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## **Asbury Park, 1970**



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## Florence Kirkland: Live like her!

MILWAUKEE, WISC.

Florence Kirkland, a leader of the local branch of Workers World Party, is dead.

She died shortly after participating in a demonstration on July 2nd, protesting the police harassment of a sort of "peoples park." The police had attempted to break up a rally at the park and declared it an unlawful assembly. The demonstrators took to the streets, running through the local commercial area: a number of windows were broken and about 15 people were arrested.

Florence, who was 48 years old, was in the thick of the battle. Carrying a flag with the slogan "Free the Milwaukee 3," she was an experienced and able participant; she had been in every demonstration and struggle in this city for the last 15 years. The exertion and excitement proved too much for her. Driving home afterwards she was stricken with a heart attack and died.

Since she was a revolutionary, since her death was an indirect result of the pig attacks on the "peoples park" demonstration, and since she had been a prime defender of the imprisoned Black Panthers (the Milwaukee 3), her family and friends asked that her memory be commemorated by participation in the next day's demonstration.

There was a memorial meeting at the Workers World Party hall on July 4th. It was attended by members of Workers World and YAWF from Milwaukee, Chicago, and Madison, as well as representatives from many tendencies in the movement here. Vince Copeland, a national leader of WW, addressed the memorial meeting and gave his condolences. Her children, her friends, and a representative of the Arab community spoke.

On Sunday, July 5th at the Milwaukee County House of Correction where the three Black Panther Party members are falsely jailed, Al Stergar of Milwaukee Workers World spoke to the demonstrators and told them about the loss of our comrade Florence. Many of those present knew her; she was very active in the defense of the Three. He told the very militant group, which was assembled before the prison in the heart of that institution's grounds, that she was a fighter fallen in the struggle, that we will miss her and can best honor her by continuing the fight. The demonstrators chanted "Florence Kirkland, live like her: Dare to struggle, dare to win."

The ASU and its paper, the BOND, were strongly aided by Florence. She had supported the work of the Venceremos Brigade here and her home was a center for radical youth. Just a few days before she died she had participated in a demonstration supporting the Palestinian Liberation struggle.

A worker, she had been a waitress all her life. Florence was not only a fiery spirit, a courageous fighter, but a cultured and well-read individual. She had three children who she imbued with her respect for knowledge and her hatred of oppression and racism. She was proud of all her children, and especially proud of her son-in-law, Joel Meyers, a member of YAWF who is now in jail as a resister to imperialist war. Her daughter Pam Meyers is facing sentencing for her participation in the International Womens Day demonstration in New York at the womens prison. Another daughter, Amy Kirkland, was arrested in the demonstrations at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, supporting the GE strikers. She has been suspended from school for one year.



Florence Kirkland, a hard working mother and a warm friend, a laughing and joking comrade and a serious revolutionist, a disciplined and orderly person who was always ready to accept new responsibilities is no longer with us and we suffer grief. She lived fully; she had many friends and comrades. She is another victim of this cruel racist and oppressive capitalist system that murders the Vietnamese Liberation fighters, that murders the Black Panther leaders such as Fred Hampton and imprisons Huey Newton.

We say: "Florence Kirkland, live like her: Dare to struggle, dare to win."

## Meaning of city take-over as landlords lock out workers

The New York City government is moving toward a take-over of struck apartment buildings—apparently in favor of the striking maintenance workers, but actually in favor of social stability in the capitalist status quo.

Involved in the crisis is the fact that there is a great housing shortage in New York and it is now almost common for working class people to pay \$150 a month for a two-room apartment. Also involved is the fact that landlords want to raise rents still higher since the traffic will bear it, and they want the end of the still partially effective rent-controls that prevail in this city.

Furthermore, with the building service workers already on strike over a week, the landlords are financially ahead, because they are not paying out any wages and the tenants are not withholding the rent.

Short-sighted union leaders are suspected of even encouraging the idea of rent increases in order to get the wage raises more easily. But the fact

is that the workers must pay rent too. The wage increases should come out of the landlords' profits, with no raise in rent.

The city government is under tremendous pressure from tenants and from the poor generally. (The city welfare department must pay the rent for thousands of families, and the landlords gouge their own capitalist government to get it of course.) So the city is fearful of an immediate crisis and an eventual explosion if it does not act.

It proposes to take over certain buildings and pay the workers the full increase the union has negotiated from other landlords and make needed repairs, extra maintenance, etc. out of the sequestered rents. The landlords' lawyer calls this "breaking the workers' strike."

Nine times out of ten, if not oftener, a government take-over of an enterprise where the workers are on strike is a form of strike-breaking, whether partially or wholly. This particular move, is not a strikebreaking move

and may temporarily help the workers, although it precludes the class action of the tenants and workers themselves. It is the apparent remoteness of such an action that leads progressives to feel that the city's proposition is wholly progressive.

It would not be too late, however, even in the event of city control being effected, for the tenants to substitute their own management for city management and move toward complete ex-

propriation of the landlords, who have robbed the tenants for generations.

New York apartment buildings, unlike most smaller cities, are huge affairs, owned by professional real-estate gougers. Unlike the majority of owners in the rest of the country who are part-time landlords, who rent out a flat or two, often in their own homes, these bloodsuckers are real enemies of the people. It's about time they were told: No more blood!

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## What is socialism?

It's the system of society in which human beings will regain the lost equality of their early ancestors and still have all the material well-being that modern industry can produce. It's the society of equality in which individualism will exist for all. It's the socialization of production in a way to prevent billionaires from getting profits and warmakers from making war. It will abolish hypocrisy and phoniness as well as cruelty and oppression from the face of the earth.

### WHAT IS THE SOCIALIST REVOLUTION?

It's the means by which we get that beautiful society started. It's the struggle to overthrow the warmakers, the plunderers, the profiteers in human flesh—which of course includes their government in Washington. It's the smashing of the capitalist state and the substitution of the armed power of the workers and all the oppressed.

### WHAT IS THE WORLD REVOLUTION?

It's the sum total of all struggles against oppression including the national liberation struggles, colonial uprisings, general strikes, mutinies, student rebellions. It's the struggle to defend those gains already made, like the existence of socialist countries (who cannot yet achieve full socialism because of the blockade and sabotage by the imperialist countries). The world revolution is part of the socialist revolution and vice versa.

### WHAT IS WORKERS WORLD PARTY?

It's the organization that fights most consistently for socialism in the United States and supports the world revolution in every way it can. Its basic ideas are from Karl Marx who founded scientific socialism (now called communism) and from V.I. Lenin who elaborated most of the strategy for making the revolution. It is Marxist-Leninist Communist, to use a glorious, although much misunderstood phrase.

### JOIN THE REVOLUTION!

**JOIN WORKERS WORLD PARTY AND FIGHT TO WIN!**



## Asbury Park

# NOT A "RIOT"; BUT A CONSCIOUS LIBERATION STRUGGLE!

by Dave Schechter

ASBURY PARK, June 8—When I got off the bus from New York City at about 2 p.m., the first thing I noticed was the acrid smell of burned-out buildings. The area was quiet and most of the store windows boarded up—this was the white section of town.

Asbury Park is a city where there are literally two sides of the tracks. The Penn Central railroad cuts across this town—on one side are the white, residential and resort sections and on the other, isolated from the fancy resorts, live almost 9,000 Black people, 40 per cent of the population. The beaches and boardwalks are beautiful; the ghetto is hell—as one Black man put it.

When I asked an elderly white man where the train station was, he pointed down the street, warning, "That's a dangerous neighborhood." As I walked in that direction, I came across about 20 National Guard troops from the 250th S & T who had been called up. In addition, Governor Cahill ordered some 200 state troopers to occupy Asbury Park's Black community. (Now he's refusing to take the troopers out until "order" is restored.)

### "We need jobs, housing"

The Black people of Asbury Park began their rebellion on July 4, "Independence Day."

Unlike many other uprisings of the oppressed, it was not sparked by a case of police brutality or any specific clash with the racist city government. The people, and particularly the youth, were

just fed up—tired of the rotten housing, sick of the unemployment and lack of summer jobs, demanding more money for homes and recreation in their community.

In the beginning most of the action took place on Springwood Avenue. White businesses were stoned and burned. The ruins of one department store, Fisch's, were still smoldering—the community was angered over the fact that it was sold to a white businessman rather than to a Black man.

Yesterday, however, several hundred Black youths got together and stormed the downtown business section of the city. Just that morning racist Mayor Mattice had said, "We're very, very fortunate it occurred where it did. It didn't affect our business area."

### Cops shoot 250 people

As if in answer to the mayor, at 4:00 p.m. the same day, the Black people decided to take their struggle and demands "downtown," where it would hurt the white power structure most. They crossed the tracks and got several blocks into the business area before hundreds of cops using tear gas and shotguns could turn them around.

The newspapers say that 92 people were shot, four critically. The people here say the figure is more like 250 shot with 00 buckshot and that M-16's and carbines were also used against the people.

Two boys, 11 and 14 years old, were shot in the eyes, and one woman whom I spoke to was shot in the leg as she retreated over a fence near the Penn



Asbury Park—Racist pigs shoot to kill as Black youths surge across the tracks to business district.

### Central tracks.

"The cops were beating people over the fence," she said. "Some kids were shot three and four times."

The woman was limping badly and used a stick for a cane, but she was determined to stay in the streets to keep up the struggle. She wore a button that read, "Only the People Will Free the Panther 21."

As I walked on Springwood, I met a group of young Black men. The leader of the group was a college student who had taken part in the action last night. He emphasized that the conditions in the Black community were "genocide."

He related many of the incidents of the preceding night: the city and state pigs had beaten a woman who was seven months pregnant; four brothers were shot while trying to surrender; women and children were mercilessly beaten by the cops; pigs broke into

houses, terrorizing residents.

The Black people were particularly enraged by the fact that the rampaging cops had smashed all the windows of Black-owned businesses that the people had left alone. They even broke into the Paramount Hardware store on Springwood, took the cash register into the street, shot off the lock and made off with the money.

### "We're going to win"

The Black youths I spoke with were proud of the fact that they had faced the pigs' guns with just bricks and bottles, but they told me, "If whites want to help, they should bring guns down here!" Their tone was confident—"We are going to win. If not tomorrow then next year—and we'll be ready!" One woman, Berheata Davis, told me, "The pigs were calling people n-----r. We've got nothing; we're just trying to get something."

All along the street, on walls and on the plywood boards covering store windows, slogans were painted—"Black Power," "Pigs go home" and "Free Huey."

As one Black veteran of the Vietnam war told another reporter, "It was the only way we could show what we wanted, and if violence is the answer then that is what it will be." There were lots of veterans involved in the rebellion, one man said. "They've been to Vietnam, fought a war over there and they don't mind dying here."

Everywhere the feeling of the people was, "I'm all for it." They had a direction and a set of grievances; they knew they had to take the struggle downtown where the money was, where their oppressors were. The casualties were high but so was their spirit. I left Asbury Park with the feeling that the Black community here is really together and more conscious than ever before about the struggle for liberation.

## YAWF defies police ban; holds meeting



NEW YORK, July 11—In support of the rebellion by the Black community of Asbury Park and to protest the reign of terror waged against the Black community there, Youth Against War & Fascism and the American Servicemen's Union held a street meeting today in the heart of the 14th Street shopping district.

The police illegally denied YAWF a sound permit and then tried to break up the meeting because the group had no permit. But by the time the cops

arrived, a crowd of shoppers had already gathered to hear denunciations of police terror in Asbury Park. The chairwoman of the meeting, Sue Steinman, pointed to the cops who had ringed the crowd and told the people that it was YAWF's constitutional right to hold the meeting and that it was "the people's right to hear about the brutality of the pigs in Asbury Park and all issues which affect the people." She yelled out "The streets belong to the people" and the crowd cheered,

## on Asbury Park

everyone stood their ground, the cops backed down and from then on the meeting continued without police interruption.

The true character of the Asbury Park uprising and the police repression of it were spelled out again and again by the YAWF and ASU speakers. Relating the concrete needs and problems of the people to Asbury Park and the Black liberation struggle, the speakers awoke a deep response from the many passers-by who stopped to listen.

The crowd resisted police harassment and stayed to hear the YAWF and ASU militants demand an end to the war against Black America and denounce the racist U.S. ruling class for its oppression of the people.

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## Italian-American unity day

## Rightwingers seize on national oppression of Italians

By E. Catalinotto

The Italian-American Unity Day rally held in New York City on June 29 attracted an estimated 50,000 people and showed several facets of the question of national oppression in an imperialist country.

Yes, Italian-Americans feel discriminated against, slurred and angered at being equated with the Mafia by the deliberate chauvinist tactics of the capitalist newspapers and government. The large turnout showed this.

But the speakers and speeches, with a few exceptions, were extremely right-wing. It was unfortunate that the reactionary forces of racism and chauvinism had seized on the opportunity to use the legitimate grievances of Italian-Americans. They protested discrimination against Italian-Americans but did nothing to solidarize themselves with other oppressed or super-oppressed people, and identified instead with the oppressors.

Anthony Imperiale, leader of a KKK-like organization in Newark, told the crowd to "picket and boycott, do what your enemies do." This racist description of the Black struggle for liberation as an enemy was repeated only slightly less crudely by other speakers.

"Don't let anyone imagine that when looters, arsonists and bombers are being coddled and treated like heroes, we are going to stand by and permit the smearing and harassment of innocent people," said the racist former mayoral candidate Mario Procaccino. "You can't name one Italo-American ever convicted for treason against the United States," he added in an apparent anti-Jewish reference to the framed-up Rosenbergs.

(Sacco and Vanzetti were convicted—falsely—of a murder. But their real crime was their desire to overthrow the oppressive social system of the United States. This, of course, was "treason" to the corrupt courts of Massachusetts who convicted them. But Procaccino "forgot" about these two Italian martyrs of the working class.)

**FBI picketed**

One of the main, and progressive, thrusts of the demonstration was directed against the FBI, and a march of several thousand went from the rally at Columbus Circle to the FBI headquarters on the plush East Side to protest its anti-Italian bias. Picketing

at the FBI was begun two months ago by the Italian-American Civil Rights League to protest the arrest of Joseph Colombo Jr, the son of an alleged Mafia leader, and the harassment of Italians by the FBI.

Flag-waving obscured the protest as congressman Mario Biaggi told the crowd, "without a doubt, the FBI and its director, J. Edgar Hoover, deserve the respect of all of us." He urged people not to condemn the FBI as a whole for the "misconduct of a few," just as Italians did not want to be labelled as criminals because some are involved in organized crime. A congressional investigation of the FBI was demanded.

When a group of marchers tried to crash a side door of the FBI building, Anthony Colombo, speaking over the sound system of a police communications van, urged them not to have a confrontation with the police.

**Ruling class and the Mafia**

The bourgeois press frowned at alleged threats used against store owners in several neighborhoods to force them to close for

Italian-American Unity Day and scored the participation of the Columbus, but it did not criticize the racist speeches of the "clean" politicians.

The fact is that the ruling class with all its chauvinism can co-exist with the Mafia and other forms of organized crime—which are imitations of the ruling class' own world-wide criminal system—as long as they do not take too much from the "legitimate" businesses. And the legal businessmen do not hesitate to call on the illegal ones for strikebreaking or other fascist jobs.

But the ruling class cannot co-exist with organizations that represent the solidarity and real needs of workers and oppressed people, and it uses national chauvinism to try to prevent or destroy that solidarity. Italian-Americans will achieve their goals of ending discrimination and bias only when they get out from under the racist, flag-waving leadership that organized the June 29 rally and see their struggle as linked to the struggles of other oppressed people and the working class as a whole.



Cops arrest Italian demonstrator at FBI building.

## The house of hawks

by V. Copeland

It was an absolutely foregone conclusion, foretold by everyone, that the House of Representatives would reject the Senate-initiated Church-Cooper Amendment.

The measure, purportedly checking the President's power to make war in Indochina without the consent of Congress, never did really mean much, as this paper has already explained. And every single senator who voted for it, like those who voted against it, is a blood-drenched servant of imperialism, determined to defend the interests of U.S. corporations in every part of the world.

Nevertheless, something needs explaining here. For those who think there is anything relevant or rational about the U.S. government at all, the very contradiction between House and Senate would seem to argue that there is some hope that the people might yet be actually represented in Congress.

**Senators fought it out**

Historically, the senate was for a long time the political center of ruling class power and the place

where factional rivalries and class conflicts (between merchant capitalist interests, industrial capitalists and slaveholders) were fought out, resolved or compromised—particularly in the first half of the nineteenth century.

This was primarily because the country was then an association of states (and the senators represented the states). And the states were centers of different economic interests, dominated by these respective interests.

Even though the government was "centralized," there were no real national corporations who could aspire to run several states at a time, even in alliance with other corporations.

The Civil War ended all this. For a brief period—approximately 1866-1872, the House of Representatives was the center of power. This was in the revolutionary period of U.S. capitalism. The House represented the relatively tiny capitalists and farmers who were far more radical than the big capitalists, but their radicalism was in the historic interests of big capital breaking up and utterly destroying the power of the feudalist white South. Thus the House was able to paralyze the natural conservatism of the big capitalists on the question of freedom for the Black people.

The House presided over the only period in American history in which the Blacks were officially armed—as civilians in broad-based militias—and real restrictions, including occasional prison sentences, were put upon the ex-slaveholders.

**Political plunderers**

But with the "reaction and reunion" of 1877, the Senate again became the center of power—this time a united power which facilitated the plundering of a continent in favor of the railroads, timber and mining interests, oil barons, etc. The Senate was then one big conspiracy of capitalists against the people, and its victims included the farmers and small businessmen then more or less represented in the House. So the Senate brushed the House aside.

By 1900 with the advent of the first Roosevelt, the big banks had begun to dominate the whole country along with most of the capitalists them-

selves. The first open drive of the U.S. to take over the world now began. And now the Senate was brushed aside. The political power had to shift from the corrupt Senate oligarchy to the Presidency as the center of a more or less united imperialism. This process was enormously accelerated under the second Roosevelt with the internal and external crisis of capitalism. And this centralism has been consolidated more and more ever since.

Now the Senate has suddenly seemed to regain some of its old power and stop the President in his tracks on two vital Supreme Court appointments (although quietly acceding to a third, which was a carbon copy of the first two). And the Church-Cooper Amendment has been touted as the real reassertion of Congressional power.

**New and terrible crisis**

But the truth is that there is a new and terrible crisis within the capitalist class—a crisis which weakens the old centralism but actually requires more centralism than ever.

Many of the still very powerful old banks and Establishment capitalists want to change the course of U.S. politics and moderate the collision course of the reactionaries in the interest of a safer approach to the revolutionary forces that they hope will better conserve their wealth.

So they turn to the moth-eaten, antiquated U.S. Senate, try to inject it with some life and try to control the apparently uncontrollable President from this vantage point. The centralism they themselves created now seems to be out of control and the instrument of other forces than their own. So being on extremely close terms with most of the senators, they call for a rebellion and the rebellion starts. But the fuse sputters. The House of Representatives—not heard from for 98 years, suddenly defeats them. Why?

According to the pundits, this is because the House represents the "people,"—and the people are supposed to be ignorant, unwashed reactionaries who are all demanding more war, less welfare and lower wages—while the wise old senators are more moderate, saner, more pacifistic. This is of course a combination of the typical American fairy tale and just

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# Arab revolution advances

## WHY DO IMPERIALISTS YELL ABOUT THE "BALANCE OF POWER" IN MIDEAST?

Now that Egypt can defend itself more effectively—or rather, defend that portion of territory it still possesses more effectively—the U.S. government says the "balance of power has changed."

When imperialists start talking about the "balance of power" it is time for the proletariat to prepare itself for trouble. Washington is now openly siding with Israel where it formerly pretended to be neutral. It has already stated that it is replacing any Israeli planes shot down invading Egypt. It has stated that Israel has a right to "secure itself" at the Suez Canal, which is in almost the center of Egypt and has showed displeasure, if not panic, at Soviet supplied missiles 20 miles west of the canal.

Why is the war stepping up and why is the crisis getting so hot? According to the wise political columnists who sometimes really know about such things, it is because Israel is more and more frantic about defending herself and is doing it all to prevent being attacked. There is often some truth in such purely military analyses. But it is only superficial truth, if true at all.

The world proletariat must understand what is fundamental—what is the class truth—and why the U.S. favors Israel in the first place—in fact why the U.S. is really using Israel as a catspaw. The real reason is that the U.S. must control the Mideast to control Asia and Africa.

And the Mideast is swiftly breaking its ties with imperialism. The real balance of world forces has already moved to the side of the oppressed. The following article on recent developments gives a clue to the real reason for heating up the war. (They are excerpted from the Mideast Newsletter, by Rita Freed, of the Committee to Support Middle East Liberation.)

"These are terrible, dangerous and difficult times," said Walter J. Levy, dean of American oil economists, last week. He was lamenting over the threatened status of U.S. oil interests in the Middle East. Another oil man was quoted as saying, "For the first time in my 20-year involvement in the Arab World, I am afraid for the lives and property of our employees."

The specter haunting these well-paid specialists is nothing less than the idea of the Arab masses in full rebellion. For them, even recent actions taken by progressive Arab regimes against Western oil companies—actions which could do severe economic damage to the monopolists—are but harassments which could be "lived with," were they not symptoms of a seething anti-imperialist popular drive.

They speak of the "ominous" growth of Palestinian power, and the editor of Mid-East report said, "It is no longer just Arab against Israeli; it is Arab government against Arab government and Arab revolutionaries against Arab government." Oil expert Levy commented: "Even if the Arab governments want to play it cool, there is now a very real question of whether they can. A United States policy decision such as sending Phantom Jets to Israel could trigger the masses... and major destruction of United States-owned facilities (is) a very real possibility."

Outlined below are some of the rev-

olutionary developments which have been making Wall Street wince, and Washington prepare for war.

### Algeria

The Algerian Government nationalized four Western-owned oil producing companies: Royal Dutch Shell; Phillips Petroleum (U.S.); Elwerath (W.German); and A.M.I.F. (Italian), on June 15. Addressing the 20th General Conference of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries on June 24, President Boumedienne urged the oil producing countries to take control of their petroleum industries, including marketing. He said the oil companies were depleting Arab resources and impoverishing the countries. "They are trying to take the lion's share and leave us only the crumbs... We must unite our efforts against this threat to our natural resources," he said.

### Iraq

Iraq supported the Algerian nationalization, and urged the Arab countries to form a front against "international oil cartels." The Government came to an agreement with the Kurds, ending the 50-year old war. The two parties vowed to turn their united efforts to strengthening the fight against Israel.

### Libya

On March 31 the Libyan flag was raised over the former British base at

Tobruk. Col. Qaddafi, Chairman of the Revolutionary Council, said, "The people have put an end to the stationing of foreign troops on their soil. And now we shall demand that the oil monopolies respect our rights." Nationalization of the 90 per cent U.S. owned industry was threatened in retaliation for continued U.S. support of Israel, a theme frequently repeated in subsequent weeks. On June 2, the Times reported that Libya had engaged the oil companies in a "test of wills" and that nationalization was a strong possibility.

The revolutionary regime ordered Occidental Petroleum and Texaco and Standard of Calif., the latter two holding a joint concession, to cut back production. Other concession owners were ordered to begin drilling in 30 days (or lose their holdings.) Two Standard Oil (N.J.) tankers were blocked from loading liquefied natural gas bound for Italy and Spain.

The last American airman left the huge Wheelus Base on June 11, leaving the U.S. with no Middle East installation. (An Israeli Parliament Member named Abramov recently made a speech calling for Israel to give the U.S. a substitute base in the occupied Sinai, according to a Matzpen spokesman currently on tour here.)

The Libyans have renamed the \$100 million airbase Uqbah Ben Nafe, after an ancient Arab warrior.

The Libyan government, which has spoken of opening a "second front" against Israel, used the occasion of celebrations over the American departure to bring together leaders of 12 Arab states,

in a symbolic gesture of defiance to the imperialists.

### Somali Republic

The Mogadiscio government nationalized all foreign banks and oil companies, including American concerns, on May 7. The effect of a stiffened anti-West stand by the Republic could be felt in Ethiopia, which lies between the Sudan and Somali Republic on the Red Sea. The U.S. has an important communications site at Asmara, on the Eritrean coast. The Eritreans are fighting a guerrilla war against Emperor Selassie with Somali, Syrian, Iraqi and Palestinian support. Selassie has the military backing of Israel.

### Sudan

On May 26, Khartoum radio announced the takeover of 35 foreign insurance companies and the nationalization of seven banks and four major business firms. The expropriated companies included British, American, Lebanese, Indian and Jordanian holdings.

### Syria

The Arabian-American Oil Company gave up the Tapline after the Syrian Government consistently refused to allow repairs to be done on a damaged portion of the line near the Syrian-Jordanian border. Aramco spokesmen admitted that what bothered them was not the cost or inconvenience of shipping the oil from now on, but rather "what the Syrian act portended for the future."



—LNS

## An interview with Al Fateh

by Laurice Nassif

Abu Omar, the first official spokesman for Al Fateh, the largest of the Palestinian resistance movement units, to visit the United States, held a press conference at the United Nations on July 1. Although well attended by members of the capitalist press, the event was largely ignored by the media they represented.

Abu Omar gave a brief history of Palestine before the questioning began. He emphasized that the struggle for which he speaks is not between Israel and the Arab states but between Palestine and the Zionist occupiers of Palestine. He stated that as long as the United States and the Soviet Union continue to operate from a false premise, they shall continue to arrive at false conclusions and no solution. The problem is not, he said, one of the rehabilitation of refugees, as many see it. The problem is the colonial presence of occupying forces.

One of the reporters asked for the speaker's impression of Secretary Rogers' peace plan. He replied that it is irrelevant. He said that it may have some relevance to Egypt, but that it does not deal with the basic issue of Palestine.

Another reporter observed that Israel appears to consider the commandos as an irritant and nuisance rather than as a distinct

threat. He wondered what Abu Omar's opinion was of this.

Abu Omar declared that the resistance movement is a real threat to Israel. He described the dramatic progress of the group, of their growth from a handful of volunteers before 1967, and of their development from dependency to self-reliance. He considered one of their most effective accomplishments to be the halting of the Israeli blitzkrieg designed to keep the Palestinians from mastery of their new, more sophisticated weapons.

The representative of the Black Panther newspaper asked for the Palestinians' stand on the Black struggle in the United States. He replied,

"The struggle is one and the same. The Black people have been subjected to brutal oppression. We support the right of Black people to struggle against their oppression."

The Panther reporter asserted that charges of anti-Semitism have been made against the Panthers for their support of Palestinian liberation. Abu Omar said that, on the contrary, it is the Israelis who are racist.

"They are as racist a state as South Africa," he asserted. He explained that people all over the world who may have a Jewish mother are

urged to settle in Israel, while people whose families have lived there for 2,000 years are treated as inferior.

The question was asked if there have been any contacts between the Palestinian resistance movement and Israeli citizens. Abu Omar replied that there have been discreet contacts with certain people inside Israel and with other Israelis outside of Israel.

One member of the audience wanted to know what would happen to the Jews in Israel if the Palestinians were successful in liberating their country. He was informed that if those who came to Palestine with the help of British colonialism will be willing to remain in Palestine to live with the Arabs as equals, they will be welcome. "This is one of the most generous offers ever made to an occupying force in history," he affirmed.

In conclusion, the freedom fighter stated that increasingly more Americans who have been protesting the imperialistic role the U.S. is playing in Southeast Asia are now condemning the U.S. for the same role in the Middle East. He said that American awareness of this issue is the result of the activity of the radicals in this country.

# Cleveland in the news —

## Cops wound Panther in raid on Hq.

CLEVELAND, June 29—One Panther was wounded and three arrested when 70 to 100 heavily armed police launched a mid-day raid at the headquarters of the local chapter of the National Committee to Combat Fascism here today under the pretext of serving

peace warrants on two Panthers. (One pig was also wounded, though possibly by police fire.) The Panthers were charged with "shooting with intent to kill." Ransom (bail) was originally set at \$10,000 for two of them and \$10,500 for the third victim.

There was an immediate show of support for the Panthers from both white and Black citizens. On June 30, a meeting was held by the Clergy and Laymen Concerned and other groups, which organized a press conference to denounce the repression of Black Panthers, and which agreed to support a mass presence at the July 1 arraignment. Fund-raising machinery was also set up.

At the July 1 arraignment, bail was reduced on all three victims to \$5,000 each—and the money was raised to get them out of jail before noon that day. This reduction in bail was clearly a concession to the protests raised against the gestapo-style raid and the visible support for victims in the struggle for Black liberation.

Simultaneous with the Cleveland shoot-in, an identical attack was conducted against the Detroit NCCF. Panthers arrested there were jailed with bail of \$75,000 each. These well-coordinated acts of war against the Panthers serve clear notice that government repression is on the increase and is specifically intended to quell the whole Black liberation movement.

In spite of the protest, Safety Director Benjamin Davis (retired AF General) condoned the police action and issued a public statement to the effect that critics are "all wrong," but added that if the raid had been like the one in



Chicago last December, he would see reason for protest. (Needless to say, this raid did resemble the one in Chicago.)

Regardless of who directs the enforcement of "law 'n order," resistance to such repression has grown and is involving more and more people. Nothing will stop the oppressed people's rebellion. In Cleveland, plans are being made to conduct a mass presence at the July 22 court appearance of the three arrested Panthers.



## Transit workers walk off; stay out

CLEVELAND—On July 1, when the contract between the Cleveland Transit System and the Amalgamated Transit Union expired, over 1,900 drivers and transit workers walked off their jobs.

They did this immediately after the rank and file had denounced their leadership for urging the workers to accept an agreement already arrived at with the employers. The projected contract favored by the leadership provided for 65 cents over a two-year period (a 20 per cent increase) with some additional fringe benefits. Originally the union had asked for a \$1.25 per hour raise to get the rate up to \$5.00 per hour, with some additional benefits.

The workers were really angry with their leadership and refused to budge. Another meeting was held in a few days and this time the vote was over 2 to 1 to reject the contract proposals.

Now the leaders changed their mind and lined up with the rank and file and thus regained the leadership of the

union. (The workers were incensed when they saw that the Teamsters just won, in the national agreement, \$1.85 per hour increase over the next three years.) The 65 cents looked pretty small to them.

And when they knew that the construction workers had won \$3.00 per hour—about 40 per cent—for the next three years they felt betrayed. One of the workers commented that the transit workers were carrying the most valuable cargo, namely the human one, and they should get just as much as the truck drivers who will be getting nearly \$6.00 an hour at the end of three years.

The leaders felt the heat of the rank and file and when threatened, stated that they would rather go to jail than accept the contract.

The rank and file, and now the leadership likewise, are not giving in to the threats from the city administration. When they were threatened with the Ohio Ferguson Act or an injunction, they just refused to move. (The Ferguson Act provides that workers who strike against a government or subdivision cannot get a pay raise for a year and can be put on probation for two years.)

The union has rejected all pleas for arbitration and all appeals from the press, radio, or businessmen to go back

to work. The workers know that the strike weapon has brought results for the truck drivers, the postal workers, and construction workers, and they know that they will win if they continue the struggle.

## Militant sanitationmen reject pact

CLEVELAND—A week after the Transit Workers hit the bricks here, over 1200 garbage collection workers began reporting off "sick" because they did not have a contract—not even a proposal from the city administration for a contract.

But 24 hours of no garbage collecting because of sickness, brought speedy action. The administration proposed to the 10,000 city workers a wage increase of 47 cents per hour to cover a two-year period, along with some additional fringe benefits.

However, this proposal was speedily rejected by the workers, who have learned of the greater wage increases won by the truck drivers, etc.—work-

ers who won approximately 40 per cent increases. The measly 47 cents is approximately a 15 per cent increase over the two-year span.

The city administration immediately denounced the strike, claiming poverty. The Commissioner of Collections, Mr. Beasley, in addition to urging the workers to stay on the job, tried to blame all the problems on "troublemakers" who instigated the strike. In this he is correct. THE REAL TROUBLE MAKERS ARE THE ESTABLISHMENT PEOPLE WHO REFUSE TO GRANT THE DEMANDS OF THE WORKERS.

They shed crocodile tears for the plight of the workers but always refuse to grant the needed wage increases until force by workers' action. Then they deplore the action.

Mayor Stokes again pulled out the threat of the use of the Ohio Ferguson Act against the workers which could possibly prevent the workers from getting the wage increases. He also stated that the "sick" workers would all have to have doctor's statements that they are really sick.

The workers today, in a new militant mood, are not being terrorized by all these threats. They are fighting the rising cost of living and will win by continuing their militant struggle.

## Expanding Empire

by Vincent Copeland

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# The Black President

A movement paper has hailed the election of a Black worker to the presidency of a United Steelworkers (AFL-CIO) local as a great step forward. The paper was right, but it was wrong on one interesting and important point.

It said that the election of Robert Hatch to the presidency of Local 65 at the South Works of U.S. Steel in Chicago "marks the first time in the U.S. that a Black worker has held the top post in a major basic steel local."

Actually it was not the first time at all. But it is understandable that the progressives of this generation should think it was. They have seen much white racism in this generation and rightly cheer any victory over it. But since they tend to assume that the racism is a natural and forever thing, they only naturally conclude that Brother Hatch must indeed be the first Black local president in basic steel.

But the fact is that the racism has been whipped up by the racist leaders of the unions acting in collaboration with the bosses and the racist ruling class in one way or another. And where this is not the exact case, the already existing racism is catered to by the leaders and fortified by them.

Many of the earlier leaders of the militant union movements—of the 1930's and 40's fought back against the racism and in some cases found enough rank-and-file support to take the offensive against it. But these militants of both races were hounded out of the plants during the cold war and the witch-hunt in the late forties and fifties.

In the period of rebellion against 25 and 35 cent an hour wages and ten-hour day, six-day weeks, Black and white did fight together with the Black often in the leadership at the plant level.

In one case in the writer's own memory, a Black militant in Lackawanna New York named Tim Smith was twice elected president of Local 2603—in 1944 and 1946. The local had close to 4,000 members and included workers of the blooming mills, billet yard, bar mill, rod mill and rail mill. Tim

worked in the rail mill.

He was something of a political and he organized a city-wide Black caucus in about 1947 (a pretty long time before the modern Black caucus approach came into being). He helped to train a member of Black local union officers including one who became a foundry union president. Naturally he had to oppose white racism and organize against it to do this.

But the point is that he was recognized for his talents and elected to a union presidency where the majority of members were white long before the capitalist ruling class discovered the existence of a Black "problem" for itself or coined the phrase "civil rights." And there must have been others like him in other areas in those days.

This does not mean that the Black

workers got full recognition by the white workers in the thirties and forties or that they're likely to get it soon now. (That's why the struggle for self-determination is so intense and so justified and why it must be supported by all progressive whites.)

But it does mean that exploitation is exploitation and a common oppression has a way of leveling and unifying people, as Robert Hatch has just proved—again.

(As to the title of this story, the reader may have at first thought it it referred to the presidency of the United States. It did. The same forces that made Black union local presidents will also make Black U.S. presidents. Either by revolutionary separation or by revolutionary integration the Black people will be recognized as leaders by white people who need a revolution themselves.)



# Milwaukee in the news—

## Heightened struggle for Panther 3

MILWAUKEE -- The people have intensified their struggle to free the Black Panthers here (The Milwaukee Three) along with all other political prisoners.

Since May 3rd, after a "Free Bobby Seale" May Day demonstration which attracted hundreds of revolutionary youth, every Sunday morning the militant supporters of the Milwaukee Three have demonstrated in front of the House of Correction.

The pigs are so up-tight, especially with July 14th (Bastille Day) coming up, that they installed barbed wire in front of this dungeon after the first demonstration.

Although the House of Correction is about 15 miles south of downtown and is set in an extremely isolated spot in the middle of farmland, the demonstrators have built their average strength up to over 150 persons.

The ruling class and their agents, the police, have tried to intimidate us with a show of force—an armed guard, patrol cars and several large prisoner vans. As the road runs through the mid-

dle of prison property, we are also provided with an armed motorcade escort as we march to the highway where cars must be parked. But despite this harassment the people have continued to come out, showing their contempt for the police by such chants as "Off the pig!"

(These demonstrations have forced the panic-stricken cops to take all prisoners away from the windows, since they fear a prison rebellion. But despite this, the prisoners, victims of bourgeois law, mostly Black and Brown and all poor, once lonely and dejected, have gotten a tremendous morale boost from the demonstrations. We are demonstrating not only for the Milwaukee Three and Barry Popkin, a local RYM activist, but for all the prisoners.)

But even though the people have gotten Earl Leverette of the Milwaukee Three out on bail, and the other two are soon to follow, the people are facing another test of their power.

Beginning September 21, 1970, the Three will be on trial for "attempted murder." A conviction could bring 30 years in jail for the defendants. This charge, as all charges brought by the ruling class against political prisoners, is a lie.

Supposedly, the three Panthers just happened to be driving down a street in the ghetto, and Jesse White, only ten feet away from Patrolman Schroeder,

supposedly took aim with a shotgun and missed.

Then Schroeder supposedly heard the blast of the gun and jumped down. This "supercop" then happened to turn around and not only see Jesse's face, but also wrote down the license number of the car. The story is simply ridiculous.

But the ruling class is deadly serious about sending these three Panthers to jail for thirty years. This is such a frameup charge, that Jesse is picked out of a police line-up without his lawyer present, contrary to a Supreme Court ruling. The supposedly fired gun had no fingerprints of Jesse on it.

On September 21, 1970, the National Committee to Combat Fascism is declaring a state-wide strike to free the Milwaukee Three and all political prisoners, and to end racism. As that date nears, all revolutionaries and progressive people in Wisconsin are working to intensify the struggle to "FREE BOBBY, FREE THE THREE; OVERTHROW THE BOURGEOISIE!"

## Panther prisoner makes bail; Milw.3 sentenced

MILWAUKEE, July 8 — Earl Leverette of the Milwaukee Three was granted \$5,000 bail today pending his trial on "attempted murder" charges. Thus, an important victory was gained by the defendants and their militant supporters.

Earl and the others of the Milwaukee Three, Jessie White and Booker Collins, have already spent over ten months in jail on their trumped-up conviction of "resisting arrest." This "resisting arrest" charge came as a result of the brutal beating given the Three by 20 cops when they were arrested.

These pigs were so sadistic that

one of the Three, Booker, a Vietnam war vet who was twice wounded in his arm was repeatedly hit there by the cops. Later in jail, Booker was put in solitary confinement and not given even the most elementary medical care for his arm, so that it was feared that it might have to be amputated.

But under the pressure of the people, the ruling class has been forced to relent and give a semblance of adequate medical care to Booker.

The trial for "resisting arrest" went on in typical kangaroo court fashion. Judge Christ Seraphim, who is the best known judge in Milwaukee County, and most hated by the progressive peoples, was given the task of railroading the Three to jail.

This is the same judge who is known for such epigrams of judicial wisdom as, "In my court you are guilty until proven innocent."

Seraphim is so cruel that while he screams about the super-oppressed welfare mothers and says "Anyone can get a job," he, while making \$15,000 a year as a judge, let his own mother die on welfare.

He is the same judge who issued the injunction against the striking teamsters in Milwaukee.

This racist bigot wouldn't even let Lovetta X, of the local National Committee to Combat Fascism, testify as to the bruised and beaten faces she saw when she visited the defendants the day after their arrest. Seraphim simply said that he believed the force used by the police was "necessary"—even though one of the arresting cops, a certain Sgt. Beste once had to pay over \$800 in damages to a Black plaintiff, whom this pig physically attacked and called racist names.

So the sentencing came.

The racist Seraphim asked the Milwaukee Three whether they were revolutionaries or not. All the defendants replied "Yes." Then Seraphim passed sentence saying, "I do not like revolutionaries, especially revolutionaries with guns. One year in the House of Correction."

# Joan Bird is free!

by Laurie Fierstein

NEW YORK, June 6—Members of the Black Panther Party led joyous chants of "Power to the People" today as Joan Bird, the heroic Panther woman and one of the New York Panther 21, walked out of the doors of the Women's House of Detention. She stepped out of prison to join her Panther sisters and brothers and over 250 supporters from various Women's Liberation and other political groups outside this ruling class prison on Greenwich Avenue. About 100 passersby gathered across the street, many of them joining the chants and expressing interest in the spirited and joyful crowd.

Joan was released on \$100,000 bail raised by the Women's Union, a New York Women's Liberation group, and the Panther Defense Fund. Judge Murtagh, the pig trying the Panther 21, had just a few hours before refused a bail reduction appeal. It took \$42,000 (a good part of which was raised in the

streets) to buy a \$100,000 state bond which was accepted as cash by the courts.

This Panther woman, who had been subject to several brutal beatings by interrogators and prison guards during her fifteen-month confinement, was originally arrested on charges of conspiracy to commit murder with two Panther men on January 17, 1969.

The following month she was hit with conspiracy to rob a subway token booth and on April 2 of that year, while still in prison, she was indicted along with 20 other Panthers in New York on charges of conspiracy to blow up the Bronx Botanical Gardens and department stores, etc. This made her one of the 21 Panther victims of the most outrageous political frame-up the city had seen in recent years.

The stories of Joan's brutalization in the precinct house following her first arrest and the continual beatings and harassment she suffered while in prison along with all the other viciously

repressive acts against New York Panthers have helped to expose the racist New York courts throughout the country. Ten Panther prisoners still remain in jail on \$100,000 ransoms each. Their trial is scheduled to begin in September.

Joan Bird has said that she first studied to become a nurse, inspired by a deep concern for her people in the Black community. She later joined the Panther Party.

"I continued to go to school at night and devoted my days to the people," she said.

Upon her release, Joan made this statement in regard to her Panther membership: "I read their ten point program and understood completely what brothers like Malcolm, Huey, Eldridge and Che were talking about—liberation by any means necessary for all oppressed people of the world."

Those of us who walked across Greenwich Avenue following Joan witnessed one of life's powerful and rewarding moments as she and Afeni Shakur, a previously released codefendant, embraced in the Panther car which was to take Joan back to her people. I recalled shortly thereafter a Detroit speech given by Malcolm X: "They'll put you in jail—so what—if you're Black you were born in jail."

Malcolm X is dead and so is Che, but Joan Bird isn't—and the pigs who were just forced to release her were bitterly aware of that as hundreds of supporters chanted "Power to the People" and Joan raised a clenched fist as the car drove past the House of D.



JOAN BIRD

## A WOMAN'S VIEW OF A WOMEN'S WORKSHOP

by Mary Jo Wuetrich

CHICAGO, June 29,—The National Rank and File Labor Conference closed here today after a weekend of meetings, intended to build rank-and-file unity among union sisters and brothers and to raise the burning issues of the war and racism to the labor movement.

The conference unfortunately failed to recognize the problems of working women and the whole question of women's rights (despite the fact that about 30 per cent of the workers there were women).

Many women were quite concerned about how the question of women's rights was going to be handled when it was noticed on a call to the conference that women's "auxiliaries" were mentioned. Concern was sharpened when Ola Kennedy (Secretary-Treasurer, National Ad Hoc Committee of Concerned Steelworkers) gave the keynote address and spoke of the arrangements committee keeping the women's problem behind closed doors.

### Men dominate women's workshop

Five panel discussions were scheduled for the afternoon. Among them was one called, "How to Advance the Rights of Women Workers." This workshop was chaired by a woman, but the secretary was a man.

It looked as though the arrangements committee felt that women were not capable of handling a women's workshop. The scheduled agenda consisted of discussion of a declaration containing 14 proposals and a list of nine proposals for action to implement the first 14. Attendance at this workshop consisted of about 50 per cent men.

It soon became clear that this was going to be the same old story of men telling women what their problems were and how they should be dealt with. Not only did men interrupt women speaking, but men were also allowed to vote on the proposals even when they concerned abortions, day-care centers or whatever concern women most.

Marina Sertic, a member of Youth Against War & Fascism, and a working woman who attended the conference proposed that women be given priority in speaking and that if there was time left the men could speak. The proposal upset the men and the chairwoman so much that she gave the chair to the male secretary so she could speak against it. With the approval of the men, who were by now dominating the meeting, the proposal was shelved.

The discussion concerning the declaration dragged on until time ran out. YAWF women and others protested, saying that the declaration was useless without a program of action to implement it. They requested a women's meeting to discuss the matter either later in the evening or early the next

morning. They were told by the chairwoman and the secretary that it was not possible.

The secretary (male) told them that if they were dissatisfied, they could prepare something to present on the floor of the conference the next day, but later when discussing the idea with members of the arrangements committee they were told that the secretary didn't have the authority to tell them they could bring the women's problem up in the plenary session.

The committee members (male) said it would be divisive, there wouldn't be time, and it could be handled at some unspecified later date as unfinished business.

That sounded all too familiar and it was very clear that if the chauvinism of the arrangements committee was going to be exposed, the women were going to have to demand the opportunity and not merely ask for it.

### YAWF woman takes the microphone

At the following day's session when it was announced that reports from the previous day's workshops would be read, YAWF member, Mary Jo Wuetrich, called for a point of order and went to the microphone with a four-woman defense guard. She said: "I would like to open up to this conference the women's problems that Sister Ola Kennedy referred to as being kept behind closed doors. We would have liked to have an opportunity to discuss the problems of working women and mothers, especially of Black and Spanish-speaking women. We would have liked to discuss the role women in the labor movement should play in freeing our Black sisters, Joan Bird, Ericka Huggins and Frances Carter, members of the Black Panther Party."

She then went on to point out the fact that only women were participating in preparing and serving the food and that while the conference was talking about federally financed day-care centers there were no such facilities provided for the women at the conference itself. She closed by denouncing an ad in a labor newspaper, Miner's Voice. It was a picture of a naked woman saying, "I give to Miner's Voice. How about you?"

Mary Jo said, "Before we can confront the bosses over the issue of women's rights we must educate our brothers in the labor movement so that when there is another conference like this, working women will not have to be insulted by such ads."

The speech was warmly received, particularly at the mention of the Panther women. Several men and women congratulated her for saying what needed to be said. It was obvious that the sympathies of many rank-and-filers were with the women.

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# Chicana women, youths strike Colo. farms

CENTER, Colo. (LNS)—The San Luis Valley in Colorado, cited officially by the Federal government as a "starvation area," is the scene of a mounting strike by Chicano workers who live and work in almost feudal conditions. Starting June 3, the workers unanimously voted to strike two major lettuce producers in the area, Fresh Pict and Lee Consual, and have asked supporters to boycott the companies nationwide.

Most of the lettuce workers are women, men under 21, and younger children. They are demanding a pay raise from \$1.40 an hour to \$2.00, and a raise in Chicano supervisors' pay from \$1.60 to \$2.50 an hour. The strikers are also demanding that the big growers recognize their union, Dicho y Hecho (Word and Deed). The union has already been recognized by the United Farmworkers Organizing Committee (UFWOC) and its founder, Cesar Chavez, is also planning to help organize the Colorado lettuce strike and boycott.

## Sheriff deputizes bosses

The power structure in the San Luis Valley is a carbon copy of its California and Texas counterparts — 100 per cent white and willing to use any tactics necessary to break strikes. Since the strike began, the Sheriff of Center has deputized all the growers so as to better protect their "property." The growers are also importing Chicano scabs, most of whom come from Mexico and are on 72-hour "passes" granted by the U.S. government at the request of the growers, who automatically renew the passes every three days until the end of the harvest.

Local police look the other way when white vigilante groups in the area beat up Chicanos regularly. And local

white merchants assault the striking workers economically by constantly upping food prices: milk has reached over \$1.90 a gallon in Center stores. In addition, striking workers are refused both food stamps and unemployment compensation by local and state officials.

## Babies made hostages

Four Chicana women, who would normally have given birth to their children in wooden shacks without the aid of doctors, recently had to go to a local hospital because of pre-natal complications. The hospitals in the area don't usually perform services for Chicanos. In this case, however, an "exception" was made. The women gave birth and were released soon afterwards, only to find that their babies are being held by the hospital until the women pay for the services. The women, who are on strike, have no income to pay the hospital bills.

Growers have made a practice of visiting jails on Monday to see which Chicano males have been arrested. They seek out the best workers, pay their fines, and thus force the workers to pay off their "gratitude" in scab field work, rather than face heavy jail terms. Potato pickers in this area, whose seasonal work follows that of the lettuce workers, face the same bulwark of repression and trickery that the growers can command.

The lettuce workers' strike is a major political step for the Chicanos of the San Luis Valley, many of whom have been in the U.S. for no more than a year. But the employment of Mexican braceros and Chicano scabs from other parts of Colorado has created a tough situation for the strikers: Dicho y Hecho members relate to those who are brought in to work as brothers and sisters first,

and not as scabs. The strikers also want whites to come out on the picket lines at the lettuce fields, besides supplying food, money and other needed supplies.

The strikers reason that Anglo help on the lines will make for larger and more politically imposing pickets and will relinquish some Chicanos to speak to the strike-breakers and persuade them not to scab. Most of those who are working did not know they were being imported to break a strike, but with the promise of work coupled with their uncertain 72-hour stateside status, meaning immediate deportation and unemployment if they engage in strike activity, it will be hard for the strikers to gain their support.

## Strikers ready for scabs

To be successful, the strike must last through the summer and disrupt the entire lettuce harvest. The workers are getting help from La Raza Unida (the Chicano political party), Colorado Rural Legal Services, and numerous Chicano adult and youth groups in Colorado. With their aid and publicity growing steadily, the strikers are growing more militant. No one has worked since the strike began because the growers have not yet brought the scabs they are housing out to the fields. When they do, the strikers hope that a strong picket line made up mainly of Chicanos will convince the potential strike-breakers to support the struggle.

Help is urgently needed for the strikers in the form of canned food and money. Send both in the largest quantities you can to: Dicho y Hecho, 574 Willis St., Center, Colo. 81125. VIVA DICHYO Y HECHO!

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## Free Los Siete



The trial of Los Siete de la Raza has begun in San Francisco. The six young Latinos (the seventh hasn't been caught) are being framed up on charges of murdering a cop, assault with intent to murder and burglary, all on May 1, 1969. They have been held in jail for 13 months without a trial. Above picture shows a recent demonstration in their behalf.

— LNS

## Lonnie McLucas goes on trial

# New Haven frameups begin

Lonnie McLucas, a Black Panther, and one of the New Haven Nine, has been separated from his brothers and sisters and is being tried alone. Jury selection was completed last week with the vast majority of the people questioned for duty being white. The Panthers have denounced the jury as not being Lonnie's peers.

Lonnie is one of three Panthers accused in the murder of Alex Rackley. He has been in jail for a whole year awaiting trial. His mother, who visited him in June said, "I was shocked to see where they keep Lonnie. He's living in a little dark stall about three feet wide with no lights, no windows, nothing. They give him just enough food to keep him living... I think he was arrested just because he was in the Panther Party."

Although he hasn't been convicted of any crime, he is not allowed any visitors other than his lawyer and his family. Even his mail has been cut off. He has written over a hundred letters to his friends, but none of them have been delivered.

The Panthers say about Lonnie McLucas' separation: "They have done this in the hope of isolating him, putting increased pressure on him and getting a conviction on their books which would, along with all the sensationalist 'evidence' of the pig press, make a fair trial for later defendants impossible. If they convict Lonnie, they think they will be able to convict Bobby and the other defendants by having established that Alex Rackley was murdered by Panthers."

One of the other defendants has already been intimidated by the police and copped a plea of second degree murder — an offense that does not carry the death sentence. He is Warren Kimbro, and he will testify for the State against Lonnie and Bobby Seale.

In their appeal to the people, the Panthers declare: "We've got to take the same stand on everybody, on all political prisoners, on each member of the New Haven Nine. If we do not regard the trial of Lonnie as the trial of Bobby, as the trial of the oppressed, as the

trial of ourselves, we will have succumbed to the attempt of the pigs to divide and conquer."

Lonnie was born in 1945 in Wade, North Carolina. In describing his early life, Lonnie says, "My father used to work all day behind two mules, from sun-up until sun-down, and then work half the night at a sawmill. At 25¢ an hour, there were lots of times when my father, working two jobs, could not make five dollars in twenty-four hours. There were lots of times when there was no food at home."

Lonnie joined the Panther Party when he was visiting his sister in Jersey City. One day he passed a rally in a park. It turned out to be a Panther rally. He said later, "It suddenly came to me that here was something I could really believe in. Something I could put all my life and soul into."



Lonnie McLucas before his arrest.



# Thousands of Irish women break curfew in Belfast



Over 3,000 women and children defied a British-imposed curfew in the Catholic Falls Road district of Belfast recently to bring food to the embattled residents of the area. The women boldly pushed aside the barriers set up by the occupying British troops to bring relief to their sisters and brothers. In the face of this militant march, the troops were forced to lift the curfew.

## Where have all the Irish gone?

by Deirdre Griswold

Where have all the Irish gone? (In New York City, that is.) Remember the crowds on St. Patrick's Day, all sons of Erin, every one with smiling eyes? When they painted the green line down the middle of Fifth Avenue, and every politician from the mayor on down was there, fresh from kissing the Blarney Stone?

Now that the Irish Revolution needs them, where are they? Now that British troops are lining the streets of Belfast and Derry, shooting down the Irish, making house to house searches in the Catholic neighborhoods, the Irish pretenders, the "professional Irishmen," have strangely disappeared. When Irish youth are being shot down in the streets (a dozen have died in the last week) and fighting against tanks and machine guns with stones torn up from the pavement, now is the time for some real Irish patriotism.

But all the phony Irish-lovers are silent. It's no longer so respectable to flaunt an Irish grandfather or great-grandfather. And why? Because the real Ireland is awakening again. There's a rebellion going on in the North, just like the rebellions in the Black and Brown nations here and abroad.

Not one of the politicians who jumped before the cameras wearing a bit o' the green can be found on the picket lines demanding justice and freedom for the Irish people. And many Irish patriots who have be-

come complacent and conservative on the issues within this country can't muster up any enthusiasm for their compatriots back in the old country, because their patriotism is just a hollow sentimentalism unrelated to the needs of the Irish people.

It is not likely that those who march on St. Patrick's Day because they like Irish cops, whiskey and coffee (or want the Irish vote) will do or even say anything to help the cause of the Irish in the current struggle. The people killed by British troops last week are too much like the "rioters" shot in Asbury Park. The Irish rebelling in the North are poor, unemployed, have big families and live in horrible slums. They are among the wretched of the earth, not the Barry Fitzgerald stereotype of Irish charm.

Of course, there are many Irish nationalists in this country who do identify with the Irish revolutionary

struggle. Their whole outlook on struggle in this country is being affected by the events in Ireland.

When Bernadette Devlin came to New York City, she told the crowds who came to see her that anyone who couldn't support the Black liberation struggle wasn't really for Irish freedom, because the two struggles are essentially the same. This at first seemed to turn off the majority of the New York Irish who came to hear her. But there were those who had never thought about the question before who were suddenly galvanized with a new and powerful idea.

Bernadette's identification with the Black struggle here, however mild it may have at first sounded to American revolutionaries, was a genuine revolutionary response of a suffering people to the suffering of another people, and a real harbinger of stronger and deeper alliances to come.

**"British troops must go," say NYC pickets**

NEW YORK—The National Association for Irish Justice (NAIJ) held two picket line-demonstrations last week in front of the British Overseas Airways Corporation on Fifth Avenue. The demonstrators called upon Irish and progressive people to protest the jailing of Bernadette Devlin, the civil rights leader from Northern Ireland. (Devlin began serving a 6-month prison sentence for participating in last summer's fighting between Protestants and Catholics in Northern Ireland.) And they expressed solidarity with the heroic struggle of the Catholics in Northern Ireland against oppression and exploitation.

The people chanted, "British Troops Must Go", "British Imperialism Must Go." And as prospective customers appeared to enter BOAC there were chants of "Don't Buy British, Don't Fly British," cutting down on BOAC's business and forcing BOAC to close earlier.

At both demonstrations Youth Against War & Fascism was present to support the NAIJ and show solidarity and determination to work in all struggles against Imperialism. Prior to the demonstration YAWF aided with technical work to help make the demonstration a success, and on both days members of YAWF helped man the picket lines and aligned themselves with an oppressed people fighting to overthrow their oppressor.



British soldiers beat youth in Catholic Falls Road area of Belfast.



# What "free elections" Mr. President?

## An interview with the chief war criminal

by Ned Tarasov

Richard Nixon, discussing his war policy in Indochina with three sympathetic TV commentators the other day patiently explained why the U.S. persists in waging war against Indochina. The reason for the genocide, Nixon assured us once again, is to defend South Vietnam's right to self-determination.

Dwelling on this point at some length, he complained that the North Vietnamese "have refused to indicate that they will accept the result of an election in South Vietnam," and later on that "no country in the world today in which the Communists are in power have they come to power as the result of the people choosing them.... In every case, Communism has come to power by other than a free election."

Suppose a genuine opponent of the Indochina war had been there interviewing Nixon. The questioning might have gone something like this:

You claim that North Vietnam refuses to accept the results of an election in the South. Didn't the 1954 Geneva Agreement that ended the French war against Indochina call for free elections in Vietnam by 1956, and weren't those elections called off by the U.S. through their puppet, Ngo Dinh Diem, who was admittedly on the CIA payroll even while Vietnam was still occupied by the French? Isn't it a fact that the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam was formed only after Diem had cancelled the elections and began jailing, torturing and murdering Commun-

ists and other Vietnamese patriots who had just freed their country from French rule?

In Korea, after patriotic forces led by Kim Il Sung had liberated most of that country from the Japanese, why was it that U.S. General Douglas MacArthur first restored the Japanese colonial administrators to power, and then replaced them with the Rhee regime, which launched wholesale repression of all political opposition? Why, after the South Korean people finally overthrew Rhee in 1960, did the U.S. help install General Pak Jung Hi, a traitor who had actually fought in the Japanese army against his own people? Why have both these regimes, installed and propped up by U.S. troops, always rejected the repeated North Korean proposals for free elections covering all of Korea?

What about Indonesia, whose fascist ruler Suharto you're always praising so lavishly? He came to power in 1965 on the basis of a bloodbath second only to Hitler's mass murders, massacring one million Indonesians! Is that the kind of "free elections" you have in mind for Vietnam? And dare you deny that the U.S. was responsible for this slaughter?

Why don't you explain the U.S. position on "free elections" in Iran, where the Shah was returned to power by the CIA (and the CIA openly brags about this one) after Premier Mossadegh had nationalized the vast holdings of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Co.

Or tell us about another U.S.-type free election — Guatemala. Tell us how United Fruit Co. banana



U.S. guns prevent an election in the Dominican Republic, 1965.

plantations were protected from nationalization by Eisenhower, who had the CIA overthrow the elected Arbenz government, even going so far as to blow up a British ship unloading cargo in Guatemala! (Another openly boasted about CIA achievement!)

And could you explain, Mr. Nixon, why Conor Cruise O'Brien, the Irish diplomat who headed the UN force in the Congo, stated that the U.S. was responsible for the overthrow (and eventual murder) of Patrice Lumumba, the freely elected leader of the Congo?

Was it to ensure "free elections" and "self-determination" that Lyndon Johnson sent thousands of troops to the Dominican Republic in 1965? If so, why did the U.S. troops fight alongside the right-wing generals who had just ousted the freely elected government of Juan Bosch, a progressive politician whose model was John F. Kennedy?

Then there's Greece, where the U.S. intervened openly in 1947 to crush the Greek revolution; two decades later, the military overthrew the existing right-wing civilian government, cancelling the elections that were a few months away, and set up an openly fascist police state. Perhaps you could explain, Mr. President, why Andreas Papandreu, a prominent liberal politician, along with countless other Greeks and Europeans, accuses the U.S. of direct responsibility for the fascist coup.

And while we're dealing with Europe, perhaps you could tell us what the CIA is planning for Italy, where the workers and peasants are demonstrating more and more strength in fighting for decent wages and the elected government can't control them.

Before you answer, Mr. President, let me say that the Communists certainly have come to power as the result of people freely choosing communism — but the choice was not made with paper ballots that are turned into scrap paper by U.S. intervention of one kind or another. The choice was made with guns and bullets, which forced the handful of rich parasites that ran these countries and that run the U.S. to accept the will of the people.

And unless the world's rich change their nature and hand over their stolen power and wealth to the people voluntarily (which we can hardly expect them to do) people all around the world will continue to vote out their oppressors with guns and bullets, as the Vietnamese are doing.

Just put your answers in your next broadcast, Mr. President. We'd all love to hear them.



Vietnamese guns for freedom after U.S. prevented 1956 elections.

## House of hawks

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plain bullshit.

The House represents small capital today, as it did in 1866. Only now the small capitalists are millionaires and small multi-millionaires. And every one of these provincial sweatshop owners and real-estate developers, etc., is tied completely to the big banks and the really big capital. They are dominated ideologically, however, by the right wing of the capitalist class, because they are frustrated, more vulnerable to the assaults of the workers for higher wages and the pressure of the very poor in the cities.

### On the take

The direct agents of the little millionaires and multi-millionaires, the actual Representatives, are often lower-bracket corporation lawyers, or would-

be ones on the take. They are poorer than the millionaire senators and they are less self-confident and less sure that they and their immediate bosses have anything to gain from domestic or foreign moderation. They imbibe all the reactionary prejudices but little of the urbane sophistication of the Senate. They are better representatives and mouthpieces for the maddest of the war-driving right wing.

They can of course be even more easily jettisoned than the Senate in the case of a right-wing military coup (hardly necessary to have one against Nixon, but it's always possible against Congress). This does not lessen their value to big business and its war machine at present, however. Their history as "Representatives" of the people makes their hawks' chorus all the more acceptable or intimidating to that fortunately diminishing number of people who give a damn about such things.

## One million Indonesians disenfranchised

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—More than 1.7 million Indonesians will not be allowed to vote in next summer's general elections because they were involved with the outlawed Communist Party prior to an attempted 1965 coup, the general elections board announced.

# YAWF voices rage of Chicagoans at fare increase

by Ken Sertic

CHICAGO, July 7—The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), which provides inadequate bus and rail transportation for Chicagoans, announced another burdensome fare increase today. The basic fare on the bus or subway will go from forty cents to forty-five cents, with an increase from five cents to 10 cents for transfers. For most workers in this city it will cost more than a dollar a day to go back and forth from work and this increase is just another tax on working people.

This is the second fare increase in just eighteen months by the CTA, and every time the fares are increased, ridership decreases significantly. For the super-oppressed Black and Latin communities, this increase takes food off the table and is an escalation of big business exploitation. With the increase, the same big bosses who profit off the sweat of workers in the plants will cash in on the CTA bonds that they also own.

## CTA bondholders profit!

One phony reason given by the CTA for the increase is that the CTA is near bankruptcy, but the real reason is being hidden from the masses. The

CTA raises revenue by selling bonds. It is necessary to pay 4 3/4 per cent tax-free interest to the bondholders. Bonds are sold for \$1,000 or \$5,000. No one but the greedy big businessmen could possibly afford these bonds—certainly not the working people who ride the CTA. It is not the increase in workers' wages or the buying of new equipment that makes it necessary to raise fares. The bondholders who exploit workers on the job are responsible for this fare increase.

George De Ment, Chairman of the Board of the CTA, felt it was necessary to explain this increase to the Chicago riders. The increase is smaller than we actually need, the bureaucrat calmly explained. Actually, a fifteen-cent increase was necessary. He further said, "This was not possible because certain segments of the community do not have the ability to pay such an increase." What he conveniently forgot to say was that all the people riding the CTA cannot afford the present forty-cent fare.

## People's answer

A mass leafleting campaign has been started against the fare increase by Youth Against War & Fascism and the reaction to the leaflet, which is titled "The CTA Should Be Free!"

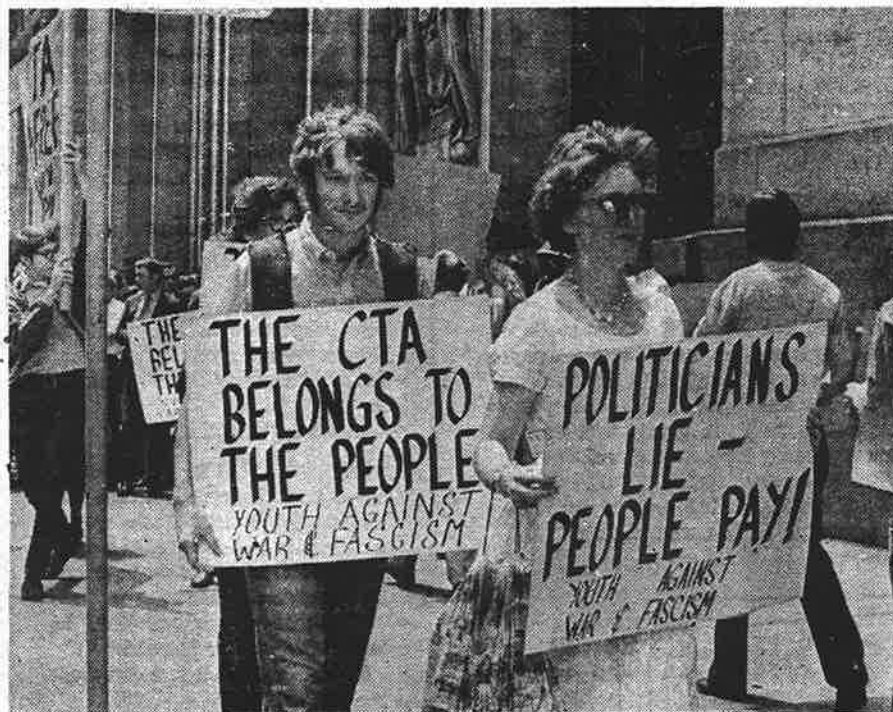
is anger and disgust over the fare increase. Many people comment, "That's right, the CTA should be free! We're with you." One older man said they can pay the Chicago cops \$11,000 a year, but can't find any money to help working people. A worker on his way to the plant placed the blame where he said it belonged, on the bankers. The leaflet hit home with many people when it said:

"A Government that kills Vietnamese daily, frames up members of the Black Panther Party, murders Black people and exploits workers cannot be expected to meet the most basic needs of the American people. They find money for the Vietnam war, but none for good medical care, hospitals, housing, education."

Ken Sertic, a representative of YAWF attended a public hearing and read a statement giving YAWF's position on the fare increase. When he

read the part of the statement saying "Don't pay the fare," cries of "Right on" came from the 75 people in attendance. He stated "The transit system was built by the people. It is run by the people. It is the people who ride on it. It is the people who pay for it. The people should take it into their hands and see to it that all of the people ride freely on it." Hundreds of thousands in the area heard the statement when Sertic's talk appeared on two TV channels.

By announcing the fare increase over the July 4 weekend, the CTA hoped to limit protests against the increase. But the spontaneity of the masses cannot be contained by either trickery or deceit. People in Chicago are plenty mad and could react in many ways to this robbery, which is made legal by lying and thieving politicians. This struggle is just the beginning battle against the CTA.



Chicago YAWF organized protest at City Hall over fare hike.

# "Socialism" for billionaires

## The sad story of the Penn Central

by Naomi Cohen

The New York Daily News editorial page never tires of denouncing "handouts"—handouts to the poor, handouts for welfare, for the old, the sick and the unemployed. That's "socialism," they say. But on June 23, the reactionary pens of this New York daily joined in a chorus of equally reactionary voices to call for a really big handout—more federal aid to the bankrupt Penn Central Railroad.

Charity, according to the News, should begin with one of the richest corporations in the U.S. This kind of "socialism" is all right, they say!

The "bankrupt" Penn Central Co. has assets of \$6.85 billion with huge real estate holdings in Manhattan that encompass the land on Park Avenue north of Grand Central Terminal. The holdings include many plush office buildings and such hotels as the Waldorf Astoria, the Commodore and the Biltmore—none of which are exactly starving.

Yet as of June 21, the Penn Central was declared bankrupt by Federal Judge C. William Kraft, Jr., under Section 77 of the Bankruptcy Law. It seems that the company owed \$75 million by June 30 and was unable to raise the necessary funds to meet over \$100 million in long-term debts that mature this year. (The long-term and short-term debts added together come to about one-thirty ninth of the assets of Penn Central.)

As usual, the company assumed that the govern-

ment would bail them out. The announcement of the bankruptcy proceedings followed by two days the Nixon Administration's "changing its mind" on a promise to guarantee a \$200 million loan to the railroad through the Defense Department. The fact that this tactic was abandoned—perhaps because it would have caused such a scandal over Administration connections with the railroad—in no way indicates that the government is unwilling to find another way to sink hundreds of millions of dollars into saving the railroad, as it has done so often in the past.

## "Please give us a billion"

Now, the Administration is pushing a bill in Congress that would guarantee \$750 million in loans to railroads through the Transportation Department. And as of June 30, the Association of American Railroads, speaking for the entire industry, said that the federal government would have to come up with over \$1 billion a year in new railway subsidies to keep the lines alive.

Even with this sum, it was pointed out, passenger service could not be maintained (at a big enough profit, that is) except in a few locally subsidized commuter operations and in six or seven big cities, according to a New York Times report the next day.

The railroad association called its \$1 billion estimate quite conservative as it demanded that the government pick up on such costs as local property taxes for railroad rights of way, down payments on new rolling stock and guarantees for loans on new equipment, among other goodies. Such a vast government-funded program would leave the railroads with little else to do than rake in the profits—which, after all, is what the business is about anyway.

As soon as the bankruptcy was announced, banks started to clamp down on Penn Central funds. In several cities, workers were unable to cash their pay checks. The press, so concerned for the company, didn't choose to bring up the fact that while workers couldn't get their pay, the chairman of the board of Penn Central was getting his million dollars a year in salary and "extras."

The practice of government subsidies of railroads goes back as far as the railroads themselves. Anna Rochester, in her book, "Rulers of America," pointed out, "The building of the railroads was tied up with land and most of the railroad capitalists up to the 80's were essentially promoters and land speculators. Their richest pickings came after the Civil War when more than 100,000,000 acres of public lands were handed over as a free bonus for companies opening new railroad lines." The Northern Pacific transcontinental railroad alone was given

47 million acres in this socialism-for-the-rich handout.

Government regulation, far from being progressive, worked to set monopolistic prices—stabilizing rates higher than would have prevailed under conditions of competition. Under the Railway Labor Act of 1926, government regulation, wrote Rochester, "has included the clamping down on railroad workers of the first compulsory arbitration plans put over in the United States for workers employed by privately owned corporations." Neither the fascist Daily News nor the liberal New York Post nor any other capitalist organ protested against this kind of "socialism!"

During the Depression of the 1930's, the government spent hundreds of millions of dollars on the failing railroads. The possibility of nationalizing the whole industry was raised at that time, but only for the purpose of dumping a bankrupt system on the capitalist government at a good price. This was not socialism, but state capitalism, Rochester pointed out. Nationalization by the capitalist government is just another way to keep the workers paying for the bosses' monopolies. It was the last stage of monopoly in its decay.

## A real nice bankruptcy!

The present railroad crisis is similar. The railroad billionaires are again robbing the till to keep themselves going at a profitable rate. At the moment, the drastic step of nationalization has been put off. However, the bankruptcy proceedings under Section 77 would allow the Penn Central to reorganize, keep rolling, while at the same time the court can allow it to put off paying some of its debts. Ultimately, this is a mild form of government control for the purpose of helping the company out of its financial crisis. Over one-third of the railroad mileage of the country has been reorganized under Section 77 since the Depression.

According to the Wall Street Journal of June 30, the court could also transfer Penn Central's passenger service to a public corporation. This way, Penn Central could dump the unprofitable passenger service on the states while it coins money on the freight business. This way, the company will not be forced to liquidate any of its huge real estate holdings to pay back bills.

All in all, for a "bankrupt" concern, Penn Central is doing okay. It stands to drop some of its debts, dump the commuter services and rake in government subsidies for the "emergency." A crisis like this furnishes the perfect example of what the capitalist government is all about—looking out for the concerns of big business. And the capitalist press chimes in with sudden calls for charity (with the workers' money) for the bosses in trouble.



# Eddie Oquendo getting out!

On July 20, Eddie Oquendo, a Black draft resister, will be released from Lewisburg Federal Prison, where he will have completed two years and two months of a five-year sentence for resisting the draft.

Eddie was one of the first of thousands of American youth who have refused to kill their brothers for the cause of imperialism.

He was a founder of BAND (Blacks Against Negative Dying) and a leader of Youth Against War & Fascism. His militancy and courageous stand against the war and for the oppressed in the American ghettos, and in every corner of the world, are well known to Movement people everywhere.

When the racist judge sentenced him, he declared: "I support all the oppressed around the world. I feel with the oppressed people. A man who goes into the army, if he is Black, is asked to kill his mother, brothers, sisters, like Detroit and Newark...I want to make it clear that I support the National Liberation Front in their struggle against 500,000 troops armed with the most barbarous weapons the world has ever seen. Long live their struggle!...I say, hell no, I won't go!" The courtroom crowd burst into applause.

On that day in May, 1968, when he surrendered himself "in body only" to Federal authorities in New York City, a group of 150 demonstrators rocked the courthouse with one of the most militant demonstrations in the history of war resistance.

Those same demonstrators and many thousands more will welcome the day when Eddie will again be a free man.

*Right on, Eddie!*

**Non-religious CO's:**

## Don't 'Choose your war'; Oppose ALL U.S. wars!

by Emily Tarasov

You no longer have to be a religious fanatic to obtain conscientious objector status. If your opposition to war is based on "deeply felt" moral or ethical beliefs, the Supreme Court has ruled that you, too, can be a C.O.

However, Curtis W. Tarr -- the man chosen to fill General Hershey's blood-drenched shoes -- was quick to announce "stringent new standards" set up by the Selective Service Bureau, lest too many young men think this ruling applies to them. You can't "choose your war," he says.

In what Tarr hopes will be a catch-all, he has said that the C.O. applicant cannot be opposed to "just the war in Vietnam." His implication is that most men would fight in another imperialist war if the aggressive role of the U.S. could be more carefully disguised or if the men felt they were fighting a defensive war "in the national interest" -- a war, as they often say, such as WW II.

The fact is, however, that U.S. imperialism has never waged and can never wage a progressive war, a war in the interest of the masses of people (the Civil War was before the age of imperialism) because U.S. imperialism itself is the main enemy of the oppressed people at home as well as abroad.

There are three kinds of wars for the imperialists and they are all reactionary: 1. a war between imperia-

list countries to win markets and colonies for the ruling class of one of these exploiting countries as against another, 2. a war to crush the growing national liberation movement of a colonial people, and 3. a war against a socialist country, where the oppressed people have overthrown the capitalists, set up their own system of production and expelled imperialism.

World War II was a war between the imperialists (with the exception of the Soviet Union and then colonial China, both fighting against imperialism and for liberation). Roosevelt and the rest of the ruling class used the bombing of Pearl Harbor to stir up the war fever in the U.S. And he demagogically attacked Hitler's fascism -- in words -- but never really opposed it.

Later, Congressional investigations and records proved, and the diaries of members of Roosevelt's War Cabinet quite candidly admitted, what were the real forces behind the war. Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson said before a Congressional inquiry, that American boys died to defend "our vital interests" in the Philippines, Malay and Thailand and that Pearl Harbor itself was maneuvered and provoked by the Washington cabal.

The American people's interests were no more in the conquest of the Far East in 1940 than they are in the conquest of Indo-China or the



Eddie Oquendo going to court.

Mideast today. The "vital interests" to which Stimson referred are those of such companies as Standard Oil, Union Carbide, Kaiser Aluminum and the Chase Manhattan Bank, just to name a few.

In the U.S. war against German imperialism (and not against fascism!) Krupp, the billionaire German industrialist who raised millions of dollars to finance Hitler's rise to power, was on the most friendly terms before, during and after the war with Secretary of State Allen Dulles. The infamous Krupp was sentenced to 12 years in prison for war crimes, but was released, at the insistence of (then Secretary of State) Dulles, after about one and a half years! Like so many other Nazis who were only verbally drawn and quartered by the U.S. ruling class, Krupp, a class brother of the U.S. imperialists, was quietly released so he could rebuild a strong industrial West Germany that was totally committed to the capitalist camp. Nearly all the financial backers of the Nazis

are still in business in West Germany -- but now in partnership with the U.S. Nazis of Wall Street.

Contrary to all the capitalist propaganda, the U.S.-backed war in the Mideast is no more progressive and no different than the war in South East Asia -- they both represent the second type of imperialist war waged to crush a revolutionary people. The war in the Mideast is only in the interests of the U.S. oil companies and the top Zionists, whose very survival depends on U.S. stability in the Mideast. Not only must American GIs refuse to fight against the revolutionary Arab peoples, but so must the Israeli working people who are now being used as cannon fodder for Standard Oil.

So everybody should be a "conscientious objector" to any and all official U.S. wars. The only progressive war for the U.S. people is within the U.S. itself. That is, a People's War waged by the oppressed masses of Americans to crush the warmongering ruling class.

## Jerry Rubin still fighting; gets solitary confinement

Since this article was written, Jerry Rubin has been transferred to Cook County Jail in Chicago to serve a sentence growing out of the demonstrations at the Democratic Convention in 1968.

PETERSBURG, Va. (LNS) -- Yippie Jerry Rubin, who has served two previous prison stints for anti-war activity, began a 30-day jail term in Virginia on Monday, June 22, for organizing the '67 Pentagon demonstration.

Like all jails, the Alexandria prison is a shithouse. No exercise yard, no games, lousy food. But this time the shit hit the fan. Tuesday night, the prisoners were served a meal of two slices of white bread and a slice of cheese; the next day they launched a successful hunger strike. (No one ate.)

The pigs, in their paranoia, accused Jerry of instigating the whole thing, and came to get him. Fellow prisoners moved to defend Jerry, but the pigs were ready with clubs, teargas and guns. It was pig territory, so Jerry asked his brothers to cool it for their own protection.

The prison guards rushed Jerry into the hole (solitary confinement). Then followed five hours of far-out resistance! The prisoners set fire to their mattresses and any other flammable material they could find. The fire department was called in twice.

We will never know what punishment

was meted out to these resisting prisoners.

In the middle of the night, two days after his sentence had begun, Jerry was moved to the Federal Reformatory at Petersburg -- an antiseptic place where the food is good, and the inmates spend a whole day a week visiting with their families out on the grass under colorful sun umbrellas. The pigs knew that Jerry's presence in one of their concentration camps exposed its hideous reality so they sent him to a phony model prison.

With one catch. Jerry is in solitary confinement, seven days a week. An eight by eight basement cell. He sees no one except for one and a half hours, once a week, on visiting day.

Jerry managed to smuggle in a copy of Rap Brown's book, DIE, NIGGER, DIE. In the book is a passage where Rap describes an unbearable Federal prison solitary cell. The prison was Petersburg Federal Reformatory -- the same exact cell Jerry now occupies. Rap wrote that after solitary there, he waived the extradition he had been fighting.

The thing that keeps you going in solitary is letters from friends on the outside. So if you were at the Pentagon in '67, and even if you weren't, drop Jerry a line. Write to Jerry Rubin, c/o Phil Hirschkop, Box 234, Alexandria, Virginia, 22313.



YAWF leader, Joel Meyers, at Brooklyn Federal Court before he surrendered to serve 3 1/2 years for draft resistance. Joel opposed U.S. imperialism, wherever it may go to war.



# 41 IRANIANS BEATEN

## BY U.S. PIGS

NEW YORK, July 1—The Iranian Students Association, in its continuing fight against the U.S.-installed fascist regime in Iran, called a demonstration today to protest the brutal beating and arrest of 41 Iranian students in San Francisco, June 26. The 41 were arrested and beaten at the request of the Iranian Consul in San Francisco as they were demonstrating against the new wave of terror in Iran and the visit of the infamous Ashraf Pahlavi, the Shah's sister (now the head of the Human Rights Commission of the UNI).

Twelve of the demonstrators were injured and bail has been set at about \$100,000 on the prisoners. In addition to the trumped-up charges they face, these Iranian students could be deported to Iran where they would certainly be imprisoned and even face the possibility of being executed by the Shah.

The demonstration today began at UN Plaza where about 80 Iranians and their supporters picketed and held a short rally. As they walked, the demonstrators chanted, "Down with the Shah," "Free the 41" and "Long live people's war." A march was then organized to Rockefeller Plaza, site of an Iranian government office. A rally was again held.

Among the supporters to speak were Key Martin, chairman of Youth Against War & Fascism, and Gene Weixel, representing the American Servicemen's Union. Martin exposed the role of the U.S. in Iran, denouncing the CIA-backed

fascist coup in 1953.

### **Iranian students' statement**

In a leaflet distributed before the demonstration, the students explained the situation that the Iranian people face. The following are excerpts from their statement.

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The people of Iran have ceaselessly waged a struggle against imperialist powers and domestic reaction on various levels. The infamous coup d'etat of 1953 against the popular government of Dr. Mossadegh which was engineered by the CIA and cost the American taxpayers \$20 million, brought the fascist regime of Mohammed Reza Pahlavi back to power. Ever since, the struggle of the Iranian people, now specifically against U.S. imperialism, has developed under conditions of extreme suppression by the Shah's regime.

With the aid of local reactionary puppets headed by the Shah, the U.S. imperialists' economic, military and political influence has increased steadily. Concurrently, our people have continued their struggle to gain their political rights and freedom.

### **People's will to fight**

From the uprisings of the peasants against feudal landlords to the workers' strike at Abadan oil refinery and the numerous demonstrations of university and high school students, there are many indications of our people's will to

fight imperialism and feudalism.

The unprecedented and huge street demonstrations of June 5, 1963, in Tehran and other cities of Iran, which ended in the massacre of six thousand people was a qualitative turning point in the struggle of the people of Iran. The barbaric massacre of six thousand people from progressive classes and segments of society pointed to the fact that the people's struggle against imperialism and domestic reaction has to acquire a different form. This was a transition from open street tactics to underground and armed struggle outside the perimeter of the cities. Whenceforth, the Iranian people's struggle took on a different form. The organized armed struggle of the heroic Kurdish people is a living and valuable example of this new form of the people's struggle.

The despotic regime has on numerous occasions executed without any trial its progressive opponents who have risen against the regime. It has made mass arrests and has tortured and terrorized people. The arrest of Nik-khah and his comrades who were organizing in Tehran and the murder of Sharifzadeh,

the Kurdish student who had joined the armed struggle in Kurdistan, did not shake the fighting spirit of the people, and their opposition reached new heights daily.

### **Strikes and torture**

February of this year saw another point in the movement in Iran. The well-organized strikes and demonstrations of workers, students and other strata of the population that were directed against the bus fare hikes ended in total victory. The organized underground political groups played a decisive role in this victory. In this successful struggle hundreds of workers, students and others were arrested. Two hundred and seven are still being held prisoner and tortured. The workers' strike in the south, the peasant land rent strikes in the north, the just and heroic struggle of the Kurdish people can be sought as examples of the movement reaching new heights.

(To contact the Iranian Students Association write I.S.A. of New York, P. O. Box 1639, New York, N.Y. 10001. Money is still needed to bail out the 41 Iranians imprisoned in San Francisco.)

### **YAWF protests beatings**

In behalf of the Iranian Students Association, Youth Against War & Fascism sent the following telegram to Mayor Alioto of San Francisco:

"We protest your arrest and detention of 41 of our Iranian brothers and sisters from the Iranian Students Association. They were protesting the jailings, tortures and murders of the secret police of the Shah's regime in Iran, a government

installed by the CIA for the benefit of Gulf Oil, Standard Oil and other American oil interests.

"We demand their immediate release and the dropping of the phony charges made against them. We are determined in our efforts to achieve this end."

Key Martin  
Chairman, Youth Against War & Fascism  
June 29, 1970



# The hushed-up sea of oil

The following article was sent to WW by a German subscriber, Frederick Jaeger.

June, 1970

"U.S. News & World Report" of March 30, 1970, published a most interesting article headlined "The Oceans: Coming Industrial Frontier." It said in part:

"A race is under way among U.S. firms to tap ocean resources on a massive scale. The lure: potential earnings of billions of dollars. . . The annual volume of American business in the oceans is expected by Hayden, Stone, a brokerage firm which keeps close tabs on oceanography, to triple to 24 billion dollars by 1980. That amount excludes surface-shipping and military expenditures. By far the biggest user of ocean resources is the U.S. petroleum industry. It has made exploring for and extracting undersea oil and gas a 5-billion-dollar-a-year business. Offshore discoveries in many areas, including Alaska, are likely to increase the pace of the work at about 14 per cent a year over the next decade."

This article mentions Alaska, but it keeps silent on an area rich as no other! It is oil which makes Southeast Asia so vital and valuable! Or did you really believe that Tricky Dicky wanted only to "eliminate sanctuaries" in Cambodia? The Military-Industrial-Complex wants total victory for the Pentagon AND total victory for Big Business!

"The Hushed-Up Sea of Oil" is the headline of an article in "Die Weltwoche" (a Swiss weekly well-known in Western Europe) of May 22, 1970. This article asked the following question:

"Is the ideological conflict the only concern of the United States' engagement in Indo-China?"

And then it answers itself as follows:

"The discovery of vast oil fields in the sea areas of Southeast Asia, belittled intentionally up to now, points in another direction. In the course of the last years, American geologists, geophysicists, and oceanographers have discovered a sea of oil of about 4,000 miles by 800 by exact surveying. It extends under the sea bottom from the Gulf of Siam, across Indonesia, to the coast of Northern Australia. But only the offshore rulers can exploit the immense re-

serves of oil in the future. Indispensable are connections from the derricks to the hinterlands."

This is one reason why the Military-Industrial-Complex must impose and support puppet regimes. And of course it does not matter at all whether the puppets have no support in the population concerned. There always are the masters of deceit. And there are "advisors", special forces", CIA, and finally American troops to fight "Communist Aggression" (read: national liberation forces) in South Vietnam, Cambodia, and Thailand in order to protect the American interests of the Gulf of Siam oil fields.

"Die Weltwoche informs its readers also that the American geologist James Gauntt, exploring for oil in various parts of the South China Sea for fifteen years, thinks that probably in five years the offshore oil fields of Thailand, Cambodia, South Vietnam, Malaysia, and Indonesia will produce 400,000,000 barrels a day! Far more than produced today in the entire Western world!

And what about the concessions, extending even from the coasts of Thailand and Malaysia up to 250 and more miles into the Gulf of Siam, in incontestable international waters? On the northern part of the Gulf of Siam AMOCO and the GULF OIL CORPORATION got concessions from Thailand and Cambodia which include the entire width of the Gulf of Siam. More than forty oil firms from nine countries, most of them American firms, take part in the exploration of the oil fields. Among them are UNION OIL CO., CONOCO, TENNECO, BP, ESSO.

Indeed, there are billions of dollars to be made in this market. Aerospace firms working on oil-producing equipment also enter the race. Some of them are Lockheed Missiles & Space Company, North American Rockwell, and Ocean Science & Engineering, Inc.

Senator Gale McGee (Dem.-Wyo.) in a speech before the

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## Gaza students

**get up to life**

Palestinian students from a Gaza Strip high school, including the nephew of Jordan's UN delegate, were sentenced to terms ranging from life to eight years by an Israeli military court in Gaza June 23.

Their reaction was a unanimous shout:  
"DOWN WITH ISRAEL!"

One woman was arrested but later freed when she tried to hurl a chair at an Israeli policeman during a noisy protest after a fiery speech by the 20-year-old nephew of Jordan's UN ambassador Mohammad Farra. Farra was sentenced to 20 years for calling on the population to struggle against occupation and for hailing the Palestinian Revolution.

Finally the president cleared the court after noisy demonstrations by the accused and their families. Eighteen of the twenty accused are high school students from Khan Yunis. All were charged with belonging to an illegal student group affiliated to a commando organization.

-- Fateh, June 25, 1970

## 100,000 Cubans give blood

By 7:00 P.M., June 13, 104,594 blood donations had been made for the brother people of Peru. This figure does not represent the total number of people who offered their blood, since some had to be turned away because of age, weight, medical history, recent pregnancy or other circumstance. No one, however, should feel discouraged because of this, since the important thing is the will to give, the sentiment of human solidarity.

The people's conduct was so generous that in only 10 days, with an average of 10,000 donations per day, the impressive amount of blood was collected. At any rate, it would have been impossible to accept more donations, as the reception centers and their staffs had reached their limit of capacity. The number of people who wanted to donate was much greater than the possibilities for them to do so. The lines of people before the blood banks was a moving sight. Those who had contributed on other occasions were joined by an immense legion who did so for the first time; many were persons who had never dared to give blood, even to benefit close relatives. Others hadn't realized how very useful and valuable this personal contribution could be for saving lives and for the benefit of one's fellow men, or

hadn't considered whether a close relative or dear comrade had ever received plasma, gamma globulin, or any of the other vital products derived from blood to protect his life, overcome a crisis or regain health, thanks to the donation of someone he doesn't know and probably will never know; or if one himself might need the blood of another in a dramatic moment to save his own life.

**It is the Revolution!**

-- Granma, June 21, 1970

## Puerto Rican GI sent back to Vietnam

A Puerto Rican soldier, Alfonso Quinones Martinez, sick with malaria and suffering from severe nervous tension, stated that, in spite of his terrible physical and mental condition, he was ordered again to fight in the jungles of Vietnam despite the promise of a discharge from the U.S. Armed Forces.

"They had me believing," said the young soldier, "that I was returning home with a Discharge 212, but then, after a long wait, the illusion of going back to my homeland was gone; they sent me back to the jungles on the morning of June 11."

— Claridad, June 28, 1970

## S Korea youth refuse draft

More than 520,000 South Korean youth and middle-aged decisively refused to serve the criminal "Homeland Defense Forces" and the combat training imposed upon them by the U.S. imperialists and the traitorous Pak Jung Hi clique in the first four months of this year, according to South Korean press reports.

This means that every month over 130,000 youth and middle-aged refused to serve the criminal "Homeland Defense Reserve Forces" on the average. This figure indicates that the number of the youth and middle-aged refusing to be drafted into the "Homeland Defense Reserve Forces" is double last year's monthly average.

— Korean Daily News, June 24, 1970

## Anti-U.S. rally in Okinawa

Some 40,000 Japanese workers, peasants, students and other citizens in Okinawa held a mammoth rally and demonstration against U.S.

imperialism in the central part of the Okinawa main island yesterday, expressing their firm determination to carry through to the end the struggle to smash the Japan-U.S. "Security Treaty" and to have the U.S. military bases dismantled. Many workers who had been on strike for 24 hours also attended the rally.

After the rally, the participants marched to the U.S. Kadena Air Force base six kilometers away, and held an impressive demonstration. The demonstrators held high numerous red flags and placards inscribed with: "Abrogate the Japan-U.S. 'Security Treaty'!", "Dis-mantle U.S. Military Bases!", "Withdraw B-52 Planes and Poison Gas from Okinawa!" and "Oppose U.S. Imperialist Aggression Against Indo-China!" On their way to the Kadena base, the demonstrators repeatedly shouted in front of the U.S. military base storing poison gas: "Take the Poison Gas Away!", "U.S. Aggres-sor Troops, Go Home!" and other militant slogans. All the demonstrators staged a sit-in on military highway No. 16 in front of the Kadena base, interrupting military transport of the U.S. aggressor troops for five hours.

Scared by the massive anti-U.S. struggle of the people in Okinawa, the U.S. military authorities stationed a large number of fully armed U.S. troops in the base, assisted by military dogs. At the same time, the U.S. military authorities ordered the Okinawa authorities to send armed police to guard the gates of the base. When the demonstrators staged a sit-in around the Kadena base, U.S. military transport air-marauders returning from Indo-China threatened the demonstrators by flying extremely low. This aroused greater wrath among the demonstrators. The students in the demonstration threw incendiary bottles and stones into the base and drove the U.S. aggressor troops into confusion.

— Hsinhua, June 23, 1970

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# NOTES



### Domino Theory

## —Sea of oil

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Senate on February 24, 1965, stated frankly why American boys must fight and die in the far away jungle of Southeast Asia: To protect existing dollar investments as well as to secure further areas for future expansions.

"It is my judgement that the area of Indo-China, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, is such a rich empire in its total context, with tin, rubber, oil, rice and a number of other important resources, that it makes a difference to the powers of the world what happens to that segment of resource potential..."

"It was worth a war on the part of Japan. The reason she made war in the Pacific was to make this area a part of the Japanese empire. So also was it worth a war by the British, by the French, by the Dutch, and the Portuguese in earlier colonial times..."

"The real point is once again the old political power struggle that takes place in the wake of any great war. This has been going on since the end of World War II."

Here you have the truth! The rich empire in Southeast Asia is worth a war! Already in 1895 Senator Henry Cabot Lodge declared:

"We have a record of conquest, colonization and expansion

unequaled by any people in the nineteenth century. We are not to be curbed now."

In 1970, just as it has been going on since the end of World War II as never before in American history, it is the Military-Industrial Complex which thinks and acts in order to continue the infamous record of conquest, colonization (in a more modern way) and expansion. It does not want to be curbed now, as people all over the world have experienced.

Threats to U.S. markets and investments are answered militarily, and evidence points to the readiness of American military tools to fight and suppress restive foreign people, while at home protesting people face the same armed might. I remember a "U.S. News & World Report," of January 1, 1968 article mentioning that the National Guard includes bayonet practice in its training program to handle civilian unrest. And Martial Law will be a part of American life soon enough.

The time to speak up courageously is NOW! We all must live up to the injunction of Abraham Lincoln:

"To sin by silence when we should protest makes cowards of men!"

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