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Exchanging one war for another

The "secret" decision to send 125 jet fighters and bombers to Israel means that U.S. imperialism is now poised on the brink of a new and greater war.

The liberal and "dove" imperialists who have opposed the war in Vietnam are all out for this new war and only ask that the Vietnam adventure be crossed off the books and the GIs move into Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and the eastern Mediterranean.

They only want to exchange one war for another. They are doves on Vietnam, but hawks on the Middle East.

The well-known hawks on Vietnam are quite ready to be hawks on the Middle East, too. But they do not intend to give up in Southeast Asia if they can help it. They think they can fight on both fronts if necessary, while the liberal imperialists want to concentrate where they feel that imperialism has the major commitment -- that is, where the biggest wealth and oil holdings are involved. The doves also imagine that imperialism can win in the Middle East, where the Arab revolution is not yet so advanced as the Vietnamese. And they rightly feel that they cannot win in Vietnam.

Doves and Skyhawks

This lineup of hawks and doves might have only a casual or even morbidly humorous interest, since both birds are for imperialism from beak to claw and they will all expose themselves sooner or later. But the fact is that the doves are looked up to by most of the peace movement and by the peace-hungry millions as great leaders against war. This enormously complicates the task of the genuine anti-war fighters.

On May 23, for example, seven U.S. Senators -- all doves and led by Senator George McGovern of North Dakota, unfortunately a big hero to much of the anti-war movement -- called upon the already too-willing Nixon to supply Israel with the 125 Phantom and Skyhawk jets. And not a single major establishment opponent of the war in Vietnam so much as peeped in protest!

Since that date, 58 Senators signed a letter also demanding the jets, and now 73 Senators are virtually

advocating a Mideast war. The letter of the seven said in part:

"We who are among those who believe that our country must disengage from the Indo-China war are concerned that the Soviet Union may be misinterpreting the spirited national debate in America over that war as a sign that our nation will not take effective steps to protect our vital interests in the Middle East."

The "vital interests" with which these millionaire Senators are concerned have absolutely nothing to do with their talk about defense of the Israeli people, who are only the unknowing pawns of imperialism. The "vital interests" can be summed up in one word: oil.

That "balance of power" again

The immediate cause of the letter and the whipped-up atmosphere for a Middle East war was the report that the Soviets have supplied pilots and defensive anti-aircraft missiles in order to prevent Israel from sending its planes deep into Egyptian territory, bombing Cairo at will.

This, said the imperialist press -- including its anti-Vietnam war section -- "alters the balance of power." The balance of power they want to keep unaltered is the Israeli occupation of Egyptian, Syrian and Jordanian territory and Israel's ability to invade Lebanon. It also includes Israel's ability to keep the Suez Canal closed, even though the canal is entirely in Egyptian territory. Any change in power relations that would threaten to upset these conditions is an "ominous development," say the Washington hawks and doves.

The day after the seven Senators sent their letter to Nixon, an important labor "leader" suddenly spoke up against the war in Vietnam -- after supporting the war for ten years and after 56 years of class collaboration in union politics. This was Jacob Potofsky, head of the 417,000-member Amalgamated Clothing Workers union. In doing this he "broke" with reactionary AFL-CIO president George Meany, said the capitalist press.

Actually, Potofsky was reacting to the stormy opposition of the great masses of the U.S. and to the anxieties and unemployment within his union. Fur-

thermore, loyal labor lieutenant of the capitalist class that he is, he was most probably carrying out the wishes of the bosses, many of whom are far more sensitive to -- and fearful of -- the new stirrings of the working people than he is.

But in spite of the feeling of his own membership against the war and against any imperialist war (they are mostly Black, Puerto Rican, Chinese and Mexican-American), he, like the Senators, made it clear that he was another who wanted to exchange the Vietnam war for a Mideast one.

"A damaging consequence of the Cambodian maneuver (by the U.S.) is the definite weakening of American power to influence the situation in the Middle East," he said. "...Does anyone believe that America would have sat idly by in the face of Soviet intervention in the Middle East if America were not so deeply sunk in the Vietnam quagmire?"

Potofsky, the "statesman"

Potofsky, long called "a statesman of labor" (meaning one who compromises in favor of the bosses), now proves himself to be a statesman of capital as well. He points out to those capitalists who might still be blinded by hopes of fool's gold in Vietnam that the real gold is in the oil of the Middle East.

Instead of battling to preserve the workers' lives and living standards, instead of genuinely opposing an imperialist war, he tells imperialism where its wars should be fought most effectively.

In this he is exactly like the dove Senators, the liberal imperialist newspapers and the anti-Vietnam war college presidents, who slightly appease their militant students, but mainly reflect their billionaire bosses.

But the truth is that the top imperialists -- liberal or reactionary -- do not need to be told anything at all when it comes to plotting war in the Mideast.

They are all united on that war. For them, the only question is whether they can extricate themselves from Vietnam in order to fight it. The hawks think they can wind up the Vietnam war by really defeating the whole Indo-Chinese revolution once and for all. The doves want to cut their losses and get out so they can exchange one war for another.

Anti-labor Supreme Court attempts to tame wildcats

Nixon's reactionary judicial chickens have come home to roost in a new Supreme Court decision against striking workers.

Last week the new lineup in the Supreme Court reversed a 1962 decision of the Court and made it legal for any lower court to grant injunctions against wildcat strikers. (These are workers who are dissatisfied with bureaucratic leaders as well as company bosses and defy both to improve their conditions.)

Injunctions are judge-made laws. Anti-labor injunctions, like anti-student protest injunctions, are always tailored to muzzle the masses in favor of a single corporation or tiny group of establishment rulers. The oppressed workers have fought these injunctions for generations and to some extent checked their use. Now the Supreme Court validates and encourages them in still another field.

In 1962 the High Court had outlawed them with respect to the wildcats. The motive of the Court at that time was most probably to allow some flexibility in labor relations because its liberal majority feared that the old and entrenched AFL-CIO bureaucracy was incapable of keeping the confidence of

the workers and of delivering them over to big business without their resistance.

At the time, some of the shrewder statesmen of capital were beginning to even toy with the idea that there ought to be a new and younger labor leadership than the present one.

But the stormy events of today have frightened the capitalist class away from such theories. The tempestuous developments on college campuses are beginning to be repeated in certain plants and unions against both companies and union bureaucrats. And the ultimate threat to the stability of the system is even greater in this field than on the campus.

So the "Nixon" Supreme Court has obligingly decided to try to tame the wildcats.

This vicious decision and the vicious injunctions flowing from it will indeed be a real blow to the real labor movement (as opposed to the high-salaried labor-faking "leaders," who welcome the decision).

But under present conditions and with a rising, rather than a declining mood of struggle, the blow will only make the wildcats wilder instead of taming them.



Anti-war demonstrators march on Memorial Day. WW Photo/Ed Collins

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FREE THE PANTHER 21

Mass action forces reversal in a racist court

FREE HUEY!



By EMILY TARASOV

The voice and the strength of the revolutionary Black community and white youth have been heard and felt by the ruling class. On May 30, the California Court of Appeals reversed the voluntary manslaughter conviction of Huey P. Newton, Minister of Defense and co-founder of the Black Panther Party. This can only be seen as a victory for the mushrooming mass struggle that has been waged for almost three years to free Huey and expose the racist frame-ups of all the Panther political prisoners.

Huey was convicted of killing one Oakland cop and wounding another on October 28, 1967, and has served nearly two years of a 2-15 year sentence in the California Men's Colony in San Luis Obispo. Huey stated, however, that the cops had shot him first, and that he was lying unconscious when Patrolman Frey was killed and Patrolman Heanes was wounded. The testimony of a doctor confirmed this.

The three-judge California Appeal Court stated that the trial judge, Monroe Friedman, was wrong in refusing to instruct the jury that unconsciousness, if proven, constituted a complete defense to the charge of criminal homicide. In addition, the Appeal Court ruled that Friedman should have made available to the jury a tape entered by the defense while the jury was deliberating. (This tape contradicted the statements of a key state's witness.)

The State of California intends to appeal the decision; however, Huey's attorneys, Charles Garry and Fay Stender, say that reversal appears unlikely, since the State must first go through the same court that ruled in Newton's favor. The State has thirty days in which to appeal.

Despite the imminent freeing of Huey, the same court that reversed his conviction denied him bail while awaiting the outcome of the State's appeal. This kind of harassment is proof that the ruling class wants to keep Huey in jail as long as possible. The courts cannot be given one iota of credit for freeing him. This legal maneuvering on the part of the ruling class is merely a matter of form. The essence is the militant nation-wide struggle waged by the people.

Originally the ruling class had

wanted to murder Huey in the gas chamber—just as they are now trying to electrocute Bobby Seale. But when the Black community rose up and held mass, militant demonstrations, the ruling class settled for a "compromise" manslaughter conviction, which had no possible relation to the crime with which they originally charged Newton.

For almost three years "Free Huey!" has been the rallying cry across the country. On every mass demonstration demanding an end to the war against Vietnam, the demand to "Free Huey!" has also been raised. The frame-ups of Huey Newton, Bobby Seale and all the other Panthers, and the coldblooded murders of scores of other Panthers, have only succeeded in spreading the revolutionary influence of the Black Panther Party.

Since the time of Huey's arrest, the program of the Black Panther Party has come to represent the needs, desires and aspirations of an ever-broadening section of the Black community. As the influence has spread, so has the support for Huey, who remains, even in jail, the ideological leader of the Panthers.

The militance of the mass struggle to free Huey reflects the heroic battle that Huey himself has waged from within the ruling class prison. Huey Newton is a political prisoner—a prisoner of the war against Black America—and as such he has refused to submit to the degrading rules of the prison. For this, he has been kept in solitary confinement and denied parole. As Huey had said, parole does not mean freedom. He would still be under the jurisdiction of the prison authorities and therefore limited in functioning within the Panthers and the Black community. Instead, Huey has made it clear that he is relying on the revolutionary struggle of the Black and white peoples to free him.

The freeing of Huey Newton would be the most significant, tangible result of the struggle to free all political prisoners. Anything gained by this victory would be lost if the revolutionary movement viewed the freeing of Huey as a legal battle. Instead, we must intensify the struggle in the streets so that we can meet the ruling class head on in its attempt to murder Bobby Seale.

Black Panther Party Program What we want

1. We want freedom. We want power to determine the destiny of our Black Community.
2. We want full employment for our people.
3. We want an end to the robbery by the CAPITALIST of our Black Community.
4. We want decent housing, fit for shelter of human beings.
5. We want education for our people that exposes the true nature of this decadent American society. We want education that teaches us our true history and our role in the present-day society.
6. We want all black men to be exempt from military service.
7. We want an immediate end to POLICE BRUTALITY and MURDER of black people.
8. We want freedom for all black men held in federal, state, county and city prisons and jails.
9. We want all black people when brought to trial to be tried in court by a jury of their peer group or people from their black communities, as defined by the Constitution of the United States.
10. We want land, bread, housing, education, clothing, justice and peace. And as our major political objective, a United Nations-supervised plebiscite to be held throughout the black colony in which only black colonial subjects will be allowed to participate, for the purpose of determining the will of black people as to their national destiny.

WWP sends message of solidarity to Korean congress in Japan

Nearly every imperialist country has its internal colony as well as its external one. The French imperialists have the Algerians in Paris and Marseilles; the British have the Irish dock workers and "navvies"; the West Germans have the Italian and Balkan laborers; and of course the U.S. have the Black, Latin, Indian and Oriental minorities, who do nearly all of the most difficult and dirty work of the country.

In Japan, it is the 600,000 Korean residents, who are often in the same position of the "untouchable" old Eta caste (now supposedly liquidated), who do the toughest and lowest-paid work in India.

But the Korean residents are rising both in nationalist and socialist consciousness to a new level of struggle. Their organization, CHONGRYUN (The General Association of Korean Residents in Japan), was organized a decade after the Second World War and during the week beginning May 25 held its Ninth Congress.

Workers World Party sent the following message of solidarity:

May 23, 1970
Central Standing Committee of CHONGRYUN
14-15, 2-chome, Fujimi-cho, Chiyoda-ku
Tokyo, Japan
c/o Han Duk Su, Chairman

Dear friends,

We greet your Ninth Congress with heartfelt congratulations on the occasion of the 15th anniversary of your Founding Day. We hail your heroic efforts to abolish the oppression of Korean residents in Japan. We know only too well of the super-oppression of colonial nations within nations. The oppressed minorities of Oriental people, Afro-Americans, Latin Americans and Indians of the United States are also struggling for equality and national self-determination and take inspiration from your Congress and your long fight for justice.

We are confident that you will defeat the intrigues of U.S. and Japanese imperialism against your present Congress and against your home country. We know you will advance the socialist unity of Korea as well as the rights of Korean nationals in Japan in the course of your present deliberations and in the future.

In the name of the most elementary rights of national self-determination, the 55,000 U.S. soldiers now occupying South Korea must return to the USA. We advocate that they take matters into their own hands and demand their return passage immediately.

The United States imperialists are the main and fundamental enemy of the Korean people in spite of the fact that the Japanese imperialists have been the immediate oppressors, are again expanding and are now neck to neck with the U.S. in the exploitation of South Korea. Those who atom-bombed Hiroshima and Nagasaki are now ready to arm the Japanese militarists to ravage the rest of Asia along with U.S. imperialism. Our own old enemy in Washington and Wall Street—that is, the government and the banks here—is conspiring daily against your country and hoping somehow to attack the independent and socialist north, the DPRK.

The vigilance of the Korean Workers Party and the party's cadres under the leadership of the nationally beloved leader, Marshal Kim Il Sung, has foiled these attempts in a hundred ways on at least several hundred occasions, but most notably in the cases of the Pueblo spy ship and the EC spy plane.

It is our firm belief that these attempts will continue to be foiled and punished. But in the event that imperialism should finally be successful in mounting a new war against your country, it is our conviction that the invaders will suffer a more catastrophic defeat than they did before. We pledge that our party, the youth vanguard and the advanced workers of the United States will do their utmost to see that this defeat is not long in coming and to support the peace, freedom and independence of the whole Korean people.

Sam Marcy, Chairman
Workers World Party
United States of America

Korea hails GI movement in letter to ASU

In the May 13, 1970 English edition of The People's Korea, two reprints from The Bond, the newspaper of the American Servicemen's Union, occupied a whole page of the Korean paper, which is published in Japan. (The ASU is by far the largest progressive rank-and-file GI organization in the U.S. military.)

Along with a copy of The People's Korea, editor Son Jin Hyung, sent a letter addressed to Andy Stapp, Chairman of the ASU, which opened:

"Enclosed you will find copies of The People's Korea which printed gists of two articles carried by The Bond on the real conditions in South Korea. The articles, we feel, will expose that South Korea is under the colonial rule of the U.S. imperialist aggressors, in the most vivid way that only American soldiers can accomplish.

"This type of muckraking by American GI's is a great service to the just struggle of the Korean people to force the U.S. imperialist aggressors out of South Korea, from Asia."

So. Korea—police state

One of the two Bond reprints was from the January 15, 1970 issue and was entitled, "Poverty, Racism and Segregation in a Police State—What It's Like in South Korea." The article was written by Jon King (PFC) who was stationed in South Korea and witnessed the racism of the U.S. military Brass toward South Koreans.

It said in part:

"One incident occurred which brought out the racist attitudes of the military. A lieutenant was sitting in a snack bar with a girl who worked for the Red Cross. Being an American Indian girl, she had fairly oriental appearance. The wife of the commanding general of the 8th Army approached him and chewed him out for being seen in public with a prostitute.

"This attitude is typical of one that labels all South Koreans as either slicky boys or prostitutes. This is to justify the American Army segregating the Koreans from the Americans. The Army is perfectly willing to have the Koreans drive their trucks, wash their clothes, serve as KP's, unload their ships. And in general, work as cheap labour; but they are unwilling to admit to their equality."

Gambling with GI's lives

The other article reprinted by The People's Korea was written by another GI who was stationed in South Korea until last December—Pete Straus, who

was stationed just two miles from the DMZ with Hq. Co. Support Command of the U.S. 2nd Infantry Division. The article appeared in the March 18, 1970 issue of The Bond.

The ex-soldier describes how the U.S. Brass creates a provocation in the DMZ and puts many GI lives at stake:

"And if something 'big' starts? The Imjin River runs along the DMZ a mile to the south, and the frontline GI's north of the river only have two bridges (Libby Bridge and Freedom Bridge) connecting them to the rear (where the big Brass stay).

"It's known to most GI's in the DMZ that if the 'big thing' starts, Libby Bridge and Freedom Bridge will be blown up immediately—BY THE U.S. ARMY. Leaving two brigades of the 2nd Infantry Division to die with the river behind them. The DMZ GI is in a permanent death trap."

American sympathy

Noting the GI union's campaign to save GIs and expose the murderous plots of the Brass, the North Korean letter to the ASU declared:

"...we highly appreciate the efforts of the American Servicemen's Union to bring the real nature of the U.S. occupation of South Korea to U.S. troops and have them withdrawn from there since they constitute a solid manifestation of American sympathy with the Korean efforts to achieve peaceful national unification.

"The political awakening of American soldiers to the true aim of the U.S. imperialist Brass will become a tremendous blow to their aggressive war efforts and the suppressive war machine."

With 65,000 American troops still in South Korea, the struggle to oust U.S. imperialism from the Korean peninsula urgently requires the unity of all anti-imperialist forces, which includes the anti-war movement in the U.S., both within and outside the U.S. military, and the revolutionary peoples of both North and South Korea.

In this spirit, Mr. Son Jin Hyung ended his letter to the ASU by saying:

"I want to conclude my letter with firm Korean conviction that the solidarity between the Korean people and the American people, the ties between The People's Korea and The Bond, will further deepen in the joint struggle against the U.S. imperialists, for real human liberation and world peace."



American soldiers burn North Korean homes, February 1951.

U.S. monopolies exploit 'cheap labor' in South Korea

U.S. monopolies are so overjoyed with their super-exploitation of South Korean workers that they are actually boasting about it. This jubilation was revealed in the May 12 edition of the "liberal" imperialist New York Times in an article on its business page entitled, "South Korea's Economy Booming with Cheap Labor."

Reflecting Wall Street's arrogant colonial mentality, the Times' correspondent in South Korea, Phillip Shabecoff, justifies the incredibly low wages paid to South Korean workers by claiming that South Korea is a poor, helpless country (remember how the Western imperial powers used to say that China had virtually no resources) and can only survive with its "cheap labor":

"A rugged, mountainous land with few natural resources, Korea's most valuable commodity is man-power.

"It is cheap labor, of course—cheap enough to produce low-cost products for competitive export markets and cheap enough to attract foreign manufacturers to set up plants here."

In Tong Myung, a U.S.-owned plywood factory employs 5,000 workers, many of them young girls, who work 10 or 11 hours a day, six days a week. Shabecoff describes the work as hard and monotonous and the conditions as unbearable:

"Inside the cavernous plant, it is

dimly lit, dank, and evil-smelling.

"The air is filled with fine sawdust and reeks of formalin fumes. A visitor's eyes begin to burn and water uncontrollably within a few minutes."

For this the workers earn \$32 a month! An 18-year-old girl who works at the factory was asked what she does for fun. Does she go to dances, or the movies? "No," was her answer. "Nothing."

One of the imperialist monopolies paying slave wages in South Korea is the Motorola Company which runs an electronic component assembly plant on the outskirts of Seoul. As a result of the "cheap labor," the factory's production costs are one-tenth of costs for similar production at Motorola's plant in Phoenix.

Motorola director George Needham also claims that it takes less time to train Korean girls than American girls for the assembling of semiconductors and transistors. He explained:

"The girls are more motivated. Life is tough in this country. These people really need this work."

What Needham really means is that American workers could not be forced to work for the starvation wages given to South Korean workers. If South Korea's economy is "booming," then it is booming for U.S. and Japanese imperialism at the expense of South Korea's super-exploited workers.

"THE INDOCHINESE PEOPLES . . . WILL WIN COMPLETE VICTORY"

While Nixon says the U.S. is winning the war in Cambodia and Vietnam, the situation looks quite different to the Asian people and to the leader of 700 million on that continent. In a concise statement of the revolutionary perspective of the struggling Asian masses and their world-wide allies, Mao Tse-tung, chairman of the Communist Party of People's China, calls upon the oppressed everywhere to defeat imperialism and shows absolute confidence that they will inevitably do so. The statement was issued on May 20 and broadcast on the Peking radio.

A new upsurge in the struggle against United States imperialism is now emerging throughout the world. Ever since World War II, United States imperialism and its followers have been continuously launching wars of aggression and the people in various countries have been continuously waging revolutionary wars to defeat the aggressors. The danger of a new world war still exists, and the people of all countries must get prepared. But revolution is the main trend in the world today.

Unable to win in Vietnam and Laos, the United States aggressors treacherously engineered the reactionary coup d'etat by the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak clique, brazenly dispatched their troops to invade Cambodia and resumed the bombing of North Vietnam, and this has aroused the furious resistance of the three Indochinese peoples.

I warmly support the fighting spirit of Samdech (Prince) Norodom Sihanouk, Chief of State of Cambodia, in opposing United States imperialism and its lackeys. I warmly support the joint declaration of the summit conference of the Indochinese peoples. I warmly support the establishment of the Royal Government of National Union under the leadership of the National United Front of Kampuchea.

Strengthening their unity, supporting each other and persevering in a protracted peoples war, the three Indochinese peoples will certainly overcome all difficulties and win complete victory.

While massacring the people in other countries, United States imperialism is slaughtering the white and Black people in its own country. Nixon's fascist atrocities have kindled the raging flames of the revolutionary mass movement in the United States. The Chinese people firmly support the revolutionary struggle of the American people. I am convinced that the American people who are fighting valiantly will ultimately win victory and that the fascist rule in the United States will inevitably be defeated.

The Nixon Government is beset with troubles internally and externally, with utter chaos at home and extreme isolation abroad. The mass movement of protest against United States aggression in Cam-

bodia has swept the globe.

Less than 10 days after its establishment, the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia was recognized by nearly 20 countries. The situation is getting better and better in the war of resistance against United States aggression and for national salvation waged by the people of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.

The revolutionary armed struggles of the people of Korea, Japan and other Asian countries against the revival of Japanese militarism by the United States and Japanese reactionaries, the struggles of the Palestinian and other Arab peoples against the United States-Israeli aggressors, the national liberation struggles of the Asian, African and Latin-

American peoples, and the revolutionary struggles of the peoples of North America, Europe and Oceania are all developing vigorously.

The Chinese people firmly support the people of the three Indochinese countries and of other countries of the world in their revolutionary struggles against United States imperialism and its lackeys.

United States imperialism, which looks like a huge monster, is in essence a paper tiger, now in the throes of its deathbed struggle. In the world of today, who actually fears whom? It is not the Vietnamese people, the Laotian people, the Cambodian people, the Palestinian people, the Arab people or the people of other countries who fear United States imperialism; it is United States imperialism that fears the people of the world. It becomes panic-stricken at the mere rustle of leaves in the wind. Innumerable facts prove that a just cause enjoys abundant support while an unjust cause finds little support.

A weak nation can defeat a strong, a small nation can defeat a big nation. The people of a small country can certainly defeat aggression by a big country, if only they dare to rise in struggle, take up arms and grasp in their own hands the destiny of their country. This is a law of history.

People of the world, unite and defeat the United States aggressors and all their running dogs!



Chairman Mao and Chiang Ching review marching revolutionaries during 20th anniversary celebration of founding of Chinese People's Republic.

"Know your enemy"? They know him well!

Students attack Bank of America — again



Santa Barbara cops manhandle youths arrested during demonstrations against Bank of America.

For the last five days, upwards of 1000 Santa Barbara students have been taking part in a rebellion protesting the arrests of nine of their comrades on charges stemming from demonstrations on February 25 of this year, following the conviction and sentencing of the Chicago Eight.

During the previous demonstrations, the Santa Barbara branch of the Bank of America was burned to the ground in a great act of defiance that zeroed in on one of the real rulers of the U.S.: the largest commercial bank in America and the most powerful on the West Coast.

Once again that bank is the focus of the demonstrations. Sunday night two firebombs landed on target and started several small fires that the police rushed to put out. They arrested 36 students and tried to disperse the rest of the crowd with heavy teargassing. One student said that the whole area was permeated with teargas and that "the place looks like a

war zone." Despite all this the students stayed in the streets; after they were dispersed from the bank, they roamed the area breaking street lights and setting fires in trash bins.

As usual the District Attorney's office in Santa Barbara was up to its old tricks. Secret grand jury indictments were held up for two months until classes were nearly over and students were going home for the summer. The reason given by the DA was that he feared for the safety of their witnesses, but the truth really is that they were hoping to avoid any demonstrations around the cases.

But their maneuver didn't work! The kind of struggle waged by the students of Santa Barbara doesn't stop because a new season comes, but rather the passage of time strengthens their resolve to fight a system that uses young men as cannonfodder for imperialist wars, forces women into subservient positions, turns white against Black and persecutes all who are young and want a better way of life.

KEVIN AND DAN GET RANSOMED!



Dan Bentivogli and Kevin Blackford

**\$32,500 bail raised for
black, white student after
judge refused to lower it**

BUFFALO—The school year has ended at universities around the country and everywhere school officials are breathing a sigh of relief that the turmoil of the last month is over.

—Or is it? At UB, many students have decided to stay the summer to continue the political organizing that they began in the community. They intend to broaden out the student movement to reach the working people of this city.

The inevitable court battles around the arrests of hundreds of students during the March rebellion on campus and the militant actions in the wake of the Kent murders continue. Hardest hit in the court repression have been Dan Bentivogli and Kevin Blackford, both leaders of Buffalo Youth Against War & Fascism.

Dan was released on \$20,000 bail May 28 after spending three weeks in jail. Kevin, a Black youth, was rearrested at the May 28 arraignment on charges of destruction of state property. (This charge is in addition to a score of counts on conspiracy, riot and criminal mischief that the two militants already face.)

At that time, Judge Bayger of Erie County Court, hiked Kevin's bail from \$6,500 to \$7,500. It took until June 2 to once again bail him out.

Meanwhile, Don Sherman, an active-duty GI and organizer for the American Servicemen's Union, is still imprisoned on \$5,000 bail. He has been held

since March 16 on frame-up charges (also growing out of the campus rebellion) of conspiracy to commit arson and possession of a dangerous weapon. For a whole month it was impossible to bail him out because the Army was cooperating with the DA's office to hold him in military custody until the secret Grand Jury could bring down an indictment on him.

After over a month of secret sessions, the Grand Jury is continuing to hand down indictments and subpoenas in an effort to intimidate the student activists. Joan Marquardt Bentivogli was subpoenaed as a representative of the UB Philosophical Society and Tom Piwowar of YAWF was threatened with a similar subpoena.

The purpose of these subpoenas, served on representatives of activist organizations on campus, is to obtain membership lists.

YAWF quickly went on the offensive and instituted a suit to prevent the Grand Jury from getting the information they wanted. Attorney Henry di Suvero, who is also representing Dan Bentivogli, has brought the suit to quash the subpoenas on the grounds that the strike at UB was legal under the Constitution; that the only riot which took place was a police riot; therefore, the Grand Jury is illegal and the subpoenas and indictments it hands down are also illegal.

The suit also argues that the Grand Jury has no

right to demand names, that it is nothing but a witch-hunting organization convened for the purpose of destroying and intimidating the militant organizations on campus.

For the moment, the struggle here is focused on the courts. This kind of battle is, of course, initiated by the government and stacked against the defendants. Nevertheless, just last week, two UB students were acquitted in separate trials on charges of assault on policemen.

As any street activist knows, assault on a policeman is a very difficult charge to face since the police can always manufacture their own stories and witnesses. Yet the students were acquitted—in one case, by a jury.

The ruling class in Buffalo has failed to whip up the kind of anti-student hysteria that it was counting on in order to carry through the repression. Everywhere shock waves of the Cambodian invasion and the Kent, Augusta and Jackson State murders are sinking into the consciousness of people in Buffalo who have never been involved in anti-war or anti-racist activities. The events have brought new layers of the population into sympathy with the students who are fighting against the war, racism and police violence.

A union rallies against the war, condemns Buffalo "Nazis" and defends use of word "pig"

One of the most significant anti-war rallies in the United States took place in Buffalo, New York on May 27.

It was sponsored by Local 124-A of the United Construction and Trades International Union and was a direct reply to the so-called "hard-hat" rally of the previous week held by the AFL-CIO construction workers in the same city.

(The hard-hat rally was as openly fascist as the larger one in New York and repelled many people who had not been particularly pro-student or anti-war by its viciousness and vulgarity.)

The United Construction and Trades International Union is made up mostly of Black and other minorities. It was formed a short time ago in answer to the exclusionist policies of the AFL-CIO union and in itself is a loud warning to the whole AFL-CIO.

Locals of the United Steelworkers

AFL-CIO in the area, the United Auto Workers, ALA (Alliance for Labor Action) and the Buffalo Teachers Federation supported the new union's anti-war demonstration.

White members of various peace organizations participated in the rally of about 300 who assembled in Niagara Square. And some white construction workers risked their jobs and their livelihood to be there, too.

Donald M. Dade, president of Local 124-A, condemned Mayor Frank A. Sedita for solidarizing himself with the fascist rally the week before. Dade also presented an American flag to Thomas G. Moore, a youth who had been beaten up by a mob on the previous occasion, allegedly for using the word "warmongers" (having been also arrested after being beaten!)

The new union sang the national anthem, made the pledge to the flag,

and conducted largely the same ceremony that their super-patriotic rivals had, except that the latter presented the flag to the Mayor and the former presented it to the victim of the Mayor's police and fascist friends.

Dade called the super-patriots "nazi" and commented that the actions of the police justified the use of the word "pig" and called upon the Mayor to veto the unconstitutional law the city council had just passed making it a crime to use this word against the pig police.

Only the most superficial observers and hopeless ultra-leftists were discomfited by the patriotic gestures of honest working people just coming onto the stage of history for the first time. Their real patriotism is obviously to the working class and to humanity, not to fascist-minded generals, congressmen and presidents.



STAY IN THE STREETS!

Exposing DA and the pigs in Chicago

By KEN SERTIC

CHICAGO, May 27—Yesterday a demonstration of over fifty Black youths marched in front of the Federal Building to demand an immediate investigation of State's Attorney Edward Hanrahan. They said in a statement that a study of the deaths of Fred Hampton and Mark Clark was needed immediately, and also made it clear that State's Attorney Hanrahan was the greatest menace to both Black and white people.

Chicago fascist

repression of Panthers

Racist Hanrahan was recently forced to drop criminal charges against the seven Panthers who were involved in the December 4 "shoot-in." At the same time, the 14 pig assassins involved were not indicted for the murders of Fred Hampton or Mark Clark. Ever since the Black Panther Party branch was formed here two years ago, Mayor Daley, through his flunkies, State's Attorney Hanrahan and Superintendent of Police James Conlisk, has been attempting to destroy the Chicago Panther Party.

The Panther Headquarters on 2350 W. Madison has been attacked by federal and city pigs on three different occasions. Each time hordes of police armed to the teeth came in Vietnam style, with helicopters and machine guns in an attempt to annihilate the Panthers. In their last attempt, June, 1969, the Headquarters was almost totally gutted by a fire set inside by the pigs, and money (\$8000) was stolen

and office equipment smashed beyond repair.

Each attack seems to coincide with some new program the Panthers are beginning to Serve the People, like free breakfasts or medical care.

This summer the office was raided just before the Free Medical Center was to be opened, now called the Spurgeon "Jake" Winters (killed defending the Black community from police attack) Free Medical Center. The pigs themselves have been forced to admit that these raids must be carried out in a secret and military fashion, because of the fear of the reaction of the Black community near the office. On one occasion after raiding the Panther office, the pigs were met by a group of angry Black people who threw rocks, bottles and iron pipes at the fascist invaders.

The viciousness of the war against the Black community here is such that all Black political organizations are being attacked by Daley and Co. These attacks have recently been aimed at what are termed "street gangs."

War against "street gangs"

In the past year only political organizations like the Black P. Stone Nation, Conservative Vice Lords and the Young Lords Organization have been attacked by the Chicago Police Department and the courts. One indictment after another has been issued against both Black and Brown youth, while 18 Black youths have been killed. All the slayings were termed "justifiable" by whitewash investigations. One important and educational example is the murderous path Daley and Hanrahan have followed in

trying to destroy the Black P. Stone Nation.

By constantly escalating the attack on the Black community, Daley and the handful of big businessmen who control him hope to intimidate and smash the Black Liberation struggle. Daley tried to label the Panthers a "gang," while the real gang of crooks are Daley and his cohorts. He uses the Chicago Police Department as a weapon of terror against Black people, and the pigs are virtually an occupying army in the Black community.

At the same time he uses these same pigs against workers on strike, and breaks the heads of people demonstrating their hatred for the war. Any opposition to his policies of exploitation and cold-blooded murder are met with a severe repressive response.

Support the Panther Party

These fascist methods have only brought more support to the Panther Party, and condemnation from progressive elements of society against Daley the dictator. The Panthers are now mobilizing support for Bobby Seale, imprisoned Chairman of the Black Panther Party, who will be in Chicago June 8, to face phony charges of "Conspiracy to Riot" during the '68 Democratic Convention.

Massive support is needed that day and in days to follow to be able to Free Bobby, and support the Panther Party.

Meanwhile, the Panthers continue to meet the needs of the oppressed Black masses in Chicago with free breakfast, medical and clothing programs.

Racists attack Black students inside high school

By KATHY GRAZULIS

(Kathy Grazulis is a high school student at Bremen H.S. in Midlothian, Illinois.)

CHICAGO, May 30—Wednesday and Thursday, May 20th and 21st, have marked the worst (of the many) racial disturbances witnessed by Bremen High School in Midlothian, Illinois, resulting in the school's closing that Thursday and Friday, May 21st and 22nd.

This particular outbreak is believed to have begun Wednesday morning, when a Black student was jumped by (a reported) five white students. Coming to his aid, a female Black was socked in the mouth by a teacher, after she had started to fight one of the male whites who was attacking the Black youth.

Police and their dogs were soon at the scene, but were dismissed from inside the building. Tensions became increasingly high the rest of that day between many students, with plans being made for action to be taken the following morning.

It was early Thursday when much of the violence began, when someone

pulled the fire alarm directly before the beginning of school, forcing all students outside where they clashed. It started possibly between Black and white girls, with everyone else jumping into it. As a result about six students were hospitalized for cuts they received from either going through a window or from some sort of knife or blade.

Many windows were broken all around the school, especially in the cafeteria. And three or four fire engines arrived followed by Midlothian, State, and neighboring cities police, numbering between 75 and 100.

They were armed with riot clubs, helmets, dogs and tear gas (one canister being thrown within the area where fighting was taking place).

When students were ordered back into school, most complied or went home, but Black students totaling about 150 of the 1800 students, marched around the school and in the school together, with no other violence breaking out. The buses were called as soon as the fighting broke out, and arrived about 9-9:30 a.m. with school pronounced closed for that day and Friday, and evacuation of the building and school grounds were ordered.

Those who disobeyed were either arrested or clubbed by the police.



Cop with dog patrols Bremen H.S. halls.

it was learned Monday, May 25th, that 30 Black students and only 27 white students were suspended (most of them seniors) and were not allowed back in school the rest of the term. Also it was learned that the 30 or so police stationed within the school were going to stay until the end of the year, with their helmets, riot clubs and dogs.

Concerned parents were allowed to be in school to see how school is run and how the students react to each other.

Then on Thursday, May 26th, about 200-250 racist reactionary whites started to protest outside school chanting "White Power" and carrying placards, but all was peaceful and the buses carrying Black students were delayed to avoid another possible outbreak.

This protest was met by another the

following day (composed of Black and white students), quite the opposite in meaning, with one banner stating, "Down with Flynn!" (a School Board Superintendent) and "Blacks and Whites Unite!" There was an estimated 350-400 students protesting, most of whom were locked out of the school about five minutes before school was to begin. And it was learned Thursday, May 28th, that all those who were not in their home rooms the previous day were suspended, the number totaling 309 (as told by a teacher).

Since then, Bremen students still walk in the police- and dog-lined halls, with worries and plans for actions to be taken next year, trying to secure cooperation between Black and white students, and are anxiously awaiting the end of school.

ERASMUS STUDENTS BATTLE POLICE

BROOKLYN, May 19—Today, on Malcolm's birthday, Erasmus Hall High School, alma mater of Barbra Streisand, became a battlefield in the continuing struggle against the war against Vietnam, Cambodia and Black America. It began early this morning with about fifty students picketing in support of the three national student demands: Free All Political Prisoners; U.S. Out of Southeast Asia; and ROTC Off Campus. The picket line grew and grew until nearly the entire school filed outside.

The administration became up tight

and told the police to close the gates. The students responded with a hail of eggs. The police responded by grabbing a bystander and macing her in the face. This set off a two-hour battle between the students and the police; the police charged with their clubs, and the students responded with sticks, rocks and bottles. The battle ended with students and noonday shoppers on Flatbush Avenue getting gassed by New York's famed Tactical Patrol Force. However, the struggle at Erasmus and at schools all over the country is just beginning and there is nothing they can do to stop it.

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Junior High School Student,
Western New York

Why Nixon pinned a rose on Brennan

Hard-hats at the White House

ELLEN PIERCE

When Nixon invited Peter Brennan, president of the Building Trades Council in New York, to Washington last week, it was not to thank him for aging the pro-war rally held in lower Manhattan on May 20. Other "patriotic" displays, though not as large, have taken place without receiving such a show of attitude from the White House.

The invitation meant that Nixon wanted to openly solidarize himself with the black-shirt-style attack by construction workers on anti-war protesters.

Dedicated racists

It is that assault—and not the "peaceful" rally that followed a week later—which is associated in people's minds with the construction workers. And it is that kind of extra-legal racist attack which Nixon encouraged the praise and favor he heaped on Brennan.

Nixon and Brennan have more in common than their enthusiasm for imperialist war. They are both also dedicated racists. Brennan's (and the construction bosses') specialty is keeping Black workers out of the high-paid building trades. Nixon wants to keep the Black people out of everything except the jails, the army, the kitchens and the sweatshops.

Since the two men are in complete agreement on the theory and practice of white supremacy, it is not so strange for them to get together. But when the president of a government, which is supposedly "pressuring" the building trades to permit Black workers to work, goes out of his way to honor the chief racist in the construction unions, it is open defiance of his own alleged capitalist democracy and a signal for a new attempt at a fascist onslaught.

Less publicized but even more significant than Brennan's White House reception was a secret meeting Nixon held before the Cambodian invasion.

According to the New York Post of May 21:

"Two days before President Nixon revealed to the country — and to Congress — that the U.S. invasion of Cambodia had begun, he told a secret meeting of the leaders of ten veterans and military-linked groups that he would soon order 'immediate and positive action' against North Vietnamese sanctuaries 'on the Cambodian side of the border'...."

Thus Nixon lined up the semi-fascist outfits before informing Congress as is his constitutional duty. This extremely serious rupture of capitalist democracy was no more than noted in the press and only criticized in Congress by a single one of the 540 alleged defenders of democracy there.

The meeting was not in itself an act of full-blown fascism, but it was another proof of the readiness and willingness of the preponderant section of imperialism represented by Nixon

to resort to fascism to get its way.

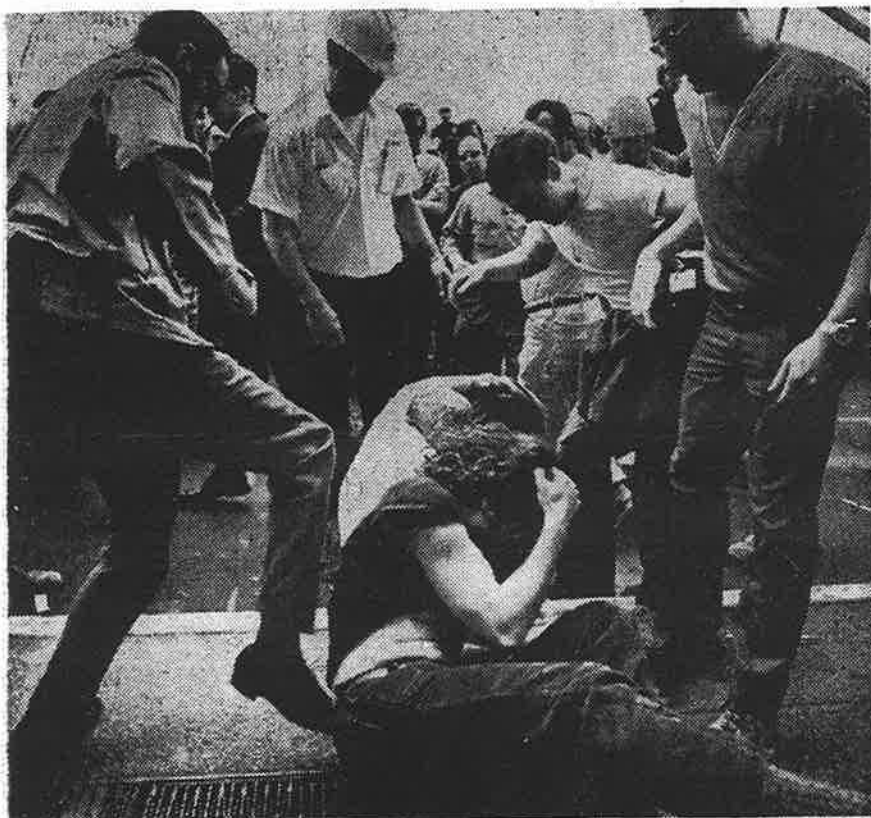
A militarist cabal

The groups represented at the private White House session with Nixon were:

The Retired Officers' Assn.; the National Rifle Assn.; the Navy League; the American Security Council; the Veterans of Foreign Wars; the Fleet Reserve Assn.; the Air Force Assn.; the National Guard Assn.; the Marine Corps League; and the American Ordnance Assn.

These are some of the organizations that Nixon hopes to use to attack the Black liberation struggle, the anti-war movement, the awakening working class and even the part of his own government which speaks for a different section of the imperialist establishment. Having no real roots among the masses, they are absolutely inadequate to do the job, particularly as the more oppressed workers begin to get in the struggle for equality and a better living.

On the other hand, the two meetings at the White House do prove at the very least that the last place to find a friend to help fight fascism is the U.S. Presidency.



Anti-war demonstrators beaten by fascists

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organized!

The so-called "hard hat" attacks on anti-war protesters in the Wall Street section of New York City last month made one thing very clear: The Movement must defend itself.

The pig police, who are so quick to club heads and even shoot unarmed people, stood around grinning when the fascist thugs attacked the marching youth. Some were heard to say, "Give 'em one for me" and similar words of encouragement to the goons.

When the super-patriotic fascist characters raised the flag at City Hall, which had been officially ordered at half-mast by the Mayor in honor of the four martyred students of Kent State University, the police, who are supposedly servants of the city, stood still and cheered the fascists on. There was no organized group to enforce the grudging concession of Lindsay liberalism and to make sure the flag stayed down.

Fascist gangs do

what cops can't do

This police nonchalance in the face of fascist attacks on protesters, striking workers or radicals is not new. It has been displayed in a small way at a number of anti-war rallies and parades. And years ago it happened on a larger scale in labor's attempts to organize.

But the open siding with the fascists displayed by the police on this occasion was of a different and more ominous character. It was a broad hint to the fascist elements of New York and of

the whole country that they could organize with impunity and launch big attacks at will.

The police themselves, it would appear, are more dangerous than these "hard hat" fascists, because they, the police, are armed and do shoot. But the fact is that the ruling class is sometimes compelled to restrain the police, at least relatively, even though most individual cops are fascists themselves.

Furthermore, in great mass actions, the police are often too small a force to be of great effect, and in really tense situations, they can be disarmed by the anti-fascist masses.

The organization of fascist gangs is an imperialist attempt to get around this difficulty in a time of crisis, and at the same time to try to make a popular kind of violence in which "just ordinary people" come out and terrorize those who fight for progress and against imperialism. These "just ordinary people" are always organized by the agents of big business.

And they are exactly the same people who want to riot against the Black people and mass-murder them the moment they feel they have enough numbers and enough courage to do it.

The will is most important

Defense guards against fascism are now an urgent necessity. Defense guards can be modest and realistic. They can be groups of young men and women prepared to beat the hell out of anyone who attacks their demonstrations or molests them in the course of their democratic and constitutionally justified activities. They can be positioned at strategic points in a parade or rally. And they can be organized and drilled to deal with any contingency.

Most fascist types, even the so-called "tough" ones, are just so much human garbage. Hardly any of them would sacrifice one cent for whatever they think they believe in. And, as in the case of most bullies, their fascist enthusiasm would not long survive one black eye or bloody nose.

A couple of years ago, Youth Against War & Fascism held an anti-war demonstration in front of the New York Stock Exchange at Broad and Wall Streets. A couple of hundred lined up across the narrow street, worked themselves up into a frenzy and charged the demonstrators. The latter stood firm and showed their readiness to fight.

The mob lost three-quarters of its members before getting across the street!

Admittedly, these were unorganized fascists, but the fundamental lesson is the same. They are trash with a brittle veneer of patriotism. They are an

outlaw force with a scab mentality that must be met with the righteous force of proletarian self-defense. In nearly every case, the anti-fascist forces can win if they are determined to defend themselves and organize themselves ahead of time to do just that.

Many allies in this fight

Others are also thinking about self-defense as a result of the hard-hat fascist attack. The editors of The Rat (25 cents a copy, 241 E. 14th St., New York, N.Y.) supplied an excellent manual on karate, judo, etc., in their May 22-June 4 issue. It is valuable and the approach is revolutionary.

But the question of organization has to be emphasized in order to make such defense successful against organized reaction. Two trained people working together are as effective as three or more working separately. A team of five trained people is worth ten or more trained individuals working separately and more than a crowd of twenty untrained working together — and so on.

It is not easy to build such teams, of course. And it requires a different mood than the one of a year or two ago, when some militants learned karate and judo, but with the idea only of taking an immediate offensive with a small number of people against a very large number, or against armed forces opposing them with karate alone.

The idea of defense guards is to prepare for a future offensive by a vigorous and effective defense right now, thus inspiring a larger and larger number of people with confidence in your seriousness and your ability to lead them against their enemies in relative safety and with a minimum of casualties.

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Capitalists debate wage-price controls—

Threaten to freeze wages as profits soar

By P. MEISNER

"...I think that probably the Government will have to bring some kind of at least moral suasion and pressure to bear on both industry and labor to urge them to restrain themselves in terms of wage increases and price increases."

These are the words of perhaps the most powerful banker in the U.S., David Rockefeller, at a recent news conference following the businessmen's meeting with President Nixon on the current economic crisis. And the statement in fact is really an appeal to Nixon to crack down on any future attempts of trade unions at getting decent labor contracts.

Rockefeller went as far as specifically attacking the recent printers' settlement with the New York Times which includes an average yearly wage increase of 14 per cent for the next three years. How a parasite like David Rockefeller can have the gall to say that \$200 a week is too much for a printer is almost incredible! (Almost, but not quite, when you realize that the less the workers get, the more the bankers profit.)

From stock dividends alone, David Rockefeller admitted he raked in \$607,000 in 1969. This does not even include the \$265,000 a year salary he receives as chairman of the Chase Manhattan Bank. Nor does it include other corporate fees and all other income derived from his estimated net worth of \$300 million. And of course others in his immediate family have incomes about as large.

No controls over \$5 billion Rockefeller holdings

It is obvious then that the "voluntary" wage and price restraint advocated by Rockefeller will not cut into

the \$5 billion Rockefeller family holdings nor the approximately \$100 billion corporate empire they control.

But it would cut into the standard of living of most workers.

While both David and Nelson Rockefeller are still opposed to a wage-price freeze at the present time, the fact that it has been seriously discussed and even proposed by New York City's Mayor Lindsay and millionaire industrialist Howard Samuels (who is running for New York State governor) means the entire capitalist class could soon adopt wage-price controls.

The imperialists of Wall Street and Washington have now created a galloping inflation through their war economy

and may have to resort to wage-price controls to save the capitalist system from economic chaos. But a wage-price freeze is never for the benefit of working people—it is the best form of capitalist exploitation under the most severe of economic crises.

Wage-price freeze, but no freeze on profits

While most capitalist industries would prefer to have a completely free hand at raising prices and thereby maximizing profits, some industries could even get around a price freeze with black market operations (as they existed during World War II), creating artificial shortages and thus driving prices way up.

Also, a wage-price freeze is not a freeze on profits. If productivity goes up, profits will rise even with prices and wages held fixed.

But even if wage-price controls maintained a lid on profits and prevented the existence of black markets, it would still enforce the present system of capitalist exploitation, which bears heavily on the most oppressed workers and oppressed minorities, who already suffer from low wages and high taxation.

Meanwhile, as the capitalist ruling class debates the wage-price control issue, inflation is at an annual rate of seven and a half per cent, drastically cutting into the standard of living of the American working population.

So merely because some big businessmen and, for the present the anti-labor Nixon, oppose wage-price controls, this by no means indicates that working people should support them.

Unemployment hits 5%; "Experts" find it "acceptable"

Like his predictions about the war in Vietnam, Nixon's predictions about unemployment have been neither reliable nor honest.

His Council of Economic Advisers said there would be "only" 4.3 per cent unemployment this year (and that's well over 3 million men and women). But as of the end of May, there were

5 per cent or over 4 million looking for work.

What makes this so maddening for the poor is that it is not only the result of an out-of-date system, but in this case a consciously engineered unemployment, undertaken in order to "cool off" the economy so the bankers can have their stability and

the dollar will be "sound."

Of course the capitalists can't really control their system, and if they hadn't engineered the 4.3 per cent unemployment—which suddenly became 5 per cent—they would have been stuck with something else—maybe galloping inflation, maybe breakdown. (As it is, inflation is practically galloping any-



Monopolies hike prices; workers blamed for inflation

It should be clear by now that the Nixon Administration's "anti-inflation" program was directed at American workers and not at the billionaire corporations. While Nixon and Congress were hysterical because of the postal workers' strike to get an above-subsistence wage, not a whisper of criticism was heard from Washington when the steel monopolies raised prices once again.

The two largest steel producers in the U.S., Bethlehem Steel and U.S. Steel, announced a "4.7%" increase in hot-and-cold-rolled steel sheets and galvanized sheets. However, the 4.7% figure is not the true increase, since what are called "extras" have been eliminated, which amounts to the elimination of present discounts given to buyers. One buyer for a major appliance company said:

"For us, that 4.7% figure is unrealistic. In some cases, it's as much as 50%."

The same buyer also claimed that

Bethlehem's announcement of the "4.7%" increase was "worded to appease Washington."

The Nixon Administration also kept quiet as the Anaconda Corporation, the Cerro Corporation and the Bridgeport Brass Company announced they were also increasing prices on copper and brass mill products.

Inflation is therefore still rampant with Nixon giving the green light to the monopolies under the guise of an "anti-inflation" program. And, as the Nixon economists tell the workers that "things are turning for the better", unemployment, including huge layoffs in the auto industry, is sharply on the increase.

Big business has a loyal servant in the Nixon Administration, which has let the monopolies increase their profits and prices at will, while suppressing every attempt by American workers to catch up with the runaway inflation created by the bosses in the first place.

JDL invades Harlem to attack Panthers

The Jewish Defense League (JDL), one of the most organized and ruthless of the fascist gangs in the United States, made a blitzkrieg attack on two Arab liberation offices in New York on May 22, beating up their outnumbered and surprised victims and destroying valuable office records, etc.

Two weeks before, this same racist crew had attacked the Harlem office of the Black Panther Party at a time when it was staffed by only one man. In this case, the community started to come to the aid of the Panthers, but of course the pig police came up in droves, stationed themselves on rooftops among other strategic places, to stop the "trouble."

But not one of the JDL racists was arrested!

This was not because the cops sympathized with the Jewish people as victims of anti-Semitic prejudice, you can be sure!

Oh, no. It was because the cops were and are in a united front with the JDL in attacking and oppressing the Black people, just as they are with Israel against the Arab people.

Unfortunately, there are still some Jewish people who still take the JDL pretensions for good coin and believe they are being defended by this racist gang, when they are really being compromised and confused by it.

(On June 3, the gang also attacked the office of the Daily World at 205 W. 19th St., NYC brandishing iron pipes, apparently in attempted "revenge" for the paper's printing news stories about the Mideast which did not champion Israeli aggression.)

The Black Panthers, stoutly resisting the appellation of anti-Semite, clearly and angrily state their position in the May 19 issue of The Black Panther:

"We are anti Zionist expansion in the Arab world and Zionist exploitation here in Babylon, manifested in the robber barons that exploit us in the garment industry and the bandit merchants and greedy slumlords that

Committee scores JDL attacks on Arabs in NYC

NEW YORK, May 23 — In a statement to the press today, Rita Freed, chairman of the Committee to Support Middle East Liberation, said that her organization "condemns yesterday's attack on officials of the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Action Committee on Arab-American Relations by Jewish Defense League stormtroopers."

The Committee is a group of North Americans, many of Jewish descent, who have devoted themselves since June, 1967 to exposing the role of U.S. imperialism in the Middle East. The group has carried out several demonstrations against U.S.-Israeli aggression. The most recent was held on Palestine Solidarity Day, May 15, at the Israel Discount Bank in New York.

The CSMEL statement continued: "It is not the first time this gang of hooligans has assaulted pro-Palestinian groups, ransacked their offices, boasted in print about the cowardly 'victory' and gone unpunished. 'Last year they conducted a similar

raid on the Palestine Liberation Organization; two weeks ago they attacked the Harlem office of the Black Panther Party in a concerted action with the police who covered the JDL offensive with guns pointed from surrounding roof-tops.

"The so-called 'Defense League' thugs are emboldened to act in this racist and provocative manner not only because of the growing right-wing atmosphere being unleashed by the Administration, but also because of the anti-Arab, pro-Mideast war campaign Washington wages through its press.

"CSMEL and Youth Against War and Fascism offer our support to our Palestinian brothers at this time as we have jointly done in the past. We call upon all progressive people and organizations to challenge the JDL hooligans. They shall no longer be permitted to carry out their Nazi-like assaults in the name of the victims of Fascism. The people demand justice!"

operate in our communities.

"We will take this opportunity to inform all fascist dogs and other fools that the people of Harlem will not tolerate any type of invasion into our community by members of the 'Stern gang' or any other gang. Furthermore we feel that these Zionist cowards were suffering from suicidal delusions, and if the Jewish Defense League returns to our community under any pretext—as they say they will—we will smash them completely and resolutely once and for all."

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The press release was signed by Zayd-Malik Shakur, Harlem Branch, Black Panther Party.

ALBIZU CAMPOS and the PONCE MASSACRE

By Juan Antonio Corretjer

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Most of his best friends are anti-Semites But he makes a movie praising Israel

By NAOMI COHEN

Nixon's friend Billy Graham has produced a film entitled "His Land" ("His" referring to Christ), a documentary on Israel. The film, produced by the evangelist's World Wide Pictures, is being shown to both Jewish and Christian audiences with the "active cooperation and promotional talents of the American Jewish Committee," according to the New York Times of June 1.

Strange? Not really.

Every U.S. war has had its propaganda films—the means by which the bourgeois government whips up racism and chauvinism to prepare the population for aggression. In the case of the Mideast war, the U.S. ruling class is in a strange dilemma, however. After scores of years of indoctrinating the population with anti-Semitism, they must now prepare the people to fight on the side of Israel against the Arabs.

As a leader of the AJC put it, the film is now reaching more Christians "with an appealing message about Is-

rael" than most of the Jewish organizations could ever reach. Graham is doing a job for the government.

In addition to presidential audiences, this preacher commands a large following in the "bible belt" of the Midwest and speaks to a section of the white population that is probably more anti-Semitic than any in the country. The film is undoubtedly aimed at preparing these very people to identify with the Israeli cause—not at all because the ruling class wants to build sympathy for the oppression of the Jewish people themselves, but because it may serve the interests of U.S. imperialism to use young Americans in a war against the oppressed Arab people.

The unholy alliance between Billy Graham, along with the reactionary, anti-Semitic forces he speaks for, and American Zionist organizations is but another proof of the reactionary aims of the ruling class apologists for Israeli aggression against the Arabs.



Billy Graham, left, helps boss Nixon on with his coat.

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Protesters denounce fascist Suharto

NEW YORK, May 28—A militant, determined group of about 200 demonstrators picketed outside of the New York Hilton on Sixth Avenue today as the Asia Society was about to welcome the puppet president of Indonesia, General Suharto. The protest, organized by Youth Against War & Fascism, was called at the request of the Indonesian Students' Associations in Europe, now based in Prague. These students are opposed to the fascist regime in Indonesia which was installed with U.S.-CIA aid after the murder of almost one million Indonesians in 1965.

Over police protests, the demonstrators insisted on their right to picket directly in front of the hotel where the business- and CIA-sponsored Asia Society was holding a dinner for Suharto. Banners on the line read, "U.S. puppet Suharto, fascist murderer of Indonesian people" and "Free the political prisoners. Stop the death camps." (There are currently hundreds



of thousands of political prisoners dying of starvation and torture in Indonesia's prison camps.)

The demonstrators chanted, "Down with Suharto, CIA puppet" and "A million Indonesians died for Standard

Oil" as Indonesian diplomats and their wealthy American bosses pulled up to the hotel in limousines.

Men in gray suits—global spies for U.S. imperialism

By D. STACEY

Just a couple of typical American businessmen, Mr. Doole and Mr. Grundy. They sit in their cheerful Washington and Taiwan offices in their conservative business suits and do the things that executives of corporations do.

Mr. George A. Doole, the President of Air America and Air Asia, might send out a letter to the directors of the company—men like Samuel A. Walker, a managing partner of Joseph Walker & Sons; Robert G. Golet, a New York real estate tycoon; William A. Read, a retired member of the investment banking firm of Dillon, Read & Co.; and Arthur B. Richardson, former president of Chesebrough-Pond's.

Mr. Hugh L. Grundy, as general manager of Air America in Asia might be looking over the company's contracts with AID, the government's Agency for International Development, that flies supplies into Southeast Asian countries to help them get "developed."

Mr. Doole and Mr. Grundy and the corporations they head were the subject of a recent feature story in the New York Times. It seems that Air America

and its subsidiaries, Air Asia and Civil Air Transport, are really fronts for the CIA.

Air America—CIA front

Everyone knows that the CIA's bag is not exactly the "development" of poor countries. Political assassination, torture and interrogation, subversion and coups d'etat are their better-known commodities. Then what are these nice businessmen, the executives and directors of Air America, doing in the cloak-and-dagger business?

An average day in Air America's operations, according to the Times article, would see the company parachuting secret agents into Laos, training cops in Thailand, ferrying U.S. pilots from Okinawa to Japan and South Korea, sending spy planes from Taiwan along the coast of China, and flying prospectors looking for copper and geologists searching for oil in Indonesia.

Perhaps that last occupation gives a clue as to why Air America, the CIA and big businessmen seem to work together in such harmony. In Indonesia five years ago a fascist military group, backed by the CIA, overthrew the left-

nationalist government of Sukarno and massacred hundreds of thousands of peasants, workers and intellectuals.

Today, U.S. corporations are flocking into Indonesia to grab up the precious oil and mineral resources of that huge and still largely unexplored country. And the CIA is flying in the geologists who will tell their imperialist bosses where to dig. Five years ago, the same agency was flying in the arms and money for the coup.

No wonder, then, that Mr. Doole holds a master's degree from the Harvard School of Business Administration. Because business—that is, profits for U.S. corporations—is what the CIA is really all about. In some cases, the CIA's personnel go on to work directly for these corporations after having put in an apprenticeship in "intelligence" work.

One such notable was Kermit "Kim" Roosevelt, who directed the CIA overthrow of Premier Mossadegh in Iran in 1953. Mossadegh had shortly before announced the nationalization of the foreign-owned oil companies.

Roosevelt quit his job with the CIA two years later to become "gov-

ernment relations director," and later vice-president of the Gulf Oil Company, his payoff for the Iranian coup. Naturally, all U.S. and British oil companies were returned after Mossadegh's overthrow, only with the U.S. jumping ahead with the lion's share.

Instrument of imperialist violence

Fifty or a hundred years ago in this country, the corporations unashamedly hired large police forces to run the company towns and whip the workers into line. The coal and iron police of Pennsylvania, the Pinkerton detectives, the copper police of Rockefeller who shot down the miners in Ludlow—they openly enforced the violence of the ruling class against the oppressed. Class consciousness came easily in those days, and class relations were out in the open.

The CIA is the modern-day version of the iron and steel police. Instead of serving just one boss, however, this instrument of U.S. imperialism's violence has many masters representing the banking, oil, mineral, and other industries who do business on a global scale.

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DIONNE DONGHI FREE

Anti-imperialist fighter harassed by FBI

By RITA MULLINS

As we drove up, 10 FBI men, carrying walkie-talkies and wearing sunglasses and look-alike suits, were running up and down the street in confusion, a fascist version of the Keystone Kops. Our passenger jumped in, telling us that the FBI car had broken down. Hoping to keep them at a distance, we took off, but when we were caught by a traffic light, a back-up car pulled up behind us.

All the way from the East 100's to Dobbs Ferry they hung on like glue: backing up when we did, following our circuitous route from a blocked-off highway entrance, jumping the lights to keep up with us.

Sometimes we joked how years of TV and movie-watching prepared us for this ride. For a while we mused over our failure to know that the highway was blocked. But most of all we talked about why they were harassing us in this ridiculous and obvious way.

Another dynamite frameup

We all knew the reason. Our passenger was Dionne Donghi, 21, a Weatherwoman and veteran of the Columbia rebellion of 1968 who had been released that day from the Women's House of Detention on \$20,000 bail. (The bail had been raised by the women from the RAT collective.) Since April 14, when she was fingered by Larry Grathwohl, an FBI informer, she had been held because she allegedly

watched someone write a \$63 bad check for an airline ticket and because she was wanted for questioning about a Chicago apartment. Supposedly the wall-to-wall carpeting was 59 cases of dynamite and plastic bombs. The real reason though is that the FBI hopes that she will give them information about the Weatherman organization and its leaders.

However, she points out that she has absolutely no information, that she is "just one of the many ordinary youth in the U.S. who have in the last period become aware of the nature of the U.S., its racism and imperialist designs around the world."

"New front is at home"

Dionne explained to us that her case is part of "the tremendous escalation in the imperialist war against Vietnam and Black America. There is a new front opened in this war; this front is right here at home. So we are suffering casualties, like myself. Of course, the counter-attacks against us come in the guise of 'criminal law,' but it is very clear that I am a political prisoner, like the hundreds of others in the Black Panther Party and the anti-imperialist movement."

As we rode and talked, Dionne told us about her six weeks in the House of D, how the mice and the rats run the place, how the guards treat the women, but mostly she spoke of the prisoners themselves, how they defended each

other, that "all the women were political prisoners, in the sense that they are all victims of third world oppression."

Dionne spoke, too, of the harassment and intimidation that has been visited upon her by the authorities since her arrest in New York, when 15 FBI agents showed up at her apartment.

They especially took advantage of the fact that Dionne was pregnant. They set the high ransom bail in an attempt to demoralize and convince her that she would never obtain the abortion she wanted.

When she was finally released from the Women's House, she was followed by three FBI cars containing a total of about a dozen agents, first to her lawyer's office, where they refused to identify themselves, and then to the doctor's office (which is a hospital), where they followed her right up to the labor floor. When the men were asked what they were doing, they answered, with eyes darting left and right, "What are all the ways out of here?"

Because of her long involvement in the anti-imperialist movement, Dionne knows that they plan to continue to harass her, hoping that she will break and sign one of their "ready-made plot confessions."

But Dionne also knows that she is not alone, that she has support in the anti-imperialist movement, that the kind of fascist tactics that they are using against her will not terrorize the movement but bring it to more determined resistance and greater struggle.

Women in the Women's Liberation Movement in New York City have formed the Women's Committee to Free Joan Bird to raise the necessary \$100,000 bail to free Joan.

A statement issued by the committee said part:

"We take this action because we understand that the system which imprisons Joan and brutalizes the black community is the same system that controls, channels and brutalizes women."

Joan Bird, 21 years old, a former

FREE

JOAN BIRD!

nursing student and a member of the Black Panther Party has been held in the Women's House of Detention for one year and a half on \$100,000 bail. Like the other members of the New York Panther 21, she is being held on the alleged charges of conspiracy to bomb New York department stores, police stations, railroad tracks and the New York Botanical Gardens.

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Working women:
more jobs,
lower pay—
still in kitchen

By DEIRDRE GRISWOLD

In the camp movies of the thirties and forties, the career woman discarded her horn-rimmed glasses, tailored suit and job at the end to fulfill her "real" career—loving wife and homemaker for the hero.

Hollywood isn't making movies exactly along that formula anymore. If the silver screen can be assumed to reflect real life in any way, this should mean that a full-time job for a woman isn't frowned on quite so much anymore. Does that mean that women are beginning to enjoy a modicum of equality in the job market?

It sure doesn't. As a matter of fact, a recent article in U.S. News & World Report (April 13) quoted government figures that prove just the opposite. Women are working more, but enjoying it less. The differential in pay between men and women has widened while the number of women joining the labor force has experienced a phenomenal rise.

Since 1948, two-thirds of the workers to join the labor force have been women—that is, 14 million women to 7 million men. This means that today women make up nearly 40 per cent of the labor force, while twenty years ago they were only 29 per cent. This is certainly a remarkable increase, and it has some very important consequences.

Women still slave over stoves

The relation of women to household labor has not changed significantly in this period. Women are still expected to care for the children, cook the meals, do the laundry and clean the house. While there may be a somewhat less rigid attitude toward these tasks on the part of some men, it is still the woman's responsibility to see that the home is taken care of.

But this means, then, that more women than ever are working full-time jobs—women with homes and families—and then coming home to another full-time job! Just as "moonlighting" has become commonplace among men to make enough money to live on, so has this "second job" for women. In Marxist terms, this means that the value of labor power (what it takes for a worker to feed, clothe, house and reproduce himself) is now more commonly being spread over the wages of two people, giving the boss the ability to actually pay the workers less.

This is the paradox of jobs for women under capitalism. While on the one hand, the job takes women out of the home, allows them to participate in commodity production and gives them a chance to raise the standard of living of their family, as the custom becomes widespread it begins to turn into its opposite. The more that women are working, the more the bosses can cut the wages of men and women. And as it becomes the norm for both husband and wife to work to make ends meet, the more it becomes necessary for women to have jobs, no matter what their home situation and obligations may be.

In other words, whether or not a woman has the responsibility of children, whether or not her husband is considerate and helps with the housework, whether or not she has trained or prepared in some way for a paying job, she must work out of economic necessity.

And what kind of job will she get? Here, again, according to the government figures quoted in the U.S. News article, the situation for women is getting more desperate. Some 65 per cent of working women are in clerical, service and

sales or domestic jobs—the most menial and lowest paying kinds of work. And while in 1955, the average woman earned about \$64 for every \$100 earned by a man, in 1958 the average was only \$58. It didn't matter whether she had acquired a high degree of education and training. A woman with four years of college in 1968 was earning \$6,694 a year—just \$100 more than a man with an eighth-grade education—while a male college graduate was getting \$11,795.

Material basis for women's liberation

It can certainly be seen from these figures that women, as a group, are the most exploited section of the working class. It also reveals the material basis for the dynamic development of the women's liberation movement. Under the capitalist mode of production, the magnetism of the market economy tends to draw into it all sources of labor. Cottage industries, the small garden plot, the arts and crafts—all have given way to more socialized labor, while the individuals who plied these trades have been converted to wage laborers working in the sphere of commodity production.

Women have comprised the last major category of producer to stand more or less outside the direct capital-labor relationship. But this is changing rapidly, and as it changes women find themselves more oppressed than ever.

As more and more women work, the need for a social solution to the household tasks performed individually by women becomes ever more acute. It is no accident that one of the most frequently raised demands of the women's liberation movement is for day care centers. Women will not go on doing two full-time jobs; they are demanding that the burden of housework and child care—repeated endlessly and inefficiently in every home—be socialized so that they won't be putting in a 16- or 20-hour day.

Social relations archaic

The great contribution of capitalism in human history has been to socially organize the means of production. Its great contradiction is that this has been done under private ownership, with profit as the motive. This contradiction can be seen operating in all its irony and tragedy especially where women are concerned.

Capitalism has laid the material basis for the emancipation of women. Fine schools and nurseries, laundries, excellent cafeterias, appliances of all kind—these have all been developed. Education has been extended to women, and today women could easily learn to do all the jobs that are essential to modern industry, science and social services.

Yet the social relations that determine a woman's position are still in the Dark Ages. The woman who chooses—or has—to work for a living is still the household drudge, and the fact that she participates in social labor as well is only an added burden. The devices and appliances that could release woman from the home are designed to chain her even more tightly to household goods, while their adaptations to more social use—laundries, restaurants, etc.—are pried out of the working woman's budget. As more and more women become workers for wages, something is going to have to give.

The bitter sadness of Black mothers

This article is reprinted from The Partisan of May 9, 1970.

The four Kent State victims of the brutal U.S. ruling class were white. But the mothers of Black children mourn for them, too. The oppressed always identify with the victims of oppression, even when those victims are the children of the oppressor nation.

But there are four Black mothers whose sadness is mixed with bitterness. And this is the second time they have felt this way.

The first time was the occasion of the Democratic Convention in Chicago, 1968, when so many white youths were

beaten bloody by the cops and the great majority of people were so tremendously aroused about it.

Why were these four mothers bitter then, as they must be bitter now?

Because each of them had lost her child at the time of the Republican convention that same year, and there was no mourning but their own.

Four Black youths were shot to death by Miami police when Afro-Americans protested not merely against the particular scoundrels who nominated Richard Nixon, but against the whole system that had repressed them for ages.

The big newspapers barely men-

tioned those four murders, although they carried big headlines and long columns about the beatings of white youths at Chicago two months later.

As Eldridge Cleaver puts it, a murder victim has to be white for white America to call it murder.

And a long time ago, Mark Twain tried to call attention to this horrible built-in racism in a light but savage commentary:

Tom Sawyer tells his Aunt about a big fire, and his Aunt says, "Goodness, I hope nobody was hurt"—"No ma'am," says Tom. "Nigger died, though"—"Oh, I'm so glad," says sweet Aunt Polly, "that nobody was hurt."

One of the heart-broken white mothers in the present tragedy was quoted as saying: "I don't understand it. They didn't kill anybody in the Washington or Chicago riots. Why do they kill our children?"

But they did kill people—hundreds of people, many of them teen-age boys and girls. The U.S. Army, the National Guard and the police of several cities murdered more than one hundred fifty innocent Black people in the summer of 1967 alone. And in the ten days of Black protest just after the Martin Luther King assassination in April, 1968, no less than 41 Afro-Americans were killed, including some in Washington and Chicago.

The troops and police were praised for their "restraint."

The four Black mothers weep for the two white boys and two white girls and for their mothers, too. Who weeps for them?

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He won't play pig

A Black cop handed in his resignation to the New York Police Dept. last week because of the systematic racism and brutality he found in the department.

"The criminal activity of the police in beating up kids" triggered his resignation, said 26-year-old ex-Patrolman Richard Moss.

"If this was what is going to happen to white students—let alone what police will do to Black kids—than it's time to get the hell out," he declared.

Moss, who had been on the force for over three years, witnessed many police beatings and "after 20 times I realized they weren't just spontaneous responses."

The young patrolman was the victim of police racism himself. His "fellow officers" called him "nigger" and "Communist."

FREE THE PANTHER 21



Remember to attend the trial of the Panther 21! 100 Centre Street, Supreme Court, 13th floor. Be there before 9:30 a.m.

Cancel '72 elections?...



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...Nixon thinking it over

(Liberation News Service)

NEW YORK — President Nixon has hired the RAND corporation to investigate the possibility that disruption by "radical elements" may make it "unsafe" to hold national elections in 1972.

William Howard, a reporter on the Washington, D.C., staff of the conservative Newhouse newspaper chain, uncovered the story April 5. On April 24, The Wall Street Journal made it front page news.

RAND is a research and "think tank" corporation, originally created by the Air Force. According to Howard's sources, RAND's study would "envision a situation where rebellious factions using force or bomb threats would make it unsafe to conduct an election." The study would "provide the President with a plan of action." The study was ordered because the President's advisers are "increasingly concerned about the country's internal security...."

The Wall Street Journal almost came right out with what that means: "Nixon men find a rumor hard to

spike—that the RAND corporation is studying the idea of cancelling the 1972 elections if radicals threaten to disrupt it." Those who remember 1968—Chicago, Gene and Bobby and Wallace—might think the 1972 elections won't be much anyway. Some may remember Adolph Hitler, who in 1933 outlawed all German parties after Nazis burned down the legislature (the Reichstag); he blamed it on the agitating Communists, and a year and a half later, elections were suspended.

The RAND study, at least, is Top Secret, and reporters have not yet discovered exactly what it is about. For instance, will it determine what conditions would allow or encourage Nixon to cancel elections; or will it decide what Nixon could do if the electoral process is discredited amid general protests against the actions of the government.

In any case, newsmen in Los Angeles and New York, talking with people from RAND, have confirmed Howard's "good" sources that some study relating to elections and levels of protest is being made for Tricky Dicky.

New York labor-student rally and march



On May 21, tens of thousands of students and workers attended a union-sponsored rally at City Hall. A post-rally march was constantly harassed by the police

(above). But marchers were able to carry the message of the rally from City Hall to Bryant Park before the police viciously attacked the demonstrators and dispersed the line.

"STAY WITHIN THE SYSTEM"

with Cooper,
Church and Hatfield

Remember the slogan, "Keep clean for Gene"?

Some thought that it was finally buried outside the gates of the Democratic Convention in Chicago, 1968. But now it's back in different form. This time it's "Ring doorbells for peace"—revived by the liberal wing of the ruling class to pull themselves out of the explosive situation precipitated by the murders at Kent, Augusta and Jackson and the invasion of Cambodia.

The liberals are trying to keep the many thousands of new militant, anti-war youth off the streets and ensnare them "within the system."

Liberals' peace show

They have been putting on a big peace show in Congress, called the Cooper-Church amendment—or the McGovern-Hatfield amendment (for "left moderates").

In this play—or farce-comedy—the loyal opposition threatens to cut off funds for further military adventures in Southeast Asia while continuing to appropriate money for the war of aggression in South Vietnam.

The Cooper-Church amendment purports to provide that the President can't use funds for keeping troops in Cambodia beyond July 1, the date he set for withdrawal.

The McGovern-Hatfield amendment goes on to set a date, June 30, 1971, for withdrawal of all U.S. forces from Laos and South Vietnam as well. In the meantime, both measures are merely a ratification of what is already accomplished—the illegal invasion of Cambodia.

But the comedy is not so funny. They are already hooking professors in to circulate petitions for these amendments and students to sign them. They are designed to stop the battles in the U.S. streets and they will not stop a single battle in Southeast Asia!

Weak-kneed sponsors

So weak-kneed are the sponsors of the Cooper-Church amendment that those behind it tried to negotiate with the White House to make the measure acceptable to Nixon & Co. The Administration took such a hard line on the question of the power of the President as Commander in Chief as against the power of Congress, however, that even these professional compromisers couldn't get any kind of deal going.

The whole debate has been couched in terms of a so-called "Constitutional crisis"—a test of the balance of powers between Congress and the Executive. The war is indeed unconstitutional. But the "Constitutional crisis" is in reality the parliamentary form and the split in the

imperialist establishment itself is the class essence of the matter.

(It must always be remembered that it was not until the crushing blow dealt the U.S. military in Vietnam during the Tet offensive in 1968, that "doves" like McCarthy, Kennedy and McGovern came forward with urgent cries of "peace" and "end the war.")

Ten-year afterthought

The cry of "Constitutional crisis" was heard recently in Massachusetts where the legislature passed a bill declaring that no young man from Massachusetts should be forced to fight in an undeclared war. The bill was hailed in the liberal bourgeois press as if it heralded the millenium. Ten years after the war began, it was discovered that the Constitution said only Congress could declare war!

How many thousands of draft resisters, now sitting in prisons all over the country, argued this same point to no avail? And the war goes on.

Now, we are told, Congress is challenging the President's powers as Commander in Chief by trying to restrict his military options. But if, as Commander in Chief of the imperialist U.S. Army, Nixon is acting illegally in the first place, according to his own set of rules, then the U.S. war drive not only in Cambodia, but in all of Southeast Asia should be stopped—immediately. But we haven't seen any amendments in Congress to that effect.

Have yourself a petition campaign

The loyal opposition has no such thing in mind. It is not seriously committed to fighting against the war in any principled way. It is too busy demagogically appealing to anti-war sentiment while it continues to support the war in practice; too busy trying to get the youth tangled up in endless petition campaigns or canvassing for the local hawk-turned-dove candidate; too busy trying to hold up the rotten structure of U.S. imperialism so that it doesn't fall around their heads.

Whatever happens to the Cooper-Church, McGovern-Hatfield amendments, they are too little, too late. The measures will probably be lost on the garbage heap of useless legislation, manufactured to keep the people thinking that the representatives they vote for actually do something for them.

History is being made on the streets these days, not in Congress. The Vietnamese have made history in the streets of every city and village of their country and the anti-war fighters here are learning to do the same.

A revolutionary answer to pollution

The excerpts below contain remarks made by a spokesman for Youth Against War & Fascism, Barry Freed, on a recent edition of the nationally syndicated WCBS radio program "Changes," hosted by Charles Bailey. The panel discussion on the Environment issue also included two representatives of the Environmental Action Coalition, and a right-winger, Dan Teodoru. Mr. Freed is a biophysicist working in cancer research.

One question I'd like to address myself to is the question of whether or not this system, this capitalist system, can create an ecologic balance in the world. I think it's becoming more and more apparent to many people that American imperialism in its period of decline not only cannot solve many of its problems, such as providing decent housing and education for everyone, but certainly cannot reform itself to the degree necessary to eliminate the pollution of the environment. This is something that I think is becoming clear.

There's a tremendous difference between the economic system which is founded on profit, where the nexus of the society is profitability, where corporation owners and bank presidents who invest money in



Barry Freed

corporations make their investments and organize production on the basis of what is profitable, not on the basis of whether what they are producing is in the interests of the people or whether they pollute the environment. The main thing is profitability. And when that is the main axis of production, everything else must come second.

It might be possible in certain instances, in some special cases, for them to reform their production so that they will lessen the pollution. But basically they are driven by the need for profit and that drive comes before anything else. And if they have to poison the environment, poison the people in the world, they will do so, as they have done.

In socialist countries, despite the many problems that they have, there is no economic incentive to pollute, there is no vested interest in pollution. If it is done in certain cases it is because of mismanagement which does take place in some socialist countries. Nevertheless, there is no vested economic interest which ties them to it; they are free to change it and in many of these countries this has been the case.

There was a problem in the Soviet Union, for example, where some waste was being dumped into Lake Baikal by a wood paper pulp state enterprise, and there was a protest on the part of scientists and other people about this and it was changed. The point is that there was no one there who was making profit from pollution. It was a product of mismanagement and it was possible to change it....

What kind of society?

The question is, of course, what kind of society, organized how, can address itself to the long-term problem of what man's relationship is to the environment. And what I'm saying is that it is exactly the profit system, it is exactly the anarchy of capitalist production that is diametrically and organically opposed to that kind of perspective. Because the perspective of capitalist production up until now and

as it continues is to make profit without regard to the fallout of that profit, whether in terms of human cost or in terms of cost to the environment....

I think another example I could give is China. Now China is nowhere near the level of technology that the United States is. Pollution is not yet a great problem in China but they are already taking measures looking to the future. They are taking measures, for example, like removing the fly ash and the cinders from their steel production and making building materials out of them. They are also recycling waste gases from various production and reusing that. Now they are not at the stage where they need to do this yet, but because they feel they have a responsibility for the environment they are doing it.

This is something that U.S. Steel Corp. and other companies here have not done. You go into the steel towns and you still find the people choked with the ash which gets into everything, which makes everything filthy and they still haven't done this. The point is they have the technological means to do it. The question is money. The question is—they don't want to put money into pollution control because they won't make as much profit....

Environment for Black people

The point I wanted to make before is this: Take the case of the Black people in this country. Now there is a question of environment, too. Here is a whole nation of people, a colony within the United States, who have been oppressed for hundreds of years. Now isn't that a question of improving people's lives, of giving people the means by which to have education, housing, decent jobs? Now Mr. Teodoru claims that this society has the means with which to change the environment, the means with which to improve the environment. Doesn't it also have, in the theoretical sense, the means with which to give the Black people economic equality?

It does, in the sense that this government spends billions of dollars a year, not on improving people's lives, but on holding onto a world empire abroad. Now certainly, in the theoretical sense, it has the means to change the lot of the people at home. But it does not do that. Its decision is based on the need to maintain a world empire of profit, the need to maintain hundreds of thousands of troops abroad, the need to maintain an arsenal all over the world, the need to hold onto its colonial investments, its imperialist investments around the world. That need is a must for U.S. imperialism. If it doesn't have that, it doesn't have its system anymore.

This need comes into direct contradiction with the needs, for example, of the Black people in this country to gain equality, to gain a decent standard of living. The government has a choice to make, you see. And it has made the choice. It's not abstract at all. Instead of spending the tens of billions of dollars that would be necessary to give Black people decent housing, decent jobs and education, it has decided to take a much, in its point of view, cheaper course.

The government has spent a few tens of millions of dollars on armaments for its various city police forces on the stoner rifles that shoot through concrete and it has made that decision—that if the Black people rise up in rebellion again it will be simpler and cheaper to shoot them down. Now in a sense it is true that this is committing suicide. And I think that the U.S. venture in Vietnam is the system committing suicide in a sense. I hope so. I look forward to the doom of this system and the liberation of the world's people.

But the point is, and even some of the imperialist politicians themselves, like the Fulbrights, they see that the system is committing suicide. They are constantly warning of the danger of what the U.S. is doing in Vietnam backfiring and causing a "catastrophe." I think is the word they used. But despite the fact that there are individuals who are able to see that, who can see what the environmental and the political crisis is bringing home to them, nevertheless, they are driven by their need for profits....

Pollution vs. the system

I think as this environmental movement grows it is going to take the same route as the civil rights struggle or the anti-war struggle. It is eventually going to lock horns with the system itself. It is eventually going to discover that in the long run these questions cannot be solved except by abolishing the system itself and setting up a different kind of system....

We are talking about activism. Our struggle, speaking for Youth Against War & Fascism, is here in this country. Our struggle is to support the Black Panther Party, to support the Black liberation movement in general, to support the Vietnamese people in their struggle for liberation and all oppressed people around the world who are struggling for liberation....

What we're saying is that we see the environmental struggle as part of the general political struggle which has many fronts, which is carried out on the basis of supporting the Black people, on the basis of supporting the Vietnamese people, on the basis of supporting the working class in its attempt for a better life. Like for instance the recent postal strike. Now, how did the Nixon Administration address itself to that. Well, for instance, Nixon's ecology plan talks about making the consumer pay for whatever slight modifications that the government is liable to introduce. They are going to take it out of the working people's hide.



Take a good look: These redwoods are being destroyed by lumber bosses for profits.

The same thing is true now with the raise that the postal workers are supposedly getting. Although as yet they haven't received anything much. They are talking about raising the postal rates. That means that everyone will have to pay for it equally. This is the way that the ruling class in this country approaches it—not to take some of the profits off of these companies and make them pay for the pollution that they produce.

Abolish capitalism

Q: Had you your way, what would be the first order of business in trying to clean up the environment?

Well, if you mean strictly from a technical point of view that's one thing. But I think you mean from a political point of view. I think the first order of business is the abolition of the capitalist system and the public ownership of the means of production. I think that is the first order of business. I think once that is accomplished, many of the problems that are inherent in this system will be solved and can be solved. They won't all be solved automatically. I don't claim, and no one claims, that it will immediately result in the end of all problems. No, but a lot of problems that are insoluble in this system will then be soluble. You see, they can be dealt with.

For example, the problem that you have here in this country. Tremendous amounts of farmland are made to lie fallow, not producing anything, while people are starving all over the world. You have industries which are not producing at full potential which could be producing clothing, housing and so on for millions of people in this country and elsewhere. But these things are not done because it is simply not profitable on the basis of private ownership of the means of production.

That is the basic thing standing in the way between the welfare of mankind. And this is the thing that we address ourselves to. We have to get rid of that barrier. Once we wash away that barrier a lot of things will be possible. It will be possible to really deal with the question of environment on a world scale. Really, I think that's the only way it can be dealt with and it must be dealt with on the basis of a world system. And that can only be a socialist system....

Q: Is it your position that the environmental issue has been projected by the Nixon Administration to take the heat off of him as it has generated from the war in Vietnam and tremendous dissent in other areas?

Well, I think it is certainly true that various figures in the Establishment, in the ruling class, would like to see hundreds of thousands of youth engaged strictly and solely in the environmental struggle as a substitute for engaging in the anti-war struggle, and the struggle to support the Black Panthers, the struggle against repression. Certainly the ruling class would like to see these youth engaged in a struggle which they feel does not have that kind of political implication for them, which isn't a political threat.... I think in the long-term sense the question may become a very strong political issue, but at the present time it is a far less explosive issue than the militant activities of the youth who are challenging the very system itself and certainly they would like to see the movement diverted into that channel.

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Racist brass return Black Marine to brig to finish long sentence

NEW YORK CITY, June 3—PFC George Daniels, a Black Marine who was sentenced to 10 years hard labor in July 1967 on a charge of "subversion" has been sent back to Portsmouth Naval Prison to serve the rest of his term. Daniels, who was originally tried along with Bill Harvey for allegedly stating that Black men should not have to fight in Vietnam, had been released from the brig in the fall of 1969 while his case was on appeal.

Both Harvey and Daniels were tried before courts of all white officers.

Daniels was sent to Quantico Marine base in Virginia when he was released on appeal filed by the American Civil Liberties Union. While the two Marines were imprisoned there had been frequent demonstrations demanding their freedom organized by the American Servicemen's Union and Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam.

Daniels was sent back to Portsmouth recently by the brass at Quantico because of a number of minor rules infractions. He was not formally charged with any crime. His term of freedom was simply revoked and he was sent back to serve the rest of his original "subversion" sentence.

Writing from Portsmouth on May 24, Daniels stated, "I figure these pigs think as long as I am in the slams they got everything under control. But I'm going to continue my fight for the liberation of Black people with the only weapon I have: my life."

Commenting on Daniels' re-imprisonment, John Lewis, National Field Organizer of the American Servicemen's Union, said:

"This is further proof of the vicious racism of the Marine brass. The only answer to this repression is for the servicemen to rebel against their slavemasters, the brass."

GI organizer charged with assault

TRENTON, N.J., June 1—Today Tom Doyle, a Marine reservist and an American Servicemen's Union organizer, was charged with assault on a federal officer. The charge grew out of Doyle's distribution of the Bond, the ASU newspaper, at Ft. Dix. Seventy-five supporters came to the Federal Court House here with Tom. Most were Princeton students and ex-GIs from the ASU national office in New York.

The charge arises from a distribution held at Ft. Dix on Sunday, April 12. On that day 12 ASU supporters were arrested while handing out the Bond, the ASU national newspaper, to GIs on base. Ten were given "bar" notices, but Tom Doyle and Glenn Castro, a Princeton student, were held and

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charged the next day with disorderly conduct.

Charges against Castro were later dropped, but Doyle was reindicted on the more serious charge which carries a possible 4-7 year sentence.

ASU spokesmen say Tom Doyle had merely demanded his constitutional right to phone for legal aid while he was being held in the MP station at Ft. Dix. The MPs refused to let him make the call and instead beat him and shoved him around.

John Lewis, ASU national field organizer, said, "The MPs charged Tom both to cover their own brutality and to prevent the distribution of our paper at Ft. Dix. We won't let the military brass get away with this frame-up of Tom, nor will their harassment stop us from reaching our fellow GIs with the ASU message."