hughes. The Assembly passed the bill at once, and the next day (Aug. 6) the Senate passed it and the governor signed it into law.

The new law will allow for state funds that had been earmarked for "urban aid" to be redirected to higher salaries for the New Jersey cops. Newark, Paterson, Elizabeth, Jersey City, Trenton and Camden—the state's six largest cities—will now be able to pay their cops more to insure the suppression of the black and Puerto Rican communities there. Firemen in those cities, who will be used to put out the fires that the cops had been unable to prevent, will also benefit from these redirected "poverty funds."

Victory in Ohio Steel Wildcat of 8,500

CLEVELAND—After an eight-day work stoppage, affecting 8,500 workers and idling all the steelmaking facilities of Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corp. in the Steubenville area, the company was forced to recognize grievances and negotiate with rank-and-file union members.

The unprecedented, spontaneous walkout was triggered by many unsettled grievances, notably the company's refusal to assign a "spellman" to the coke plant where men worked in tremendous heat. The bosses' disregard for these complaints, in spite of demands by the men for relief, caused numerous walkouts on July 31.

Over one hundred workers were suspended from various departments, and the company claimed the right to fire those who failed to come back to work. After the company referred them to "proper grievance procedure," pickets from USW Local 1190 appeared and prompted a shutdown.

Workers Defy Union Bosses

At this point, Brook County Judge McClure issued an injunction against picketing and union officials termed the work stoppage as illegal. Regardless of this pressure, the men spread their protest to all six of the W-P plants by the next day. It was revealed that the grievances behind the walkout were "too numerous to mention," and, according to union officials, "Some of the problems are lateral moves, local rules not completed and incentive problems." The total work stoppage actually revealed the workers' will to fight for their rights against the company, the courts—and their union officials.

Four days after the plants were shut down, three of the six plants involved remained closed and 5,300 workers were still fighting back, voting to stay on strike until their demands were met by management. They also continued to defy the injunction against picketing.

The company then asked for and was granted another, broader injunction, which included a suit against District and Local union

officials, plus 25 union members of the Steubenville area. This second injunction was so sweeping that it was aimed at anybody "...aiding, abetting, conspiring or confederating with any of the above named defendants whose names are unknown to the plaintiff and who constitute a class so numerous as to make it impracticable to bring them all before the court individually and severally by name...."

The injunction also prevents practically any kind of activity in the vicinity of the plants or that is even remotely related to their operation. The president of the Local, Querino D'Albenzio, urged the men to heed the injunction and return to work, and other union officials chimed in, citing the court orders and other kinds of threats. The pickets defiantly became roving pickets as the strike went on, unawed by the \$300,000 loss per day or the \$200 million worth of destruction of plant equipment being proclaimed by the company.

The men went on pressing their demands while the court began "contempt" hearings against workers named in the injunctions. At this point the company asked for and was granted a suit against union officials and individuals for a total of \$80 million in damages. The workers continued their resistance even though some had already been sentenced and fined for "contempt" and the strike reached its eighth day.

Solidarity Through Struggle

The company, however, couldn't hold out. They were forced to agree to reinstate all those suspended, drop the charges of contempt of court and halt the injunction, promise no reprisals, and negotiate in good faith on the matters that led to the strike.

At a large rank-and-file gathering on August 7, workers voted that if the company would meet these demands, they'd return to work for six days. If the bosses failed to do so, the workers reserved the right "to desert the premises once more." The men returned to work on this

condition and with a hard-earned sense of unity and solidarity.

All the instruments used against the workers to break this solidarity failed. The mass media managed to keep the story from spreading and the struggle gained no support from other groups. The workers were opposed by both company and union officialdom and were threatened with firings, fines, suspensions and jail. They were told that their action was illegal, and yet they remained firm.

This is especially noteworthy because the labor movement is generally in a passive mood right now. There was almost no precedent at this time for such a strong and determined battle, yet the workers defied all the odds and came out ahead. There have been practically no struggles in recent years that rank-and-filers have had to lead, but the steelworkers in the Steubenville area went ahead.

Listen, Brother! An Appeal to Black GIs

By

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How does it look when an oppressed community begins to move to take power over its own destiny? The Afro-American community of Chicago, in a series of bold actions, has begun to exercise that power.

Twenty major construction projects, valued at \$80 million, at various sites in the Chicago black community were compelled to shut down. The construction industry had refused to stop its discriminatory hiring practices against black workers, so the black workers had to stop the construction industry.

David Reed, a leader of the Coalition for United Community Action (a united front of 61 black groups which is organizing the actions), declared that they would press their demands throughout Chicago and its suburbs, white neighborhoods included.

The Coalition has charged that less than 5 per cent of the registered apprentices in the construction industry were black and that the Chicago Building Trades Council admitted Afro-Americans on a token basis only.

They are demanding 10,000 on-the-job training positions for black workers within 90 days. Also, they want black supervisors on all future construction projects in the black community.

The New York Times of August 10 described one of the actions:

"The halt in construction Thurs. of a \$10-million addition to Mount Sinai Hospital was typical of the protests:

"Pickets appeared. Leaders asked the hospital's executive vice president and then the construction superintendent to halt work. When both refused, 300 of the demonstrators — mostly teen-agers and younger — swarmed over the project, shaking their fists and shouting demands that workers leave. The construction was halted and 100 workers were sent home."

The small percentage of black workers who have been able to get construction jobs are respecting the picket lines, and some white workers have also walked off their jobs in sympathy with the demonstrations.

Black Youth Halt Racist Construction in Chicago



Afro-American youths stop work at Mt. Sinai hospital. Demand more jobs for black workers.



Will the Elephant be swallowed up in the Quicksand? This question, raised by Indian Prime Minister Gandhi last month, is the most crucial question now facing the capitalist government in New Delhi. Using this symbolic formulation, Mrs. Gandhi warned a convention of the Congress Party on July 13: "When the elephant (the Congress Party) gets caught in quicksand (the 'downtrodden masses'), no matter how strong he is, he cannot be saved."

How to keep the masses from overthrowing the decadent bourgeoisie? This problem has provoked an intense intra-party struggle in India, between Prime Minister Gandhi and her supporters, on the one hand, and the "the syndicate," as the right-wing party bosses are known, on the other.

Caught between the insistent demands for immediate profit advantages of the Indian ruling class and revolutionary struggles of the Indian masses, the ruling Congress Party is facing an acute crisis. It has attempted to shore up the collapsing economic and political structure of India by initiating a move towards a partial return to the methods of central planning and government control over the economy. Borrowing a few socialist methods, Gandhi is hoping to resuscitate a moribund capitalist system in the same way her father, Jawaharlal Nehru, did in the early years of his regime.

"SOCIALIST" RHETORIC IN THE SERVICE OF CAPITALISM

The split in the Congress Party is focused now over Gandhi's move towards nationalization of the Indian banking structure. While this act is part of an attempt to strengthen the economy from imperialist depredation, it has no decisive significance in itself (the U.S. banks were untouched) and can only be interpreted as a desperate and last-ditch effort to stave off economic collapse and social revolution.

Those profit-mad and reckless elements of the Indian bourgeoisie (who would say with Louis XIV, "After me, the deluge.") are unhappy over this attempt to impose a little discipline. However, Gandhi and her wing of the Congress Party, are no less anxious than the reactionaries of the syndicate to maintain the present economic and political structure of India. The dispute is over tactics, not purpose.

In the 1950's, when India was newly separated (politically) from Britain and not yet under U.S. domination, the "neutralist" regime of Nehru was geared primarily to divert the Indian masses from following the revolutionary example of China. The Nehru regime pursued policies that veered toward central planning and government controls over foreign capital. However, these "socialist" measures had no other purpose than to gather up the meager surplus value not swallowed up by the imperialists and to concentrate it into large capital for the benefit of the native bourgeois development.

Five Year Plans were introduced to promote heavy industry along lines of state capitalism. The powerful revolutionary example of nearby People's China, as well as of the Soviet Union, was an inspiration to the Indian masses. In fear, the Indian ruling class adopted a few of the methods of socialism, as well as the rhetoric, to the aims of capitalism.

A narrow-based ruling clique and its amassed wealth remained the basis of the Indian state. Starvation and extreme poverty remained as the essential fact of life for millions. The native exploiters turned to their natural class superiors for assistance.

"FOOD FOR PEACE" IS COLOSSAL BLACKMAIL

In 1956, the U.S. reached an agreement with India, under Public Law 480, to sell wheat in exchange for Indian currency. This "Food for Peace" program was the bait for a well-oiled and deadly imperialist trap.

Over the years, as billions of dollars worth of surplus grain were exchanged for rupees, the U.S. succeeded in acquiring a majority holding of all Indian rupees in circulation! In addition, U.S. policy has been to withhold these "aid" shipments whenever it appeared a giant famine was approaching. The U.S. was able to gain major concessions from India thereby.

According to a New York dispatch from New Delhi (January 26, 1967): "...the U.S. has used its food and economic aid to press the Indian Government for some important policy changes. The leverage played an important role in getting India to grant concessions to foreign investors in the fertilizer industry, to take steps to increase agricultural production, to lift some strangulating controls on the economy, to liberalize imports and to devalue the rupee."

This blatant admission came three days after the even more scandalous revelation by the Indian head of state, reported also in the New York Times (January 23, 1967). "Prime Minister Indira Gandhi said today that India had accepted new restrictions on trade with North Vietnam and Cuba in order to get badly needed American grain."

This is what Public Law 480 is all about. It is nothing less than colossal blackmail, employed against a nation of over 500 million, and in the name of "Food for Peace."

The U.S. has succeeded in getting the Indian government to abandon the use of (or make meaningless) Five Year Plans and to shift over to a position of acquiescence regarding the penetration of U.S. capital. Public Law 480 has served to inflict on the Indian economy the de-emphasis of state ownership, central planning, and industrialization, in favor of a dependence on the totally chaotic conditions of private investment and the stress of agriculture over industry.

MASS STRUGGLE IS ENGULFING RULING CLASS PARTY

The result of these policies has been the deepening of the crisis of the Indian economy. The revolutionary thrusts of the Indian workers and peasants have forced the Indian rulers, once again, to veer slightly towards governmental control and away from private ownership, at least in the banking sector. The nationalization of the domestic banking structure has won for Prime Minister Gandhi some support from the masses, but only to the extent that they regard it as a step towards a socialism that the bankrupt Indian regime is unable to give. By employing "socialist" demagoguery, Gandhi is trying to maintain a situation that has become historically untenable: The Indian bourgeoisie, backed by U.S. and British imperialism, and the revolutionary masses of India are in a bitter conflict that no sugar-coated Social Democratic regime can paper over.

The crisis of the Congress Party, its internal split as well as its severe losses among the electorate, is the crisis of the Indian ruling class. By the hundreds of thousands, the masses are throwing their support behind the various Marxist parties and organizations of India.

The masses are strong, the state is weak; "the elephant... cannot be saved."

--Kenneth Lapides

YAWF Leader Serving 15 Days For Anti-Humphrey Demonstration

NEW YORK, August 11 — Key Martin, National Chairman of Youth Against War & Fascism, was sentenced today to 15 days in jail in the Tombs. This frame-up stemmed from an anti-Humphrey demonstration last year at which Mr. Martin was arrested for "inciting to riot." At his trial last June 24, Martin was acquitted of the riot charge and convicted of disorderly conduct.

The anti-Humphrey rally last summer was sponsored by the Coalition for an Anti-Imperialist Movement. The YAWF chairman was one of the speakers, and YAWF was a participating organization at the event.

The prosecution of Mr. Martin was highly selective and politically motivated, the YAWF leader declared in court. There were 36 people arrested on the demonstration "none of whom did more or less than I," Martin

told the court. They were all acquitted. He has been repeatedly fingered and illegally arrested by the New York City cops, assisted by the Bureau of Special Services (SS). During Stop-the-Draft-Week in 1967, Martin was arrested in a phone booth a block away from the demonstration: "It could just as well have been a kidnapping as an arrest," Martin told the court. "No identification, no nothing; for all I knew, they could have been the Mafia."

"It is beginning with us," Martin told the crowded courtroom of his supporters. "But as in the case of Germany, if it can happen to us, it can happen to everyone—it can happen to you."

Judge Ringle explained to the YAWF chairman why he gave him the maximum sentence: "The court would have been lenient, if you didn't have such a long record of arrests. You're a troublemaker."

— Job Accidents Increasing

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safety decisions are really cost decisions. We give our workers safety glasses because they cost just \$3.50. Safety shoes, which they also need, cost \$14.00, so they aren't compulsory and the men have to buy them themselves."

This one admission is only a small part of the criminal attitude of the bosses toward workers' safety. What about the mine owners who send thousands of workers to slow deaths from black lung by refusing to cut down on the level of dust in the mines? Or think of capitalist flunky Labor Secretary Shultz who recently cut back on safety standards for levels of coal dust and noise in industry?

In reality, the erosion of the 40-

hour week is nothing less than a cut in pay, a growing danger to every worker's health and an encroachment by the capitalist class on the hard-won gains of the working class. Millions of men and women now work up to 60 hours per week or more just to bring home a living wage.

A few years ago, Walter Reuther, trying to drum up support for himself among the rank and file, tossed out the slogan of 30 hours work for 40 hours pay. The bosses quickly let him know that he had better shut up about it and so he dropped it altogether. The rest of the labor bureaucracy were even afraid to raise the slogan demagogically. Now, it seems, the workers will have to throw out this whole pack of labor fakers and fight the battle for the 40-hour week all over again.

1,000 March in Chicago Parade; Nazi Attackers Routed

CHICAGO, August 9—A militant contingent from Youth Against War & Fascism quickly ousted a group of Nazis trying to disrupt the Chicago Hiroshima Day Parade this Saturday.

The parade, called by the moderate Chicago Peace Council, brought out about a thousand demonstrators, most of them young. At a rally after the parade, Chicago YAWF organizer Bob Stewart criticized the Peace Council leadership for not inviting a Black Panther speaker, pointing out that the Panthers had just been subjected to a vicious attack from Mayor Daley's cops.

Three carloads of Nazis, wearing swastikas, tried to get into the parade as it passed in front of Marshall Field. Two of the cars were stopped before reaching the parade route, and it was discovered that they had Mace and fire-

works.

Five Nazis did make it to the parade itself, however, and attacked the YAWF militants who were carrying red banners and National Liberation Front flags. It was all over in a matter of minutes, and the Nazis were unceremoniously routed. One demonstrator broke his flag pole over the head of an attacker.

The City Corporation Council wanted the demonstrators to press legal charges against the Nazis, but the people who had defended themselves said they felt they'd taught the Nazis a lesson in the streets that was more effective than any legal proceeding.

The YAWF banners and flags in the parade—Fight Nixon's Police State, Free All Political Prisoners—were popular with the many young militants participating.

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