

# Black Panther Hq. Attacked and Robbed by Chicago Cops

CHICAGO, October 3—The Nixon Administration has done it again. With the enthusiastic collaboration of its Democratic "opponent" Mayor Daley, the government has launched the third unprovoked attack on the Panther headquarters in Chicago within the past year.

Cops on the rooftops shot up the headquarters and beat members of the

Panther Party unmercifully in the continuing Administration campaign to try to physically annihilate the Black Panther Party with brute force and terror.

Cops in fifteen squad cars converged on the Panther Party headquarters in the dead of night (2 a.m.) and opened fire from rooftops and from the ground in a prearranged ambush. The assault

was timed to coincide with the anticipated upsurge in radical activity in Chicago, which is to be the site of the SDS national action from October 8 to 11.

The attack also came just as the Panthers were preparing to open up a sorely needed medical clinic in the black community. The program was to have been another Panther service to

the community like the free breakfast program for school children.

Nearly everyone in the black community as well as in the anti-war movement seems to understand the reasons for the police attack and to take it for granted that fascist Daley was acting for the whole Establishment. And they hate the police more than ever.

According to a Panther statement: "Just as before, the pigs proved to be thieves. They stole \$4,000 which was to be spent on medicine for the People's Free Medical Center. They set fire to hundreds of newspapers but people came up and put the fire out."

As in the previous attacks, the cops burned the Panther headquarters, this

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## Three Anniversaries

### I — People's Republic of China

October 1 marked the 20th anniversary of the great Chinese Revolution and the establishment of the People's Republic of China. It is a tremendous historical achievement merely to have survived for that length of time, considering the decades-long struggles of the heroic Chinese—and the terrible handicaps that history and imperialism had bestowed upon old China.

But the fact is that the People's Republic has not merely survived, but has grown strong and mighty; it has already made its indelible imprint upon human history.

From the very first moment of its existence the People's Republic has been under extreme pressure from the imperialist ruling class—blockaded, attacked, embargoed, boycotted. It was barred from the UN and "unrecognized" by the United States and most of the latter's satellites.

And yet People's China, under the leadership of the Communist Party and

Mao Tsetung, called for world revolution and condemned the revisionist policy of conciliation with imperialism. Its leaders, have earned the hatred of all reactionaries and reformists in their unremitting struggle to revive and extend Communism.

Only yesterday the revolutionary Communists of People's China intensified their campaign for all party and government cadres to take long turns at manual labor and thus further strengthen their ties with the great masses. This drive toward equality—this drive to re-create society on its communist beginnings—continues to inspire the rebellious and revolutionary youth of the world.

All revolutionaries in the United States pledge their unqualified solidarity in the struggle to keep U.S. imperialism from attacking the Chinese Revolution, and their resolve not to rest until U.S. troops and ships are out of Asia altogether.

### II — German Democratic Republic

The GDR is twenty years old this month, too. And it, too has advanced against great handicaps. One of the most slandered of all the socialist countries, and constantly being written up by the bourgeois journalists as a "drab" and "gray" sort of place, it is becoming more prosperous and more beautiful every day.

From being virtually the rural backyard of Germany, devastated by U.S. bombs in World War II, it has now come to be the ninth industrial country in the world on the basis of per capita production.

From right to left—literally and figuratively—nearly everyone has been (and still is) predicting an early demise for the East German socialist state. With the West German Social Democrats now in office, the stories about "reunification of all Germany" (on a capitalist basis!) are growing

still more persistent.

And rare is the American radical who has not predicted at one time or another that the Moscow revisionists would sell out the GDR in the interests of a deal with West Germany, or perhaps with the United States. Even the Chinese Communists have joined in such gloomy predictions. But all prophets of doom have been proven equally wrong.

This is not because the Moscow leaders are personally so noble or so incapable of making deals.

It is because the GDR has put down stubborn roots into the subsoil of the proletariat and erected a socialist state that cannot be washed away, either by the schemes of the pro-imperialist Social Democrats and their neo-Nazi friends, or by the desperate bargaining of the revisionist leaders of the socialist USSR.

### III — Indonesia

In Indonesia, the anniversary is a grim and oppressive one. This October is the fourth anniversary of the counterrevolution there, and the massacre that snuffed out nearly a million lives in a few short weeks.

A group of reactionary generals, backed by the CIA and trained for the most part in the U.S., seized power and initiated a sudden nation-wide murder campaign against the Indonesian Communist Party (PKI) and its allies. Men, women and small children were executed en masse in the village centers, whole families were beheaded, their bloated corpses filling the rivers and streams.

U.S. corporations then moved back in to enjoy the spoils. Today the oil, rubber, tin, tungsten—all the rich resources of this productive archipelago are virtually owned by American firms.

There are many grave lessons from this drastic defeat for the Indonesian revolution. But most important for progressive people in the West to understand and correct is the fact that there was no protest in this country—except from one group: Youth Against War & Fascism. YAWF picketed, held a Public Inquest, pinpointing the U.S. role, and disrupted the UN proceedings where Indonesia was to be quietly re-

admitted to that body after the slaughter.

But YAWF is just one organization. One of the world's largest communist parties outside of the socialist countries was being decimated. Where were the revisionists? Where were the PL-type "revolutionaries"—not to speak of the bourgeois pacifists who "abhor violence"?

They were nowhere to be seen, and the answer is not hard to find. The U.S. ruling class was wholly united on its Indonesian venture. A quick defeat of the progressive forces satisfied all factions in Washington. Not one Fulbright or Mansfield arose to question the massacre. No bourgeois paper condemned it or even devoted much space to this monstrous event.

And without this cover from the liberal "opposition," most of the supposedly revolutionary opposition failed to carry out a struggle. The Indonesian masses will rise again. But in the meantime, American progressives must learn from this grim lesson.

The movement has to act on its own initiative and not tail the liberal bourgeoisie. Indonesia proves that the split in the ruling class over Vietnam is only tactical, and the only force that can be counted on to fight imperialism to the end is an independent proletarian party.

# The Criminal Repression In Puerto Rico

The following is a translation of the October 5 statement of the Committee Against Political Repression in Puerto Rico, issued in New York, October 5:

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The struggle of the Puerto Rican people for independence has taken a new turn since Friday, September 26. On that day our brother, Edwin Feliciano Grafals, was sentenced to one year in jail for refusing induction into the army of the foreign government that oppresses our country.

As a reaction to this repressive action the students and Puerto Rican workers launched a patriotic attack against the headquarters of the ROTC (Reserve Officers Training Corps—of the U.S.) at the University of Puerto Rico.

The quarters were completely destroyed. Using the incident as an excuse, the colonial government, headed by the multimillionaire Luis A. Ferre, utilized his police force under the leadership of the ex-executioner of the Puerto Rican youth, Luis Torres Massa (until very recently chief of the Selective Service Office of the colony).

### 30 More Arrested

More than thirty leaders have been arrested and their homes broken into. Their bails come to \$150,000. The student and worker leaders still at large are being sought by the police.

Reliable sources revealed that the Ferre regime had planned this mass arrest of the Independence movement in order to whip up a reactionary hysteria. The same thing happened in 1950 with the Nationalist Party and its glorious leader, Pedro Albizu Campos. This is merely another desperate attempt of North American imperialism and its native puppets to undermine the ever rising independence struggle of our people.

As has been clearly demonstrated in Vietnam, the mighty Yankee is capable of the most horrendous crimes when any country opposes its barbarous domination. The arrests and clubbing of today may become the bombardments and massacres of tomorrow.

The colonial government knows that the Puerto Rican people do not want statehood; knows that the Puerto Rican people condemn the brutal imposition of the U.S. draft; knows that the Puerto Rican people have always opposed, oppose now and will oppose ferociously the futile attempts to destroy our cultural heritage, our language and our very own personality.

### "We Will Fight Harder"

This strong opposition to the regime has been consolidated during the past two years, since Governor Ferre came to power with his fascist, annexationist and anti-Puerto Rican attitude—hastening the decadence of the Popular Democratic Party.

The people's struggle under the guidance of the political and independentist organs is reaching a revolutionary maturation and already constitutes

a threat to the colonial government as well as to the imperialist exploitation of the Puerto Ricans by the United States.

There are one million Puerto Ricans living in New York City and we have been forced into exile from our motherland by the hunger and misery we endured in Puerto Rico and that we still

endure in New York under the capitalist system that reigns in this country.

Living here does not mean that we are no longer "BORICUAS," nor does it mean that we are unconcerned about what is happening in our homeland, nor that we do not intend to return there once she has been liberated—with our help—from the oppression that she now suffers.

Now is the time for us to help our brothers in the Island. We the Puerto Rican workers, students and other residents of New York City condemn the brutal repression of our struggling brothers and support any type of struggle, political or military, that our people decide to carry out against colonialism, American imperialism and the imposition of the draft on our youth.

Furthermore, we condemn the attempts to destroy our nationality and support the valiant struggle that our brothers here and in the Island are carrying out to eradicate these evils.

Long live Puerto Rico!  
Long live the Puerto Rican youth!  
Yankee troops, out of our homeland!  
Keep up the struggle against imperialism!

(The committee's address is P.O. Box 241, Peter Stuyvesant Station, N.Y., N.Y. 10009.)

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## YAWF Wed. Night Forums, Classes

NEW YORK—Imperialism, Imperialist Democracy and Imperialist War—that is the title of a three-part series which will start off the fall forum season in the hall of Youth Against War & Fascism at 58 W. 25 St., Manhattan.

Vincent Copeland, editor of Workers World and author of Expanding Empire, will lead this discussion, which he says will also deal with the forces now operating in the struggle to overthrow imperialism.

Key Martin, national chairman of YAWF, announced the series last week and added that his organization hopes to keep its hall open every Wednesday evening for most of the fall and winter with forums, classes, panel discussions, etc. on subjects of burning interests to the Movement.

Since Wednesday is a week-day and most people have to get to jobs or classes on Thursday mornings, the sessions will begin at 7:15 p.m. The first was held this Wednesday, October 1, and admission will be \$1.00 for each session, 50 cents to students.

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# CHICAGO

## In Light of The Marxist Theory Of the State

By NAOMI GOLDSTEIN

With the opening of the "Conspiracy" trial in Chicago on September 24, there has been a good deal of talk about repression against the movement. Of course, the question of repression and how to deal with it has been on the minds of black liberation fighters and anti-war activists for quite a while now—since the mass arrests of leaders of the Black Panther Party and the toughening of the government crackdown on young militants.

But too often repression is spoken of as if it were an abnormality within the system, or a deviation from the norm.

Lenin explained in "State and Revolution" that the state is organized violence and bourgeois democracy only a facade to hide the naked violence of the state apparatus. Repression, then, is actually an organic part of the system which only time and events will reveal.

"According to Marx," wrote Lenin, "the state is an organ of class domination, an organ of oppression of one class by another; its aim is the creation of 'order' which legalizes and perpetuates this oppression by moderating the collisions between the classes." The state, as Lenin explained it, is a special form of organization of violence with an apparatus consisting of bodies of armed men—the police, the army, the courts, judges and prisons.

### Lindsay, Daley Serve Same Class

Everyone recognizes that we are living in a period of repression right now. But the relation of that repression to the state as a whole is not so clearly understood. It makes no difference which capitalist politician you vote for, if a judge is a liberal or an out-and-out reactionary racist—they are all part of the system which ultimately relies on violence to muffle the class struggle.

The "liberal" mayor of New York City is a good example. At the same time that John V. Lindsay talks about justice and equality, he has implemented what amounts to fascist emergency laws. In periods of "crisis" like a militant strike action or a black rebellion, Lindsay now has special powers, including the power to have the police arrest 10,000 people a day to be held in detention camps—really concentration camps—around the city.

In spite of this, and in spite of the fact that he has steadily beefed up the repressive police force and even suggested that the National Guard be called in to break a strike by sanitationmen last year, the official mis-leaders of the peace movement in New York saw fit to invite this man to address a

mass anti-war rally in Central Park shortly afterwards.

Such a betrayal of the anti-war movement by leaders who are in reality tied to the imperialist establishment was only possible because the masses of people who genuinely wanted to protest the war didn't understand the violent character of the state which Lindsay represents underneath all his "liberal" lies.

They didn't see that Lindsay is part of the same ruling class as Mayor Daley and Judge Hoffman who is now presiding over the trial of the Chicago 8. Lindsay and Daley merely represent two different forms of capitalist politics—the carrot and the stick.

### Prepare for War in Times of Peace

The character of the state in quiet times, when the class struggle is muffled, when the masses of people are not moving, is easily hidden. But periods of quiet between great class battles are like periods of imperialist peace on an international scale.

The imperialist system is destined to make wars. Any period of peace under imperialism is only a time of preparation for future wars of aggression. So, if the home front is quiet for a while, the ruling class is only preparing for repressions in the future, for more Chicagos, should the need arise.

As soon as a struggle breaks out, the character of the state immediately becomes apparent—as is so clearly revealed every time the black people rise up in rebellion. The whole force of the state bears down—police, National Guards, troops, with tanks, machine guns, tear gas, etc. During periods of militancy on the part of the working class, the same apparatus is viciously used to break the workers' strikes.

The same kind of lesson, on a smaller scale, was brought out by the Battle of Chicago last year. When thousands of young demonstrators chanted at the cops, "The whole world is watching," there was great significance to that idea. The world was watching in horror, the unleashed violence of the state.

Marx once said in writing about the Paris Commune, "After every important struggle the repres-

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— Karl Marx

.....sive character of the state stands out in bolder and bolder relief."

Chicago 1968 was just such a struggle, and Chicago this year may prove to be the same. The niceties of the bourgeois democratic system only hold for a docile, subdued populace.

### Movement on Trial in Chicago

The trial going on in Chicago right now is merely state repression in a different form. The reactionary judge presiding over the trial of the Chicago 8 is just as much an instrument of state repression as the cop on the street. The significance of the trial, however, is not in the peculiarities of any one judge. Hoffman's tough line isn't an individual quirk, as the bourgeois press would have us believe.

In fact, the "Conspiracy" trial marks the beginning of a very important test case for the U.S. ruling class. In this trial the government has put both the black liberation movement, as represented by Bobby Seale, Chairman of the Black Panther Party, and the entire anti-war movement on trial.

It is truly ironic that the U.S. government has indicted the Chicago 8 on charges of crossing state lines with the intention of conspiring to cause riots. The same government crosses not only state but national boundaries to wage wars of aggression against people fighting for liberation.

It puts its agents everywhere to propagandize, to fool the people, to interfere in the affairs of other countries. Yet people here aren't supposed to cross state lines to spread ideas of protest, to gather together to demonstrate—all rights supposedly guaranteed by the Constitution.

If the government wanted to prosecute those who break laws of interstate travel, why doesn't it go after the giant monopolies which spread all over the country, polluting the air, the water, ruining the natural resources of the country? And what about the Pentagon, shipping poison gasses across state lines and across the world, endangering the lives of all humanity?



The Carrot . . . and the Stick.

But no, the bourgeoisie has made it clear that it intends to use the Chicago trial as a test case to see if it can subdue the movement by passing legislation that would in effect outlaw the organization of militant demonstrations of any kind.

The defendants are being charged under the 1968 Civil Rights Act anti-riot provision which prohibits "the crossing of state lines to provoke disorders." This kind of "conspiracy" legislation, written by racist Senator Strom Thurmond in particular to prosecute Rap Brown and other leaders of the black liberation movement at the time, is the very earmark of fascist law.

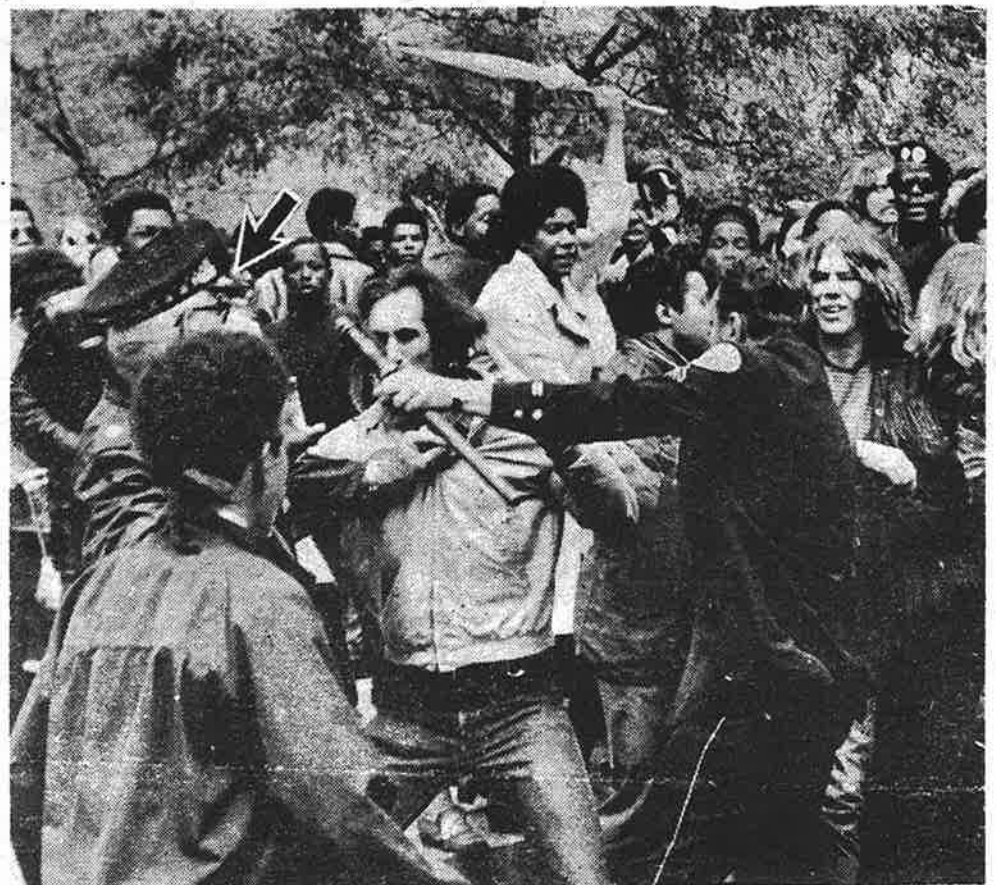
If the ruling class has gone on the offensive in Chicago to try to crush the resistance of the black people, the growing anti-imperialist youth movement and the rising tide of dissatisfaction in the working class, based on galloping inflation, it is only because these movements have begun to challenge the rulers' right to rule. In doing so, in sharpening the class struggles, the character of the state and its oppressive role is being exposed more and more.

The lesson does not stop here, however. Lenin wrote about the nature of the state in order to show that if the state is organized violence, only organized mass resistance can stop that violence and crush the state power. If the ruling class has bodies of armed men to maintain the oppression of the masses, then the oppressed must ultimately organize to create their own bodies of armed men, that is, form their own people's militia to replace the old state apparatus.

Only through a proletarian revolution can the workers and oppressed people smash the apparatus of the oppressor state and form their own state to ensure the end of exploitation of man by man.



The night before the trial of the Chicago Eight began, demonstrators took to the streets for a march to the Federal building, followed by an all-night vigil.



Police Comdr. Paul McLaughlin (arrow) tries to break up demonstration in south plaza of Federal building, but finds militancy just as high as last August.



# Thug Cops Beat, Arrest Panthers in Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE, September 28 — Six members of the Black Panther Party were arrested and beaten last week in two separate but obviously co-ordinated police attacks. Three are still being held on a charge of attempted murder.

In the early evening of September 20, David Young followed police to their squad car after being asked to show his driver's license for an alleged traffic violation. There he was told he was being jailed for disorderly conduct. Young hollered this information back to the two Panther members in his car, Daken Gentry and David Jackson. Gentry got out of the car and was pushed back by a cop, who told him he was going to jail too.

At this point three more fully loaded police cars pulled up, making a total of seven squad cars. As the police then ordered the gathering onlookers off the streets, Jackson told them "the streets belong to the people" and that cops like these could be banished from the community by a "decentralization of the police."

This enraged one young cop, who hollered that he was "a man" and "could kick any Panther's ass" without his gun or club. This cop handed his gun to a detective and aimed a haymaker at Jackson, who promptly knocked him flat. Jackson was then buried beneath a dozen or more cops who beat him unconscious.

## "We're Going to Get More!"

The crowd of onlookers, who had been hollering at the police to stop, converged upon the police, who managed to get their prisoners and themselves away. All three Panther members were beaten in the patrol van. One of the cops beating Jackson was heard to scream "All right tonight we're going to get more just like you."

The three are out on bail pending trial for disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, and assault on a "peace officer."

The following evening the police struck even more viciously. Earl Leverette, Jesse White and Booker Collins Jr., were stopped in their car by six squad cars of the tactical force. They were frisked and handcuffed, then beaten (this was also witnessed by a passing motorist), and on the way to the safety building they were again beaten.

They were beaten in the basement of the Safety Building, in the elevator and again after being separated. White

and Leverette were also beaten on the way to the hospital.

At the court appearance to set bail, they were observed to be badly swollen, cut, bruised and disfigured.

## How the Cops Lie

The charge filed by the police was attempted murder—of a police officer. The cops claim that the three Panthers at 1:00 a.m., stuck a double-barrelled shotgun out the window of their Volkswagen and fired upon a lone patrolman on the sidewalk, only three minutes before being grabbed by cops in the six squad cars.

The patrolmen's statement claimed he "observed the defendant White point a barrel of a gun from the passenger's window at him and observed said gun discharge in his direction." He is then supposed to have saved his life by dropping to the ground.

Nearly every part of the police story is no less illogical or fantastic. The police were so clumsy in their frame-up attempt that the court will either throw the case out or thoroughly expose its own bloody and racist nature.

The hope in the Movement here is that these exemplary young revolutionaries—men of the highest character—will be taken out of the clutches of the ruling class' hired sadists and butchers. In any case, the defense of the Black Panthers will expose the fascist nature of the police.

# Free The Black Political Prisoners

## DEFEND MARTIN SOSTRE!

Foley Square, NYC, 9:30 AM, Oct. 29

# Martin Sostre Challenges Rockefeller in Court

By DEIRDRE GRISWOLD

Martin Sostre, a black man condemned to the white racists' jail for 41 years, will take Governor Rockefeller and two of his prison officials to court on October 29. Sostre, who has just spent 13 months in solitary confinement, is attacking this "cruel and inhuman" form of punishment as unconstitutional.

Sostre was released from solitary in July, so his court action is not merely on his own behalf. (He was released by judicial order of Judge Constance Baker Motley, first black woman to hold such a federal court position.) In filing suit against Rockefeller, Sostre intends to attack barbaric prison conditions in the interests of the entire prison population.

## If Even the Whites...

Eighty-five per cent of the prison inmates in New York State are black or Puerto Rican. They suffer the most brutal and inhuman treatment by prison authorities. Sostre will detail specific cases of brutality in his suit. As he pointed out in a letter to his attorney, even white prisoners can be subjected to torture and atrocities:

"If they made Ray Rogers, who is white, hang himself through beatings and torture, and beat Bill Boyle, who is white, till his screams could be heard in all four galleries of the torture chamber, I know what they will do for black

me."

Sostre knows only too well all the subtle and not-too-subtle ways prison authorities have of breaking a man down. He has spent 15 years of his life in these "correctional" institutions, and as the man who argued and won from jail the case that brought reluctant recognition of the Muslim religion by prison authorities, he has been singled out for special treatment.

Yet he has decided to take on the biggest criminals responsible for this prison system—Nelson Rockefeller, Correction Commissioner McGinnis and Green Haven Warden LaFollette—fully knowing the danger and their power over him.

Sostre has shown such courage and defiance of the racist authorities many times before.

Framed after the Buffalo uprising of 1967, the proprietor of the Afro-Asian Book Shop was brought into court in chains to confront his all-white jury and at one point was even gagged with a towel on orders of the judge—all because he insisted on addressing the spectators and explaining the nature of the judicial farce before them.

## Importance of the Case

Labelled a "prominent figure" in the uprising and accused in two separate Congressional hearings of throwing molotov cocktails and burning the stores of white merchants, he was never accused in court. On the contrary he was sent to prison for 31 to 41 years on a false narcotics charge, one of the most difficult kind of frame-ups to expose.

Sostre, who is already facing prison for the rest of his life, is ready to sacrifice what few comforts might be left to him in order to wage his fight for justice and moderation of the unspeakable conditions of his fellow prisoners. In April he wrote in a statement to the Federal Court:

"This case involves more than just another prisoner alleging subjection to cruel and inhuman torture. It is much broader than that.... Previous cases have assumed the constitutionality of Correction Law Section 140 (solitary confinement), which mandates the systematic denial of food and water to induce hunger, denial of exercise and fresh air. The case at bar challenges the constitutionality of such a law which mandates the denial by the state of these

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# YAWF Speaks for Ahmed Evans At United Front Defense Meeting

NEW YORK, Sept. 27—The busy corner of Broadway and 110 Street came alive this afternoon with colorful banners, a host of literature and several rousing speeches—the message was "Free Ahmed Evans." Over 300 people standing on four corners and in front of a soundtruck stopped to listen to the rally in support of Evans.

The rally was organized by the Fifth Avenue Peace Parade Committee after the New York-based Committee to Save Ahmed Evans requested that the peace group contribute to the campaign for Evans. The July 23rd Committee, a black committee which is handling the defense of Evans in Cleveland, and SNCC co-sponsored the rally.

"Ahmed Evans defended the right of all oppressed people to defend themselves from attack," Dave Axel of Youth Against War & Fascism told the crowd. Speaking first at the rally, Axel ran down the background in the Evans case—the police provocation which resulted in three cops dead and eight black people murdered in the Glenville section of Cleveland on July 23, 1968. He told how the invading cops beat and shot black people in the neighborhood, a-

bused black women and terrorized the community.

"Evans is being charged with conspiracy," Axel said, "but the rulers are the conspirators—the billionaires who profit off our blood and oppression.... they are making Evans the scapegoat to intimidate anyone who tries to stand up and fight back."

## Provoked by Police

The pressing need to build mass support in order to save Evans' life was hammered home again and again throughout the rally. Irving Davis, Director of the International Affairs Committee of SNCC, told the audience: "Brother Ahmed wasn't a well-known revolutionary. He was a rank and file brother, but when the time came to do a job, he did it."

Davis pointed out that Evans had witnessed the brutal suppression of a black rebellion in Akron, Ohio just two days before the Glenville incident. He had returned from Akron determined to prepare his people to defend their community from police assault.

The Glenville Incident, as the shoot-out between Cleveland cops and the black community is now known, was

provoked by police who were stationed outside of Ahmed Evans' home. Evans, who was charged with conspiracy to commit murder, was convicted despite the fact that the court didn't have a shred of evidence to connect him with any of the shootings. He was also charged with the murder of a black youth who was shot from only a few inches away by a racist cop.

A stay of execution has been temporarily granted pending the appeal of the case. Evans was scheduled to die in the electric chair on September 23.

During the rally, the Committee to Save Ahmed Evans set up a table on the street which supplied literature on the case. A petition to free Evans is also being circulated.

## Black Panther Speaks

Zayd Shakur, Deputy Minister of Information for the Black Panther Party, addressed the rally on the subject of the general political repression in this country. The Black Panther Party alone has over 60 political prisoners, he said, including the New York Panther 21, Huey P. Newton and Bobby Seale.

The Panthers, Zayd pointed out,

addressed themselves to the needs of the people through their breakfast for children program, free clothing and health programs. While the government is cutting back on programs for the poor, the Panthers are continuing to "serve the people."

Mae Mallory, leader of the July 23rd Committee and a long-time fighter in the black liberation struggle, was scheduled to address the rally but was too ill to attend. The noted black attorneys Conrad Lynn and Florence Kennedy addressed the crowd as well as the well-known black actor, Ossie Davis. Rev. Thomas F. Pike, Chairman of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship in Yonkers also spoke.

Rap Brown attended the rally and was scheduled to speak. However, the leader of SNCC strenuously objected to the flying of the American flag from the soundtruck and refused to speak below the flag of the oppressor nation.

Abe Weisburd of the Parade Committee chaired the meeting.

The need for broad support for the Ahmed Evans case was sharply underscored by an ominous note in the Cleveland Plain Dealer of September 24, in an article which said that the moratorium on executions in Ohio since 1963 was expected to end soon. Without mentioning Evans at all, the implication of the article was clear.

Today's rally was a significant step forward in building the kind of consciousness about the case which will prevent the rulers from carrying out their planned racist murder of Evans.

# The Buffalo Nine

## Prosecution Flounders

By ROBERT STEPHAN

BUFFALO—As the second act opened in the continuing drama of the "Buffalo Nine," Federal Judge Henderson promised six defendants "an orderly American trial."

Action inside and outside the halls of "justice" gave some indication of just what that meant for the Movement and the people; and the streets again rang with massive defiance of what Gene Debs justly called "the tribunals of the ruling class."

Charged with "assaulting, impeding or obstructing" Federal officers in their massive raid against the church in which draft resisters Bruce Beyer and Bruce Cline had taken refuge in August 1968, defendants Jerry Gross, Ray Malak and Karl Kronberg had received "hung juries" in the first trial of the Nine, only now to face trial again ("double jeopardy," anyone?).

They are joined by William Berry, one of the original Nine, Richard Rose, arrested eight days after the initial arrest, and SDS leader William Yates, indicted a full eight months later, after he visited Cuba. Yates testified for the defense in the first trial and was identified in FBI photos of protest demonstrations.

Federal officials under intensive cross-examination admitted this "arrest by afterthought," as FBI agent Lee Eidson admitted training his cameras on defendant Gross and trial attorney Bill Myers several hours before the arrest, in anticipation of the action to come and at the urging of FBI

"Security Squad" agent Edward Thill.

Agents also spoke freely of surrounding the sanctuary with 32 plainclothes deputies (with no mention of the local Minutemen who tagged along to help), and charging the defenseless crowd with no warning as to how or when to disperse.

The fine quality of homespun American "justice" becomes crystal clear in the fact that one defendant faces possible contempt charges merely for statements made in court to "his honor," the judge; while that same judge, possibly recalling the brutal treatment of Martin Sostre, reminded his court that "There is a precedent...for gagging a defendant" to prevent such statements.

Judge Henderson claims that he and his masters are "not trying a political case... not trying a man's views"; but the defendants, their supporters and the people know otherwise, and have made their convictions and determination clear, appearing 500 to 700 strong on the first day of the trial in a massive demonstra-

tion of support for the Buffalo Nine.

Similar demonstrations continue day after day, despite the judge's vain powerless order that "there will be no picketing outside the building like last time." Mass rallies continue on the campus of the University of Buffalo, as there are today nearly 500 draft resisters in the Buffalo area as against only forty a year ago.

And the spirit which raised students to totally demolish the Defense Department's "Project Themis" facility on the Buffalo campus on the announcement of Bruce Beyer's conviction last March, continues to escalate. Chairing several of the rallies, defendant Jerry Gross, of Buffalo Youth Against War & Fascism, spoke well for the Movement, the people and his fellow defendants, in calling on October 2 for "no letdown in the movement, no matter what the verdict. We have no confidence in the bourgeois courts or bourgeois justice.... We are carrying on a campaign to expose the courts and reveal the essence of the capitalist state to the people."

## Martin Sostre Hails Buffalo 9 From Prison Cell

Although it was not until May 1969 when I received a brief respite from the torture chamber of Rockefeller's concentration camp (when I went to Erie County Jail as a potential witness for Geraldine's trial) that I found out about the Buffalo Nine and read about their beautiful united resistance against the vicious Gestapo goons, I was really turned on!

Conversely, their beautiful example of revolutionary action sent a wave of fear through the ranks of the racist-militarist ruling class. They were shaken because of the Nine's display of unity in their fearless resistance to the brutal aggression of the establishment's hired goons whose function is to protect the ruling class and their loot from the oppressed masses.

The frightened power structure has gotten—from the Nine's heroic action—the ominous message of what lies ahead in the escalating struggle. Yesterday it was the heroic Buffalo Nine. Tomorrow it will be 18! The clash after that may involve 36! Mass revolutionary resistance and the bad example it sets (i.e., bad for them) terrifies them the most because it hastens their downfall.

Although the Nine's brave deed cannot be undone, the establishment cannot let it go unchallenged. If they can somehow belittle the deed, besmirch the character of the Nine,

destroy their revolutionary spirit and the image they project, then victory can still be snatched from a defeat. How will they seek to accomplish this? Through their Judicial Goons!

The second phase of the struggle has now shifted to the courtroom—the ritualized extension of the establishment's coercive apparatus. Having failed to cow the Nine with their sadistic strong-arm goons, they now hope to subdue them mentally, out of their psychological trick bag, by arraying against them the entire panoply of religio-patriotic symbols to boggle their minds and overawe them. The robed former anti-labor, company-lawyer, racist-goon sits on an elevated platform to force all in the room to look up to him as if to a deity or monarch on a throne. Within reach of the elevated goon is the Holy Bible with all the awesome power of heaven and hell within its covers ready to be unleashed upon the (credulous) heads of those below. Upon this book are sworn the goons and their agents—to gospelize their lies. Capping the entire circus is the bird of prey and the American flag—symbols of imperialism and slavery.

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THEY RALLY IN DEFENSE OF BUFFALO NINE.

# October 15: The Masses Who Demonstrate Really Want To End War, Not to Make Imperialist Peace

The nationwide demonstration against the Vietnam war scheduled for October 15 promises to be the very biggest this country has seen. Workers, professionals, students are sure to take to the streets in city after city.

The demonstration in Washington may be smaller due to the fact that it is on a week-day and the number of out-of-town visitors will be limited. But even in the Capital the protests will be big. Among government workers themselves the opposition has grown tremendously. And in other cities, it is bigger than ever, too.

There has been a hush -- almost a paralysis -- from the opposition since Nixon took office, and a reluctance to believe it was possible that anyone could be as bad as Lyndon Johnson. But the people are beginning to realize that the impossible is true. There is a great groundswell of anger at the war that is only waiting for a signal to make itself violently felt.

Revolutionaries and genuine vanguard anti-war fighters must understand, of course, that the demonstrations were originally called, and the October 15 date was set aside, by the liberal wing of the imperialist establishment itself -- that is, by the so-called "doves" -- the members of the ruling class who feel that the Vietnamese people cannot be beaten and the U.S. should throw in the towel.

Actually, October 15 was originally billed as a student demonstration by a "moratorium" commit-

tee, with significant bourgeois forces behind it. Both Republican and Democratic U.S. Senators have now publicly endorsed the affair. At first it appeared that the Democrats were going to make a "partisan issue" out of it. And then, the Republicans, not to be outdone on the issue of Peace, got into the act as well.

Thus on the one side, the imperialist Opposition is getting on the "peace" bandwagon for demagogic vote-getting purposes. On the other side, this same imperialist Opposition, worried to a frazzle about the fortunes of war for the capitalist class, is also helping to call into being a still bigger movement of the masses.

This does not mean that the warhawks, the militarist alter-egos of the capitalist class are defeated or necessarily even stymied. But it does mean that they have to work more quietly. They have to kill more secretly and they have to assume a more defensive position on the question of H-bombs and ABMs, etc.

The split in the ruling class is now so wide open that the militant youth, the revolutionary black people and the proletarian opponents of the war can drive wedges into the split and make both sides suffer still more by taking the initiative out of the hands of the "doves" and filling the protest day with a content the "Reform Democrats" and other assorted liberals aren't looking for.

There will be phony speeches by phonier bourgeois politicians. There will be a lot of pacifist hypocrisy from people who are only too anxious to go to war on a safer and more profitable battlefield somewhere else than in Vietnam. There will be treacherous statements about "peace," even from Nixon himself.

But the revolutionary opponents of the war -- that is, the only thoroughly consistent and honest-to-the-end opponents -- do not bear one ounce of responsibility for these enemies of the people. And they can utilize the day to appeal to the people for a real and effective anti-war program and to expose the speeches and pretenses of the cynical hypocrites in the ruling class.

Workers World and Workers World Party strongly condemned the New York Fifth Avenue Parade Committee, a congregation of bourgeois pacifists, Social Democrats and revisionists for inviting Mayor Lindsay to address their "peace" meeting in Central Park last year. Inviting this darling of the bankers, this imperialist politician who boasts that his police really do preserve "Law and Order" in Harlem, was a betrayal of the Parade Committee's own professed principles.

But this time the Mayor Lindsay himself have done the inviting. They have invited the masses to come out and protest the war that they themselves are responsible for. It would be foolish not to accept the invitation.



# Why "Honorable Peace" Means NO Peace

Nixon's "honorable peace" means no peace at all. The reason for this is that the precise translation of the phrase "honorable peace" into ordinary English is: "imperialist victory."

And since there is not going to be any imperialist victory in Vietnam, there can be no "honorable peace" for the imperialists there.

The imperialist liberals and imperialist defeatists—that is, those who want to live to rule another day, or in another way—want to get out of Vietnam even if Nixon calls them "dishonorable." But the initiative is still with Nixon and the war faction because the liberals and imperialist doves in general don't dare to really expose them, vulnerable hawks though they are.

Why do they not explain that "honorable peace" means peace with U.S. control of South Vietnam—open or covert? Partly because they cannot wholly imitate the example of the fox in the fable and simply walk away saying the grapes are sour. But mainly because if they exposed Nixon completely, they would be in a very poor position to carry on the next war—in the Mideast, or Latin America, or Africa.

One of the most instructive examples of the liberal weakness is the way they go after puppet President Thieu of Saigon, when they really want to hit the big warhawks in the U.S. Thieu appeared on ABC-TV's Issues

and Answers on Sunday, September 28, and promised "he" would "fight until victory." To him, "victory" was, in minimal terms, the avoidance of a coalition government with the NLF, which the U.S. is supposed to support. (Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker, who is supposed to work for the U.S. government, supports Thieu in this.)

## Wants A-Bombs, Tool

Thieu demolished U.S. claims of ending the war by the end of 1970 and went on to say that any real withdrawal of U.S. troops would depend on an increase in U.S. equipment and "more sophisticated weapons like atomic warfare which we have not."

(His interviewer announced after the broadcast that he "believed" Thieu meant the "U.S. atomic umbrella" rather than atomic weapons for the puppet army.)

The liberal New York Post devoted nearly a half-page large-type editorial to fighting the Thieu windmill in Saigon and only mentioning U.S. imperialism by asking "how long Washington will remain a prisoner of Saigon?"

However, the journalistic voice of the warhawks, the powerful New York Daily News (often attacked by the Post for its stand on birth control, nudity, etc.) had given a franker version of "Saigon" events three weeks earlier.

On September 8 its staff correspondent Joseph Fried wrote from Saigon that the United States high com-

all U.S. participation even before the timetable of his dove opponents among the imperialist politicians?

Or why was Joseph Fried not immediately subpoenaed by the Fulbright committee to testify to the conspiracy that includes at least the top generals and U.S. ambassador?

But the imperialist liberals, the very ones who set time limits to the withdrawal of troops and demand total evacuation by the end of 1970 say nothing about all this, but merely allow their columnists to drop hints that bigger forces than Thieu are involved.

Jack Anderson made a broader hint on September 15 when he said in a column entitled "Saigon Saboteurs":

"Disquieting evidence has reached Washington that certain U.S. officials in Vietnam, who prefer President Thieu's hard line to President Nixon's moderate (!) line, are sabotaging the truce efforts (at the time of Ho Chi Minh's death)...."

"Gen. Abrams, the American commander, and Sam Berger, the deputy ambassador, dutifully called on Thieu and tried to persuade him to adopt the American view ('dutifully' meaning that they privately disagreed with the 'American view'—ed.). When he bitterly denounced any de-escalation, they came back with new arguments and persuaded him to join

## Frantic Search at State Dep't Finds No "Request" for U.S. in Vietnam

By ELLEN PIERCE

For four months the State Department has been searching for a written request from the South Vietnamese for the original U.S. military intervention in that country. "A lot of historical research," was needed claimed officials—as they examined records in vain.

Emboldened (somewhat) by mass revulsion against the war, imperialist dove Senator Fulbright sought to embarrass the Nixon administration by asking for documentary evidence that U.S. military presence was requested by the South Vietnamese. (Of course, the Arkansas Senator's objections to the war are based on the opinion that his ideas for preventing revolution are better than the military's clumsy strong-arm tactics.)

The request for intervention is really just a technical point—if Diem did ask for American soldiers, the imperialist war still would not be justified—but one of the State Department's lies has been exposed by the disclosure that the U.S. was not invited to South Vietnam at all.

### Torbert's Doubletalk

"We could not find a specific document" and there was no "formal diplomatic request" for troops, admitted State Dept. spokesman H. G. Torbert on Sept. 23. But he hastened to add that the dispatch of troops "resulted from a continuing analysis of a constantly changing situation."

"The continuing analysis to which I have referred," wrote Torbert, "and the series of decisions resulting from it, were made in close and constant consultation with the Government of Vietnam. The process of analyzing the situation by the two Governments, and the consultation and agreement thereon, were such as to be regarded by our Government as constituting a request from the Government of Vietnam."

What all this doubletalk means is that even the corrupt and collapsing Diem regime never asked the U.S. to send combat troops to Vietnam. This exposes as a lie the often-repeated claim that the troops were sent to defend the South Vietnamese people's right to self-determination. Even the landlord clique that ruled and oppressed the people did not ask for U.S. military intervention.

It was only in March, 1965, after the puppet and U.S. forces had been fairly soundly defeated, and after U.S. bombing raids against the North were

under way, that the then Premier of South Vietnam, Phan Huy Quat, actually requested U.S. troops, conceded the State Dept. (That is, one month after the U.S. had come in with major firepower, and nearly four years after the late John F. Kennedy had sent the Green Berets and thousands of armed "advisors.")

### Why Not Forge a Request?

The government is not above forging a document to "prove" that U.S. troops were asked for by Ngo Diem, the dictator the U.S. was compelled to execute because he was so hated. But the ranks of the ruling class are so badly split over the defeat they have suffered at the hands of the Vietnamese liberation forces that they could not get unanimous consent on such an action.

The U.S. intervened in South Vietnam because U.S. big business and its office boys in the White House and Congress were afraid that they would "lose" South Vietnam to the people who inhabit it. U.S. big business needs Southeast Asia for expansion of its industry, its capital and its profit. Back in 1961 and even in 1964 and 1965 the armed intervention was taken for granted for that reason.

So powerful and arrogant have these new rulers of the Western (and part of the Eastern) world been in the past, that they seldom bothered to have a regime "request" them to come in with military "help" on such occasions. The Dominicans, Nicaraguans, Puerto Ricans, Cubans, Chinese, Congolese and quite a few other nationalities could testify to this.

And Fulbright never thought of asking his embarrassing questions on these occasions. The fact that he asks them now simply means that the U.S. cannot win.

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NLF fighters being paraded through streets of Saigon with signs saying "Cruel members of the Viet Cong" -- LNS Photo.

mand had the same idea as Thieu. He quoted an unnamed "source" in the Saigon "Pentagon" as follows:

"If we had to go to the Vietnamese and tell them 100,000 American troops were coming out this year," the source said, "it would put us in a real bind."

"We should move along on this program of giving the South Vietnamese (puppets) a larger role in the war, but we should and can do it at a pace where the Vietnamese will be able to respond to it in a positive way without jeopardizing what has been accomplished here.... We cannot expect the Vietnamese to carry staggering loads at the outset."

He said the target date for completing the entire U.S.-operated program of equipping and training the Vietnamese armed forces is June 3, 1972. The number of Americans needed to backstop the Vietnamese at that point varies between 40,000 and 200,000, he said.

### No Questions Asked

Who is the mysterious "source" and why was he not immediately fired by Nixon who claims he wants to end

in giving lip service to the three-day truce. ("Join" with whom?—ed.)

### Sabotaging the Truce

"At lower levels, however, many U.S. officers not only sympathized with Thieu's stand but privately encouraged their South Vietnamese counterparts to violate the truce. (Since when do 'lower level' U.S. officers defy the high command in such all-important questions?) Secret military dispatches indicate that the South Vietnamese (puppets) accordingly stepped up military operations during the three-day period."

Now why is it that the liberal imperialists are perfectly willing to feed this information to their columnist servants to insinuate to the public so that bolder elements can use it against Nixon and the Pentagon? They do not wish to take on the top brass themselves nor to draw these points to their proper conclusions.

The reason is simply that the imperialist liberals are not fundamentally against the war but are only afraid of a still more humiliating peace than

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BERNARDINE DOHRN  
Four cops attack her in Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, Sept. 20— In another example of the nation-wide campaign to attack the movement by attacking SDS, twenty-one youths were beaten and arrested at the outset of an SDS-organized action called to "Stop the Game" at the bourgeois Davis Cup tennis tournament between the USA and Roumania, where Nixon was ex-

# Pigs on a Tennis Court

pected to appear.

Over thirty youths had gathered a half mile from the tennis courts, in the heart of a hostile, white upper-middle class neighborhood — whose police force had earned the name "Pig" by its harassment of rebelling young people over the summer months.

Swarms of cops were photographing

and intimidating anyone who didn't seem to belong to the Cashmere crowd of tennis fans, obviously preparing to make mass arrests. Two arrests were made long before any action began.

Club-swinging cops attacked those gathered for the demonstration without any provocation, even arresting innocent on-lookers in their zeal to smash the SDS.

A garbage truck was used to transport those who were captured; they were bound hand and foot and tossed face-down, three-deep and helpless on the floor, where the cops freely clubbed and kicked the victims. A number of participants managed to escape during the attack.

Charges ranged from "inciting to riot" and "assault and battery" to "disorderly conduct" — charges made solely to cover up for the violent crimes of the cops against their victims.

Bail ranged from \$1,000 to \$500, and attempts to have these high rates lowered were denied in an obvious move to impose "preventive detention" on the youthful opponents of imperialist rule. To further terrorize the movement, many of the victims were severely beaten both before and after being jailed and then were denied medical aid. One young man was clubbed and kicked until he was delirious and was left in his cell with a concussion.

None of the prisoners were informed of their right to council during or after being booked. Some were even denied the right to make a phone call, under the rule of the police harassment.

## Rudd Speaks At CCNY

NEW YORK, Sept. 25 — Mark Rudd, National Secretary of SDS and leader of the Weatherman Collective within that organization, spoke on women's liberation, Vietnam, the black liberation struggle, the SDS Chicago action (Oct. 8-11), proletarian revolution and other topics to about 200 students at City College here today.

In response to attempts by Progressive Labor to disrupt the meeting, Rudd attacked what he called the racist position of PL on black liberation and gave his views on the subject. The black liberation struggle is the crucial element in the revolutionary struggle in the U.S. today, he said.

He declared his support of "anything that throws the white capitalist out of the black community," and added that this struggle for black self-determination is being led by such groups as the Black Panthers, SNCC and the Republic of New Africa.

He drew the attention of the audience to Ahmed Evans, who is now fighting his sentence of death by the state of Ohio from his jail cell in Columbus.

The meaning of the Chicago action, as Rudd outlined it, is to build a "fighting movement" of white revolutionaries. He was critical of those whites who were content to just observe the struggles against imperialism by the Vietnamese or the Black Nation. Fighters, not spectators, are needed, he said.

"We are much more worried about losing an opportunity to struggle," Rudd declared, "than we are about preserving the 'Movement' to fight another day." In response to charges against his group of "adventurism," he contended that the problem for the left in recent history has not been that it has fought too hard, but that it has not fought hard enough.

is rebellion — rebellion affecting various sections of society — students, workers, faculty, the medical profession, lawyers, and the church."

"This rebellion, Mr. Dostal believes, is a rebellion against the repressive machinery of the State...repressive machinery used to maintain the status quo." A similar rebellion, he believes, is occurring in Vietnam where the Vietnamese are fighting for freedom and liberation.

"Bobby Smith, SDS representative, spoke of repression in the U.S. as an outgrowth of 'imperialism.' She sees the struggle in Black America as

the 'People's War' — as two manifestations of the imperialism of the U.S. She advocates 'armed struggle...non-violence is non-existent, you cannot take up a revolution without fighting...without taking up arms.' In addition, she reiterated again and again the idea that we must 'bring the war home.'"

The significance of this meeting is that it was organized at the very beginning of the fall term and was the opening gun in the fall offensive. It was not dominated by the pacifist and moderate groups in the movement, but was to a large extent boycotted by them. There was a large attendance in spite of this. And that showed a newly growing awareness of a more fundamental solution to the problems facing the masses in our society.

It demonstrated that the struggle on this campus last May had raised the level of consciousness of the students.

All of the speakers tied the repressions to the system of imperialism and the capitalist society. The applause to all these remarks was overwhelming and demonstrated that the repressions will not win, but will be defeated by the struggling masses.

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the one they are now preparing. They cannot really expose Nixon's plans for an "honorable peace," because they are servants of the same imperialists that Nixon is.

Nixon said at Guam during the summer that the U.S. was "inevitably a Pacific power" (the same phrase used by Johnson and the two Roosevelts) and had no alternative but to keep its "treaty commitments" in Southeast Asia, the Philippines, Japan, etc.

The liberals applauded this statement because it was accompanied by a nicer statement that the U.S. should "help" only with money and equipment, not with soldiers. But Nixon was only saying that the U.S. would continue to extract all the wealth it could take out of Asia, and intended to continue to dominate it.

At the same time he was reassuring the cynical liberals and their credulous camp followers that this could be done with U.S. guns but without U.S. soldiers to shoot them.

## Western Reserve Students Mass to Hear Ahmed Evans Defense

CLEVELAND — An overflow crowd, mostly students from the Case Western University, filled the Hatch Auditorium to take part in an attack on the repressions that are spreading throughout the country.

This meeting was organized by the United Front for Political Defense, the organization that supported the July 23 Defense Committee in its fight to free Ahmed Evans, the black liberation fighter who was sentenced to the electric chair by a racist judge.

Gerald Lefcourt, attorney for the Panther 21 in New York, was the principal speaker, but was ably assisted by Mae Mallory, leader of the July 23 Defense Committee; Bob Begin, former priest who revolted against the ruling hierarchy in the church because of its failure to aid the oppressed, opposes the war in Vietnam and supports the black people in their struggle against the racist society.

In addition Bobby Smith spoke, representing the SDS, which is under fire from the ruling class in the Cleveland area as well as in other parts of the country.

Ted Dostal, who chaired the meeting, a former steel-worker who has charges against him for demonstrating against Wallace and also for supporting the July 23 Committee demonstration at the court house, filled in between the speakers to underline the need for struggle to stop the repressions.

The official student newspaper, The Observer, said:

"Mr. Dostal spoke of repression as not being confined to the United States, but rather occurring throughout the world. His criterion for repression

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# THE WHITE THE FASCI



Thai Khac Chuyen, an alleged Vietnamese double agent. The story that this man's murder touched off an internecine war between the CIA and the Green Berets has fooled no one. The real struggle among the imperialists is over how to conduct their mass murder in Vietnam.

The following is the second in a series on the Green Beret Conspiracy prepared by the American Servicemen's Union, 156 Fifth Ave., New York City, New York

reaction and racism on issues not directly related to the military. In addition, Thurmond is noted for his closeness to Nixon, and has supplied a goodly number of White House aides to the present Administration from his own staff.

## Standing Ovation for Fascist Berets

The mustering of right-wing forces behind the Green Berets was only tangentially concerned with the supposed issue in the case: the murder of a Vietnamese agent or double agent. Of course, their racist, imperialist attitude toward Asians would presuppose they would all agree that the murder of a Vietnamese is no crime.

But the standing ovation given in Congress to the announcement by L. Mendel Rivers that there would be no trial of the Berets was a militant demonstration by these ultra-right bigots of their passionate loyalty to the fascist wing of the U.S. military. They were cheering for the American equivalent of the French Foreign Legion, and they were expressing their support of its murderous and genocidal tactics.

Their emotionalism over this issue was probably all the more vehement since many of these same Congressmen have had to appear restrained over the war because it is so unpopular with their constituents. But

the Green Beret case has provided them with a cause and a focus for their unregenerated jingoism and chauvinism.

They were cheering for an all-out, no-holds-barred, bomb-'em-into-the-Stone-Age policy à la Wallace and Curtis LeMay. And of course, they were showing their abhorrence that officers could be arrested and thrown into the stockade just like ordinary soldiers.

## CIA vs. Berets Echoes Deeper Split

The kind of support for the Berets that surfaced in this struggle makes it clear that whatever the facts are that have been so carefully covered up, the decision to suppress them and free the Berets was a concession to the right wing. In a struggle such as this, which is reputed to center around rivalries between two agencies that outdo each other in practicing genocide and assassination—the Green Berets and the CIA—it can be confusing to progressives and the average worker. Can there be real issues involved? Don't both groups stand for essentially the same thing? Maybe the papers are right and this is merely some kind of factionalism or personal rivalry in the military?

But the enthusiasm of hard-line reactionaries like Rivers and Thurmond for the Berets is a sure tip-off that much more is involved here than some petty rivalry between either factions or individuals.

Since when have these two gentlemen jumped to defend the civil liberties of anyone before? Yet suddenly they are only too concerned that the rights of these six officers may be infringed by the Army. Since it is obviously not civil liberties that they are concerned with, it must be something else. And at the heart of the matter is the fact that both the Green Berets and these two Congressmen from South Carolina are hard-core champions of the most unbridged military solutions to the political problems of U.S. imperialism.

## "Unwise and Unfair" But Case Dropped

This case has exhibited spectacular reversals in

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ruling class on assassinations to resolve its inner conflicts? Or is it merely that guns are easier to come by, guards are less efficient and there are more would-be assassins around than there used to be? If the answer to the last question is in the affirmative, then why is the situation confined almost exclusively to the United States?

Abraham Lincoln was assassinated over a hundred years ago, it is true. But he was literally the exception that proves the rule. He was assassinated precisely when the ruling cliques of the U.S. were in open warfare. And even then, the bourgeoisie tried to cover up the political character of the assassination. (Presidents Garfield and McKinley were killed by individuals and larger forces played a minimal role in their deaths.) In the years between 1963 and 1968, however, four major political assassinations—President Kennedy, Malcolm X, Martin Luther King and Senator Robert Kennedy—clearly indicate the heightened conflicts and crises of the U.S. ruling class. In each case the bourgeoisie has gone to extreme lengths to whitewash the conspiracies and bury their political significance—as is being done today with the Green Beret case.

## John F. Kennedy

When the news came from Dallas on November 22, 1963 that President Kennedy had been assassinated, the masses of people instinctively felt that in Dallas, a center of racist reaction and fascist organizations, the killing must have been carried out by right-wing forces opposed to Kennedy's "liberal" policies.

All the evidence gathered since that time, notwithstanding the Warren Commission's attempt at a massive whitewash of the case, has clearly pointed in that direction.

Four days after the assassination this newspaper said that the U.S. had come close to a fascist coup d'état. It did not succeed because "the forces of political reaction, virulent racism and 'preventive war' militarism, had failed to coalesce at the critical moment and emerge with a 'man on horseback.'"

The plot was premature since a substantial section of the ruling class was not yet ready to give up bourgeois democracy for fascism.

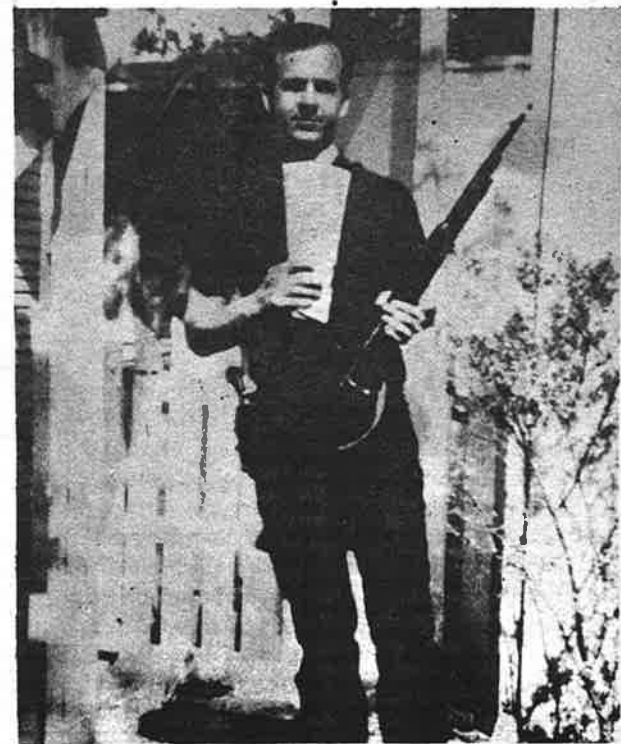
However, continued the WW article, "The evolution of U.S. ruling class politics in general, and military politics in particular, has consistently

manifested an undeviating tendency toward dangerous adventurism abroad which needs domestic reaction as a fundamental prop."

## Warren Commission Whitewash

The Warren Commission, whose political task it was to whitewash the rightist plot and name Oswald as the "lone assassin," only raised more questions than were answered. In addition to the many basic flaws and contradictions in the evidence uncovered by investigators like Attorney Mark Lane, District Attorney Jim Garrison of New Orleans has presented a well-documented explanation of the plot on Kennedy's life.

After years of investigation, Garrison has evidence that the plot involved agents from the CIA and Cuban refugees. Oswald himself, the evidence shows,



Lee Harvey Oswald

By N. KAHN

The Green Beret case is just the latest in a long series of conspiracy-assassinations in recent years. Since 1963 a U.S. president, a leading presidential candidate, and a series of leaders in the black liberation movement have been murdered. When this record is added to the assassination record in U.S.-controlled Saigon, it presents overwhelming circumstantial proof of the deep division in the U.S. ruling class.

Never before in U.S. history has there been such a series of political killings—not in sixty years, much less six! Why should there be this phenomenon today? Can it be merely a result of "violence on TV"—or is it due to a far deeper cause that goes to the roots of the political and economic system itself?

Is it evidence of the growing dependence of the



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policy—certainly not calculated to bridge the government's already yawning "credibility gap." Secretary of the Army Stanley Resor, after announcing that he had been subjected to tremendous pressure to dismiss the charges against the men, but that to give in to this pressure would be "unwise and unfair," gave in.

Less than two weeks after this statement, he was announcing that the Army would have to withdraw charges because a fair trial could not be held without CIA witnesses. Who had decided that the CIA would not testify? At first White House press secretary Ronald Ziegler stated categorically that Nixon had nothing to do with it. But a day later, it had come out that the decision was indeed the President's.

Behind these flips and flops, zigs and zags, rages an intense struggle between two wings of the ruling class which appear to be closely matched at this point. It is anathema for smooth politicians who have reached the heights of a Resor or Nixon to be caught in a lie or inconsistency. Under ordinary circumstances of "normal" internecine warfare between various cliques in the government, they are agreed that an unruffled front must be presented to the public. Protocol demands that even the bitterest rivals hide their animosity behind public smiles and handshakes.

But when the issues are as gigantic as how to conduct a multi-billion dollar war that has become a debacle, not even the most calculating politicians can sweep all the dirt under the rug.

Those behind the offensive against the Green Berets, who evidently included Resor and General Creighton Abrams, have retreated for the moment. The excuse is that the CIA cannot testify "in the interest of national security." And the law states that if the defense in a case is deprived of testimony or evidence because such evidence could prejudice national security, the government must withdraw its charges. But, in practice, is this always binding?

It certainly wasn't in the case of Francisco Molina. Molina was a Cuban in New York, partisan

to the Revolution, who had been charged with murder in 1960. At the time of his trial, six witnesses against him were flown up from Guatemala by the CIA, where they were being trained for the Bay of Pigs invasion which took place a few months later. On orders of the CIA, they refused to answer questions from the defense about their military training.

The defense requested that the charges be dismissed, raising the same point of law invoked by Mr. Resor in the case of the Green Berets.

Did the government drop the charges against Molina? They did not, and the trial ended in his conviction and sentencing to twenty years in jail. A similar ruling was given in the Rosenberg case, when the government decided that the A-bomb plans allegedly stolen could not be seen by the jury because it would be against the interests of "national security." When this drawing was declassified some years later, the eminent atomic scientist Harold Urey declared it worthless. But the fact that pivotal evidence could not be used by the defense did not stop the trial or execution of the Rosenbergs.

Obviously, the interpretation of this point of law by the government has been given a generous latitude. Had the other faction won in the current dispute, it seems doubtful that the law would have been any obstacle to a trial.

## Invoke "National Security" to Suppress the Facts

But in addition to the specious nature of Resor's legal argument, the whole concept of "national security" is a ruling class device to make the workers and oppressed think that their interests are the same as their oppressors'. The bourgeoisie is afraid that the truth about their organized gangs of cut-throats as well as their blueprints for even more monstrous attacks on the Vietnamese people will come to light; the excuse that all this must be suppressed in the interest of "national security" must be ripped to shreds.

Nixon's intervention in this case may have been on the side of the ultra-right, but this does not mean that the "liberal" wing of the imperialist bourgeoisie was clear or united in wanting to bring the Berets to trial. On the contrary, they too seem to be very worried about what such a trial might bring to light.

On the one hand, an exposure of the fascist nature and tactics of the Green Berets might strengthen the hand of those who feel the time has arrived for a prudent withdrawal from the war they are losing. But they also know that such revelations will turn more people not only against the war but against the imperialist system that spawned it.

And it is to prevent the rise of an anti-imperialist movement among the people and the GIs that they are urging an end to the war in the first place. "When thieves fall out, honest men come into their own." The liberals know this better than anyone, and it is

## GI Union Says: What About THESE Prisoners?

The American Servicemen's Union released the following statement on September 29, shortly after the whitewash of the Green Beret conspiracy was announced in Washington. It was reprinted in the New York Post of September 30, complete except for the third sentence of the first paragraph:

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The American Servicemen's Union considers Resor's decision to be a whitewash attempt. The Green Beret case is symptomatic of an acute struggle between factions of the U.S. ruling class over the prosecution of the imperialist war. This latest ruling shows that the elite, fascist-like Green Berets and the counterrevolutionary CIA, whatever their differences with each other, are joined in a conspiracy against the Vietnamese and American people.

There are tens of thousands of GIs in stockades all over the world, hundreds of them ASU members who are in there only for their opposition to the illegal war. If Resor can free the fascist Green Berets, we demand that he also free all the GIs in stockades under his command.

their fear of the honest men—the people—that makes them so anxious to find an end to the war which has caused such a major falling out of their class.

## Liberals Also Fear Revelations

Therefore, although the forces that were behind the initiation of charges against the Green Berets must have been extremely powerful, the quashing of the case has not brought forth a vocal faction in Congress demanding that these murderers be brought to justice.

The waters seem to have closed over the turmoil that surfaced briefly in this celebrated case. Perhaps Colonel Rheault and his men will be swallowed up in anonymity and the story dropped for a while. But the war grinds on, and with it the inescapable dilemma for U.S. imperialism. Men like Abrams, Resor, Nixon and Thurmond represent forces locked in a fierce struggle over how to make the best out of an impossible situation. They may agree that the truth about this case, which exposes the vicious nature of their class rule must be kept from the people, but their ignominious defeat at the hands of the Vietnamese liberation fighters has opened up a rift among the rulers that can only deepen as time goes on.

was a government agent chosen to be the patsy in the plot.

The Kennedy assassination was just a violent manifestation of the inability of the bourgeois democratic system to contain the inner antagonisms among the monopolistic cliques and factions in the ruling class. The major contradiction for the imperialist system, was then, and is still today, that between the superabundance of goods produced and the shrinking world market—the problem of how to expand the U.S. empire and defeat the liberation struggles which threatened to tear the oppressed nations from the U.S. grasp. Then, as now, Vietnam was a major stumbling block to these objectives of the U.S. ruling class.

## Elimination of Diem

Just two weeks before Kennedy was shot, he himself was involved in a secret assassination conspiracy. At the beginning of November the CIA financed and carried out the plot to overthrow Ngo Dinh Diem, then the fascist dictator of South Vietnam, and eliminated several who were closely associated with him.

Kennedy found it necessary to get rid of Diem because the puppet government was so hated by the people that a new puppet was needed to continue the war.

In the few years since the Kennedy assassination, the crisis of U.S. imperialism has appreciably deepened. Facing defeat in Vietnam and rising rebellion among the black people at home, the ruling factions are literally at each others' throats over what policy is best—all-out military adventure abroad along with severe repression at home, as against a tactical retreat in Vietnam and a policy of token reforms on the homefront.

It was these very questions which were undoubtedly the moving forces behind the assassination of Senator Kennedy in June 1968.

As in the Green Beret case, we may never get all the details of the plot to kill Robert Kennedy. But we do know that all political evidence, along with the ruling class' refusal to conduct any real investigation into the assassination, point to another right-wing plot to keep a key representative of the liberal bourgeoisie from becoming president.

While the ruling factions are plotting against each other over imperialist policies, they are also fully aware of the threat which the black libera-



Malcolm X

tion struggle poses at home. The same racist militarist clique which plotted against the Kennedys was determined also to crush the leaders of the black people.

## The Murder of Malcolm

The murder of Malcolm X in February 1965 is, of course, the prime example of the desperation of this clique in suppressing the black people's struggle. Never, since Marcus Garvey, had a revolutionary black leader commanded such mass support among his people. The only way to combat the ideas of Malcolm was to eliminate the man. Who-

ever the triggermen may have been, sections of the ruling class and the CIA had to be deeply implicated in the plot against the black revolutionary.

## The Killing of King

The U.S. Government's cover-up of the plot on Rev. King's life (non-violent moderate though he was), is perhaps the most obvious of all. James Earl Ray, accused of shooting Dr. King in Memphis on April 4, was arrested in London on the very day that Senator Kennedy was being buried. The sudden arrest was timed precisely to assuage the black community's rage over King's murder.

The U.S. Government quickly moved to make a deal with Ray—he pleaded guilty, got 99 years and no trial was held. It was admitted, however, that just a few days after Ray escaped from Missouri State Prison in 1967, he bought a car for \$1,995 in cash and was supplied with several aliases of men in Canada who looked like him.

In prison Ray was reported to have said that a group of Southern businessmen were offering \$100,000 for King's murder. And just this August an obscure newspaper article reported that Ray had said that federal agents were involved in the assassination.

King, like the Kennedys, was a supporter of the capitalist system, and at the same time in a faction which the right and extreme right were desperate to defeat.

Time was when the ruling class could settle some of its problems in an open vote (when only two to twenty percent of the people could vote, by the way). Time was when the rulers could delay a decision for months or years, or even decades, while they debated over it in Washington and Wall Street. But those balmy days are gone forever.

The rebellion of the oppressed within the United States has posed even sharper and more immediate problems than the irrepressible upheavals of the oppressed abroad. Both rebellions are challenging the rule of U.S. monopoly. And the democratic, parliamentary forms of rule, although ridiculously superficial, are a barrier to the capitalists' freedom of action just when they need that freedom most.

Therefore they now circumvent these organs of government more than ever and resort to assassination, just as they may later try to assassinate their own imperialist democracy altogether.

# Oppression Of Working Women

By SUSAN KER

(The author spoke at the Workers Against Fascism panel in the July united front conference held by the Panthers in Oakland, California.)

The fundamental contradiction of a capitalist economic system is the class division which results: the few in the ruling class who own and control the basic productive machinery opposed to the masses who must sell their labor power to their bosses in return for set wages. The owning class obviously benefits from this relationship because they reap the profits which their hired laborers produce. As long as the rulers can keep the workers divided among themselves, fighting for a bigger share of the crumbs which the capitalists begrudgingly pay their workers, they can continue to maximize the profits they make off the exploitation of human labor.

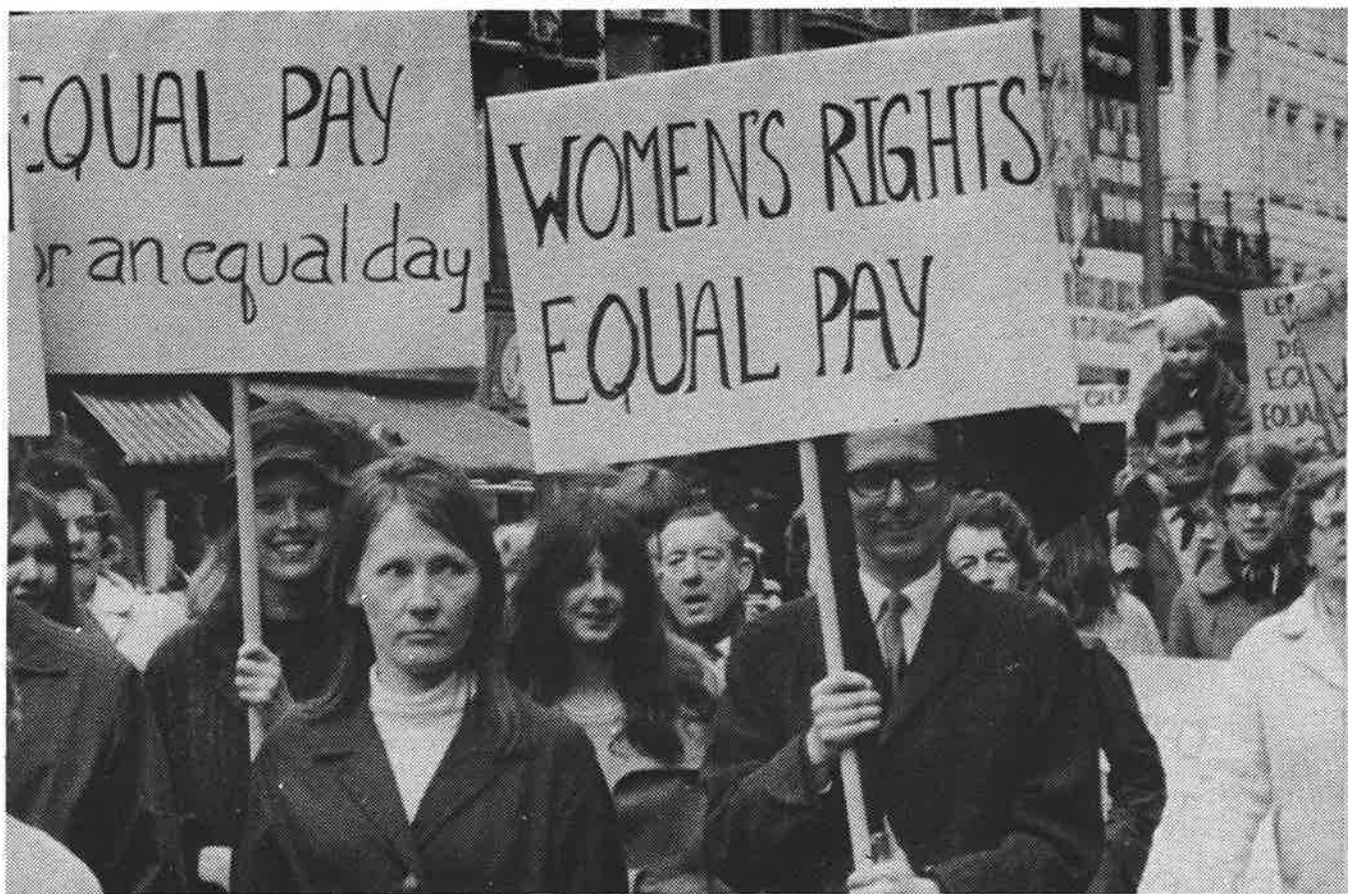
The most obvious division among workers is along racial lines. Less noticed perhaps, but equally dangerous, is the division along sexual lines. Male workers are privileged in relation to their sisters. The illusion of privilege clouds in their minds the reality of the exploitation they are subjected to every day.

The subject of women as workers has been almost completely ignored by the mass media. In attempting to uncover information I discovered that the most recent books are 20-30 years old, and for the past 10 years Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature only listed a handful of articles dealing with women in the labor force. "Caution: Women at Work" is one title typical of the tone of those articles.

The facts I was able to find came from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences, January, 1968.

## On the Bottom of Heap

Objectively, women are on the bottom of the economic heap. 28 million American women hold paying jobs. 53% of us are the sole wage earner in the family. The vast majority, (70%) are employed in clerical positions — secretaries, bookkeepers, clerk ty-



Striking nurses in Britain demand equal wages for women.

pists; service jobs — waitresses, maids, cooks, hospital attendants; and blue collar jobs in industrial plants — assemblers and operators. 55% of all non-white working women are in service jobs. The 13% of us who are considered "professionals" are elementary and secondary school teachers and nurses.

Women are paid less money than men. The median income in 1964 for male workers was \$6,238.00. For women the median income was only \$3,710.00. The median income for black men is higher than for white women; black women have the lowest income of all.

We women are channeled into the lowest paying, menial, boring work with the lowest fringe benefits and the worst working conditions. Those of us who do not hold paying jobs work full time in the home cleaning and cooking and raising children and do not get paid anything for our labor.

How does this work force channeling serve the interest of the capitalist boss who, we claim, profits from these divisions in the work force? First, by paying women less money, he can depress the wages of all workers. The difference between the amount paid a man and the amount paid a woman represents increased profits for the boss.

Second, women make up a reserve labor force. We can be used to keep the economy going when our brothers are sent to fight for the bosses' profits in an imperialist war. Or we can be used to "scab" on our brothers when they go on strike to better their working conditions. The Handbook of Women Workers puts it this way: "Women 14 years of age and over not in the labor force make up a womanpower reserve — a potential source of additional workers who might be needed in an expanding economy or in time of national emergency.... The number of women in the labor reserve exceeds that of men making women the largest single source for labor expansion."

## Unions Neglect Women

Labor unions, once heralded as the bastion of worker democracy, have done next to nothing to help the plight of the working woman. There are only 3 1/2 million women in labor unions compared to over 17 million men. Although women have accrued certain economic benefits through union membership, the unions have in no meaningful way challenged the fact of male hegemony within the work force and within the labor union. Rather the unions have been instrumental in legitimizing and maintaining male hegemony.

For instance, there are few unions (the UAW is one) which have Women's Departments or other bodies to deal with specific problems facing women. Where they exist, they constitute no threat because they consist of women

dealing with women's problems and not involving men.

Most union contracts, since the adoption of the Equal Pay Act of 1963, include clauses for equal pay for men and women; nevertheless, differentials for male and female jobs are recognized with men getting the more responsible and better paid jobs. Where separate classifications exist, union contracts often include separate agreements for men and women.

Token recognition of women on decision-making bodies is the rule. For example, the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union (ILGWU) having 390,000 women members and the



Women paving Route 29 in Iowa.

Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America (ACWA) having 283,000 members each have one woman on their national executive boards.

The statistics prove the painful sexual discrimination that exists in the labor force and in the labor movement. Why has this happened?

Women have been channeled into these positions through the organized and conscious efforts of the capitalist rulers who reap the benefits from a divided work force. Prompted by their own class interests, the capitalist exploiters have made various attempts to arrive at a bourgeois solution to the "woman question." They strive to isolate the struggle of working women from the class struggle of the proletariat as a whole, to lure working women away from the class struggle with bourgeois feminist illusions divorced from the underlying facts of social life.

## Feminism Fell Short

One of the harmful illusions which the movement known as feminism sought to spread was that women could attain equal rights with men without struggling for revolutionary change in the economic and social system. They talk about political rights for women and their right to an education, ignoring the fact that for millions of women these rights, under capitalism, have

no real meaning. They insist that not the exploiters, but men in general, are responsible for women's subservient position.

The capitalists have developed and propagated an ideology about women, which is fed to men and women alike through the mass media, and used it to keep women off the labor force and in the home playing the role of constant consumer. This ideology states that women naturally (i.e., biologically) belong at home nurturing the children and waiting on the husband. It implies that women who work are somehow stepping out of our role as wife, mother, housekeeper, mistress, and into the world of men. We should be thankful for the crumbs we get and not demand more since we are intruding into territory in which we do not belong.

Women who stay at home are portrayed by the capitalist media and advertising industry as pampered, vain, self-indulgent and lazy. Their personal fulfillment comes from buying things. (We can't win either way.)

It is this capitalist ideology that is the root and source of "male chauvinism," and the sexual divisions which are propagated in the economic, social and personal spheres illustrate how successfully this ideology has been bred into people.

## "Equal Exploitation"

### Not the Answer

Male chauvinism, because it serves only the interests of the capitalist rulers, is reactionary, and every manifestation of it must be fought. The "feminine" ideology has never at any time fit the circumstances or the actual living conditions of the great body of women; least of all does it fit the women of the working class. At no time have we been sheltered. We have, however been weakened, and that seriously, in our struggle to make ends meet by notions that never in the least represented the realities of our lives. Resistance, struggle and initiative are hard for us because the conventional picture does not allow us those attributes.

But we will struggle! We will overcome our imposed disabilities. We will struggle against the reactionary ideology of male chauvinism. We must struggle in unions to form women's caucuses to make demands — for day care centers, equal pay, equal access to jobs — which benefit women and have them wholly supported by the entire union membership, men and women alike.

In our struggle we must continually keep in mind that inequality and oppression of women is rooted in class inequality and caused by the system of private property and the exploitation of man by man. We are not fighting for equal exploitation. Real equality for women can only be achieved when women fully and equally join the struggle of the working class for socialism.





# White Labor Chauvinism

## And How to Fight It

By V. COPELAND

The racist action of white construction workers in Pittsburgh and Chicago proves dramatically that black people should have special rights. That is, it proves that ordinary white-dominated labor unions are not enough, and that national self-determination for black people must take precedence over the rules of simple trade unionism.

The 2,500 white construction workers who demonstrated in Chicago against the right of blacks to come on the job without long and frustrating (and maybe phony!) periods of apprenticeship, were only removed from a lynch mob by a rope's length. They acted like rowdies and hoodlums and only failed to start a "race riot" because of the restraint and discipline of the blacks.

They just repeated in a more brutally frank and direct way the racism the New York City teachers showed in a different field in last year's fight against the black community's control of its own schools.

But it is not enough to call for the right of self-determination and let it go at that. It should not be assumed that militant white friends of black freedom are helpless to affect the course of the labor unions, even the most traditionally conservative ones.

True, the \$100,000-a-year top leadership of U.S. labor has connived in goading the latent racism of backward whites into the almost lynch-fury of Pittsburgh and Chicago. True, George Meany himself openly encourages this with his support of the archaic apprenticeship system. True, many other top leaders say nothing at all.

(And this includes those white leaders with many black workers in their organizations. I.W. Abel, head of the million-man United Steelworkers, for example, spoke in the Atlantic City convention of the AFL-CIO last week in the aftermath of Pittsburgh and at the height of Chicago without mentioning either one.)

### There Is a Way, But It Takes Guts

But in spite of the racism that has been driven into the white workers' brain by centuries of super-oppression of black people, millions of whites can be led in solidarity actions, other millions neutralized—and this even includes a large percentage of the \$6 an hour construction workers.

This can only be done with a dynamic, militant labor leadership ready and willing to take on the whole big business apparatus in defense of all labor.

If such leadership existed—or rather, if such a

leadership could oust the reactionary mossbacks who now lead labor—the hypocrisy of the government and the big bosses would be exposed. (That is, their measly programs of tiny concessions to the black workers would be far surpassed by the gains of a united and militant working class.)

Such a leadership would not merely raise the 4-day week for five-days' pay as an abstract demand (like I. W. Abel did at the AFL-CIO convention). It would fight for it tooth and nail, enlist the aid of the black workers employed and unemployed, and prove in action to the white workers how much it was in their material interest to fight for the rights of the black.

At the same time such a leadership would fight against the backwardness of the white workers and insist that black workers be put on the job before gaining the four-day week, in the course of fighting for it.

This is just one simple and generalized formula for struggle and by no means a cure-all for racism in the labor movement. It is not the formula that counts, but the brave men and women who are willing to put it into action and fight for it both morally and physically.

### Socialism and Separatism

There are a hundred other recipes and a hundred other ways that militant white stewards on the job could educate their white fellow workers in action to understand their duty to the blacks.

There are such potential leaders among the whites, although most of the older ones have been witch-hunted out of the plants by the present labor police who run most of the unions for the bosses and their government. A new generation is growing up, however, and the high school protesters of yesterday and today are the production line workers of today and tomorrow.

In many an unknown shop, in many an unpublicized action,—usually in low-paid or highly sweated industries—white workers have learned it is to their own interest to be fair to the black. But there is racism, even in these cases. And it takes real leadership to fight it.

But the labor "leaders" like the business agent in Pittsburgh who gets a dollar a day for "working permits" out of non-union whites, and hypocritically talks about black workers not being "skilled" enough—such leaders have to go.

## "Civil Rights" and Ireland's Freedom

By GEORGE STRYKER

"Ireland, unfree shall never be at peace"—Padraic Pearse

For over 700 years the people of Ireland have waged an unyielding battle for their right to self-determination. That battle has taken on many forms, from open revolution, such as in 1916, to a simple cry for human justice and Civil Rights in 1968.

The last 50 years has seen "The Treaty of Partition" imposed by Lloyd George, with the aid and assistance of a band of traitors led by the one-time patriot DeValera. This gang sold out the freedom of six counties in northeastern Ireland to a band of fascist bigots under the direct control of Great Britain. The so-called "Free State" in the other 26 counties continues to remain in economic bondage of British, U.S. and other foreign imperialists, including many former Nazi Germans.

### Keep It in "Safe Channels"

Let us begin with 1968. The six occupied counties of northeastern Ireland were long suffering under the cruel oppression of a police state that denies even the most elementary of civil liberties, forces Catholics and other nationalist-minded elements into rigidly segregated slums and only the most menial of jobs.

Traditionalist leaders of the "loyal opposition" Nationalist Party of Northern Ireland, sensing the mood of the people, staged a peaceful march in Dungannon. It was patterned closely on those led in the United States by Dr. Martin Luther King, seeking to keep the struggle in "safe channels." The main protest was over bad housing conditions. There were minor scuffles, but the march broke up peacefully after a meeting on the outskirts of town.

But the idea of Civil Rights caught on like a prairie fire. A second march was called for October 5, 1968—an historic day for Ireland—in the city of Derry. This time the British stooge regime was fast to move. The march was banned, but despite the misgivings of some of the more conservative Civil Rights leaders, at the demand of the working class of Derry it went forward.

This time, men, women, boys and girls were savagely beaten by the pigs and the private police of the semi-fascist ruling Unionist Party.

The marches and counter marches went on. The fascist Rev. Ian Paisley, blood brother of the American fascists and George Wallace, screamed for Catholic and nationalists' blood and whipped up terroristic attacks on the poor. As Dr. King had pleaded for "peace" and "love"—so did his counterparts in the Irish movement Ivan Cooper and John Hume, both of whom were to spill their own blood and see their families subjected to terror at the hands of the Paisleyite mobs.

But another march took place in Derry this year—and it did not beg the oppressor's permission or ask for representation in the oppressor's Parliament. Little or nothing was said about it in the United States.



Youth throws gasoline at a cop in Bogside area of Derry.

But 5,000 men, women and children marched behind the Irish national flag with the full knowledge—a knowledge that the militant blacks of the United States also have—that there can be no real Civil Rights under the heel of the imperialists; that there must be national liberation; that the Workers Republic, combining nationalism and socialism as Connolly had advocated, was the answer.

In the true tradition of Sinn Fein and its military wing, the Irish Republican Army of Connolly, Pearse and Larkin—Sean Keenan who led that march told the imperialist stooges—"We don't want votes or jobs under your flag. We want our country!"

It was the Feinian songs that were sung that day and it was fists, stones—whatever the patriots could get their hands on that answered the attack of the Paisleyites and the bully boys of Stormont.

### But the Present "Leaders" Have to Go!

Today the barricades are still up in Derry and Belfast and the cry for freedom and of "Power to the people!" can be heard. There are still those who welcome the British troops as "safe guards" against the Ulster fascists—as another generation did. But let us quote from Dominic Behan's beloved "The Patriot Game"—

"This island of ours has for long been half free, Six counties are under John Bull's tyranny. So I gave up my boyhood to drill and to train, To play my part in the Patriot Game.

I don't give a damn if I shoot down police, They're the lackeys of war, never the guardians of peace, And yet DeValera is greatly to blame, For shirking his post in the Patriot Game.

And now as I lie here my body all holes I think of those traitors who bargained and sold I wish that my rifle had given the same To those quislings who sold out the Patriot Game."

No! It is not those who welcome Bloody John Bull to Ireland, nor is it those ultra-left, petty bourgeois elements who deny the teachings of Connolly, while they seek refuge behind his brave name—and deny the existence of the National Question, screaming loudly for "Socialism" (but under the British crown!) who offer light to Ireland. Rather it is those who have kept the faith—who recognize that one of the very foundations of Marxism is the right of nations to self-determination, as did James Connolly and as Sinn Fein still does.

## A GI ANSWERS THE QUESTION:

## How Do You Tell a Pig From a Man?

By BILL SMITH

(Bill Smith is Vietnam Editor of The Bond, newspaper of the American Servicemen's Union. He joined the ASU after returning from a tour of duty in Vietnam — an experience which turned him profoundly against the war and the imperialists who force GIs to fight for them.)

Several weeks ago on a street outside of the United Nations Building, a GI, an American Servicemen's Union member in uniform, was shoved and thrown into a police truck along with a dozen other civilian demonstrators.

He went there hoping that if he could not confront Nixon, who was speaking inside, he might nonetheless confront the American public with the bitter reality of his imprisoned brothers (over 30,000 servicemen are incarcerated within brigades and stockades similar to the Presidio in California).

Foremost in his mind were the 38 men from Ft. Dix, N.J., who are accused of playing a leading role in the rebellion there of 150 stockade prisoners and who are facing sentences of up to forty years.

While the ASUer was hustled off to jail with his fist raised and clenched, there didn't appear to be any common interest between the cop, who was shoving, and the GI, who was resisting, but they were both wearing uniforms designed and owned by the ruling class. They were both, by assignment, in the service of the rulers and depended upon by that same class to maintain the order of bourgeois society.

Then why was there a confrontation? Or even aside from the confrontation, what is the difference between a cop and a soldier?

I think the difference can be seen when servicemen condemn their CO, the sergeant and the Company in the same way that they relate to their civilian boss, the cop and the county jail. The

difference is oppression.

A cop can come from an oppressed community, but for good money and security he voluntarily works for the mayor and bosses, busting heads and generally restraining dissent. GIs are people. Working people. Drafted or enlisted, they soon discover that all of the repressive aspects of their former cities and towns are intensified on a military post.

No GI identifies with the Pentagon or his CO. Even if he voluntarily enlisted, either to escape the draft or probable duty in Vietnam (all recruiters deceptively hint that an enlistment will guarantee your choice of

assignment), he still considers all his alternatives and assignments against his will.

The cop, on the other hand, identifies with the mayor or some other political boss. Graft, a pension of at least ten thousand a year are a good motivation. The blue uniform is hated by the cop's neighbors, but he wears it with a smile. The GI, in contrast, despises his uniform and in formation wears it with contempt and embarrassment. I vowed to cut my monkey suit, after separation from the service, into little squares and place them where the toilet paper used to be. Any time I'd tell that story, I'd get roars of

laughter and approval from my GI brothers.

With \$1,200 a year and a Uniform Code of Military Justice that makes the worst of bourgeois laws sound liberal, a GI has nothing over his civilian brothers and spends much of his time cursing his draft board or recruiter and all of his time learning the distinction between officers and enlisted men.

The rank-and-file serviceman is not a mercenary. His labor is forced even if he's an enlistee, who is often black. Extreme poverty and unemployment thrust black youths from the ghettos onto a military post. The reenlistment rate among black GIs is declining rapidly, but the squeeze play of the ghetto is the reason for his initial enlistment.

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## FREE THE FORT DIX 38!



Join the rally at Ft. Dix on Sunday, October 12, at 12 noon, to free all GI political prisoners. Above (left to right)—Bill Brakefield, Jeff Russell, Terrv Klug and Tom Catlow of the Ft. Dix 38. —LNS

Demonstration Sun. Oct. 12 Noon FT. DIX, Ft. Dix Rd., WRIGHTSTOWN

## Who Rules

Kwame Nkrumah  
Exposes  
Neo-Colonialism

-----the Empire?

When Belgian troops invaded the Congo, when the French fought ruthlessly to maintain Algeria's colonial bondage, when U.S. troops occupy Okinawa, invade Cuba or Vietnam, oppressed people everywhere are outraged and want to fight the imperialists.

Yet today, when most of Africa, Asia and Latin America remains enslaved behind a neo-colonialist facade of phony independence, imperialism too often gets let off the hook.

The oppression is no lighter, the exploitation no more bearable, the monopoly profits no less, yet by cunningly changing its face imperialism prolongs its rule.

In a completely documented account of the financial and industrial monopoly relationships that rule and exploit Africa, former President Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana rips the mask off neo-colonialism and exposes the naked imperialist. His book "Neo-Colonialism, The Last Stage of Imperialism," written in 1965, is based on Lenin's analysis: "Imperialism, The Highest Stage of Capitalism."

Not long after Nkrumah's book was published, on February 24, 1966, his regime was overthrown in a CIA-organized coup. Below is a summary of some of the major points of Nkrumah's thoroughly researched and detailed exposure of neo-colonialism.

## THE FLAGS DEPART; THE BANKERS REMAIN

Colonialism has been superseded as the main instrument of imperialism by neo-colonialism. Neo-colonialism represents the most advanced form of imperialism; it is "imperialism in its final and perhaps most dangerous stage."

Neo-colonialism is economic control and exploitation carried out against "nominally independent states by great financial interests." Its objective is the same as colonialism: to invest capital in order to withdraw profits from the human and natural resources of the area.

The difference between the two systems is that under neo-colonialism an attempt is made, at the beginning at least, to cover over or disguise the imperialist nature of the control and exploitation. Confronted by hostile masses, imperialism takes a different tack: "Without a qualm it dispenses with its flags and even with certain of its more hated officials."

Nehru once observed that India yielded twice as much profit to the London bankers after independence than as a colony. The so-called "end of empire" in

1948 went unnoticed by the financiers, who had, by 1960, more than doubled their capital there.

And in Algeria during the war for national liberation, investments (French and American) were heaviest. "Win or lose, the financial and industrial interests were entrenching themselves within the Algerian economy." (The fact that there had to be a war for national liberation shows "how tenaciously imperial powers cling to their colonial territories.")

American investments in Africa from 1945 to 1958 grew faster than in any other region. Direct private investments rose from \$110 million to \$789 million. Of the total increase of \$679 million, \$555 million were reinvested profits. With that kind of incentive for neo-colonialist ventures, U.S. investments tripled by 1964.

## IMPERIALIST STRATEGY IN THE NEO-COLONIAL WORLD

One of the principal tactics of neo-colonialism in Africa has been to break up the formerly large colonial territories into many small, non-viable states. The resources of these small states to withstand or control imperialist penetration are vastly inadequate. ("Their—the imperialists—financial and economic empires are pan-African and they can only be challenged on a pan-African basis.")

Imperialist strategy in the neo-colonial world is geared towards resisting demands for national liberation and socialist development. The economy of the neo-colonial country must be kept weak enough so that it cannot break free, and yet it must be strong enough to allow for maximal profit.

The "multilateral aid" organizations like the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank are nothing but a "neo-colonialist trap." All these "international" organizations have U.S. capital as their major backing and consistently serve U.S. interests. These agencies require borrowers to submit to such conditions as supplying information about their economies, accepting decisive policy changes made by the agency (such as a currency devaluation) and accepting agency supervision over the use of the loan.

According to figures from the World Bank for 1962, 71 Asian, African and Latin American nations owed foreign debts totalling \$27 billion. Payments in interest and service charges amounted to \$5 billion, or 18 per cent.

This so-called "aid" from imperialism is revealed to be "another means of exploitation, a modern method of capital export under a more cosmetic name."

The Peace Corps was called into service in 1961 to bolster the sagging props of neo-colonialism. "Exposed and expelled from many African, Middle Eastern and Asian countries for acts of subversion," the Peace Corps is generally recognized as a youth arm of the CIA.

The United States Information Agency (USIA) has been given the mission of peddling the worn-out wares of U.S. imperialist culture. The U.S. applies pressure to ensure that the USIA has exclusive rights in the neo-colonial country to disseminate propaganda to promote the cause of imperialism.

"But, as the struggle sharpens, even these measures of neo-colonialism are proving too mild." So Africa, Asia and Latin America have been victimized by a series of coups d'etat, would-be coups and assassinations, proving once more that the neo-colonial world will not free itself "through the goodwill or generosity" of the imperialist countries. Only "through a struggle against the external forces which have a vested interest" in exploitation will the oppressed nations be freed.

Though today the imperialist bankers are pulling the strings in the neo-colonial world, soon it will be the "exploited, malnourished, blood-covered fighter for independence who decides. And he invariably decides for freedom."





Striking rubber and metal workers fill Piazza San Carlo in Turin.

More than 130,000 striking workers in Turin, Italy, have completely shut down the FIAT auto plant there, according to a September 25 dispatch to the New York Times. Work stoppages were also reported in Milan, where the main Pirelli tire and cable plant was closed down.

We reprint below an article received at WORKERS WORLD from an activist in Turin, describing the intense labor struggles at the FIAT plant this past summer.

By LOUIS PONCE

On July 3, the 44th day of strike, the FIAT workers in Turin transformed the working class section of the city around the FIAT-Mirafiori plant and the outskirts for 13 miles into a battlefield against the police and the army. The "July 3rd Rebellion" comes as a peak in the wave of unofficial strikes going on at FIAT since May, which have already caused losses in the order of hundreds of millions of dollars, just at the time of the seasonal speed-up in car production.

After 16 hours of barricades and attacks against the police, most workers on the first shift on July 4 said that the first "general rehearsal" had been successful. Following more than six weeks of unofficial strikes involving all of the 40,000 workers at the Mirafiori plant, 15,000 at the new Rivalta plant and thousands more at many other FIAT factories, the trade unions decided they should regain control of the situation. The trade unions then called for a general 24-hour strike in Turin to protest against "the increasing cost of rents." It was the unions' intention to reduce the pressure in the factories. It was to be the usual kind of trade union strike, another "unpaid vacation." But the strike took a different path.

First, the young workers who led the previous strikes persuaded the students picketing at FIAT to organize a march on July 3, and then more than 3,000 young workers lined up in front of the Mirafiori plant on July 3 "to break the silence conspiracy of the newspapers and other mass media against the strike." The intention of the demonstrators was to spread the strike to other industries and cities. The first clash between the 3,000 FIAT workers,

supported by hundreds of students from Turin and other cities, and the cops and the army took place in the early afternoon in front of the Mirafiori plant. At 5 p.m. the workers were able to regain ground in the working class ghetto stretching from Mirafiori to the southern outskirts. In doing this, they were able to attract more workers and students to their side and together they were able to re-group into "mobile tactical units" through the "auto-ghettos." At this stage they started manufacturing Molotov cocktail bombs.

### 'The Gate Is Open Again to Revolution'

Early in the evening, the police retreated, more than 60 cops losing contact with their units. While the police searched people in their apartments, arresting some 200, and shot teargas bombs through the apartment windows, young people, in the order of the tens of thousands in the neighborhood, built barricades. "This is like 1943," some people said, referring to the mass deportation from FIAT straight to the Nazi concentration camps during the underground organization of the 1943 general strike. But the feeling was that of a first clear victory in years: "We are going to show them what we can do in these factories." During the meeting where the demonstration had been decided, an ex-CP FIAT worker just said, "The gate is open again to revolution."

The Turin offensive is no isolated explosion of violence. It has come about by a growing tension in and outside the factories. The FIAT strike of April 1968 for the reduction of the 44-hour week was fully supported by the workers, but the trade unions sold out the strike and the hours remained substantially unchanged. The strike proved, however, that organization within the factory against trade union policy was possible at that stage.

Following the strike, the industrial apparatus in Italy was shaken by a wave of unofficial strikes, which were not expected by the unions and the state planners. The strikes had clear-cut goals: no piecework, the same wage increase for all workers (skilled and unskilled), wages no longer geared to capitalist productivity, no overtime, no money negotiation for hazard work. The Comitati di Base (Rank-and-File Committees) developed as the organizing tools for these goals. They took a leading role in developing strikes in some firms supplying FIAT. One of these factories, Pirelli, went on strike between July and December involving some 20,000 workers.

### Students Identify with Workers' Struggle

When this cycle of struggles was closed, the FIAT workers took action for more advanced goals. In April of this year, it was already clear that the community was more prepared than in past years to support a strike at FIAT. While in July 1962 the leaders of the anti-union battle at Piazza Statuto in Turin were defeated by special police corps in the center of the city, this time the "auto-ghetto" as a whole was determined to resist the city-factory combined repression.

At the same time, the underemployed masses of southern Italy have started fighting actively against planned underdevelopment which has been creating a large pool of cheap labor to be drained for the northern factories and for emigration to Central Europe. At Avola (Sicily) and Battipaglia (near Naples) the cops shot people dead to keep planned underdevelopment under control. At this time, groups of students struggling against planned selection in schools have identified their struggle with those sections of workers who have proven to be determined to fight against the existing situation.

The student movement in its latest phase has made a positive contribution in giving rise to the Comitati di Base. The picket lines manned by groups of students have broken the fear and isolation that usually surrounded the struggles. Meanwhile, white collar technicians and engineers have emerged as an autonomous force in several great centers of industrial design. The strike of 1,500 designers and engineers at ENI-Snam in Milan in late 1968 is just one such case.

### 'Democratically Enslaved' Workers vs. State

When the city of Battipaglia (40,000 inhabitants) revolted against the "reshuffling" of local industries and consequent unemployment on April 10, the police, exhausted from being beaten by the demonstrators, killed two people. Next day, the trade unions called for a national strike, but in the most "delicate" locations like at FIAT-Mirafiori they reduced it to a 2-hour sympathy halt. At the Stamping Section of FIAT-Mirafiori, where many young Southerners have been recruited recently, the first political mass meeting inside a FIAT factory since the Resistance time took place during the 2-hour halt. The issue debated at the meeting was how to fight against planned development and planned underdevelopment because "At Battipaglia people have not died in vain."

In the middle of May the truckers at Mirafiori went on strike, trailing crane-drivers and the Stamping Section with them. By the end of May the assembly lines were stopped and early in June the workers at the New Rivalta plant came out with clenched fists from that "cathedral in the desert." With the high labor turn-over at FIAT — due to the increase of about 20-25 per cent in the pace of production on some assembly lines in 12-14 months — the management has long profited from the newly hired workers, paying them lower wages for about four years. Real wages also went down in recent months because of rampant inflation and ghetto-making policy resulting from labor-draining from the south and overcrowding in Turin.

With such a situation, the one hundred students active in leafletting and organizing 24-hours a day at FIAT in these last two months had just to distribute a leaflet two days before the demonstration: "At 3 p.m., in front of the Mirafiori Gate No. 1, ready for the march." The workers who felt "democratically enslaved," as one of them said at a meeting, were there, ready to clash with the state power.

## Italian Strikers Clash with State

## — How to Tell a Pig from a Man

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Before leaving the states for Nam, I and all of the men in my unit, both black and white, were frightened and intimidated by the army brass. The greater number of us were not conscious of the true nature of the war, but the growing discontent and aggravation among the ranks because of the war, racism and officer repression, along with the intensification and growth of the revolutionary movement among youth everywhere, leave the Army today with a list of 200,000 AWOLs.

Tens of thousands of GIs are resisting duty in Vietnam. The American Servicemen's Union defends these men and their right to refuse orders to Vietnam.

A soldier in Chicago poses a greater class contradiction than a cop in Chicago. A Marxist didn't have to tell that to the 100 black GIs at Ft. Hood, who assembled in mass at an intersection on that post and re-

fused riot control duty for the convention in Chicago over a year ago. Or the men of the 198th Light Infantry Brigade who rebelled and fought it out with the Brass several nights before they were to leave for Vietnam.

Those acts including the recent stockade rebellions are indeed revolutionary and progressive, but I don't believe that any GI in the middle of these actions related historically to any revolution or even used the word "rebellion." They were revolutionary because it was oppressed against oppressor.

The key to winning all servicemen over to the revolution and denying the ruling class the comfort of having one American soldier kill a struggling Vietnamese peasant is in our support of the soldier's struggle against his oppressor and in our recognition of his common class interest with all struggling people. That's what separates him from the PIG!



# Guido Inti

## He Died Like

## Che Guevara

Guido Inti Peredo, formerly lieutenant of Che Guevara and after Che's death chief of the National Liberation Army of Bolivia, was killed on September 9 at the age of 32. Revolutionary Cuba immediately declared a day of mourning for him, which was observed on September 13.

A new bourgeois military junta has now taken over the government of Bolivia, this time a left nationalist one which appears to be ready to defy U.S. imperialism in the same general manner as the Peruvian junta. This may have very great international consequences.

But Major Inti planned to lead Bolivia out of the orbit of imperialism altogether, form an organic alliance with socialist Cuba and establish a workers' and farmers' government of the people. The following excerpts from the September 17 Granma, official newspaper of the Central Committee of the Cuban Communist Party, give some important highlights of his political development and underline his profound differences with those who are Communists in name only.

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Inti Peredo, chief of the National Liberation Army of Bolivia and one

of the most outstanding of that country's fighters who accompanied Major Ernesto Che Guevara in his heroic guerrilla group of Nancabuzu, died in action in the city of La Paz last Tuesday, September 9.

The news and photograph disseminated by foreign news agencies, although not clearly explaining the circumstances of his death, at least make it possible to establish both its veracity and the fact that it occurred in a struggle against the enemies of his people.

Hence, Inti Peredo went to his death in the natural setting for his life as a revolutionary: the battle for a new Bolivia in a new Latin America, ideals of liberation to which he was linked ever since he was barely an adolescent and in which he developed as a vanguard fighter and leader until his death at the age of 32.

In 1951, when he was barely 14 years old, Inti Peredo formed part of a small group of young men who, in Trinidad, Department of El Beni, founded the Communist Party, seeking, in this organization, the vehicle for a genuine revolutionary action.

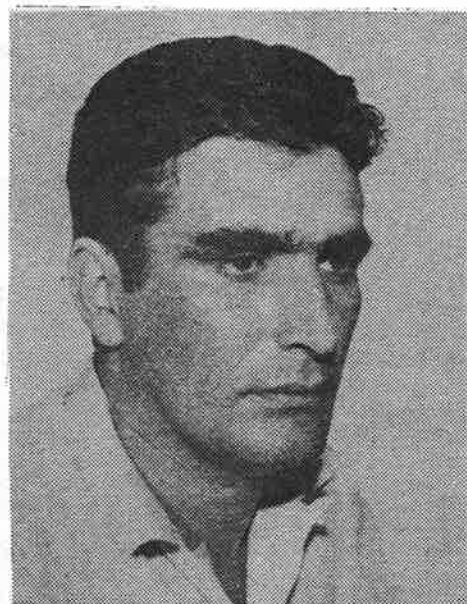
From 1954, when he was arrested together with his brother Roberto Coco Peredo for taking part in revolutionary activities, he knew the regime's prisons and beatings on five different occasions, but his fighting spirit never flagged. He held posts of responsibility successively in the communist youth; in the organization of the Party in La Paz, of whose regional committee he was First Secretary; and in the Central Committee until his break with the vacillating, treacherous line imposed by the leadership of the Communist Party of Bolivia, headed by Mario Monje.

Inti Peredo—like Coco, his brother and inseparable companion in struggle and ideals—always stood out within the Party for his ideological firmness and for his passionate conviction that only armed struggle offered a sure future for the revolution in Bolivia. He was, for that reason, a fervent admirer of the Cuban Revolution, in whose defense he frequently went out into the streets at the head of demonstrations and rallies of solidarity....

In 1963 Inti gave his valuable, internationalist aid to the People's Guerrilla Army, organized by Major Segundo, Ricardo Jorge Masetti, which carried out its operations in the province of Salta, in the northern part of Argentina.

Inti, together with Coco, Rodolfo Saldana, Jorge Vazquez Viana and other heroic sons of the Bolivian people, was quick to understand that the leadership of the Communist Party of Bolivia was not really ready to embark upon a genuinely revolutionary course such as the country's reality and the Latin American situation demanded, but rather that it was bent on submerging the organization in paralysis, inaction and discredit.

Thus, he broke with the Party leadership in a decision that must have been a painful one for those who,



**Guido Inti Peredo**

like him, had participated in its foundation, 15 years earlier, a decision which historically elevates his stature as a militant and which opens up a consistent path for the rank and file of the Communist Party of Bolivia.

In 1966 Inti Peredo was one of the principal collaborators of Major Ernesto Guevara in the preparation of the guerrilla force that was to have its base in the southeast of Bolivia....

With the fall of Che and his comrades, Inti became the standard-bearer and leader of the Bolivian revolutionary cause. By then more experienced in battle, more convinced of the path to be followed, he faced the dangers and the pitfalls of underground life, the constant persecution by agents of the regime and of imperialism, devoting himself entirely to the task of reorganization to once again take the glorious road to the mountains....

Today the emancipation of Bolivia and of the scorned, reviled peoples of Latin America—a historic imperative which, inevitably, will become a reality—becomes even more clear and luminous as a result of the example set by Inti—a name which by a symbolic, beautiful coincidence, means "the sun" in the Quechua language.

There is no room, therefore, for either sadness or disappointment. That is why, today, with renewed strength and unalterable faith in the future—in universities and mines, in the fields and in the city streets, on the plateau and in the jungle—the people of Bolivia repeat, together with Inti, their song of battle:

"The ELN considers itself the heir (Inti) to the teachings and example of Che, the new Bolivar of Latin America. Those who cravenly murdered him will never kill his thought and his example.

"Let the imperialists and their lackeys withhold their songs of victory, because the war has not ended; it has just begun.

"We will return to the mountains! Bolivia will again resound to our cry of VICTORY OR DEATH!"

## — Chicago Panthers Attacked

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time starting the fire by using medical supplies for fuel.

The statement continued:

"Many people in the community were brutalized and herded off to jail for demanding that the pigs leave the black community. The cops started shooting at the black people and it turned into another police riot just like at the Democratic Convention."

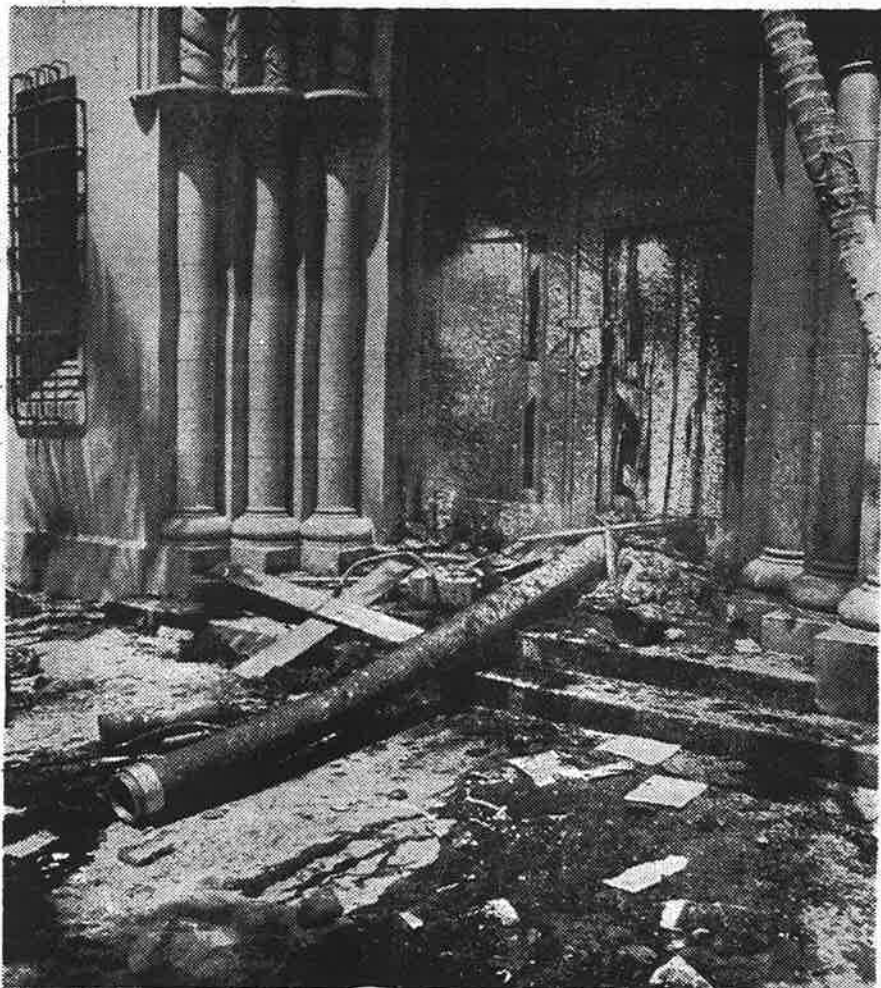
After shooting up the headquarters, the police went in and arrested six Panthers including Billie "Che" Brooks, Morris "Slick" Brown, Brad Green, Terry Watson, Wade Staphaine and Roger Moody, who, according to the Panthers, defended themselves as revolutionaries by causing one pig to shoot another pig in the face with a

shotgun. "The pigs brutalized them with shotgun butts, beating them severely around the face and the head," the statement added.

As of this writing, bail has not been set. The charges are also unknown.

Immediately following the attack, the Panthers called a rally in the black community and Fred Hampton, Chairman of the Illinois chapter of the Black Panther Party, made it clear that the Panthers would not be intimidated. In the face of this new attack, he told the people that killing the Panthers, beating them or imprisoning them would never vanquish them because they represented the black masses and they refuse to surrender.

## Destroy ROTC in PR!



5,000 students burned this ROTC building at the University of Puerto Rico.

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Sept. 26—A one-year sentence to the first Vietnam draft resister to be convicted in Puerto Rico, Edwin Feliciano Grafals, immediately provoked a student uprising on the University of Puerto Rico campus, which will undoubtedly make the U.S.-run Federal Court here think twice before handing down another draft conviction.

Over 5,000 students bombarded ROTC campus offices with bricks and anything they could get their hands on before they burned out several of the offices. The students also seized a firetruck ladder and tore off the imperialist U.S. flag from the top of the ROTC building, replacing it with the Puerto Rican flag. As soon as the American flag reached the ground, it was set afire.

The rebellion so overwhelmed university officials that they dared not call police onto the campus. As a result, no arrests were made, although students were suspended.

Florencio Merced, president of the Pro-Independence University Federa-

tion (FUPI), told reporters beside the ROTC shambles:

"We think what has happened is the responsibility of the administration for not acceding to the demands of the student body that the military agency be eliminated from campus.

"And the fuse has been lighted by the year of prison to which our friend Feliciano was sentenced this morning."

With numerous draft cases pending in the courts, some for as long as two or three years, the Federal District Court of San Juan, a puppet court of the U.S. Federal Court system, gave a one-year term to Edwin Feliciano Grafals, the first to be convicted in Puerto Rico for refusing the Vietnam draft.

A mass youth movement against the draft is what has prevented the imperialist courts from having convicted draft resisters as far back as 1965. Case after case has either been tabled by the courts or postponed for several months or even more than a year.



# "Come Home to Milwaukee, Golda Meir!"

Milwaukee, Wisc.  
October 4, 1969

Dear Golda Meir,

I was glad to welcome you back to Milwaukee, the scene of both our childhoods, yesterday. But I couldn't help wonder why you had to leave us again so soon. As one Milwaukeean to another, I want to ask you very seriously what you are doing in Palestine nowadays and why you do not come back to your home town and stay here?

Hundreds of thousands of Arab people are living in tents because the Israelis threw them out of Palestine — with U.S. help. And now you have come to the U.S. to ask Nixon for more help, when he won't help the people of Milwaukee.

With the money those last fifty Phantoms for Israel cost, quite a few thousand families in Milwaukee could have had new homes. Do you think it's right that the poor and sometimes homeless people of Milwaukee should pay taxes to make the still-poorer people of Palestine homeless and to bomb the homes of the people of Syria and Egypt as well?

Israel was supposed to have been founded as a refuge from anti-Semitism. And anti-Semitism is a form of racism. How did Israel come to be used as an instrument of U.S. imperialism and racism against the super-oppressed Arab peoples?

It you wanted to fight anti-Semitism, you should have stayed in Milwaukee. And you should have fought U.S. imperialism for shutting its doors to the refugees from Hitler and pushing them into Israel. I would have been glad to help you in that fight. (Have you ever wondered why the big U.S. oil companies opposed Jewish immigration to the United States, but permitted Jewish immigration to Palestine?)

And especially if you are opposed to white racism, you should have stayed in Milwaukee, because the black people here are treated pretty bad—as bad as the Israelis treat the Arabs.

There is such a thing as anti-Semitism in Milwaukee, but it isn't one hundredth as virulent as anti-black prejudice. You could come back here and have no trouble at all getting your old job as a teacher in the Fourth Street School. The students there are all black now, you know. (How many Arab teachers do you have in the all-Jewish schools of Israel, by the way?)

You may not want to leave your job as Premier, but don't you feel that an Arab could take your place? Palestine was, after all, an Arab-Jewish society with an Arab majority that was artificially changed by the UN, by the U.S. refusal to accept Jewish refugees and by the 1948 war.

What would be wrong, after all, with an Arab state which gave guarantees for the Jewish minority as Arab states did for centuries, while Christian countries were torturing and burning Jews at the stake — and even just a few decades ago, when Christians were gassing 6 million?

Or if you could take the initiative yourself and not wait for the Arabs to do it, why couldn't you propose that Israel, Syria and Egypt and whatever other nation wished, would form a United Arab Republic with a Jewish Minister over Minority Rights and that this united republic call on the whole Mideast to oppose imperialism and raise the average Arab's income somewhat higher than the present hundred dollars a year?

But this is only a thought. The best thing is to let the Arabs themselves decide what to do. Most of your countrymen have been so whipped up by

the racist forces in the United States that they might not willingly do the fair thing.

Maybe you should just call the whole thing off and come back. You got a nice welcome last week. And although a few Arabs and sympathetic U.S. citizens like myself dissented from the official position, at least we did tell you to "come home and stay here." Come home for good and we'll be at the station with a brass band next time.

Yours for a liberated Mideast,

Albert Stergar

## Milwaukee Man Invites Premier Home

Al Stergar, the writer of the accompanying letter, is a member of the Committee to Support Middle East Liberation and also organizer of the Milwaukee branch of Workers World Party.

He participated in a demonstration against the Israeli Prime Minister on October 3, the day before the letter was written. He and his friends held a sign greeting her, which said: "Golda Meir, Come Back to Milwaukee and Leave the Arabs Alone."

## Defend Oppressed Arabs as New York Politicians Give Premier Keys to City

NEW YORK, September 29 — The Prime Minister of Israel, Golda Meir, arrived in New York today just after seeing Nixon in Washington. The Israeli leader is here seeking additional armaments from U.S. imperialism, which the U.S. is only too willing to give, but it is anxious to maneuver and conceal the gift.

A picket line of about 50 persons protested across from City Hall here today as Golda Meir was given a formal reception by the city's rulers.

The pickets declared that the U.S. is preparing a still bigger war against the oppressed Arab peoples and that the Zionists are tools of imperialism.

"Victory for Al Fatah! Palestine Lives!" shouted the demonstrators, who responded to the call for the protest by the Committee to Support Middle East Liberation. Palestinians and Arabs, as well as North Americans, were on hand to show their opposition to the occupation of the Palestinians' homeland by the Israeli state.

Surrounded by hostile Zionists who had gathered at City Hall to welcome Golda Meir on her shopping trip for

napalm, the pro-Arab demonstrators carried signs calling for "Victory for Palestine Revolution."

Supported by members of Youth Against War & Fascism, the demonstrators were prepared to defend their demonstration.

In the leaflet announcing the demonstration, the CSMEL explained:

"The Arab people have been systematically looted of their natural resources for over forty years by giant U.S. oil companies like Standard Oil. Rockefeller and his kind have been draining off \$3 billion a year in oil profits, while the Middle East workers get pennies."

"By 1967 the Arabs were in a revolutionary mood, and in Syria and the UAR especially they posed a threat to the oppressive status quo of the oil barons. Plans were drawn up by the Johnson Administration for an Israeli attack that would overthrow these governments...."

The leaflet concluded, "If you defend Vietnamese self-determination — If you defend Black self-determination — You must defend Arab self-determination. It is the same struggle."

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Typical Nazi barbed-wire tactics are used by neo-Nazi cops defending old Nazi, Von Thadden.

By P. MEISNER

SEPTEMBER 27 — Young German workers and students in Nuremberg showed the world yesterday just exactly how neo-Nazism, in or out of government, should be crushed in West Germany, the U.S.A. or anywhere else. Over 10,000 demonstrators led by the German SDS (German Socialist Students) overwhelmed both police and neo-Nazi contingents, stopped and smashed an election rally of the fascist NDP party and its fuhrer, Adolf von Thadden.

At least 21 policemen were injured as police officials were forced to ban the rally — only to save Von

## Neo-Nazi Meeting Smashed

Thadden's neck from the militant German youth.

While the imperialist press almost blacked out this powerful showing of the progressive forces in West Germany, plenty of coverage was given to the neo-Nazis and their "election" campaign.

By no means is it any accident that the U.S. rulers would rather emphasize the existence of a neo-Nazi movement in West Germany, as a last resort to crush a rebellious working class — just as it was imperialism that embellished the fascist Wallace movement in the U.S. through its press and

presidential election campaign in 1968.

Thousands of demonstrators in the U.S. swarmed Wallace wherever he travelled during his campaign. But, as in Germany, little publicity was given to these demonstrations in the big bourgeois press. It was only because Chet Huntley was in West Germany for the elections that it got any publicity here at all (on NBC).

But the West German capitalist class is also in a struggle with the U.S. ruling class over the control of economic markets in Europe. And to accomplish this objective, the Kiesingers and the Brandts hope to pacify the West German workers and students — and bring in another Hitler, like Von Thadden, to do the job if necessary.

Youth Against War & Fascism organized a massive rally in the streets around Madison Square Garden when George Wallace spoke in New York last fall. YAWF failed in its aim to

close down the Garden, but German SDS succeeded in its drive to shut down Von Thadden — at least in Nuremberg.

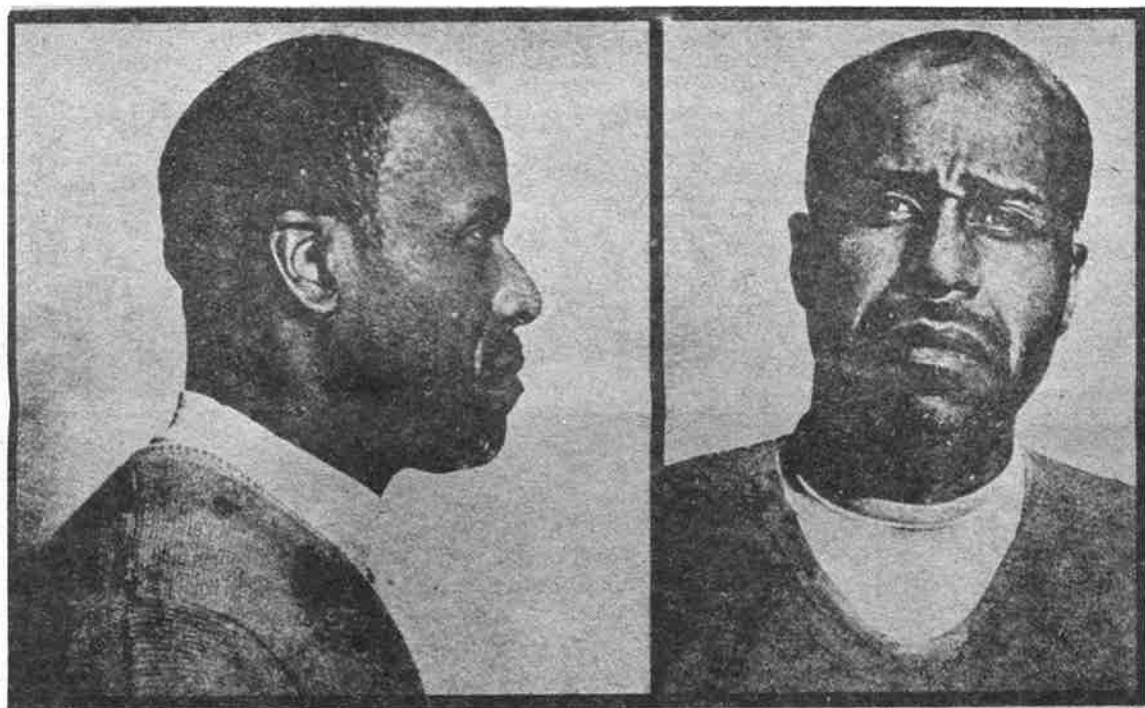
It should be an extremely sharp lesson to the revolutionary youth of America that the first of the modern fascists to be so completely rebuffed should be in Germany.

How deep the resources of the class struggle go and what great reservoirs of strength there are in the student and worker youth! In a country where the Communists, progressives and rebels of all kinds were either slaughtered or completely demoralized by the fascists one short generation ago, the youth are now showing a revolutionary spirit against fascism.

And the "anti-fascist" U.S. imperialists who profited so much from the defeat of Nazi imperialism just can't stand this kind of anti-fascism!

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# MARTIN SOSTRE MUST BE SET FREE



**Black Liberation Fighter  
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**Sostre vs. Rockefeller**

**FREE MARTIN SOSTRE WEEK DEMONSTRATION  
FOLEY SQUARE OCT. 29-9:30 A.M.**

## **Puerto Ricans in New York Demand Liberation for PR!**

NEW YORK, Sept. 23—Hundreds of demonstrators here protested the U.S. enslavement of Puerto Rico on the 101st anniversary of El Grito de Lares (the Cry of Lares), the celebrated 1868 uprising against the Spanish empire in the town of Lares. A picket line was organized by the New York Chapter of Pro-Independence Movement of Puerto Rico (MPI) at 11:00 a.m. in front of the U.S. Mission to the United Nations where the protesters clashed with police on the right to demonstrate in front of the Mission. Meanwhile, several MPI militants broke into the UN galleries during one of the sessions to drop leaflets on the Assembly publicizing the plight of Puerto Rico's colonial status.

By 2 p.m., the demonstrators outside formed a march down to Tompkins Square Park on the Lower East

Side where a rally was to be held. The militant demonstrators, mostly Puerto Rican, carried Puerto Rican flags and banners saying "Freedom for Puerto Rico Now" or "U.S. Atomic Bases, Out of Puerto Rico."

Loud chants could be heard from a distance, such as "Despierta Boricua, Defiende lo Tuyo!" (Wake up, Puerto Ricans, Defend What is Yours!) and "Jibaros, Si; Yankis, NO!" (Puerto Rican Peasants, Yes; Yankees, NO!)

A revolutionary play commemorating El Grito de Lares was performed in Tompkins Square Park, and then speakers were heard from the immediate Puerto Rican community, the Young Lords Organization, the Black Panthers, and MPI, who was represented by Norman Pietri, a member of the national Political Committee of MPI in Puerto Rico.

## **— Martin Sostre**

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basic necessities of life."

Youth Against War & Fascism has called for a demonstration at the Federal Court building in Foley Square at 9:30 a.m. on October 29. This is in sup-

port of "Free Martin Sostre Week" and to protest the inhuman conditions in the prisons. Martin Sostre will be in court arguing his suit against Rockefeller.

Workers World and Workers World Party also call on all his supporters, friends of black liberation and foes of the brutal and racist authorities to BE AT FOLEY SQUARE OCTOBER 29!

## **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