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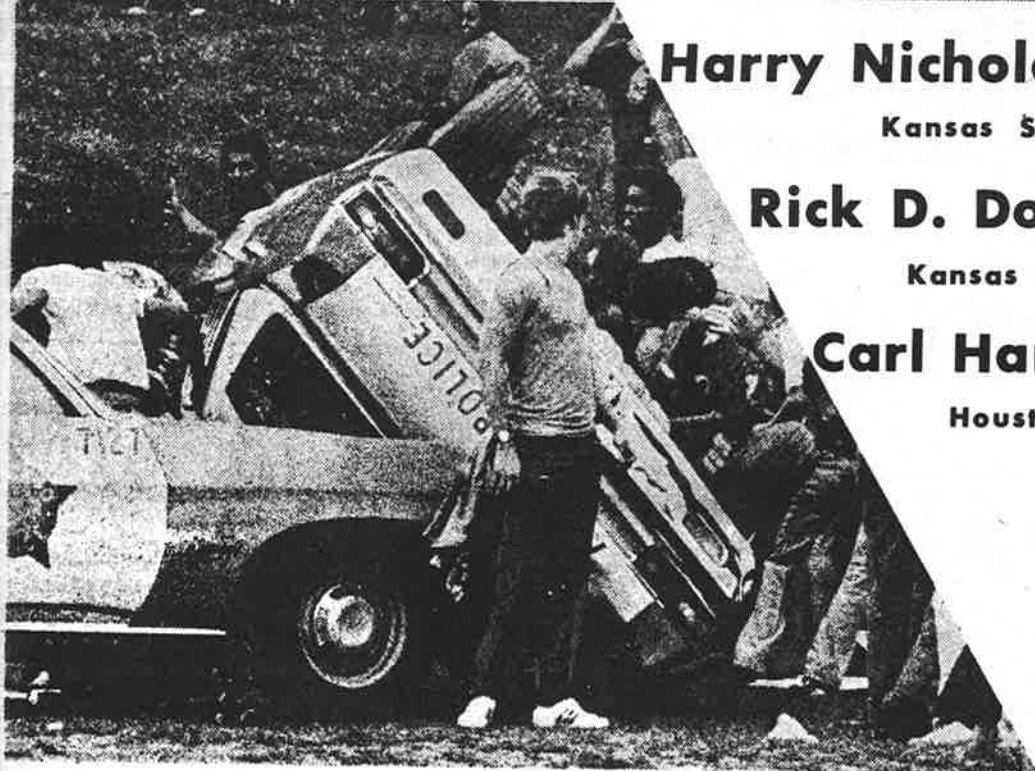
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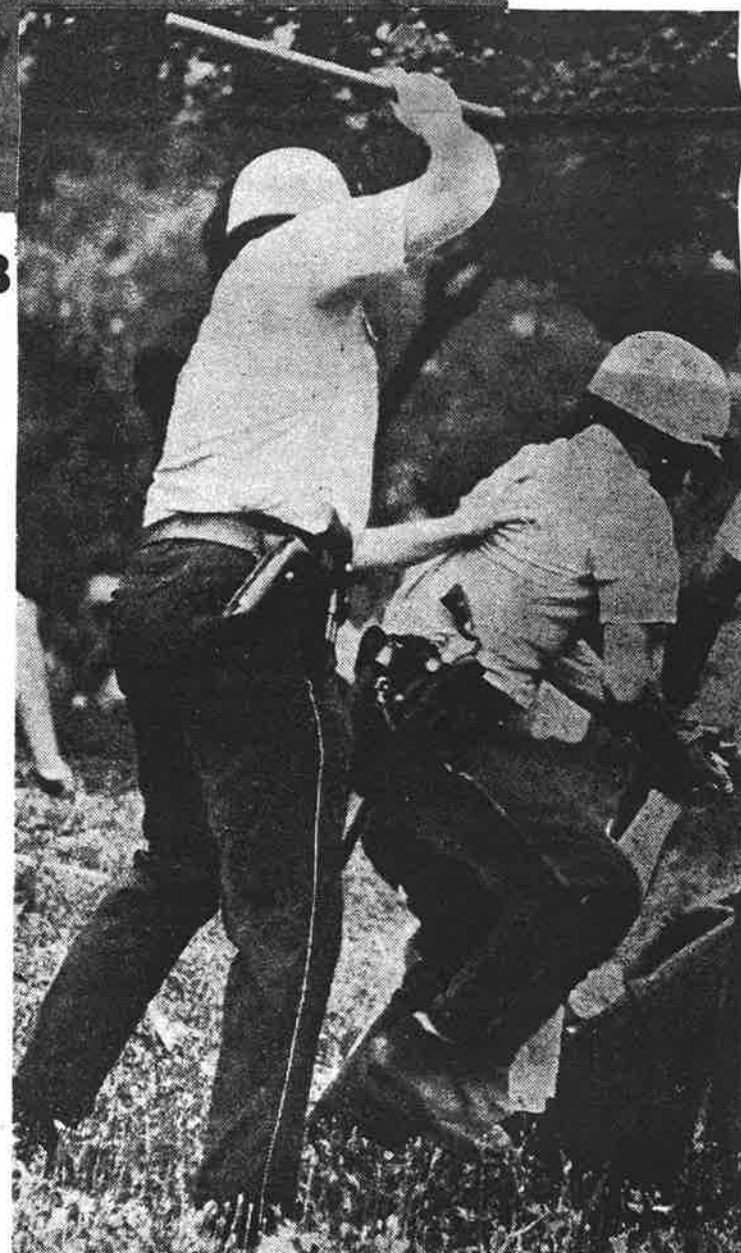
## New rebellion at Chicago's Grant Park



**Harry Nicholas Rice, 18**  
Kansas State

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Kansas State

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Houston, Tex.



## HOW MANY MORE?

How many more of our brothers and sisters will the pig police murder before they are brought to justice? How many more mothers will they bring to the morgue or the cemetery to see their handiwork? How many more judges will pin medals on the pig murderers?

Black Carl Hampton 21, was gunned down in Houston on July 27 for the crime of leading the People's Party 2 — that is, for fighting for the freedom of Black people.

Just one week earlier, Black Rick D. Dowdell, 19 and white Harry Nicholas

Rice, 18 were shot down in Lawrence, Kansas — one for fighting for Black freedom, the other for fighting to avenge his death.

Before that, four were killed in Kent State — white — and before that, three were killed in Orangeburg, South Carolina — Black. Last spring Fred Hampton and 27 other Black Panthers (that the public knows about) were shot dead.

Before that, hundreds and hundreds of Black men, women and little children were killed in the streets of a hundred cities while they fought for a

tiny bit of what belonged to them. Before that, thousands and thousands were lynched by pigs with uniforms and without.

How many more of our brothers and sisters must die? Even now the Black Panthers are being legally lynched — readied for long terms in jail, or may-be execution.

Who will prevent this? Must the white racist ruling class be allowed to have its way with impunity? Is it not

time for those Movement whites, for those idealistic young women and men who crowd anti-war demonstrations and rock festivals, who hate the rulers from the pig President on down, to converge upon the courts en masse? If meadows, towns and parks can be wrecked or made people's parks, by the rebellion of the people, then with the proper organization and will, the capitalist courts and prisons can be torn

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Castro, July 26

# "Failure," no; socialist honesty, yes

Premier Fidel Castro admitted a "failure" on July 26, the 17th anniversary of the glorious assault on the Moncada Barracks (the Bastille of Batista). The imperialists all clucked their tongues with "I told you so" and "Red Chief Admits He's Washed up" along with the inevitable predictions of immediate doom.

But Fidel was really following in the steps of Lenin himself, who admitted mistakes rather than blame other officials and helped the masses to feel the responsibilities of building socialism along with a leadership they loved and trusted.

The press here gloried in the announcement that Cuba's sugar harvest achieved 8.5 million tons — 1.5 million less than the goal. This is a great disappointment, and deserves a careful analysis by the Cuban people and party so that future efforts will be more productive. The Cubans are already doing this, as Fidel's speech shows.

But the 8.5 million tons is still the largest harvest in Cuba's history, and as such is a confirmation of the superiority of the socialist method of planned production. Had the Cuban leadership wanted merely to vin-

dicate themselves, this fact alone would be worthy of boasting about.

The Cuban masses and their leaders, however, know that they are working to usher in a society far superior to capitalism, where misery and want will be unknown and the true liberation of man will flow from the establishment of a society of abundance where cooperative labor will increase man's capabilities a thousandfold.

It is precisely because they deeply believe this that they are disappointed at not achieving the 10-million-ton target and consider the harvest a failure. The fantastic successes of the Cuban Revolution in health, education and the eradication of real starvation among the rural poor are not even attempted by the moth-eaten, semi-fascist Yankee puppet dictatorships in the rest of Latin America.

In building socialism, the productive methods and apparatus must be restructured to meet the needs of the people where before they were designed to provide profits for a few. The transition period is difficult and requires imagination and experimentation. When this is being done in a small country deformed by

decades of imperialism into a one-crop economy, a country that is threatened and pressured every day by an imperialist giant rattling H-bombs, the natural problems are compounded many times over.

Cuba fought a blockade, repulsed one major and many minor invasions, lost many middle class technically trained personnel to the lure of the Yankee dollar and is itself trying to help other revolutionary movements with both moral and material assistance.

It has received aid from the Soviet Union and other socialist countries, but there are still many areas of the economy such as transportation where a lack of spare parts for aging U.S.-made vehicles can cause vital breakdowns and disrupt the planned development of agriculture and industry.

But the spirit of the people and the dedication of the leadership are still an inspiration to the world. Castro's honesty is the opposite of demagogic "honesty" and the antithesis of Nixonian and Johnsonian hypocrisy. The difference lies not in Castro himself, as great as his personality is, but in the socialist revolution that makes us all greater.

# U.S. Gov't; not Weathermen, "Conspires to bomb and kill"

Mark Rudd and 12 other Weathermen have been indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of "conspiring to bomb and kill."

These 13 men and women indicted by this blood-stained government for their attempts or alleged attempts to alter or overthrow it must be vigorously defended by every person who is the least serious about fighting against imperialist war and furthering social justice.

The federal government which indicted the Weathermen is not only "conspiring to bomb and kill" half the world, but is at this very moment actually bombing and killing as many men, women and children in homes, schools and hospitals in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia as it possibly can.

We reprint here some appropriate excerpts from the statement of Youth Against War & Fascism at the time some of the very minor bombings in the U.S. got the ruling class so hysterical last spring. The statement is addressed to "the tiny clique of billionaires who run the country":

"...We call attention to the fact that your police

chiefs, your lynch mobs, your assassins murdered Ralph Featherstone just the other day; that you shot Fred Hampton and Mark Clark in cold blood; that you gunned down Malcolm X; that you assassinated Martin Luther King and you even killed the Kennedys; that your prisons are concentration camps filled with Huey Newton, Bobby Seale, Martin Sostre and hundreds upon hundreds of other political prisoners; that you have indiscriminately shot down hundreds of Black people in the streets of Watts, Newark, Detroit and numerous other cities; that you have used tanks, machine guns, gas, bayonets and carbines against the poor, the hungry and the unemployed Black masses who revolted against your intolerable oppression; that you have bombed churches with children in them and lynched civil rights fighters; that you have defended white supremacy by every vile means from the cattle prod of Bull Connor to the axe handle of Lester Maddox.

"To the bosses of General Motors, RCA, General Telephone and the rest of your ruling class cronies we say that you, your President and your generals

have bombed and bombed and bombed the people of Vietnam; that you have committed countless massacres against women, children and babies, of which My Lai was only a drop in the bucket; that you have dropped anti-personnel bombs upon, napalmed and bombed hospitals, schools, nurseries, villages without blinking an eyelash; that you have tried to poison and otherwise destroy everything in Vietnam that lives upon the earth or in the water....

"The bombing of your buildings is only an inevitable expression of the hatred the world's people feel for you and the outcome of your own violent crimes. Whatever you got you brought upon yourselves.

"We have full confidence that in the future, the masses of people in this country whom you have oppressed and exploited for so long will rise to the historic occasion, abolish your system of exploitation and replace it with a system based upon human need rather than profit and super-profit — a system where the working class and the oppressed will really hold power. The masses will make the socialist revolution and by that means put an end to the class violence of the bourgeoisie forever."

# The imperialist "peace" attempt in Mideast

The U.S. "offer" for a truce in the Middle East is a trap for the Arab states and an attempted death-blow at the Palestinian liberation movement.

The Palestinian resistance, even its more moderate wing, has strongly criticized Egyptian President Nasser for yielding to the U.S. on this crucial proposition.

Their criticism is wholly justified. But the ones who should be criticized most are the Soviet leaders, who are pushing Nasser into this compromise,

which could become an outright betrayal.

The Soviet line is of course to avoid a clash with the U.S. But actually the Soviet leaders are just appeasing the U.S., as Chamberlain appeased Hitler. Such appeasing only strengthens the enemy — that is, U.S. imperialism, which has assumed the mantle of Nazi imperialism on an almost global scale.

Our paper and our party — Workers World Party — takes this occasion to reiterate our support of the Palestinian

liberation movement which is fighting under such extremely difficult circumstances. This movement is unfortunately misunderstood in the United States and is not always identified with the Vietnamese liberation and Black liberation as it should be.

It is precisely at this difficult time that the movement requires the most support from its friends abroad. There are those in this country, like the CP, who say the Palestinians' demands "place an ominous threat on the chance of a peaceful settlement." These elements are sacrificing the revolution itself to gain a robbers' peace — a peace that could not last anyway.

The Israeli state should be dissolved just as the Palestinians say it should be — with guarantees for the democratic rights of the Jewish people, as the Palestinians also guarantee. The Israeli state, which oppresses the Arabs, is in the long run the enemy of the Jewish people, too. And the Israeli youth — even those in the Army — are beginning to understand this.

If ever there was a time to hold fast to revolutionary goals in the Mideast, that time is NOW.

The Palestinian liberation movement is armed with small weapons. And it faces the super-might of the U.S. as well as the powerful U.S. puppet, Israel. But it has the confidence of a hundred million Arab people. We are very sure it will win against all the odds. Long live Palestinian liberation!

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down brick by brick.

End the war in Vietnam, yes. But as long as the master class is free to continue its brutal age-old war against Black America, it will be free to have "two, three, many" counterrevolutionary wars abroad.

Stopping the war against Black America is number one business for the youth of the country — students, workers, soldiers, sailors and all other slaves of the U.S. military.

It is time to organize, demonstrate and fight to stop this long series of un-avenged murders. It is time to stop this ruling class war by stepping up the fight against the ruling class. People talk of "unity, unity, unity." We are all for it — let's begin with unity on this one elementary struggle in the streets.

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# ASU director wins good discharge, defies brass

Ft. Wadsworth, Staten Island, July 22 — The U.S. Army brass attempted to put the American Servicemen's Union on trial here today. The charge was "subversion and disloyalty" and the accused was Bob Lemay, Executive Director of the union. Specifically, the Pentagon labeled Lemay with membership in Workers World Party.

The charge sheet presented by the prosecution stated:

"The Workers World Party...has as its goal the building of a revolutionary party with a complete proletarian orientation for the purpose of overthrowing capitalism in the U.S. by unconstitutional means."

This was the government's entire case. No witnesses were brought forward to prove the charges; the brass relied entirely on the secret "evidence" of stoolpigeons. Lemay and his lawyer, Steve Fine, were not allowed to examine this secret "evidence."

Bob, who is a Vietnam veteran, had been separated from active duty in the fall of 1968. Last March the Army offered to discharge Lemay from reserve duty with a general discharge if he would plead guilty to these charges. Bob contemptuously refused to compromise with the officer class and rejected their deal. He demanded a Field Board of Inquiry under the Army security statute AR 604-10.

Twenty-six supporters accompan-

ied Lemay to the hearing. Half a dozen were, like Bob, Vietnam vets. Others were ex-GIs or civilian supporters of the ASU. The "jury" consisted of three high-ranking officers (a colonel, a lieutenant colonel and a major). A captain prosecuted. The Pentagon flew in a retired colonel to act as "security advisor."

Bob opened the proceedings by questioning the jury. He skillfully exposed their prejudice against enlisted men and their pro-war mentality. These officers were not accustomed to being interrogated by an enlisted GI and under the probing questions thrown at them by Lemay they told even more lies than they usually do at a trial.

At one point Lemay asked them if they understood that "it is a crime to lie in court." Col. Lloyd Cain quickly ruled him out of order and called a recess.

After the hearing resumed Steve Fine rose and began a long list of motions for dismissal of the charges on the basis that they violated Lemay's constitutional rights. All these motions were denied.

The Army based its case solely on a five-inch thick dossier which Lemay was forbidden to see. When Steve Fine questioned one of the officer-jurors, the officer admitted that the secret file included newspaper clippings. At this point the security advisor intervened to

stop the questioning.

"Next thing the defendant will want to know what the article said, what newspaper it was in and when it was written," he said in a horrified voice.

The hearing reached a climax when Lemay rose to make the summation statement. He denounced the stunned officers for using the phony evidence of "dirty little police agents who run to you with their lies," and said that it was not the ASU but the reactionary officer caste that was going to be destroyed.

Pointing out that this red-baiting attack on the American Servicemen's Union could never succeed "because we represent the oppressed GIs and you represent nothing but a small clique of greedy capitalists," Bob ended with a

shout of "Free all GI political prisoners! Down with the imperialist brass and their war of aggression in South East Asia!"

The courtroom broke into loud applause and chants of "Off the pigs" and "Off the brass."

Startled and humiliated, the officers jumped to their feet and bolted from the courtroom. A Black MP was sent to clear the court but instead he signed up for membership in the ASU. After that the Army knew it had been beaten. The trial officers sulked in the deliberation room for five hours, then returned and threw in the towel.

Lemay was given an honorable discharge.



Bob Lemay, left, with Andy Stapp of the ASU.

## Bob Lemay's statement to Army court

### "You are doomed, like Hitler-- and Nixon"

This hearing is not merely an attack on an individual whatever his political beliefs may or may not be. It's a red-baiting, witchhunting, union busting session. The purpose of this hearing is clear to me just as it would be clear to any trade unionist struggling to organize exploited workers.

You've charged me with Workers World Party membership. That's not the real reason you've dragged me into court. That's nothing but a phony and fraudulent excuse to attack me as Executive Director of the American Servicemen's Union.

This isn't your first assault on our union. Over 250 active duty ASU members organizing on ships, organizing in Vietnam against your war, organizing

on every major base in the U.S.—over 250 of these men have been thrown into stockades and briggs by officer-dominated court-martial boards.

#### You sentenced our brothers!

It was your courts that sentenced our union brothers, Terry Klug, Bill Brakefield, Jeffrey Russell, and Carlos Rodriguez to years in prison on riot charges after the heroic rebellion of stockade prisoners at Fort Dix. It was your courts that sentenced Bill Harvey and George Daniels, two Black marines, to 16 years in the Portsmouth brig merely for speaking out against your rotten, racist war

in Vietnam. It was your courts that sentenced union brother Mitch Smith to six months in the stockade for not saluting an officer.

It was your courts that sentenced Wade Carson, another union activist, to five months in the Fort Lewis stockade for giving a copy of the Bond, our ASU newspaper, to another GI. The list of your victims is almost endless. And it's not simply the GIs that you oppress. You've murdered millions—in Vietnam, in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, in Indonesia, in Cambodia, in Laos.

The U.S. military props up every rotten, fascist regime in the world from Greece to Spain and Portugal, to Taiwan and Thailand, to South Korea—all for the benefit of big U.S. corporations and banks which have invested over 200 billion dollars in these and in other countries.

#### You hate our Union!

The army brass has proven nothing at this hearing, except how much they hate the idea of GIs forming themselves into a union to demand our legal and constitutional rights. You've proven nothing because you've been afraid to bring your stool pigeons and informers into court where the people could see their faces. And you have good reason not to bring them into this court, because the day will come soon when these dirty little police agents who run to you with their lies and fabricated evidence, who make their living by betraying their friends and associates—the day will soon come when the people will bring these scum to justice for their crimes. Since the inception of the American Servicemen's Union the brass has hounded and persecuted our organizers in the military.

Now the Pentagon is aiming a blow at the very core of the union in an attack upon one of our national officers. Historically, reactionaries are never able to understand that the system they represent is dying and will eventually be pushed off the stage of history and be completely overthrown. They refuse to face reality and attempt to prolong their rule through trigger, lash, noose, through filling the jails with political opponents, through drawing up endless lists of individuals and organizations which they designate as subversive, and through inquisitions like this star chamber proceeding.

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Union supporters leave courtroom, chanting.



# SEIZE THE TOWN



## Digging in in DuPont land

du Ponts so far have managed to smash every militant attempt at the launching pad.

### Headquarters of empire

This is because Wilmington is important for varying reasons: economically, it is a heavily industrialized example of advanced monopoly capitalism, the headquarters of the du Pont empire and the geographic crossroads for the Eastern seaboard's economy. In terms of ruling class politics, the du Ponts are liason between the sophisticated liberal old wealth of the Eastern Establishment and the more conservative new rich of the West and Southwest. In terms of revolutionary politics, it is further advanced in its police repression and naked aggression, a good revolutionary training ground for future Amerika.

In many ways, Delaware is a microcosm of the U.S.: its industrialized North; its agricultural South; and its seaport on the East (again, Wilmington). With Maryland hemming in on the West, Delaware is a small state in size and population (only 500,000). Its only real city, Wilmington, festers to a high pitch many of the biggest problems facing the development of revolutionary class consciousness in America's working class: rampant racism; ethnocentrism and its immigrant mentality of proving one's "Americanism" with reactionary nationalism and orientation toward upward mobility; organized religion's socializing grip (Catholic Church in this case); male supremacy; lack of militant labor organizations; and the all-pervasive and, for the community, demoralizing control held by the ruling class (in this case the du Pont family).

### Truly native working class

Of increasing importance is the question of the Southern and other dispossessed white "native American" workers, who having moved North in search of jobs in the last twenty years and now become industrial proletariat (although some large numbers are lumpenproletariat), are America's first truly native working class. Also, they hold the populist feelings that can either be the seeds of "native soil" fascism or the seeds of revolutionary consciousness of the need for socialism.

Furthermore, the key role that male supremacy plays in an individualism that prevents full humanity and class consciousness and continues the sexual repression related to racism and female oppression.

Finally, there remains the white collar and whether or not people like Agnew can succeed in appealing on a popular fascist level to them in a way that may lessen (through the use of racism) their hostility to white lumpenproletariat, the inevitable and necessary target for the success of a future mass fascist movement in America. These are all key problems, some answers for which may come out of the revolutionary practice of the Wilmington collective.

The collective's reasons for organizing white working class youth relate to the fact that they are the future backbone of labor in the country, are most oppressed of whites, and therefore are most on the move politically among white Americans. The collective believes that youth are close in form to lumpen people in economic and political irrelevance to the system, and the subsequent alienation demands alternative lifestyles different from, and more fulfilling than, consumer capitalism.

Capitalism's nuclear family has its internal contradiction in that it consumes more and socializes less, despite religious influences; youth, thereby, are released with more freedom to new revolutionary ideas that relate to their real needs. Turned-on youth, in turn, affect the family, in many cases politicizing older and younger sisters and brothers, in most cases moving families further away from ever accepting fascism in this country. It should again be emphasized, however, that appearance does not alter the proletarian content of working class youth as a direct influence through young workers on the development of the class struggle.

In an attempt to reach Wilmington's youth, the collective writes and publishes a newspaper, "Seize the Town," talking to youth in their own language. It is given out free to youth on the street corners, dances, parks, pizza and hamburger shops and drive-ins, shopping centers, etc. The response has been generally enthusiastic and favorable, some youth participating in distribution of the paper. High mobility is the collective's answer to the all-present police. It was returning and rapping with youth at their hangouts that convinced the collective of the need for a youth center where youth could meet without pig harassment.

### We're still fighting

It's been rough in Wilmington, especially this last month. But the collective has not abandoned its purpose: to develop a city-wide youth movement to fight capitalism, imperialism, racism, and the du Pont power structure. The besieged Center was (Continued on next page)

By The Wilmington Collective

At 8 p.m., Sunday, June 21, the Wilmington Liberation Center was opened by a collective of eight movement people in an effort to reach white working class youth. Within two hours, it was harassed and attacked by police, Cuban exiles, local gangster elements, and a hostile crowd of 150 people complete with Italian and American flags and the national anthem.

Lives of some of the collective were threatened, and "cherry bomb" fireworks were thrown at the Center. The Center remained open, however, until the scheduled closing time at 10 p.m. In the space of four short days that followed, city fire and water inspectors harassed the Center, the local du Pont controlled newspaper attacked with viciously lying articles, two members of the collective were arrested on charges later dropped, bomb threats hit the Center, the Center received an eviction notice from the landlord, advised and assisted by the city attorney, and a church, where films were scheduled to be shown by the collective to neighborhood youth, had its doors closed by right-wingers, its pastor now rumored to be on his way out of a job.

### Lords of duPont

This is nothing out of character in Wilmington, Delaware, citadel of the du Pont family's fiefdom. Wilmington was made into the nation's first police state after the comparatively mild Black uprising of 1968. Armed national guardsmen patrolled the streets for nine months without so much as a murmur of complaint from the white community.

When the guard finally left, they were merely replaced by an expanded state and city police force, harassing both white and Black youth on the streets. As pointed out even by Business Week (Sept. 21, 1968), Wilmington's "strict policemen" and "disciplined community" (as one du Pont family historian termed it) provide the stabilized environment so important to the du Pont Company's smooth functioning at the top, to say nothing of providing a disciplined labor force for its factories. Significantly, the very short strike at du Pont last year was the first in more than thirty years.

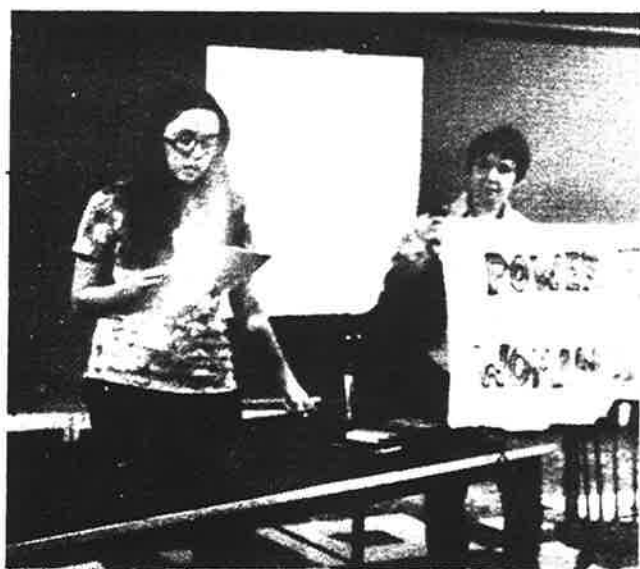
### No pretense of democracy!

There is no constitutional law in Wilmington. The du Ponts, who wallow on 24 country estates surrounding the city, feel this area is too close to home to permit pretensions about bourgeois democracy. Right of assembly for as many as two youth is denied without a city permit. Free press is denied through the du Ponts' tight ownership of the city's only newspapers. Freedom of speech is casually laughed (and clubbed) off by police. Employment in the city is controlled by the du Pont companies, as are the labor unions. Everything—schools, streets, hotels, buildings—is controlled and in some cases even named after the du Ponts; most top level government officials, including the governor, are former du Pont employees.

There is no viable liberal community in Wilmington to act as a support cushion against right-wing attacks. There is no university in Wilmington to provide a student base or even to act as a socializing agency for bourgeois democratic ideals. Everything about capitalism is exposed in Wilmington, and its population doesn't need lessons on who the rulers are; the population relates to naked power, and the



Cartoon from Seize the Town, (newspaper put out for Wilmington youth by the collective)



# Women denounce sterilization as genocide against the oppressed



Photos by FRAN MEYERS



By NAOMI COHEN

DOVER, Dela. July 23 — "It is clear that sterilization is becoming America's answer to poverty both at home and abroad. We are told that people starve because they have too many children. We are told that poverty is caused by overpopulation and not by inequitable distribution of resources. We know this is a lie to confuse us, to lay the blame on us, and get the system which causes poverty off the hook."

This stinging indictment of the idea of sterilization for women in this country as a means of population control was part of a longer statement read by a group of women to a meeting here today. The gathering was initiated by Zero Population Growth, a pro-sterilization group which grew out of the ecology movement.

The demonstration, organized by the women of the Wilmington Collective, was perhaps the first in the country

to confront the implications of the population control movement and marked a significant step in the Women's Movement in raising the whole question of population control as it affects oppressed women.

## America's final solution

The statement continued, "In a country where milk is drained into the dirt and grain rots in elevators and is dumped into the sea in order to keep prices high, we know that children are dying of malnutrition and starvation not because there are too many children — but because some men like duPont and Rockefeller own 5 billion dollars while others own nothing.

"Sterilization is being used as America's final solution to the poor. This is not a neutral issue. In Alabama a woman on welfare after having three children must be sterilized. Court decisions are increasingly pushing welfare women to be sterilized...."

The women's action started at 8:00 p.m. when the meeting was to have begun. An obstetrician, Dr. Glidden, was scheduled to speak when the women from the Wilmington collective stepped to the microphone. One read the statement while the others acted as a security guard. Women around the room stood up with banners and signs that read: The rich multiply, the poor are sterilized; More food and housing, not sterilization; and Sterilization: the American solution to poverty.

At the end of the statement the women called for free childcare centers controlled by the people for all children; equal pay to women; a program of free medical care for ourselves and our children; education for ourselves and our children as a right not a privilege; and safer means of birth control.

Dr. Glidden followed the women by quickly denying that he was part of the population control movement and claiming that he spoke merely from a medical and technical point of view.

The women replied that the subject could not be raised in a vacuum since it was pursued by the racist, imperialist government in order to commit genocide against oppressed Black and Spanish women.

## "Liberals" follow Malthus

Zero Population Growth is a "liberal" group of people who deny any connection with forced sterilization or genocide. And of course they were horrified that anyone would want to demonstrate against them. But it was skillfully pointed out by many of the women there that they were deluding themselves if they thought that individuals, by limiting their own families could make a contribution to world problems. It is the system of capitalist exploitation, the women told them, which breeds poverty and starvation.

In fact, what the population control groups and their ruling class inspirers represent, is a new form of Malthusianism. Thomas Malthus (1766-1834) was an English economist who tried to show that the misery of the working class was due to overpopulation and not capitalist exploitation. He was nothing but an apologist for the bourgeoisie, whose reactionary character was scathingly exposed by Karl Marx. And in whatever "liberal" guise they may come today, the population control people are no better.

Over 60 years ago, Lenin dealt with just this problem in a Pravda article entitled "The Working Class and Neomalthusianism." It seems that a group of Russian doctors had come out for abortion on the basis that children of the poor are maimed by poverty. Lenin replied, why not say we should bear children so that "they should fight better, more unitedly, consciously and resolutely than we are fighting against the present-day conditions of life that are maiming and ruining our generation?"

Of course, Lenin was absolutely for the right of women to have abortions and contraception (and his party had freedom of abortion laws passed right after the 1917 revolution), but he recognized why the bourgeoisie brought up these questions — to better control the people, to keep them from making revolutions.

It is clear now that the ruling class in this country is headed toward some kind of Malthusian program of sterilization and population control for the poor and oppressed. And the Women's Movement must show solidarity with all oppressed women in demanding that women have the right both to have or not to have children as they freely choose.

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closed down, however. Being in the heart of the Italian community, and right across the street from the local bookie "social club," the Center was in such a geographical location that youth would have had to travel past and through their parents as well as local gangster elements to get to the Center; the youth were frankly afraid of the hassle.

Moreover, on the very corner on which the Center was operating, four Blacks were murdered just two years ago, shot down by 500 rifles apparently from within the Italian community during the Black uprising; four murders, without an arrest or mention in the press. After considering the very real threat of bombings in relation to the fact that a Black family lived directly above the Center, and after canvassing the Italian community

offered little in the way of support, the collective decided not to fight the landlord's eviction, but to open in another, more commercial area.

## We'll do it again!

Plans are already underway to rent another storefront for a youth center-coffee house, this time in a commercial area where the collective will hold draft counseling, rock bands every week, "revolution" classes, women's liberation and abortion programs (especially important in relating to the more sexually liberated youth movement in such an isolated area as Wilmington), and build a base to develop more programs around the people's needs.

The Wilmington collective is here to stay. Seize the time! Seize the town(s)!

## —Report from Wilmington collective



Millions of workers are under 30; bosses beware!

# Young workers rebelling

By M. Neidenberg

The author worked 15 years in the Lackawanna steel plant in Buffalo.

"I'm not an IBM card in a rack. I'm not a component of your assembly line pounding out super-profits 24 hours a day. I'm a human being, young and strong, with convictions and feelings that are alien and hostile to your system. And I'm not afraid to fight you."

Do these words sound somehow familiar? They are from the mouths of young workers in American industry. But you heard them only yesterday on the campuses of Berkeley, Columbia, Cornell and a hundred other colleges. And today you're hearing them from the high schools, too.

College drop-outs and high school students who have rocked their schools and campuses with strikes and demonstrations against war and racism, the ex-GI who has had his fill of the brass and the Vietnam war—they are becoming workers and pouring into the industries of America. They despise the establishment and the super-rich, and the network of government bureaucracy and its laws.

## They hate the brass

They detest the power of the cops, the courts, the politicians and the brass. They are frustrated and repressed, and they hate unjust authority and futile discipline. They are creative, compassionate, bold, undefeated.

And they are meeting millions of their contemporaries in the shop who feel almost the same way they do.

Many of them are revolutionaries who have turned away from their middle-class background. They know that decisive power for change lies with the workers. They take to the road, sometimes bringing with them only what they can carry, to search the plants and industries for jobs. Some of them organize themselves into collectives with the perspective of integrating themselves into the working class, and fighting the owners of industry who are the organizers of the imperialist war and exploitative racism they hate so well.

## Long hair and danger

Whether they go in purposeful groups or just wind up getting a job in their home cities, they are appearing on assembly lines and furnaces, mingled with the older workers, some with long hair and beards, some without beards and with short hair. Their young faces harden on first contact with the dirt, noise, smells and danger of the mills and factories.

But the big thing is that they are meeting millions of other young workers who feel almost the same way they do.

## Big explosion coming

Of the 740,000 assembly line workers at General Motors, Ford and Chrysler, one out of three is under 30 years old. In the sprawling steel industry of 1,200,000 workers, the impact of the young is so strong that the United Steelworkers Union called a national conference in Pittsburgh this spring to appraise their militant and restless mood. There, Manuel Fernandez, staff representative of USW District 32, East Chicago, said of a series of wildcats led by young workers over the manner in which a foreman had treated a worker:

"The older generation would have filed a grievance. The young people have no faith in that. They want it settled right away. There's a big explosion coming in the industrial unions. And the young people are going to come out on top."

So explosive is this issue, that John Roche, chairman of the board of General Motors, told his stockholders last December: "The young workers reject responsibility...and fail to respect the essential discipline and authority. We have a right...to more than we have been receiving (the owners, that is!).... We must receive a fair day's work for which we pay a fair day's wage." (Roche received as a fair day's wage in 1969, \$3,038 a day, not to mention bonus, stocks and dividends.)

## "Contract" to be a slave

Young auto workers are challenging such expressions of management's right to dictate conditions of life in the plants that exist to fatten the profits of the already fat maggots. On a lunch break in the GM plant in Tonawanda, New York, Black workers grumbled as they discussed a section of the 1967 contract that states, "The company retains the sole right to maintain order and efficiency in its plant and operations; to hire, lay off, assign, transfer and promote employees, and to determine the starting and quitting time and the hours worked."

As one Vietnam vet Black worker in this caucus stated, "The Brothers are fed up with this. The company has all the rights. We're gonna make some real changes by ourselves right here on the floor."

This contract section on the "sole rights of management" and its implementation makes the rank and file feel like they're in some kind of eight-hour production prison with no rights except to file grievances that get yellow and brittle in the file cabinets of the company and the union. It's the same in almost all the plants. Management orders heavier workloads, line speed-ups, and overtime schedules that grind the men down.

## Mind-blowing speed-up

In Lordstown, Ohio, General Motors is presently building a new production for its Vega-2300. They plan to have the men make 100 cars in one hour, nearly doubling the quota of older plants. This new operation will surpass even the backbreaking, mind-blowing quota of 91 cars an hour at the Oldsmobile plant in Lansing, Michigan. One long-haired white

When supervisors hand out more reprimands, more time off (disciplinary suspension without pay) and firings, young workers answer with attacks of their own. No longer are they just filing grievances for redress. Wildcat strikes are more frequent as they drop their tools and gloves and walk off the jobs when one of their brothers has been penalized. These spontaneous walk-offs are lasting two and three days, rather than the remainder of the shift as was common a few years ago.

Last month in East Chicago, in a brick manufacturing plant, a foreman disciplined a worker for carelessness in operating a truck. The foreman handed him his timecard and told him to get out: "Don't come to work until we call you." This incident sparked a wildcat led by young workers that lasted three days.

Wildcats are not only longer these days; they're better organized, too. Picket lines are being set up at plant gates and men rap with the guys on the other shifts in order to keep them going. Only a few years ago, nobody would think of setting up a picket line for a wildcat, because the company and the union



These young workers carry Bell Telephone's flag, but they fight the bosses anyway.

worker in this plant commented at wash-up time after the 3:30 p.m. shift:

"I attach brake lines to junction blocks 348 times in each eight-hour shift, performing the operation every 70 seconds. Now they want more. They are out of their minds if they think they can get any more out of a man. It's their goddamn speed-up, that's mind-blowing—never mind the drugs."

A 22-year-old steelworker at the Bethlehem Steel plant in Johnstown, Penna. said that he and his buddies are refusing to do hazardous dirty jobs in the plant, such as sealing the coke ovens. "You wear two or three shirts a day, it's so hot. There's a lot of gas, smoke, dirt. We just tell the foreman No." (In steel, the older men have always tended to be militant on really hot jobs. But now the younger ones are going way beyond them.)

## Wildcats are longer

Young workers are rejecting management's terms and conditions. They are resisting the arrogance of supervisors and foremen who push them around.

bureaucrats would pick you off.

## "We'll kick it out of you!"

The young workers are giving foremen a hard way to go when they are cursed and threatened into doing more work. Foremen and lead-men have been reporting that they are getting threats from young workers that "You're going to get the shit kicked out of you when we get you off the job."

Another aggressive reaction to the miserable conditions in the plants is the high rate of absenteeism, which has doubled and trebled in the last five years. So effective is this passive form of struggle (young workers call in sick, or remain out for "personal reasons") that it is actually screwing up production in many places. At the Chevrolet assembly plant in Baltimore, when 200 employees took off a Friday 3:30 to midnight shift, management ordered the plant shut down after four hours of the shift and 2,700 men who were on the job lost four hours pay. These men, both young and old, hit back the next week when dozens of them cancelled their savings bonds and Community Chest deductions, projects that man-

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# WORKERS TRASH, WILDCAT FOR A BLACK STEWARD

By a brother in Local 10

The story I am about to tell gives a little glimpse into the kind of struggle the workers are waging against IT&T (International Telephone & Telegraph Co.) and the lousy kind of support those same workers are getting from the CWA (Communications Workers of America), the union that is supposed to represent them.

On Friday, July 3, a clerical worker in a New York shop of IT&T, received a letter from the company telling him he was laid off in accordance with the "redundancy" clause in the contract. His job had been eliminated. (This is just one of the many fink clauses one finds throughout CWA contracts.) The following Monday (July 6) the company asked one of the technicians to do this so-called "eliminated" job. Naturally the technician refused. The company let it go.

This was repeated every day with the same result. The worker who was asked to do the fink job would tell the boss to re-hire the worker who had been laid off and refused to touch it himself.

Friday afternoon they asked a Black steward, Larry Wallace, to do the job. When he refused, the company suspended him.

Larry went to the operating floor and started to explain to the workers and stewards what had happened to him.

One of the V.P.'s came out of his office, went over to Larry and said, "George, you were suspended, leave the floor."

Larry said, "Listen, you racist pig, you call me George Wallace once more and I'll kick your ass."

The V.P. left the scene and sent a super over to inform Larry that he was fired for insubordination towards a company officer.

At that the word spread throughout the plant and every sister and brother walked out and formed a picket line.

So far, what I have just outlined was a just, principled struggle, where from every point of view the company was wrong and the workers were right.

Late Friday evening Mort Bahr (a CWA official who won't go to union meetings without two bodyguards) came down to the picket line, jumped up on the roof of a car and tried to talk the workers into going back.

They trashed him. They pulled him down off the car, threw bottles at him and ripped his \$300 suit. He finally had to take refuge in the company building.

On Monday morning the RCA workers, who work right across the street from IT&T and who are in a different union—Teamsters Local 10—but do the identical same work, looked out of the window of their shop onto a huge picket line.

During the morning a couple of their stewards organized some lunch-hour support for the IT&T line. They man-

aged to get about 25 brothers and sisters to give up their lunch hour and march in support of the striking workers.

The picket line was terrific. Old and young, Black and white, men and women marched together in total unity.

At the stormy union meeting which followed (where Bahr didn't even dare show his face) the union officials used the scare tactic of a federal injunction and the promise of immediate arbitration on Larry Wallace's case to force through a back-to-work vote. Even so, the return to work won by a very slim majority.

The rank-and-file leaders, not willing to rely on the officials of the union to defend Larry Wallace, are working hard on it themselves. They have been offered support and technical assistance by rank-and-file members of Teamsters Local 10, the same rank and file who supported their picket line.



Cartoon from Labor Today

## —Young workers rebel

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agement puts tremendous pressure on the men to participate in.

General Motors is trying to solve it by rewarding regular attendance. They are giving green stamps and initialed drinking glasses. At least one foreman remarked dolefully: "If these bastards won't come in for their \$30 a day, they're damn sure not coming in for green stamps."

### Screw-up sabotage

Workers have found imaginative ways to screw-up the lines. Because of the tremendous speed of assembly-line production, worker discontent has reached such a degree that there has been overt sabotage. Screws have been left in brake drums, tool-handles welded into fender compartments (resulting in unfathomable and irreparable rattles), paint scratched and upholstery cut. These glistening new automobiles are causing grievous damage to company reputations and warranties, as angry buyers rage over the flaws in their high-priced purchase.

Foremen try to sharpen the differences between the older workers and the young. They commiserate with those who resent the young workers because they're too cocky and quick to bitch and act about conditions on the line. "You should have been here twenty years ago," they tell the kids.

But many of the older workers secretly and openly admire their willingness to fight when the

supervisor pushes the youth around.

### "We just yelled"

During a bull session at the Ford Stamping Plant outside Buffalo, following a fight with a foreman over a speed-up order, an older worker was reminiscing about a similar experience in the fifties:

"One lousy steaming day in the summer years ago, I remember speed-up was so bad and no one wanted to bitch out the foreman or drop our gloves and walk out. I couldn't stand it any longer. I just had to blow my stack. I began to yell and yell and you know, before long a bunch of the guys picked it up and everybody in the place was yelling. I guess we yelled for around five minutes until the company shut down the whole conveyor belt and we got human again. It sort of helped to relieve the pressure, but you young guys, you do your yelling at the foreman and I like that better."

### "8 hours in hell is enough"

The young workers we are talking about aren't concerned with buying a \$20,000 home and a new car or boat. This is a sort of liberation in itself and tends to impart a certain boldness and incorruptibility. Many are contemptuous of overtime.

In the Ford Mahwah, New Jersey plant a recent dispute on forced overtime caused a worker to belittle at his section foreman: "Eight hours a day is enough in this hell-hole, and damn it, you get back the most of it in taxes anyway."

This is practically revolutionary compared with workers who used to fight to get overtime more than anything else.

As young workers fight back with fearlessness, imagination and militant tactics, casualties run high. In the auto industry, last year alone, over 100,000 men had quit, been laid off or fired, many of them for disciplinary reasons. In the steel industry, a recent survey showed that the 1.2 million-member union has a turnover of 187,000 workers each year.

### "We won't take it!"

The younger rank-and-file workers are warning their union officials and stewards and committeemen on the plant floor that these disciplinary acts by management and the conditions of work will not be tolerated for long. They expect the union to fight their grievances on the spot and back them up when they fight supervision. Young workers resent the fact that they don't have a voice in union affairs. They are suspicious of the close ties they see between union officials and management.

They resent attacks like that of I.W. Abel, USW President, at the Pittsburgh conference mentioned previously: "...young workers don't appreciate what the union has built....They don't go through the rough times." Neither did most of the fat cats in the union leadership that are today licking cream off their whiskers—that are now on a first-name, golf-date basis with their management counterparts—many of whom never worked in the industries whose unions they now mislead.

These young workers have had rough times of their own, and they are living their lives in the traditions of those workers and revolutionaries who starved on picket lines, sat-in, fought cops and scabs and finks, and whose power wrested union recognition from the grasp of the tycoons.



**Buildings belong to the people!**

# Squatters movement spreading like wildfire

By EMILY TARASOV

New York -- The demolition of the building at 233 West 15th Street was to have begun on July 20. But on July 18, four families of "squatters" -- over 50 people -- occupied the building. This building is structurally sound and in far better condition than the former homes of the self-styled squatters and the slums that millions of other New Yorkers are forced to live in.

The building, like so many others, is being torn down or renovated because the landlord wants to build luxury housing in its place and collect triple and quadruple the rent!

The squatters movement is the people's answer to this displacement of the poor known as Urban Renewal. The people in the community support the squatters, for they know that Urban Renewal is a fraud and an attempt to destroy the Black and Puerto Rican neighborhoods.

## Community guards the squatters

About 25 supporters of the 15th Street squatters spent the night of July 19 on the stoop and sidewalk in front of the building, their home for the last two days. The police bust was expected and everyone got up early, folding their cardboard beds or sweeping the sidewalks and stoop. At about 6 a.m. more than 50 cops moved into the building decked with the Puerto Rican flag and arrested the people (including 19 children). As they marched out, (leaving some cops injured!) with clenched fists raised high, they chanted:

"Despierta Boricua, Defiende lo Tuyo!" (Arise Puerto Ricans! Defend What's Yours!)

"Power to the People."

## Landlord spit on

Then someone pointed out Leon Nagin, the landlord, and his son, who

were watching the evictions with the self-satisfaction of lords of a manor. One of the supporters spit in Nagin's face -- the chase was on as Nagin and his son ran like scared chickens for a number of blocks until someone caught up with Nagin, Jr. and punched him in the face.

After the arrests, the supporters sat-in all afternoon at the office of Albert Walsh, Housing and Development Administrator. Finally Walsh promised that the city would negotiate with Nagin. But when they returned to 15th Street, they found that despite Walsh's promises, the demolition had already begun! A demonstration was called for the next day in front of Nagin's plush, pedicured house at 425 Beach 146th Street, Far Rockaway. "The house was big enough for all of us to sleep in," said one of the 40 demonstrators. When they arrived with the Puerto Rican flag, Nagin's fascist son hung an American flag on the garage.

The demolition was halted, but demonstrations went on all last week as the community rallied to the squatters' support.

## Over 350 squatters

The squatters movement is spreading like wild-fire. On July 25 there were over 350 squatters in New York City. In the largest occupation yet, more than 150 people seized two buildings at 112th Street and Amsterdam Avenue on July 25. The landlord is the church, St. John the Divine. The pastor of the church said he "sympathized" with the squatters but



Women and children under arrest at West 15 Street

## BIGGEST RENT STRIKE

July 26 -- Jesse Gray, Chairman of the Harlem Tenants Union, promises the City of New York the biggest rent strike in its history. "Mayor Lindsay and his slumlords will find out August 1, 1970 that the tenants of the City of New York will not pay this rent increase," Mr. Gray continued, "Harlem tenants will get nothing for their money. They didn't have services and repairs before, all previous increases did not bring services and repairs and there is

nothing in the new law to force services now. Building after building and block after block have been organizing for August 1, 1970. Banners will be flown from those buildings on strike. We promise Mayor Lindsay the hottest time of his political career on this question. We are in contact with all the various housing organizations in the city and they are ready. Monday night, July 27, 1970, at 225 West 116th Street, we will map out our final strategy."

all he could do was offer them "his prayers." But the people aren't settling for pie in the sky anymore.

In what can only be a clear-cut victory for the squatters, on July 20 Mayor Lindsay was forced to call for a "halt to eviction by landlords who want to demolish or renovate structurally sound, rent-controlled buildings." This affects 883 families whose landlords have already applied to the Department of Rent and Housing for eviction certificates.

The people's own action did this. The occupation of the buildings, like the workers' seizure of the plants in a revolution, has sent the cold chills of expropriation down the backs of the landlords -- and not just the landlords. The cry of "seize the buildings" can easily grow louder and become "seize the town!"

## A mother tells it like it is in Brooklyn

As a mother of three children, I have been struggling for many years for decent housing for my family. I have battled with the landlord from the door of my apartment to the inside of the courtrooms of his friends, the judges and lawyers. We have lived constantly with roaches and other vermin; no heat; no hot water; a boiler about to explode at any moment; peeling ceilings and cracked walls; windows that don't shut, fixtures that don't work, and oh! now the latest thing, the electricity is so poor that the toaster won't even work and a fire could break out at any time.

We've appealed to the city whose response was inspections by inspectors that never showed; we've appealed to the courts whose answer was "Well, the landlord's a naughty man, but you must pay the rent and then maybe he'll fix things up for you."

It makes me good and mad to see how quickly the city acted with their "emergency law" to take care of their dear old ladies and their pet poodles on the upper East side. (During the recent strike of building service employees in New York City, Mayor Lindsay declared 17 buildings as health hazards, and ordered employees to maintain them at the city's expense. These buildings are on Park Avenue, Riverside Drive and in the East 70's.)

What about us who have been living in hazardous and dangerous conditions ever since I can remember? Where's that "emergency law" when we turn up in court? It seems to me that like all the other laws on the book, they were written for the benefit of the rich and somehow very conveniently forgotten when the poor turn up for some of that "justice."

-- A Brooklyn tenant

# Slumlords' secret meeting

By a spy for the tenants

"Will the gentlemen of the press please leave the room now?" The chairman's voice had a nasty edge to it, and finally the press was gone -- except, that is, for me. It was by special invitation that I was attending this closed meeting of the Metropolitan Fair Rent Committee, the organization of landlords that had forced a strike on New York City's building employees in hopes of winning a rent increase even bigger than the one just passed by the City Council. Little did they suspect my real purpose in being there!

About 400 landlords were gathered in the Windsor Ballroom of the Commodore Hotel to vote on accepting the new

union contract. Midway through the meeting, Edward Sulzberger, president of the Fair Rent Committee and one of the biggest real estate investors in the city, described the "administrative" concessions won by the landlords from Lindsay. Perhaps the most significant of these was the decontrol of owner-occupied houses having six or less apartments, which Sulzberger hailed as "the beginning of decontrol." He went on to reveal other concessions that were "the result of tremendous pressures put on the City Council and the Administration":

— Landlords will get their rent increases no later than four months after filing for them, even if the City hasn't reviewed the cost data

upon which they are supposed to be based.

— If a landlord has complaints of building code violations outstanding against him, he has only to personally certify that they have been fixed in order to collect the rent increases granted him under the new law.

— Procedures will be changed so as to make it easier for a landlord to evict a tenant accused of being "destructive."

But despite these concessions, it was clear that both the big investors on the steering committee and the small landlords in the audience considered the outcome of their negotiations with

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# Festival of the pigs

Radicals who preach the doctrine of social transformation in the United States by peaceful, gradual methods within the framework of bourgeois legality and parliamentarism would do well to check out the proceedings of the International Conference of Police Associations held in Montreal this month.

A top official threatened before this unholy convocation of pigs from the United States and Canada that the cops were going to deliver "on-the-street justice" to Black people and anyone else who fights back against police repression because "the judiciary is shirking its responsibility by passing out ridiculously soft sentences."

The hired guns of the ruling class

"are not going to stand back and watch these people throw firebombs, rocks, and bottles and just apprehend them. It all boils down to meeting force with complete and superior force," foamed Det. Sgt. John Hefferman, ICPA vice president and head of the New Jersey State Police Benevolent Association. The ICPA has 125,000 members and Hefferman is running for president.

This pig delegate was truly representing his sadistically racist and fascist constituency in the precinct house and the police barracks when he roared about "too much due process of law," "cobwebs on the electric chair" and "judges and juries listening to bleeding hearts." He demanded the automatic

"extermination" of anyone convicted of killing a pig.

The Black Panther Party came in for the hardest attacks by this uniformed thug but he declared that the cops are ready to move on "any persons or groups whether on the campus or anywhere else."

Such an orgy of unrestrained attacks upon the most elementary processes of bourgeois legality was of course ecstatically received by this congress of murderers who yearn in their fascist hearts to make precinct-house law the law of the land.

But just as important as the meeting itself is the attitude of the ruling class towards it. The significant point for the development of strategy and tactics in the struggle against war and racism is that this festival of reaction took place without so much as even the mildest verbal rebuke from the ruling class!

The cops are the "armed body of men" who enforce the class domination of the capitalists over the workers and the oppressed people at home. The cops are hired and paid by the ruling class (with the people's money!). They are supervised by representatives of the capitalists and they are wholly dependent for social support upon favorable publicity from the propaganda mills of big business. In every way the cops exist merely as the armed guards over private property from the vaults of the

billionaire banker to the rat-ridden fire trap of the tiniest slumlords.

Revolutionaries Black and white who are carrying out the struggle against the wars of the bankers and the greed of the slumlords are thrown in jail and framed up as "conspirators" against society. Hysterical headlines and front page stories in the capitalist media repeat and magnify every police lie in order to railroad progressives to jail.

On the other hand the police, organized by the right wing of the ruling class on a nation-wide scale, call a conference to openly conspire against the most basic precepts of bourgeois constitutional law from the right—to abolish "due process of law," to give the oppressed people "justice-in-the-streets," to not "merely apprehend" the rebellious poor but to execute them on the spot—and the ruling class accepts or tolerates it!

No screaming headlines, no front page stories for this conspiracy to establish barbarism. Instead of dismantling the growing fascist conspiracy of counterrevolutionaries who are already armed to the teeth, who have already murdered thousands of Black people and who are now beginning to murder their white supporters, the bosses at best confine themselves to mild verbal chastisement while egging these pigs on with more money, more weapons and more favorable publicity.

## Lynch trial in New Haven

(Where was  
Kingman Brewster?)

Each day in New Haven, some fifty people queue up in front of the courtroom where Black Panther Lonnie McLucas is being tried for murder. The court holds only twenty-five—just one more frustrating obstacle thrown up by the authorities in their frame-up attempt. Yet the support of the New Haven Nine continues to build.

On the opening day of the trial, July 14th (Bastille Day), a three-car caravan from New York Youth Against War & Fascism joined other movement activists in New Haven to show our contempt for this judicial attempt to murder Black militants.

Armed with banners, signs and literature for the Liberation School, we met other YAWF comrades who had arrived earlier to help the New Haven Defense Committee, the Liberation School Collective and the Ithaca Collective, all groups actively involved in organizing picket lines and rallies to support the Panthers.

Some 300 people were there to hear Joan Bird and Afeni Shakur (two of the New York Panther 21 released on \$100,000 bail each), Big Man, editor of the Black Panther newspaper, and Ray Masai Hewitt, Minister of Education. Sister Shakur came out of the courtroom to address the rally. She told the crowd that Lonnie McLucas' spirit was high, but that the trial was nothing but a farce in "that closet" of a courtroom.

McLucas and other Black Panthers, including Chairman Bobby Seale, are charged with the murder of Alex Rackley, an "informer" according to the police, but really a member in good standing murdered by the pigs. The ruling class is trying to push this first trial through in such a way that there will be the least possible



LONNIE MCLUCAS

response from the people.

The farce is being held in the summer when the schools are out, and supporting demonstrations, like the May 1st action when 10,000 people came to show their support of the accused, would be hard to duplicate. If Lonnie McLucas can be railroaded to the death chamber, convictions on the others will be easier to get.

However, a growing number of militants are sensing the urgent importance of this trial, and New Haven has become a permanent center of revolutionary activity.

Besides picketing the courtroom during both the morning and afternoon sessions, we attended classes in the

Liberation School on such subjects as Marxist economics and the Middle East.

The New Haven trials are shaping up as a real test of the power of the people vs. the racist U.S. ruling class. All aid must be given to the New Haven Nine so that the enemy's plans to send these Black liberation fighters to the electric chair will instead explode into another Bastille Day and the racist rulers and their prisons will be torn down.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

FREE LONNIE MCLUCAS AND THE NEW HAVEN 9!

## Please help poor families who bailed out Black victims!

In the early dawn of June 21, 1967, police invaded the homes of 17 members of the Jamaica Rifle and Pistol Club and arrested them all on charges of conspiracy to commit criminal anarchy, arson, possession of dangerous weapons. Two of the 17, Arthur Harris and Herman Ferguson, were also charged with conspiracy to assassinate "moderate civil rights leaders."

In a trial typical of those given to all Black people forced to face this racist "judicial" system, Ferguson and Harris were convicted and sentenced to 3-1/2 to 7 years, all on the evidence of an agent-informer. Naturally, the series of appeals brought no justice, and a warrant for their arrest was is-

sued on June 30, 1970.

The brothers owed The Man no time and saw fit not to surrender themselves. Because of this, their \$40,000 bail was forfeited. The homes and life's savings pledged as security for their bond are now threatened. The homes are those of working people (poor people). One is the home of seven children, another of six, and another of four.

Since no one should suffer when acts such as these become necessary, a defense committee has set about the difficult task of raising the bail to prevent the loss of homes and property. Any donations, no matter how large or small, can be sent to the National Defense Fund for Herman Ferguson and Arthur Harris, P.O. Box 821, Jamaica, New York, 11431.

# FREE THE



# PANTHER 21

# An interview with the Young Lords Party

Interview by TOM SOTO

Are the Young Lords next on the CIA's assassination list? It looks that way. The Young Lords Party has received information from its contacts on the street that the Underworld has let a \$20,000 contract to murder Felipe Luciano and other central committee members.

At a news conference held on Friday, July 24, Felipe (East Coast Regional Chairman) and Pablo "Yoruba" Guzman (Minister of Information) gave the following account:

"We found out a few days ago that the Underworld has offered \$20,000 for the murder of our chairman and other central committee members.

"The reason the Underworld is making this concerted attempt to destroy the Young Lords Party is twofold—(1) The Young Lords Party has a very strong position on drug traffic and has lead an anti-dope campaign in the community—and (2) The commercial failure of the recent Randall's Island pop festival."

Q. Would you explain these points further?

A. Drugs are being pushed upon our youth, Black, White, Puerto Rican, Asian and Indian in order to keep these brothers from achieving their revolutionary potential. The best way to destroy a warrior is to shoot him up with dope. These drugs are brought into our community by so-called 'straight people'. We know that the small-time pushers on the streets, whom the police try to blame, are not really the ones; the real exploiters are the big-time Underworld contacts who bring in these drugs from overseas."

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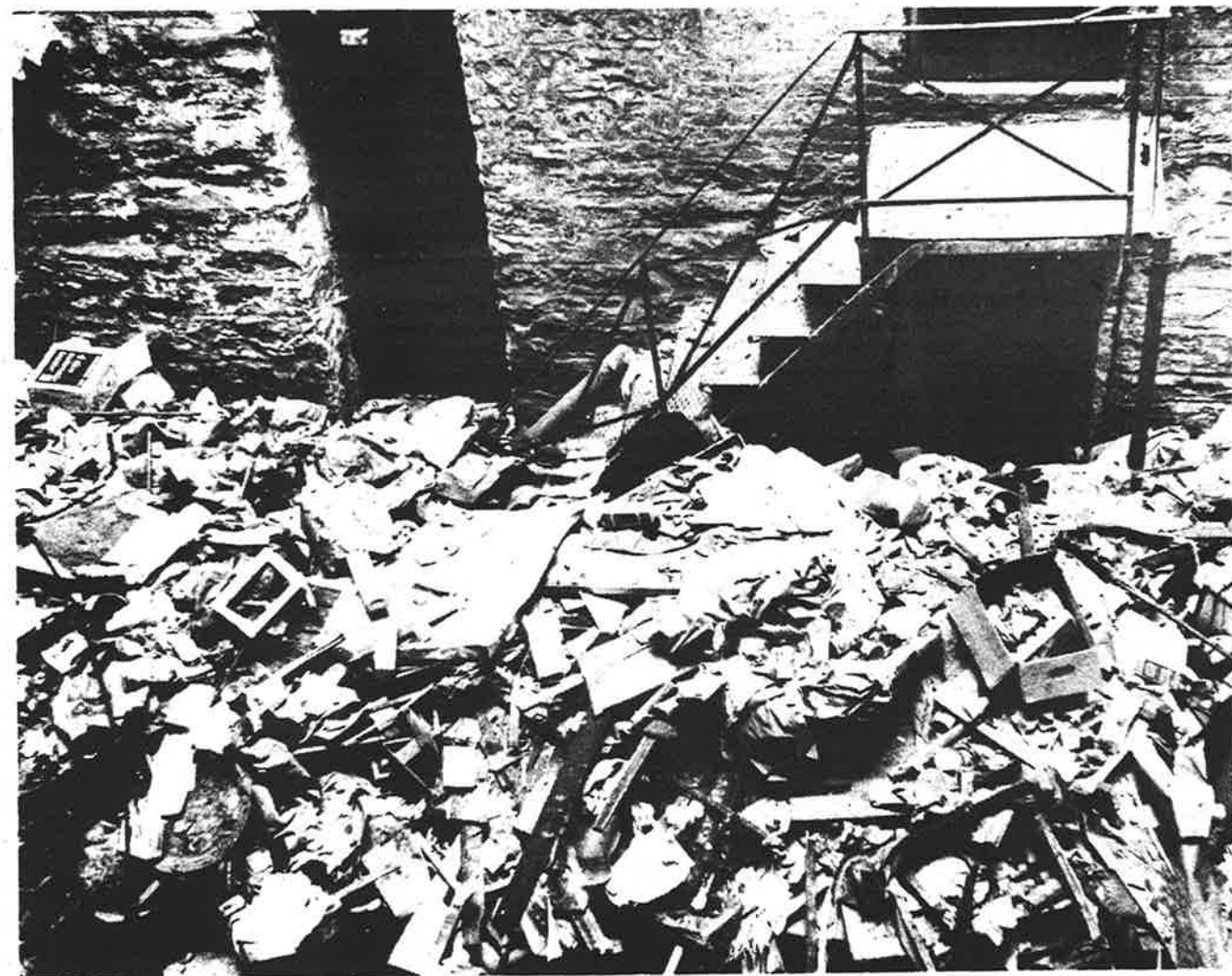
We also would like to clarify certain points on this matter. There is a tendency now in this country to associate the Mafia or Underworld with Italian-Americans, but anyone who lives on the streets knows that the Mafia or Underworld is comprised of Blacks, Puerto Ricans, Cubans, Jews, Greeks, Italians and many others. It is a multi ethnic underground society.

We know that the best way to work in a community is with the natives inside. It would be ridiculous for someone big to come in here. They have their own stooges and puppets that they use to bring dope into Harlem and into East Harlem. Also, let us not forget that the Underworld is connected to 'straight society'. It is known that the Underworld is tied in with politicians as well as officials of the Police Department.

**Parasites wanted their cut**

Next, let us make the relationship between the Randall's Island pop festival and the Young Lords perfectly clear. The fact is that Randall's Island is a Puerto Rican gathering place, and part of the land of El Barrio. On this basis we approached the promoters and asked that some of the money from the Pop Festival come back to the community in terms of service programs. We entered into negotiations

*The photographs on these pages were taken in East Harlem and the South Bronx*



in front of a house people live in--South Bronx, N.Y.C.

Photo/Carlos Velez



## ALBIZU CAMPOS and the PONCE MASSACRE

By *Juan Antonio Corretjer*

A chapter in the history of the Puerto Rican liberation struggle by the comrade-in-arms of Albizu Campos.

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rather late and therefore had little or nothing to do with actual promotions.

As it turned out, the festival failed commercially and Brave New World Productions tried to pass the buck for its own irresponsibility claiming that the Young Lords Party had sabotaged the festival. The reason they did this is because Brave New World Productions is backed by Underworld elements which expected a substantial cut.

What we are saying is that Brave New World Productions told their Underworld backers that due to the pressure of the Young Lords Party they lost their money, when actually it was because Brave New World Productions didn't know how to promote the festival that they lost their money.

Q. Do you know where and when the attempt on your lives will take place and will these threats slow down your activities?

A. It's hard to say exactly where it will take place, the actual hit could come anywhere. It could even come to us out of Newark. Insofar as our activities are concerned, they will be accelerated.

We're going to continue with our TB, anemia, preventive health programs, community political education classes, and our free clothing drives. These things will be accelerated so that our people will know much more that the Young Lords Party is part of them and we are part of our people.

The only defense is our people. That is, publicizing it and doing even more work so that the Puerto Rican community is much more aware of what the Young Lords Party is about. We want to make it clear that killing us is not going to destroy the Puerto Rican Liberation struggle. We're not afraid of death because death is not real, you don't go through death, it just happens and that's it, one returns to the earth. And as our brother Fred Hampton has stated 'you can kill revolutionaries but you're not going to kill the revolution; you can kill a man but you can't kill his ideas.

Q. With that thought in mind, what kind of hope do you have for the future of this country?



Scene on PARK AVENUE (between 110 and 111 streets).

Photo/Ronald Pristin

A. Well we've always said it, that there is no hope for this country under the present economic system, which is capitalism. That is, where a group of rich millionaires and corporations exploit the masses of the people, by controlling all the property. We see much more hope under Socialism where all property belongs to the people.

We don't think however, that the Fords and Rockefeller families and other corporation magnates are going to give up their power; we think it's going to be the strength of the people that's going to rip off power. That is, beginning to take what is theirs naturally.

Q. Is there any connection between what is happening here and what is happening out in Newark with Mr. Imperiale?

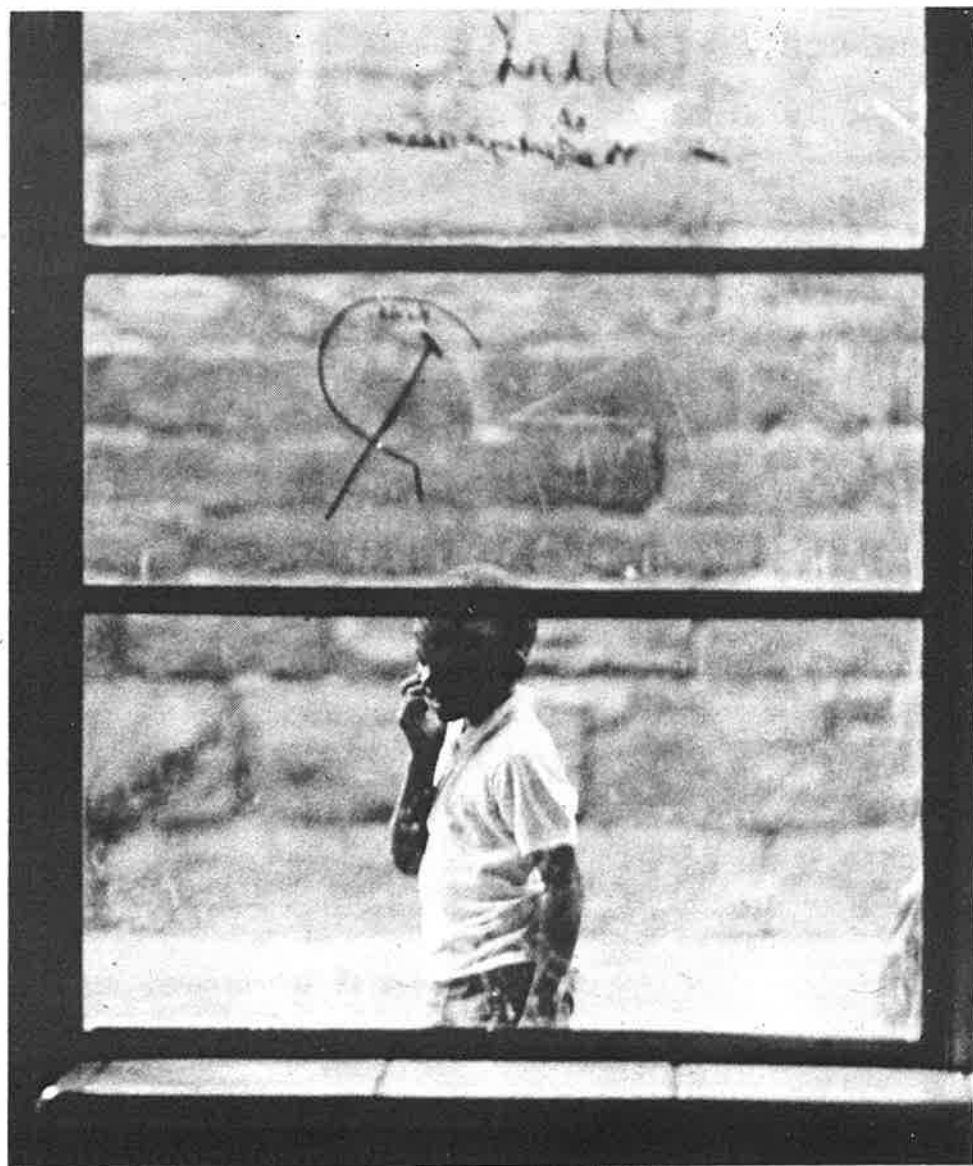
A. Yes. We see it as part of the same effort to destroy the Young Lords Party. In Newark, Imperiale is calling for a race war against Black and Puerto Rican people. Ever since he lost in the race for mayor, Imperiale has been trying to mobilize

white racist elements in Newark to destroy the Black and Puerto Rican Liberation struggles there.

He has openly admitted to being a racist and has attempted to import known murderers like George Wallace and the John Birch Society to consolidate his power base.

At the same time that Imperiale is doing his thing the police last Sunday openly attacked a Young Lords contingent in the Puerto Rican Day Parade. Several Lords and many marchers and bystanders were beaten. All this while a Black Mayor idly stood by and did nothing.

We must remember that we are defending ourselves from a segment of the population, which is not just the Underworld. It's not just the crimes and rackets. Political reactionaries as well as gangsters oppose the interests of Blacks, Puerto Ricans and poor whites. The targets of repression will be those people in the service of liberation. We are not shocked or intimidated by the attempts to destroy the Young Lords Party as these attacks have been preceded by the attacks on the Black Panther Party. As revolutionaries we expect reprisals and expect to give them back.



## Nixon and the Indians

# Trinkets for a trillion

By ELLEN PIERCE

The U.S. government has suddenly begun to show great "concern" for the American Indians. Last month, two bills were passed in Washington allotting \$1.5 billion for various projects involving Indians.

Could it be that the perpetrators of genocide against the Indians have finally realized that they were, and are, guilty of terrible crimes against the original inhabitants of this continent? Or are the new promises being made by the President and Congress just a re-run of the old land-grabbing "treaties" in a more modern form?

What is really taking place is Act II of the plot to give a trillion dollars worth of Alaskan oil to a handful of U.S. billionaires and defraud the Indians, particularly those in Alaska, of their birthright! Act I was the placing of former Governor Hickel of Alaska in the vital job of Secretary of the Interior with vast power over the riches of the whole continent, including, of course, Alaska. Robert O. Anderson, president of Atlantic Richfield Oil, was Hickel's sponsor for the job of Secretary. And Atlantic Richfield (already into Alaska and into Hickel) was the company that made the fabulous strike on the Arctic Slope. (The Rockefeller's Standard Oil is in on it too, of course.)

On July 8, Nixon delivered a message to Congress calling for more just treatment for Indians. He made specific recommendations relating to the Indians' "economic development" and "self-determination," and he endorsed a resolution that would return several thousand acres to the Taos Pueblo tribe in New Mexico. He even had his picture taken with several tribe members.

### Behind Nixon's offers

The land involved was supposed to have been returned years ago, but this action was blocked by New Mexico's Senator on the Interior Committee.

Behind Nixon's talk of raising the living standards and education of Indians and setting up a five-man committee with two Indians are the clauses calling for \$200 million for privately financed economic projects on Indian land and allowing "private developers" to lease tribal lands for up to 99 years instead of the five- to ten-year limit now permitted.

And a week later, one billion dollars and ten million acres were voted for the Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts of Alaska as settlement of a century-old claim.

This settlement may sound generous, but that billion dollars is a tiny fraction of the great profits several oil companies stand to rake in from the North Slope (and only half of it will come out of those profits—the other half out of the public treasury) and the ten million acres comes to less than three per cent of Alaska's territory.

The Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts comprise over 20 per cent of Alaska's present population. And even under U.S. occupation, they have up to now roamed at will over the bulk of the land for their hunting and fishing.

Furthermore, these 55,000 Alaskan natives will have only surface rights on much of the congressionally "granted" land. If more oil is found, it will not be theirs.

### A new Manhattan deal

In effect, the government's generosity in "giving" this land is only its way of ensuring that the oil companies can make their new killings while hoping that the Indians will be placated with what amounts to a reservation and the 1970 equivalent of the purchase of Manhattan Island.

In "giving" this land, the government is taking away the real birthright of the Indians—and above all, covering up the plunder of the Arctic Slope, which even according to present law, is largely theirs.

The Indians, like oppressed people all over the United States and the world, are opening up new struggles against their oppressors.

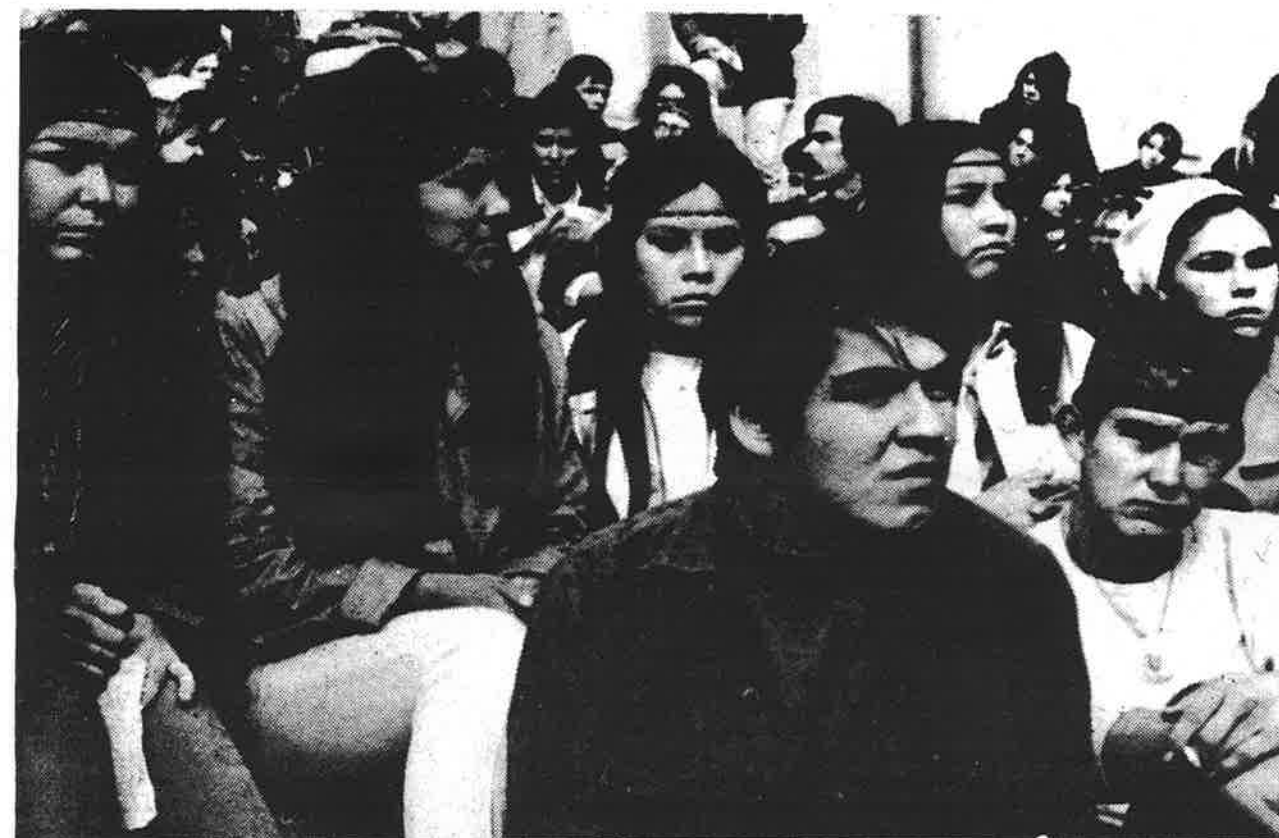
The occupation of Alcatraz, the battles over fishing rights in the Northwest and the attempted seizure of abandoned government property are some of the recent actions taken by the decimated Indian nations to regain part of their plundered lands and rights.

Nixon had to respond to this militancy. But he used his response to cover up the fraud in New Mexico and the gigantic swindle of the Indians of Alaska.

In preparing the legislation on Alaska, the Senate Interior Committee originally voted for an amendment which would provide for competitive bidding for oil and mineral leases on federal lands. But, "under pressure from oil companies and speculators," reported the New York Times on July 16, competitive bidding was rejected. This meant that companies could get leases for oil and mineral exploration under the 1920 Mineral Leasing Act by paying a \$10 filing fee and 50 cents an acre annual rent—an incredible giveaway. (For various reasons, most of the Indians will find it very difficult to do this.)

Although competitive bidding was later restored to the legislation—the "competition" will just be among a handful of giant corporations anyway—it seems that the oil companies are well represented on the powerful Interior Committee.

Interior Secretary Hickel's statements against pollution are the grossest hypocrisy, since he is an architect of perhaps the biggest pollution-for-profit scheme in history—the oil pipeline across Alaska. Not only will this pipeline heat up the earth's temperature locally and interfere with reindeer and other wild life, further impoverishing the Indians, it could change the ecology of the entire Arctic and the whole planet, in completely unexpected ways, bringing new miseries to the masses.



Militant Indian youth demonstrate for fishing rights in the Northwest.

## Black workers suspended for wearing flag of Black nation

### Concerned Black Brothers fight back against United Parcel racism

### Teamster workers shut down plant

BY DAVE AXEL

NEW YORK, July 27—Twenty Black workers were suspended by United Parcel Service today for refusing to remove a button from their shirts symbolizing Black Liberation. Although the company allows the red, white and blue flag of the white, imperialist nation to be worn by its workers, it demanded last week that Black workers stop wearing the red, black and green representing the flag of the oppressed Black nation. Before the suspensions took place a leaflet had been issued and circulated by "Concerned Black Brothers" protesting this demand by the company and exposing the racist double standard and illegal nature of the company's attempt to impose such a rule. The leaflet stated, in part:

"Last week a number of brothers were approached by management representatives at the United Parcel Service plant of 43rd Street and 12th Avenue, concerning their wearing of the Black Liberation buttons on their shirts. They were told that they would have to remove them and never wear them again when on the job. This con-

stitutes a show of bad faith on the part of the UPS and comes as a shock to many of the people who are employed at the plant, because there is no written or said policy concerning wearing our brown shirts, neither written or contractual. It also raises three very important questions that must be answered.

1) If there are no written policies concerning what may be done with the shirts, how can management force brothers to remove anything that may appear on their shirts?

2) Because we pay for the shirts ourselves, they become private property and belong to us....

3) There is a double standard working in managerial decisions which had to be corrected. A number of workers can be seen displaying on the collars of their shirts the tri-colors of this country and sporting them proudly. Have they been approached by management to remove them? If so why are they still wearing them?"...

When the suspended drivers demanded to know why the company did not ask workers to take off U.S. flag buttons, the managers said, "First you

are an American." After 72 hours the company will continue its attempt to fire the suspended 20 by bringing them before the district manager. The workers are determined to continue the struggle against this harassment. They are members of Local 804 of the Teamsters Union and are asking all union brothers, Black and white, to support them.

All workers and progressives must support the Black brothers at UPS against this attack by this well-known to be racist and anti-labor company. This attack by UPS must be understood as not only an attack on the most elementary democratic right of free speech and the right of workers to openly express a different political point of view from the company, but it is also part of the big-business ruling class attack on the right of Black people to self-determination.

NEW YORK, July 28—This morning the suspended Black drivers handed out Black liberation buttons outside of the

plant at 43rd Street. All the workers took the buttons (Black and white), put them on and went into the plant. The company quickly called an emergency meeting.

The district manager Jim Horan told the workers that they all had to take off the buttons before they would be allowed to work. He tried to turn Black workers against white workers by saying that the only reason the Black workers were giving out the liberation buttons was because there were white workers that wore the American flag pins.

The Union representative said that all workers would stay out 'til the buttons could be worn. The workers then went home. The company asked for government arbitration and got a stooge who was vacationing down in Florida to make a decision.

The Union noted that whenever they asked for arbitration it took at least 6 months for a decision to come down. The government man decided on the spot that no buttons should be worn—American flags or Black liberation flags.

The Union is so far sticking with the position that workers will stay out until the buttons can be worn, and no parcels are now moving out of 43rd Street. If the company refuses to back down from its dictatorial position and allow the drivers to work wearing their buttons, workers feel the struggle will spread throughout the city.



# Black unionism hits Lackawanna steel plant

By ED MERRILL

BUFFALO, July 19 — One hundred fifty Black steelworkers representing Locals 2601, 2602, 2603 and 2604 from the Bethlehem Steel Lackawanna plant, Lackawanna, New York held a protest meeting here today aimed at the racist and discriminatory policies of both the union leadership and the company.

The sweltering, second floor meeting room located over a noisy bar was packed with a tense, attentive group of Black steelworkers poised on catching every word voiced by their militant Black union brothers.

An ex-steelworker and the only white in the meeting hall (with the exception of an international representative who was seated up front), I had been politely asked to take a seat when vouched for by a Black brother, a past president of the steel local to which I had belonged — USW 1060 representing workers of Colorado Fuel and Iron, Wickwire Division closed down in 1963.

The men in the room represented about 5,000 Black production workers in four locals at the Lackawanna plant.

Stanley D. Murphy, a steward in Local 2603, was the main speaker and chairman of the meeting. In June of this year, Murphy had run for president of Local 2603, the biggest USW local in the state representing some 6,000 steelworkers, and "lost" by four votes in a disputed election.

The eloquent and militant steward charged that fraud had been used and that some members had voted twice and others who voted were not eligible to do so. He showed that

flagrant racism was a big factor in the voting.

Murphy's defeat meant that 5,000 Black workers scattered through Locals 2603, 2601, 2602 and 2604 would once again be represented by an all white local leadership.

Prior to today's meeting, Murphy had appealed to and met with the local and national leadership of the steelworkers' union in an effort to show that Black steelworkers had no Black representation. To date he had received no answer.

Reflecting and representing the fury and frustration of the Black workers, Murphy announced the formation of a "separatist block" to obtain proper representation for Black union members while working within the general union framework.

At the meeting, Murphy announced that the Blacks would erect their own union building where Black members could bring grievances. Further, they intend to put a halt to company check-off of union dues — adding that "this could prove a lever to make sure we get proper representation."

Murphy introduced delegates from other locals attending the meeting who fully backed the idea of a Black block. Each one gave accounts of incidents of no representation. They all stressed the fact that only a Black representative could have understood and solved the grievance.

The USW Sub-District Director, Anthony F. Barbieri, admitted racism in the union and said he was fighting against it. He told the assembled men that they had to go to union

meetings and "shout it out."

Murphy replied that this has been done for years, "but we are a minority and we get nowhere." He added, "In forming our group, we are not alone. We have financial support and the community is behind us. Many groups have called me — some who expressed a willingness to tear that place (the union hall) in Lackawanna down brick by brick."

Two currents were visible in the room: a strong nationalist feeling of solidarity and also a practical understanding that the union was — in some areas, such as job classification and wage increases — still effective.

It was very apparent that the workers understood that both company and union leadership subtly pushed a racist policy and that this could lead to further separatist moves on the part of the Black workers.

Before the meeting, the leaders had called for a separate Black local union to be carved out of the existing "integrated" locals. There is still the perspective for this, although there is a more modest goal at the moment.

The Black workers of Lackawanna are thus preparing to make a leap beyond DRUM (Dodge Revolutionary Union Movement) and other Black Caucuses and try to function as an actual local officially representing their members and fighting their grievances, which are now neglected or soft-pedalled by white bureaucrats.

I think that this will set the company back, electrify the white workers and wake up the bureaucracy considerably. In the long run it will be of great benefit to the white steelworkers as well as the Black — and maybe in the short run, too.



American style.

A group of fliers is stationed on an imaginary island off the coast of Italy. (Unlike American pig-fliers in Vietnam today, who push a button and annihilate a village with only sporadic interference from ground fire, the WWII fliers were beset by fighter planes in the air as well as sophisticated anti-aircraft guns, and though their job was considered more glamorous than the infantry's, the glamour vanished when they were flying combat.)

The fliers we see in this film have long ago completed the 25 missions they were assigned and should have been sent home, but their boss, Colonel Cathcart, raised the number of necessary missions to 50, and now that the fliers have completed 50 missions, the colonel has raised the ante to 75. He wants to get a story into the Saturday Evening Post giving him credit for the greatest number of strikes against the enemy in the whole war.

Yossarian, the hero, doesn't want to do anything but go home. He can't, though, because the only way any flier can be sent home is to be certified as crazy. And if any guy says he doesn't want to fly any more, that proves he's not crazy. Who but a crazy man would want to fly any more missions?

— That's "Catch-22."

But central to the whole theme of the story is Milo Minderbinder, the live-wire, ruthless mess officer — symbol of capitalist enterprise. Milo scours the black markets of the globe in a fleet of planes to buy delicacies for the officers' mess. He corners the Egyptian cotton market, and to unload his excess cotton, covers it with chocolate to sell in GI canteens.

He forms an international syndicate and in a final blaze of entrepreneurial glory makes a deal with the German Air Force to bomb his own air base. Delegations of widows and orphans protest, but when he opens his books and proves that it was only a business deal and that he has made millions out of it, he is honored by the whole U.S. Army and the nation.

Yossarian, after trying every conceivable ploy to get sent home, is told by his commanding officers that he can go if he will tell everyone at home what great guys they are. Much as he wants to go, he can't stomach it. There are no heroics. He's just an ordinary guy. But he hates the Brass so much he won't

glorify them. So at the end of the film he is seen paddling out into the Mediterranean in an inflatable canoe, headed for a neutral country.

The hero of this movie is a deserter, and everybody watching him go loves him for it!

There are unforgettable vignettes, such as the scene where a four-star general orders a major shot who has just violated an insignificant order, and then is astonished when told that army regulations won't allow capital punishment for this offense. Or the scene where Yossarian asks a beautiful Italian girl to marry him, and she refuses because she is not a virgin. "If you want to marry a girl who is not a virgin you must be crazy. And I will not marry a man who is crazy."

But running underneath and through all the wild hilarity of "Catch-22" is a somber undercurrent. The characters speak their insane logic inside a charnel house. Milo Minderbinder's wheeling and dealing is juxtaposed against the recurring nightmare of a young flier's death in the air.

The colonel's vanity, the general's brutality, the mess sergeant's greed are all superimposed over the spurting blood and trailing guts of the fighting men.

This is not just another anti-war movie. It's an anti-war super-movie. See it.

--ELIZABETH ROSS

## The U.S. Nazis in WW II

Imagine a World War II movie that never mentions Hitler, that doesn't show a single sadistic Nazi officer or a single brutal German prison guard — not even a single Japanese spy.

Try to picture a World War II movie that doesn't have a silver-haired colonel who really loves the guys like they were his own sons, and only keeps up a pretense of discipline when the other officers are looking; a movie that doesn't have any dedicated but "wonderfully stacked" nurses, any "Dear John" letters from the girls back home, or even one single shot of a war-weary John Wayne carrying his four stars off into the setting sun.

If "Catch-22" had all those negative qualities and nothing else, it would be a boon to movie-goers who have been subjected to Hollywood's war effort for the last thirty years.

But it's got a lot more. It shows what cowards, idiots and pigs the American Brass are, how insanely but cunningly the imperialist military works, and though it doesn't mention German fascism, you know when you watch it that it's all about fascism anyway --

## Indonesia

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# Correspondence on the Mideast

Daily World says  
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Palestine resistance

Workers  
World  
reply

Editor, Workers World,  
46 West 21 St., New York

Dear sir,

Someone just showed me your June 27 issue, where you have an article by Naomi Cohen on "The Israeli state and the rights of the Palestinian people." In the article, there is a reference to the Daily World story of June 16 on the attempted coup in Jordan. The author writes that the Daily World "labelled one of the guerilla organizations 'a group of terrorist provocateurs, the so-called Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.'"

This quote is certainly correct, and the PFLP is a group of terrorist provocateurs—if not worse. However, the quote was taken out of context. The story gives a good deal of space to an explanation of why we took this approach to the PFLP, including the

Tom Foley, Foreign Affairs  
Daily World

Dear Sir:

You say the quote which we object to was taken out of context. But Naomi Cohen was merely putting it into the context of your general position, which is one of supporting the Israeli state's "right to exist"—which is certainly incompatible with supporting Palestinian national-liberation, as you say you do.

The Palestine liberation groups desire to eliminate Israel as a puppet of U.S. imperialism and create a new Palestinian state in its place with democratic rights for the Jewish people as well as Arabs. It is our understanding that you are not for that at all. How can you determine then, which is the authentic voice of Palestinian liberation?

Furthermore you do not seem to realize that there is a war going on in the Mideast right now and that most actions in a war—even "terrorist" actions can hardly be labelled "provocations."

The U.S. imperialist press—which of course supports Israel completely, or rather uses Israel—naturally picks out just those events (or fabrications) which will help its own propaganda and morally intimidate the supporters of the Arabs. It is always necessary to be very much on guard against the imperialists molding one's opinions in this subtle way.

We know little about the PLFP other than what we have read in the imperialist press. But you do not appear to know any more. And yet you say again—in your letter—that they are "terrorist provocateurs—if

fact that up until recent weeks the Habash PFLP faction has refused to work with any other Palestinian group or to cooperate with other Palestinians in any way. It did not take part in the Palestine National Council, the Palestine Liberation Organization and refused to join the Palestine Armed Struggle Command.

Moreover its operations have caused tremendous harm to the Palestinian cause: PFLP has been responsible for all the attacks on Israeli airliners and the recent attack on an Israeli schoolbus (in which PFLP used American-made bazookas and ammunition). Not only have the above incidents turned world opinion against all Palestinian resistance groups, but they have tended to give support to the Zionist charge that the Palestinians as a whole are nothing but "terrorists." Each one of these incidents has been followed by a massive Israeli "retaliation" using the PFLP action as an excuse. In the recent Jordan events,

not worse," implying by the latter phrase that they are conscious agents of imperialism.

This is a serious charge and should not be made without evidence and proof. Furthermore, it is not your place or ours to decide which organization of an oppressed nation (which "our own" country is oppressing, at that) is the authentic representative of the Arab people—although some comradely criticism might be in order, especially if it is asked for.

To give your own paper's words that accompanied the phrase you thought we took out of context, they were as follows:

"At this time the army (of the King-VC) already had the city surrounded with tanks. A group of terrorist provocateurs, the so-called Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, then seized 84 foreigners as hostages in two Amman hotels.

"Washington expressed concern over the fate of the Americans being held, and U.S. military units and the Sixth Fleet were alerted."

Seizing 84 foreigners including the citizens of the hated United States could well be a "provocation" if the U.S. chose to regard it as such. But to seriously call it one in the narrow sense of a police provocation is ridiculous, to say the least.

Karl Marx, you will remember, criticized the Paris communards for not taking enough hostages and not dealing summarily enough with those they did take. Of course, what was happening in Jordan at the time did not prove to be the establishing of the revolutionary commune, unfortunately, but only the partial muzzling of the king by armed revolutionary militias.

What would you do if you were

it is clear that the main PFLP action, of seizing and holding prisoner U.S. citizens, could have provided a convenient pretext for sending in the 82nd Airborne Division or Marines from the Sixth Fleet, which seems to have been contemplated at one time in Washington.

The Palestinian people are waging a just national-liberation struggle which is supported by the international Communist movement as a whole. Communists also support the struggle of the people of Angola, Mozambique and Guinea-Bissau, for example, but we do not support those tiny, disruptive splinter groups which are working against FRELIMO, MPLA and PAIGC, which are true national-liberation movements. We support Palestinian national-liberation but not PFLP.

Tom Foley,  
Foreign Affairs  
Daily World

leading the workers of New York City to struggle for necessary and urgent demands, and the U.S. government surrounded the city with tanks? Sit tight until the tanks broke up the barricades and demoralized the workers, and give all government sympathizers in City Hall, Park Avenue and Wall Street full access to the telephone and telegraph and tell their servants to treat them nicely?

As for the U.S. sending the "82nd Airborne Division or Marines" this would have been done long ago were it not for the Soviet Fleet countering the U.S. Sixth Fleet in the eastern Mediterranean, and especially were it not for the millions of revolution-minded Arabs, many of them armed.

Johnson sent the Marines to the Dominican Republic in 1965 as he cried about the "safety of American citizens" and it turned out that no American citizen had been even threatened, much less hurt or even touched. If the U.S. were really ready—and able—to intervene, it would do so, with or without "provocations."

The capitalist liberals regard all Communists as provocateurs, and the revolution itself as a provocation. It would be wise to think twice before giving substance to this pernicious doctrine.

I hope that the above lines have clarified somewhat the particular point you have raised, in the necessarily abbreviated framework of a newspaper letter.

Yours very truly,  
V. Copeland, editor

We are printing this reply along with your original letter in our issue of August 1.



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## A U.S.-Japan maneuver

## Kim Il Sung exposes U.S. "withdrawal" plan

PYONGYANG, July 24 — (Korean Central News Agency) — Today's edition of Rodong sinmun in a commentary entitled "Sinister Plots of Two Stooges to Execute U.S. Imperialists' Policy of War" says:

The ROK-Japan regular Ministerial Conference is being held in Seoul as a link to the political strategem of the U.S. imperialists to step up the preparations for a war of aggression behind the smokescreen of "U.S. Army reduction" timed to coincide with the Honolulu conference. It was motivated by the vicious design to rapidly tighten the over-all tie-up, military and political compact in particular, between the Japanese militarists and the South Korean puppet clique....

The U.S. imperialists invented the political ruse of "U.S. troops cuts" in an attempt to legalize their occupa-

tion of South Korea and cover up its intensified maneuvers to provoke a new war in Korea and deceive the world's people. They are now perpetrating all sorts of criminal acts behind this smokescreen. Under the cloak of the "U.S. army reduction" plan, the U.S. imperialists intend to bring into South Korea greater quantities of lethal weapons and mobilize manpower and material resources of South Korea for war preparations and further tighten the compact between the Japanese militarists and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique and thus hasten their preparations for a war of aggression.

The U.S. imperialist-manipulated "ROK-Japan Regular Ministerial Conference" in Seoul at this very moment glaringly revealed the wicked aggressive nature of the "troops cut" program and at the same time brought to light

the dangerous criminal aims of the "conference" of the Japanese militarists and the South Korean puppet clique....

The "cooperation at a new dimension" displayed at the conference by the Pak Jung Hi puppets...meant a veritable military and political tie-up with the Japanese militarists.... and (helped) the U.S. imperialists' maneuvers for provoking a new (Korean) war....

All this shows that the Japanese militarists, dreaming of restoring their old position as the colonial ruler in Korea, are rapidly stepping up their maneuvers for invading South Korea again, banking especially on the current political ruse of the "U.S. Army reduction" plan, engineered by U.S. imperialism, clearly indicating how

recklessly the Japanese militarists are behaving as lackeys of the U.S. in executing their policy for provoking a new war against the Korean people.

The newspaper quoted the words of the great leader of the forty million Korean people, Comrade Kim Il Sung:

"What is important in the struggle of the South Korean people for national independence and the country's unification is to shatter the aggressive schemes of the forces of Japanese militarism....

"Only by overthrowing the U.S. imperialist forces of aggression and their henchmen can the South Korean people achieve freedom and liberation, and only by foiling the Japanese militarist attempt at re-aggression can they extricate themselves from the danger of new calamities."

## Cambodian liberation

## N. KOREA READY TO SEND TROOPS

During a recent state visit of Prince Sihanouk to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), President Kim Il Sung urged Sihanouk to accept Korean troops that have volunteered to help liberate Cambodia.

Kim Il Sung pledged to "actively assist the fraternal Cambodian people in the future, doing everything necessary, not only morally but also materially, till they win final victory in their war of resistance against U.S. aggression and for national salvation."

According to the Korean Daily News, Kim Il Sung accompanied Sihanouk along every step of his visit to the DPRK—an unusual courtesy for one head of state to show to another. At a banquet which Sihanouk arranged for Kim Il Sung on June 27, ranking representatives from all of revolutionary Southeast Asia came to pledge their mutual support, until the U.S. is out of all Indochina. As Kim Il Sung said: "The visit of Samdech Norodom Sihanouk... (has) cemented still further the anti-U.S. common front covering a vast region from Korea to China, Vietnam, Laos and popular and anti-imperialist Cambodia."

## Sihanouk pledges fight to end

Sihanouk reiterated this pledge in an interview with Norman Webster of the Toronto Globe and Mail. The interview took place at the Cambodian government's headquarters-in-exile in Peking, which was set up after Sihanouk was ousted by CIA puppet Lon Nol. During this interview Sihanouk said:

"Each member of the Indo-Chinese alliance was pledged to aid the cause of the other right to the end of the fight. If Cambodia is liberated first, it will continue the battle against Saigon, even to sending Cambodian troops to fight in South Vietnam."

Thus, far from strengthening the U.S.-Saigon axis in Southeast Asia, the overthrow of Sihanouk and the invasion of Cambodia have resulted in a setback for U.S. imperialism and a unification of the forces of Asian revolution.

Not only has the formerly neutral Sihanouk committed himself to this revolution, but he has rallied the Cambodian people around it, too. The real control of the country—its ports, railroads, roads and the allegiance of the people—rests with the Cambodian resistance fighters who are aided in their war of liberation by troops from North Vietnam, the NLF and the Pathet Lao.

It is not altogether clear whether Sihanouk will accept Kim Il Sung's remarkable offer, since he has not yet done so. However, Sihanouk warned in his interview with Webster, "Should Thai and other outside troops intervene and the battle go badly for our side, it is possible that this attitude will change.... Since Nixon was sending tanks, helicopters and planes to aid Premier Lon Nol and urging other countries to enter the war, why then should we not have the right to ask those who want to help us?"

Perhaps Sihanouk thinks he can force some

kind of retreat by the U.S. with the threat of Korean troops. Certainly, the "doves" in the U.S. want to avoid an extension of a war that they no longer view as in their interests.

## 50,000 S. Korean troops in SE Asia

However, there is absolutely no doubt that the Koreans are committed to supporting the Cambodians. Sihanouk has portrayed the North Koreans as "eager for battle.... Kim Il Sung said it would be good training for his army." And it is no wonder that the people of the DPRK want to ready themselves for battle—more than 50,000 U.S.-trained South Korean troops are now "getting practice" as allies of the U.S. in South Vietnam.

However, there is a difference between the North and the South Koreans training their troops on the battlefield of Southeast Asia. The South Korean troops are mercenaries. They are the henchmen of the U.S.-run fascist dictatorship of General Pak Jung Hi (who actually fought in the Japanese army against his own people).

The North Koreans know that the traitor, General Pak, will eagerly use these U.S.-trained troops to launch a new invasion of the DPRK whenever his masters in the U.S. give him the word. But even more than this, the North Koreans have pledged to fight beside the Cambodians and all the Indo-Chinese because they are true internationalists—because of their desire to extend the revolution and to liberate all of Indochina.

## IN KOREA

## Women's liberation spans the centuries

By RITA MULLINS

Since 1945, Korea has been divided, North from South. The North, under the leadership of Kim Il Sung, has made great strides forward to improve the life of the people. On the other hand, in the South, occupied by U.S. imperialist troops, the people live under the most horrible conditions: in the countryside, the peasants live in abject poverty under the yoke of the feudal landlords; in the cities, the workers are super-exploited by U.S. factories; and all the people are brutally suppressed when they try to protest the injustices committed against them.

In February of this year, the Revolutionary Party for Reunification of South Korea issued a manifesto and program.

The program presents a two-pronged approach to the revolution: on the one hand, anti-imperialist and anti-capitalist and, on the other, anti-feudal. The program also emphasizes the need for practical measures to ensure the consolidation of the revolution.

One of the most representative sections of the program, which deals with all groups within South Korean society (workers, farmers, intellectuals, soldiers, fishermen), is that per-

taining to women.

For centuries, the history of Korean women has been similar to that of women in many Asian countries: total slavery, considered things to be disposed of at a man's whim; oppressed by their husbands surely, but oppressed even more by the feudal aristocracy, the landlords and rich merchants. In South Korea today, this picture of feudal oppression is coupled with U.S. imperialism and its imposed wage slavery: young women toiling their lives away for pennies in U.S.-owned factories.

In an attempt to put an end to this subjugation, which spans two oppressive systems, the Party has proposed that "a women's equality law shall be enacted to emancipate women from feudal bondage, and give them equal rights with men in all the political, economic, social and cultural fields" and "human traffic, licensed and unlicensed prostitution and concubinage shall be forbidden."

This is a revolutionary proposal in a country where great numbers of young women still sell their bodies to the U.S. occupation troops just to buy a bowl of rice.



The program has a special section relating to working mothers, guaranteeing them a six-hour day at full pay, 70-day paid maternity leave and an extensive network of nurseries, kindergartens and maternity hospitals. (It is important to note here that free medical care is to be made available to all.)

Thus the struggle against the ancient and still horrible concubinage of feudalism is combined with the struggle against the sweatshop horrors of capitalism. The revolution spans the centuries. And women, still wearing the chains of the ages, are the revolution's most willing fighters.

# MURDER

## White friend of Panthers killed by Milwaukee pigs

By Jim Miller

MILWAUKEE, July 23—Early Friday morning, July 17, the police murdered Randy Anderson, a 26-year-old veteran of the Marine Corps who served in Vietnam, and wounded Don Rubin. They allegedly had firebombed an A&P in a suburban district in Milwaukee. A&P has been the target of a nationwide campaign by the Black Panther Party and other Black organizations for their racist hiring policies and their role of exploitation in the ghetto.

The pigs fired both a shotgun and a .38 at the pair, hitting both in the back. They then claimed that the two, both members of the Youth International Party, were charging them with what turned out to be cigarette lighters in their hands. They claimed the back wounds were caused by ricochets off the wall of the building.

Rubin was charged with arson, while a third person, Gary Schmidt ("Quinn") was picked up near the area and charged with being a party to arson. Bail was set at \$50,000 and \$25,000, respectively.

A leaflet put out by some of the movement youth in Milwaukee entitled "Wanted—Dead or Alive" showed photos of the three police who killed Randy followed by their addresses.

The assassination of Randy Anderson culminated a week of battles be-

tween youths and police around the Fountain Water Tower Park, which has been used for the last two years as a gathering place by Milwaukee's youth. Earlier in the month the Common Council passed a special 10 p.m. curfew on the park (the regular curfew for youths 17 and under and for parks in general is 11 p.m.) and set up strict regulations forbidding any political activity or the playing of music. When the curfew was passed there was a two-day battle with police, resulting in 45 arrests, the severe beating of one radical attorney, James Wood, who had to undergo a special cheekbone operation, and the death of Florence Kirkland of Workers World Party who suffered a fatal heart attack after participating in the street tactics.

On Monday, July 13, over a thousand youths gathered in the park to await the curfew. At ten o'clock they tore down the newly placed signs announcing "No Person Shall Enter or Remain" in the park after ten. The people then marched around chanting "Power to the People" and other slogans like "Che Viva, Viva Che, People's Fountain Is Gonna Stay."

Because of a legal quirk, the curfew was not to take effect until 12:01, so the police did not immediately enter the park. But as the crowd showed its militancy, the police entered the

park at 10:20 throwing smoke canisters and clubbing those who moved slowly. One group of people stayed in the business area near the park, where many windows were broken and where a prime target was a special A-C Electronics plant leased to the U.S. Air Force for defense research and production. A second gang was pushed towards Lake Michigan where they battled police for over an hour. Fire bombs were reportedly thrown at police cars in the area of the beach and the cops responded by tossing massive doses of tear gas attempting to break up the crowd.

For the next three nights people continued to gather at the Fountain in numbers varying from 500 to 1,000. As ten o'clock got nearer the police would mass near one end of the park. The people, seeing that the park was strategically hard to defend, moved out of the area shortly before the curfew went into effect, throwing bottles and other objects at the police lines. The demonstrations then went out into the streets of the community. By Thursday, the police changed their tactics, putting police into the park before the curfew and attempting to intimidate the people by their sheer size. All in all nearly 90 arrests were made, including several charges of battery against an officer, and the possession of fire bombs. The next morning, the police murder of Randy Anderson happened. Friday night, the Park was used for a memorial service.

One of the central factors in the struggle is the fact that the mayor of Milwaukee, Henry Maier, well known for his 24-hour-a-day curfew put down during the 1967 Black rebellion in this city, asked for and got an injunction against any disruptive activity in the area of the park. Therefore, anyone arrested could also be charged with

contempt of court. Thus Maier followed the nation-wide pattern of using the courts to attack the revolutionary movement, much as the employers use court injunctions to attempt to break labor unions.

The murder of Randy Anderson is no isolated event. For years the police have shot to kill in the Black, Brown and American Indian communities. In Orangeburg, Jackson State and now Kansas, they have shot down Black youth. As the revolutionary movement in this country grows, the pigs are now shooting white revolutionaries, from Kent and Ohio State to Buffalo to Berkeley.

In a statement issued by Youth Against War & Fascism and Workers World Party the atmosphere of repression in Milwaukee was described thus: "The big business rulers of Milwaukee ordered the ambush. The Sentinel stated boldly in an editorial, 'We trust Police Chief Harold A. Breiz will use the court order or other available means, if he sees fit, to see that the protesters are put in their proper place—the county jail or some other suitable accommodation.' To the pig mind the most 'suitable accommodation' was the morgue." The Sentinel is the voice of the more reactionary elements in this city. This type of editorial clearly set the scene for the shooting of Randy Anderson and Don Rubin.

What is necessary now is to build a movement in Randy's and Florence's memory which will be able to topple this corrupt system and replace it with a genuine system of humanity, where power will truly be vested in the people. We will make sure that their deaths were not in vain. We remember the last words of Joe Hill, "Don't Mourn, Organize."



Youth protest the anti-people curfew at Water Tower Park.  
Inset, Randy Anderson, killed by pigs in Milwaukee.

## 200 picket Panther-hating judge

By STEVE MILLIES

MILWAUKEE -- Judge Christ T. Seraphim of Milwaukee, like Hoffman, Murtagh and other black-robed bigots who have jailed thousands of Black liberation fighters, is justly hated. Seraphim is the judge who sentenced three Milwaukee Black Panthers to one year in jail, the maximum for "resisting arrest." He told them, "I do not like revolutionaries, especially revolutionaries with guns." (See WW, July 14.)

On July 14, over 200 people marched from Water Tower Park to Seraphim's plush home on Milwaukee's East Side. The demonstration reflected the people's hatred of these judiciary agents of the racist system of exploitation in America and their burning desire to free all political

prisoners. It was an answer to Seraphim's long record of repression in word (he recently told one defendant, "In my court you are guilty until proven innocent") and deed (in addition to jailing the Panthers, he signed an injunction against striking teamsters last June).

Water Tower Park was selected as the starting point because this "people's park" has been the scene of violent confrontations when the pigs tried to stop the people from protesting against a special curfew. In a short rally at the park, the purpose of the demonstration was set out by Steve Cole of Milwaukee Revolutionary Youth Movement and a speaker from Youth International Party. Then we went down a bluff to the lakefront shouting, "Free

Bobby, Free the Three, Overthrow the Bourgeoisie."

The demonstration then went through Lake Park and onto Lake Drive, where some of the biggest of Milwaukee's bourgeois live. The hundreds of demonstrators took over the streets the rest of the way to Seraphim's house, chanting "Put Christ in the Pokey and the Panthers in the Street."

At Seraphim's house, which was guarded by a contingent from the Milwaukee Police Department, there was a short rally addressed by Dennis Gall of the Kaleidoscope staff, an expert on Seraphim, who writes a regular column entitled "Jesus Christ!"

Jim Miller, Chairman of Milwaukee Youth Against War & Fascism, spoke

on Seraphim's crimes against the people and the need for a people's trial. We then marched past the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, passing Purin Hall where a special institute on police affairs was trashed at a demonstration against S.I. Hayakawa last February 14. The police, fearing a repeat performance, showed up in force at this point and attempted to contain the demonstration on the sidewalks. However, after marching awhile the demonstration surged back onto the streets, completely blocking off Lincoln Memorial Drive along the Lakefront. It ended at a picnic sponsored by the Left Flank Coffee House attended by a number of active duty sailors from Great Lakes Naval Base.

This demonstration was a militant example of the continuing struggle to free the Milwaukee Three. It was an attempt to bring the issue of these political prisoners into the East Side youth community and to take that struggle straight to the doors of one of the most visible symbols of racism and incipient fascism in Milwaukee.





## Campus Investigation turned upside down i.e., right side up

in the near future, but the subcommittee also made it clear that it intended to whitewash its own image for the elections and to glorify those administrators who succeeded in cooling it on their campuses this year.

The necessary disruption occurred at the very end of the day, when a member of the John Birch Society was called to speak. "He's pro-fascist, and we don't want to hear him!" shouted one rebel, running up to the front. Members of the Case-Western Reserve Strike Community joined in by organizing loud clapping and milling around the room.

As the youths showed their determination to hear from rebelling students and not from right-wingers, all the members of the subcommittee slipped out the door, saying "You've made your point." The Bircher refused to leave at first, but soon found he had no microphone and no supporters in the audience. "You win!" he said, and also slipped out the door.

Meanwhile the rebels spread banners saying, "Avenge Kent State, Law 'n Order off Campus, End Repression of Students, Free the Panthers, and Fire Davis" and started their own rap session.

### Dostal's call for united rebellion

One business administration major from Dayton told the politicians: "It's not campus disorders, it's your disorders. Our problem is you. Young people are not the problem, you are the problem." The president of Student Government at Central State University, a largely Black school with 2600 students, gave an unexpected answer when the committee asked for suggestions on how to bring "peace" to Ohio campuses.

"Go shoot yourselves in the head," he told the startled legislators.

True to form, the subcommittee prohibited applause when the students expressed their approval of those who spoke against the repressive acts of the government.

In spite of the prohibition, Ted Dostal received a standing ovation from the audience of about 50 when he delivered a fifteen-minute speech against the violence of the ruling class. "Throughout our history we have seen many instances of rebellion against the violence of the rulers of this country," he declared. "When a person is hungry -- isn't that violence?" He cited several instances of resistance to the system's inhuman violence -- the Memorial Day Massacre, the War in Vietnam, the Black Liberation struggle, the Kent State Massacre -- and declared that people will just not stand for such violence and will continue to rebel against those few rich industrialists who are res-

## Solidarity march on courthouse

CLEVELAND, July 22 -- Over 80 people joined demonstrations at the Cleveland Municipal Court this morning, to show support for the three Black Panthers arrested during the June 29 police attack against the Cleveland headquarters of the Cleveland Chapter of the National Committee to Combat Fascism. As the white part of the crowd picketed and chanted "Free, Free the Panther Three! Jail Davis, Free the Panthers," Black youths stood at attention with banners saying "Free the Panthers, Free Bobby" on both sides of the picket line.

At 10 AM, when the defendants were to make their court appearance, the pickets massed in the corridors of the court house, in order to conduct a mass presence in solidarity with the Three.

Demands of the demonstration were to drop all charges against the Black Panthers and to fire Safety Director Benjamin Davis, because of his responsibility in the repression of the Cleveland Black Panthers and his re-

fusal to heed the public outcry against such brutal repression against the Black community.

Unknown to anyone, including the defendants, on July 21 the Grand Jury decided to indict the three arrested Panthers. The July 22 court appearance was abruptly cancelled and the Three were told to wait for the indictments to be mailed to them at some indefinite future time. It became clear that the City intends to await a more opportune time to railroad the victims, rather than risk facing the ever-growing opposition in both Black and white communities.

Co-sponsors of the action included the Case-Western Reserve Strike Community, Youth Against War & Fascism, United Front for Political Defense, Artists for Peace, Youth International Party, Cleveland Resistance, Undo, Socialist Workers Party and Medical Committee for Human Rights. The actions but not the demands were endorsed by the Cleveland Coalition for Change.

possible for all such violence."

Dostal, a veteran of the steel mills well known in Cleveland as a militant fighter against racism and imperialism, concluded:

"We should form a committee composed of the rebelling students, the oppressed Black people, the workers and sympathizers, and indict the REAL promoters of campus disorders."

Another outstanding speaker was Marv Smith, one of the AT&T defendants and an art instructor. He addressed himself to the hypocrisy of society, and pointed out that among the youth very few believe what they hear from the Establishment. In fact, society is turning out more and more revolutionaries every day, including himself!

## Slave's prize: brand new chains

By DEIRDRE GRISWOLD

Would the slaveowners of ancient times have had the gall to reward their slaves with a new ball and chain? Capitalism certainly has made some improvements over chattel slavery, but these do not include any sense of shame.

If anything, the system of wage slavery is distinguished by the arrogant and self-righteous way in which it carries out its pursuit of profits.

Take the story of the Perfect Secretary. Now, there are few jobs that emancipated women find more disgusting than that of a secretary. Considered the pinnacle of achievement in office work (for women, that is), a private secretary is judged by the thoroughness with which she can obliterate her own personality, intellect and interests and become an appendage to her boss.

When the International Secretary of the Year was chosen this month from among 27,000 candidates, one of the questions she passed with flying colors was, "Which phase of your work do you enjoy the most?" Her winning answer was: "A secretary should enjoy most the things she does the best, the things that she can help her employer do."

The National Secretaries Association, which helps mold this "perfect

secretary" mentality, defines a secretary as "an executive assistant who possesses a mastery of office skills, who demonstrates the ability to assume responsibility without supervision, who exercises initiative and judgment and who makes decisions within the scope of assigned authority."

This year's winner in this category has worked for 21 years for the Gulf Oil Company in Houston, Texas and is now secretary to the president of the company.

If the image of the man in the gray flannel suit has become tarnished, and many bright young men are turning away from jobs with the giant monopolies, it is easy to see why women would hate the idea of becoming a secretary, even though it is one of the highest paying jobs available to women without college degrees.

Being the faceless and loyal assistant to a faceless corporate cog (where human feelings have all been subordinated to the rapacious demands of capital) has attraction for only one reason: it is physically easier than, although in many ways just as degrading as, the other jobs women can get.

The woman chosen Secretary of the Year was awarded -- not a trip to Europe, not \$1,000 to spend as she liked -- but an electric typewriter!

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Not only was the goal of the subcommittee to gather material from administrators and trustees in order to promote more repressive legislation



To oust imperialism, the people must be armed

## Neutralism won't work

By P. MEISNER

More than three months after the ultra-right-wing coup that overthrew Prince Sihanouk, the New York Times released a dispatch from Washington headlined: "Ouster of Sihanouk Depicted As Almost an Accident"—which could be dismissed as a journalistic hoax in just about any part of the world.

The imperialist publishers of this story are masters at political deception and have aimed their story at the American public to cover up another of U.S. imperialism's monstrous crimes. But the majority of humanity knows by now that the CIA is dripping with the blood of people murdered in Cambodia.

The fate of the neutralist Sihanouk government was not an accident, but a political tragedy in which the Cambodian masses, this time, were the victims of U.S. imperialist reaction.

Progressives throughout the world should give full support to a restoration of Sihanouk back into power, since the Sihanouk regime would be anti-imperialist and progressive in character. But the

question of neutralism in general, as it has operated in oppressed countries, must still be answered.

The list of fallen neutralist leaders is all too long—Sukarno, Nkrumah, Ben Bella, Bosch, Peron, Mossadegh, Arbenz—and there are still others. The symptoms of Sihanouk's overthrow were all too similar to those of his predecessors: a move towards nationalizing U.S. and Western interests, greater independence from imperialist monetary control, and then suddenly, armed coup d'etat by the pro-imperialist right.

### Organized people's militia too late

It is neutralism that has allowed the Pentagon and CIA to retain close ties to key right-wing military leaders in the oppressed nation, even as the Nkrumahs or Sukarnos pushed their regimes leftward. The downfall of all of the neutralists has ultimately been in their failure to defeat the military oligarchs financed by imperialism—resulting from not having

the masses organized politically and armed to the teeth.

There were last-ditch attempts at forming people's militias by Nkrumah and Sukarno, also threatened by several of the other fallen neutralists, but much too late to meet the imperialist onslaught. Sihanouk never even attempted the latter, hoping his sympathies with South Vietnam's NLF would be enough to keep him in power. Moreover, Sihanouk never dreamed, until the very last hours, that his pro-U.S. generals would depose a neutralist government where the population seemed so largely anti-U.S. and pro-NLF.

Sukarno went further to the left, but to no avail, as he not only nationalized U.S. and Dutch holdings, but actually began to organize for an anti-imperialist United Nations that would have excluded all of the Western imperialist powers. But again, the CIA and Pentagon never lost control of their U.S.-trained Indonesian generals and were able to overthrow Sukarno, who lacked a politically and militarily armed population to save his regime.

### Nkrumah overthrown in 1966

Similarly, U.S. and British imperialism had the British-trained officer corps in Ghana in the palm of their hands as Nkrumah made his moves against Western colonial interests in his country. By the time Nkrumah realized his government was in danger, it was already too late for him to mobilize a people's militia. The pro-imperialist coup was well organized and planted within the Ghanaian military and was triumphant by early 1966.

Dr. Mossadegh had the overwhelming support of the Iranian population when the Shah was forced to name Mossadegh as premier in 1951. But when his popular regime nationalized Iran's oil fields, mostly owned by U.S. and British monopolies, and dared to do business with the USSR, Mossadegh was overthrown in 1953 by the Shah and his generals who were all solidly in the pay of the CIA. Mossadegh was still the most popular leader in Iran, being the undisputed head of the National Front, a coalition of four mass radical parties, but without a revolutionary people's army to defend his government from Standard Oil and their puppet Shah.

### Armed left or pro-

### imperialist right takes power

While almost every one of the neutralists was for socialism to one degree or another, their fear of provoking the U.S.-backed rightists in their respective countries led them away from arming and preparing the masses for a military struggle to defeat the right-wing. If the organized and armed left does not successfully take power in a colonial crisis—inevitably the imperialist lackeys of the far right take power in the midst of the political vacuum—as in Indonesia, Cambodia, Ghana, etc.

The lesson of neutralism in the oppressed countries is that it cannot last. There can be no viable neutralism between imperialism and the world proletariat. That is, the only way to oust imperialism permanently from any colony is to expropriate the imperialists (as several neutralist leaders did do) and arm the masses to keep the imperialists expropriated. This, of course, means moving from neutralism to socialism—that is, real socialism, popularly called "Communism."

## —Lemay statement

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I want to tell you right now: you're not going to succeed in rolling back history any more than Torquemada succeeded with his Spanish Inquisition, any more than Cotton Mather succeeded with the Salem witchcraft trials, any more than Jefferson Davis and John Wilkes Booth succeeded in preserving chattel slavery, any more than Hitler or Mussolini—or Nixon, in his attempt to destroy the rising tide of the peoples' liberation struggles in Asia.

Let me state again, the Army charges that I am a member of Workers World Party. I am under no

obligation to tell them whether or not I am a member of any organization. The 8th point of the ASU's ten point program demands free political association. The fascist brass, who have been proven to be the most vicious of war criminals, have no right to characterize my political views in any way whatsoever.

The real reason the racist brass are attacking me is that I am Executive Director of the American Servicemen's Union. Our union is the real issue in this case. It is our fight against racism, militarism and imperialism that has caused the brass to attempt to disrupt the just struggle of oppressed GIs.

### I know you; I was in Vietnam

In September, 1966 I was based in Pleiku. I was sent on operations the length and breadth of Vietnam. I went on search and destroy missions and saw Army interrogation officers manhandle Vietnamese peasants in order to force them to give information about the National Liberation Front. I saw an Army hospital in which a 17-year-old Vietnamese girl died of hepatitis after the only treatment given was aspirin. Although I never lived in anything better than a tent, my commanding Colonel lived in a three-bedroom mobile home with hot and cold running water, flushing toilets, air conditioning and sandbag protection, all of which we enlisted men had to install.

A man from my home town was used as tracker and point man into a dangerous area even though there was a dog in his team specifically trained for that purpose. The man was considered expendable; the dog was not.

My unit illegally and hypocritically fired into Cambodia nearly every day—and this was 1967! For twenty-four hours my unit bombarded an under-

ground National Liberation Front hospital. Day in and day out the enlisted men went hungry, but the officers feasted in front of our eyes. Every man in my unit had only one wish: to go home.

### I am a rebellious slave!

It was these experiences in Vietnam that turned me against the imperialist war and caused me upon my return to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, to become an active member of the American Servicemen's Union. The Army, through the draft, forces hundreds of thousands of GIs to perform slave labor in the interests of the U.S. bankers and businessmen who profit from the war.

We are slaves. This Field Board of Inquiry is an attempt to determine if I was a servile slave or a rebellious slave. I say to the imperialist brass right now: I am a rebellious slave.

I do not recognize the Army's right to blacklist me or any other GI—to deny us employment, hospital and dental care, a college education, and unemployment insurance, all of which would result if they succeed in giving me an undesirable discharge. Over half a million men now carry the brand of an undesirable discharge.

No, you won't succeed in destroying our union, the American Servicemen's Union, which is getting stronger every hour of every day. We'll prove stronger in the long run than the power of the brass because we fight for the real needs of exploited GIs, while you represent nothing but a tiny clique of greedy capitalists.

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## Report from Venceremos

# "We saw the Revolution"



Young revolutionaries from all over the world cut sugarcane to concretize their solidarity with Cuba. The writer of this article is third from right, with fist raised.

By MARY JO WUETRICH

On July 26, all progressive and revolutionary people celebrate the success of the Cuban revolution. It is the anniversary of the attack on the Moncada Barracks in 1953. Although the attack itself was unsuccessful, it signaled the beginning of the revolution by which the Cuban people freed themselves from the dictatorship of Batista, puppet of U.S. imperialism.

July 26 will have special significance this year for about 900 North Americans who spent two months in Cuba as members of the Venceremos Brigade. We saw first-hand the gains that had been made by the Cubans as we toiled with them in the sugar cane fields and as we toured their beautiful island.

Cuba used to have a one-crop economy. If the sugar harvest failed, thousands went hungry. They are now

exporting citrus fruits as well as sugar and tobacco. Rice and beans made up the diet of the great majority. But we could see that children, old people and pregnant women received milk every day. This was rationed, to be sure. But what a giant step forward!

In Cuba, health care is free to everyone. Dozens of hospitals and polyclinics have been built since the revolution. The doctors in Cuba before the revolution were mainly specialists who only served the wealthy.

Thousands of children died every year from vomiting and diarrhea because no doctors would treat these simple illnesses. Good health is now considered a right, not a privilege.

Preventive medicine is stressed in Cuba. This is not done here in the U.S. because it is not profitable for the doctors and large pharmaceutical houses.

Illiteracy is virtually non-existent.

Education is free to all at all levels and new schools are constantly being built. The type of education is important because students are taught to serve other people, not to compete with them and exploit them.

Prior to the revolution, women were not unlike chattels — property handed from father to husband. But the situation has changed much for the better. We saw women in a hundred occupations — in the universities, in the militia, in government, in medicine, in teaching and in the fields and factories.

One of the major concerns of the revolution has been freeing women to take an equal place in productive society.

Contraceptive devices and abortions are accessible and free to all. Day-care centers have been established throughout Cuba. They take care of children from the age of 45 days.

The infants and toddlers can be left

in the morning and picked up in the evening or they can be left all week and picked up on the weekend. There are also boarding schools with the same facilities for older children.

Wherever we went, people would tell us of their love for the revolution. This was expressed not only through words but also through their work and the positive acts of solidarity with other people engaged in revolutionary struggle such as the Vietnamese and other Latin Americans.

It is no surprise that the ruling class of the U.S. tries so desperately to suppress the truth about Cuba. Each time a person looks at the capitalist system in the U.S. that has brought racism, war, poverty, exploitation, hunger and oppression and then looks at Cuba, we are that much closer to a socialist revolution in the U.S.

## Lynch campaign over dead cops

By KEN SERTIC

CHICAGO—Since two pigs were shot and killed in the Cabrini-Green housing project, the fascist forces here have tried to create a hysteria in order to put through even more repressive laws to use against Black people. One such new law proposed by the State Legislature is that the death penalty be mandatory for anyone convicted of killing a cop. The head of the Fraternal Order of Police is demanding that the housing project be searched regularly for weapons, although he admits that "this would be difficult to do legally."

The shooting occurred when the police were patrolling the Black community in a highly touted police "community relations" program known as "walk and talk." Under this innocuous sounding name, even more pigs have been sent into the all-Black Cabrini-Green housing project, which is nothing more than a steel and concrete prison for Black people.

City officials, from Mayor Daley to Superintendent of Police James Conlisk have screamed about an "inhuman attack" on the police by "animals." This type of racist lynch-language has been denounced by even the Black police. The head of the Afro-American Patrolmen's Association commented

that "these two police officers were really officers sent in to spy on Black people."

The "walk and talk" program was initiated at the request of local businessmen in the area of Cabrini-Green, who wanted to treat the antagonisms between the Black community and local shopkeepers with more police power. The cause of the antagonism is no "failure to communicate" that can be bridged by smiling gun-toting pigs, however, but the fact that these merchants daily exploit the Black people with rotten meats, rat- and cockroach-infested housing and menial, low-paying jobs, when they hire Black people at all. Their only interest is in getting every last penny from the community and in seeing that Black people "stay in their place."

After the shootings on July 17, the residents of Cabrini-Green were put through a campaign of terror by the Chicago cops. The entire 3600-apartment complex was searched by the cops, who left devastation wherever they went. They broke down doors in many of the apartments (using battering rams) without search warrants, and viciously beat many Black youth as suspects in the shooting. Many weapons that the people had acquired for self-defense were confiscated in the fascist

onslaught.

Five Black youth have been made the scapegoats in the frantic police search to pin the shootings on someone. They are Sidney Bennett, 18, George C. Knight, 23, John Veale, 17 (identified by the police as head of the Cobra Stones, a so-called youth "gang"), and two juveniles, a girl of 16 and a boy of 14. One local paper brought out the fact that two of the youths had been viciously beaten, and one may lose an eye.

It was only six months ago that Fred Hampton, Chairman of the Illinois Black Panther Party, and Peoria organizer Mark Clark were murdered as they slept by the Chicago pigs. The Soto brothers were gunned down by the police on the West Side in the Henry Horner housing projects. They were shot in the back in two separate incidents. Michael Soto was killed first, and then when his brother John, a Vietnam veteran on leave, came home to attend the funeral, he was also murdered by the police.

At the Cabrini-Green housing project itself, Charles Green had been shot and killed by the cops for throwing rocks at cars. On innumerable occasions, the Black Panther Party headquarters was raided and members of the Party either shot or imprisoned. It is because of this long history of virtual civil war against the Black community that the oppressed Black people have felt the need to arm themselves and fight back.

As of July 24, the "walk and talk" program had been cancelled at least temporarily. The Black community has put the pigs on notice that they definitely are not wanted there.

## Chicago demo supports freedom for N. Ireland

On July 11, a demonstration was called in Chicago to show support for the oppressed minority in Northern Ireland. The organizer of the demonstration was Geroid O'Neil, an Irish nationalist.

A rally was held in Civic Center Plaza where O'Neil gave some of the background on the struggle in Northern Ireland.

He also explained that the annual parade held by the Order of the Orange was to celebrate a victory of the Protestants over the Catholics hundreds of years ago. The parade was to be held the following day and it was feared that the Protestants would use it as an excuse to gain entry into the Catholic community, as they had the previous year, to beat and possibly kill Catholics.

The demonstration then moved on to the British Consulate, where a picket line was set up. YAWF members carried a banner which read: SELF DETERMINATION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND. There was spirited chanting with such slogans as "Free Bernadette Devlin," "Victory to the IRA," "British Troops Out of Northern Ireland."

# IN SAIGON— students, vets protest war



Demonstrating Saigon students sit below anti-U.S. slogans.

Saigon, like all South Vietnamese cities, is a city torn and dislocated by war and the invasion of foreign troops. But a new element has been added to the city's life—an element of rebellion and anti-American feeling has surfaced in spite of the severe repression dissidents face from the fascist Thieu regime.

On walls are scrawled peace signs and demands

of "Bunker Go Home" (Bunker is the warmongering U.S. ambassador). And in cities across South Vietnam, disabled veterans who have been ignored by the government have begun to seize government land for themselves.

Student demonstrations began early in March after the Saigon police arrested several student leaders. The protests, against both the puppet regime and the

U.S. occupation forces, culminated in a militant demonstration on June 15 when students burned an American jeep and clubbed the MP who had been driving it.

At the same time, disabled veterans began a series of angry demonstrations protesting the government's lack of concern over the fate of wounded and invalid ex-soldiers. In March and April veterans in wheelchairs, on crutches and even amputees put up astonishing battles with the police in the streets of Saigon to demand that the government give them their pensions and other benefits, without which life is almost impossible for these men and their families.

Now the veterans have begun to seize sidewalks, park land and other government property to use as sites for homes. In Saigon alone, reported the New York Times of July 7, 10,000 "illegal" homes have been built by veterans using whatever materials are on hand—wood, corrugated iron or sheets of flattened beer cans.

"What we are doing is no different from what our officers have been doing for years," said a veteran with only one leg. "We also are occupying public land. But whereas our officers took land to enrich themselves, we are doing so to secure our own livelihood, our right to live."

Many different sectors of the population are likewise beginning to denounce the Saigon puppet regime as problems of inflation, lack of housing, economic dislocation and political repression make life more and more difficult. Aside from students, veterans and workers, Buddhist priests, newspaper publishers and politicians are also being hauled off to jail in political roundups. The bourgeois opposition, personified by the jailed Truong Dinh Dzu (who came in second in the elections of 1968), is not permitted to function.

The feeling that is emerging now, particularly among the students, is that the American military in Vietnam is the single most significant obstacle to peace. "We Vietnamese could settle the war between ourselves," said one student. Another commented, "We are all Vietnamese, we are all brothers," according to the New York Times, July 4.

The rising rebellion among the South Vietnamese population is another indication of the utter bankruptcy of the Thieu-Ky regime. It is universally recognized that the military puppets wouldn't survive without the U.S. to prop them up. And the growing repression is just more evidence of the weakness of the government and its fear of the people.



Vietnamese veterans (amputee, center) protest government neglect.

## — Slumlords' meeting

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Lindsay to be a bitter defeat. However, they expect the future to be brighter. In the words of landlord William Moses, president of the Community Housing Improvement Program, "Tomorrow is for us!" In the course of his report, he also made optimistic reference to "an independent judiciary where property owners can fight City Hall."

After the vote had been taken to sign the new contract and the meeting had ended, I discovered what Moses meant. "We're going to keep fighting," he de-

clared, "and we'll get the law changed one way or another. We'll get around it administratively, we'll amend it, we'll subvert it if necessary." And what about the "independent judiciary"? "We have a case in the Federal courts to abolish rent control on the grounds that it discriminates against the owners of rent-controlled buildings, and we have grounds to be very optimistic."

### They fear rent strikes

Why did the Fair Rent Committee fail to get everything they wanted? One member of the steering committee with nation-wide real estate interests provided the same answer given me earlier by two small landlords. The threat of rent strikes and other tenant rebellions had restrained Lindsay and the City Council from giving the land-

lords more in the first place, and it was also a major factor in convincing the Fair Rent Committee to sign the new union contract, accepting what they considered to be a defeat.

I asked this big operator about the future of housing in New York City. He foresaw an end to rent control through erosion—more and more rent-controlled buildings would be abandoned. But he didn't see any significant new construction of non-luxury housing to replace these buildings. "The banks have lost confidence in this city, and they're the real owners. They're putting their money into new mortgages in the South and other parts of the country, not here. You can't get mortgage money here anymore."

Yes, I thought to myself, the banks have lost confidence in their ability to

milk the poor tenants of New York without running up against rent strikes and other kinds of resistance, so they're taking the vast profits they've made off housing here and investing it elsewhere. Like the mining companies that leave behind vast stretches of ravaged earth as testimony to their looting, the banks and real estate industry are leaving behind vast stretches of rat-infested slums. Why the hell should we pay any more rent at all to these bloodsuckers?

"With all your nation-wide interests, why do you still concern yourself with New York's housing problems?" I asked. He thought for a moment, watching a limousine pull up as we stood outside the Commodore Hotel. "I like the city. New York has a lot of meaning for me. You know, this is where I made my first money."