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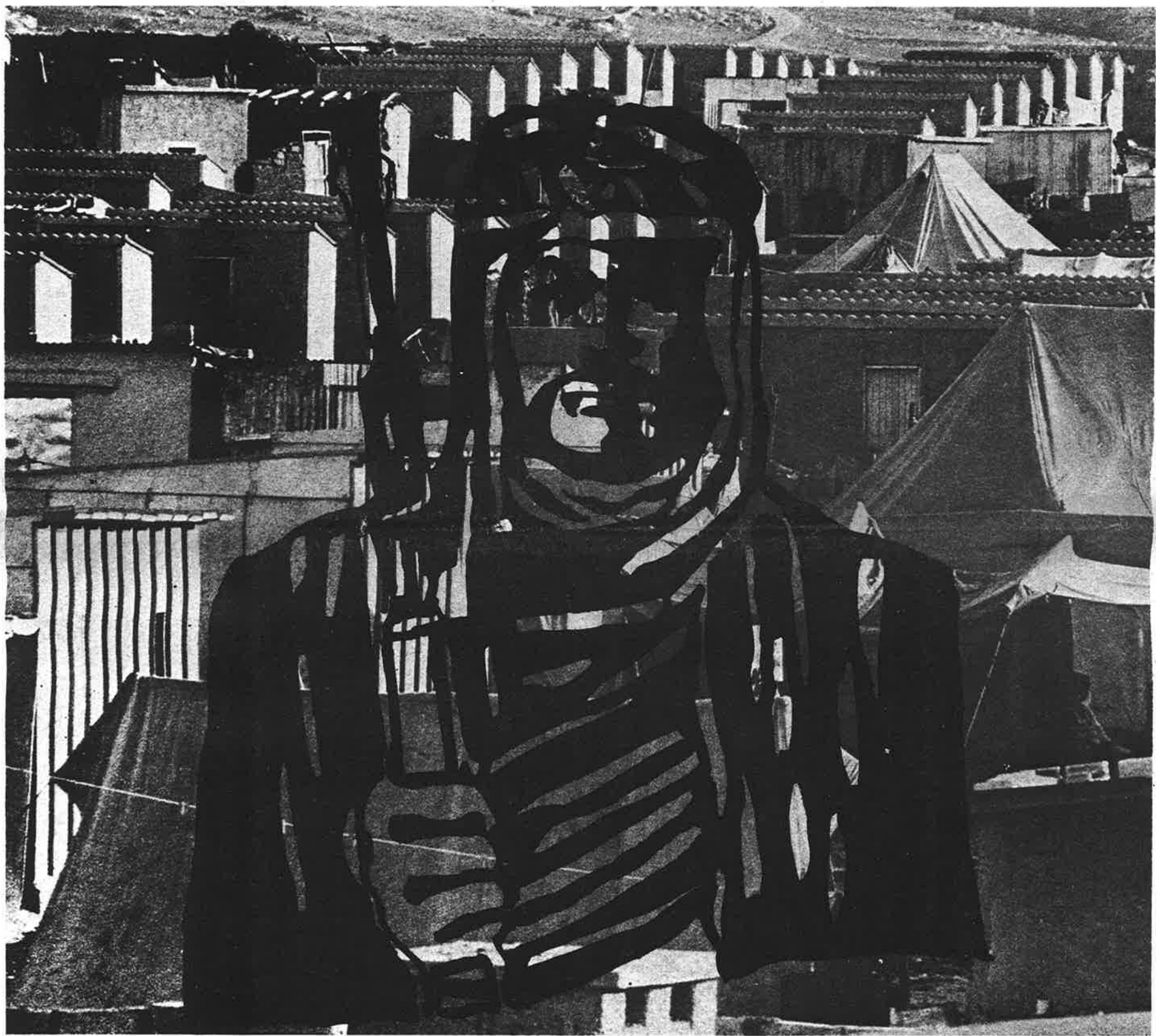
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Who is responsible for genocidal massacre of the Palestinian people?

by Sam Marcy

SEPTEMBER 27—The fourteen-point agreement between King Hussein and Yassir Arafat calling for an immediate cease-fire and the appointment of a three-man committee to supervise the accord cannot wipe away the vast sea of blood which separates Hussein and his foreign masters from the Palestinian people. The incredible carnage which he committed is of such proportions that it can be truly called a genocidal attempt to liquidate the Palestinian people. Some 15,000 are dead and an almost equal number wounded in the space of only seven days!! In an age when the Imperialist powers

have caused deaths in the millions, the casualties inflicted upon the Palestinians may seem small indeed. However, one has to measure these casualties in relation to the size of the Palestinian nation as a whole, which is only two and one-half million people.

The same proportionate number of casualties, if inflicted upon the population of the United States, would be 1,250,000 people killed and an equal number wounded! Such is the measure of the catastrophe suffered by the Palestinians.

The capitalist media took great pains to depict Hussein's slaughter as a war of "Arabs against

Arabs." They called it a civil war in which the U.S. was only concerned for "its wider effects on the peace of the world." Nothing could be more false. Nothing could be more hypocritical. To describe the struggle in terms of "Arab against Arab" is superficial and misleading in the extreme.

Who is Hussein and who does he represent? The Wall Street Journal of September 28, 1970, in an extraordinary burst of brutal frankness, quotes an observer on the scene as saying that Hussein represented only that tiny segment of the population known as "the Palestinian bourgeoisie in Jordan."

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Editorial

People's China after 21 years

October 1 marks the 21st birthday of the People's Republic of China. This has more than the ceremonial significance of coming of age and reaching the period of adulthood. The 21 years of this revolutionary state's existence have been marked by the stormiest internal and external buffeting and the state has weathered them in a way that would be the marvel of the ages if people understood what tremendous forces have been put in motion against the Chinese Revolution and what extremely meager material resources were originally available to the Chinese people.

But people can prevail against almost anything—against The Bomb, as Chairman Mao tse-Tung has correctly said—and people can master the machinery that they have made and conquer the famines and pestilence that capitalism and feudalism inflicted upon China.

If the great achievement of People's China proves nothing else—and it proves much else—it proves that the doubting questions of the middle class about the fate of the individual, the fate of the environment and the fate of humanity itself can all be answered in a ringing affirmative.

In order for the Chinese to give this answer, however, there was no magic opening of the clouds, no intercession of any mystical savior. There had to be the long travail and sacrifice of a family of 800 million working in harmony among themselves but in antagonism to the imperialist world outside and its forces within.

There had to be—even before the 21 years of construction—24 years of bloody revolution and civil war against an outlived class of feudal lords who flaunted the buying and selling of human flesh and in particular the slavery of women, a feudal class which had the open and hidden support of the United States, British and even Japanese imperialists whom the Chinese people were fighting more directly.

Millions upon millions of individuals fought with single-shot rifles and often with sticks and stones—later with repeaters and cannons—to gain the right to live in the space age along with the most powerful imperialists and the mighty Soviet Union. Now People's China is the third country to send a satellite into space while only twenty-one years ago it could not have built a railroad—or even a Model T Ford.

Chinese humanity has by no means solved all its problems. It has only brought some of them into the classroom and written them on the blackboard so to speak. But this step alone is a stride covering about a thousand years of history in the "normal" course of events.

One question the Chinese people have raised and the People's Republic of China has pushed diligently, while the leaders of the Soviet Union have not, is the burning question that involves the fate of all: the question of world revolution.

The gains of the Chinese people are still provisional while imperialism continues to exist, as are the gains of all socialist states and of all peoples.

But the people in the United States will come to the aid of the people in China as inevitably as they come to rebel against their own oppression. And the Chinese Revolution has brought the hour of that revolution closer, both by raising the banner of revolt and by building their great state whose very existence weakens imperialism further and makes the coming U.S. and world revolution more feasible and more inevitable.

Jordan massacre

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And it further added that "the bourgeoisie that cooperated with Hussein for twenty years has turned against him in the last couple of weeks because it could smell what was coming." Thus, even this tiny segment of the population, which lives off the crumbs thrown to it by the royalist cabal and its imperialist masters, has in fact deserted Hussein as rats desert a sinking ship.

Who then supports Hussein? An unbridled military clique, supported in the manner of mercenaries and equipped with arms supplied by the U.S. and Britain. The central command of the Palestinian guerrillas have every right to characterize Hussein as "a fascist, imperialist agent." The death and destruction he unleashed upon the people is the product of a conspiracy between him and his masters in Washington and Wall Street. The aim of that conspiracy was to unleash a sudden attack on the Palestinian liberation movement with the aim of liquidating it in one swift stroke. It failed. For in spite of all the blood that has been spilled, the liberation movement is alive and more determined than ever to regain the homeland for the Palestinians and to put an end to the Quisling in regal attire who pretends to rule over the Palestinian people.

The horrifying massacre engineered by the Nixon Administration and executed by Hussein and his military camarilla has merely galvanized the Arab commandos and won greater support from larger sections of the Arab Nation. It has also won the sympathy of the world's oppressed and of progressive, anti-imperialist forces everywhere.

As Nixon embarked upon his European tour, the Palestinian liberation movement had withstood the vicious, treacherous assault and emerged as the most revolutionary, steadfast and determined revolutionaries of the entire Arab world.

It is important to remember that the conspiracy hatched between Hussein and the imperialists has its origins in the so-called 90-day cease-fire maneuver between Israel, Jordan and the UAR, initiated by Secretary of State Rogers on behalf of the Nixon Administration. The purpose of this

cease-fire was to impose a settlement on the Palestinian people which would in effect deprive them of ever regaining their homeland. It would have been the death knell for the unrelenting and relentless 20-year struggle which they have been waging.

It was absolutely inevitable that the Palestinian people, through their central command, would organize and put up the most determined resistance to any such scheme. And it was in anticipation of just such resistance that Hussein dismissed his so-called civilian cabinet and handed over the reins to a military clique of butchers, who in their madness, as well as obtuseness, thought they would by a sudden stroke liquidate the liberation movement.

The U.S. 90-day cease-fire could not possibly have gotten to first base were it not for one extremely significant development in its favor. The U.S. obtained the agreement and cooperation of the Soviet leadership for this treacherous scheme. And the Soviet leaders in turn exerted severe pressure on Arab leaders who went along with the deal. Thus, the Soviet leaders bear a heavy responsibility for the unspeakable massacre. Without Soviet agreement, Rogers' phony peace maneuver would have fallen flat. It was the collaboration of the Soviet revisionists, of the Soviet bureaucracy with U.S. imperialism, that gave substance to Rogers' maneuver. This is an incontestable fact that must be borne in mind. It is a classic example of the role that the Soviet leaders play in stemming the tide of the world-wide revolutionary movement of the oppressed people and working class. They act as a bulwark, as a conservative pillar, for the maintenance of the status quo in international relations.

This, of course, does not at all erase the sharp contradictions between U.S. imperialism and the Soviet Union. Nor does it negate the socialist foundations of the USSR. It only brings sharply into the open the corrupt politics of the Kremlin leaders and their tendency to accommodate themselves to imperialism, where they can do it without damage to themselves. The fact that they may not succeed or may be unable to accommodate themselves to Nixon's predatory imperialist policies is something else again.

The Nixon Administration is once more showing that it is supremely conscious of the fundamental class contradictions that exist between U.S. imperialist interests and the Soviet Union. This has led Washington to go to extreme lengths in a show of force in the Mediterranean.

"One of the primary indispensable principles of American foreign policy," Nixon declared in Rome, "is to maintain the necessary strength in the Medi-

terranean." In this way he was not only threatening the Arab world, but also the Soviet Union. Nixon's visit to Italy, Spain and Yugoslavia and his posturing on the deck of an aircraft carrier are all part and parcel of the same military and diplomatic efforts to reassert the dominance of U.S. monopoly capitalism and oil imperialism, in particular, over all the world.

Nixon's posturing is also calculated to refurbish the waning fortunes of Wall Street's oil empire in the Middle East. Madison Avenue also tried to give Nixon the image of a stern, bellicose and determined emperor riding on the Mediterranean Sea as though it was an American lake. This image is bound to go down in history like that of Don Quixote striking at the windmills. For this is the era of the ebbtide of imperialist rule, not its floodtide. It is the era of the revolutionary awakening and relentless determination of oppressed peoples to free themselves from the yoke of imperialism.

Nixon, as the emperor of high finance riding on the waves of Mare Nostrum, will turn out to be a sawdust Caesar, whom the tide of history will sweep away.

BULLETIN

As we go to press, we learn of the death of President Nasser of the UAR. The above article was written prior to his death.

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Backstage at the David Frost Show

How they made Agnew look good

by Sue Steinman

The recent appearance of Vice President Agnew on the David Frost Show, supposedly to talk with students, was hailed in the bourgeois press as a model of freedom of speech, a true "dialogue." We all know that the capitalist press grinds out the news according to its own need. But it is rare that we get a chance to go behind the scenes, to actually see how they work the cameras and lights and action to fabricate what is called the news.

Some of us from Youth Against War & Fascism got this unusual opportunity September 21, when we were invited to participate in the debate and were then prevented from making any statement at all by both the staff and the carefully picked secret service police strategically placed to help "supervise" the David Frost Show.

It all began on Saturday, September 19, when a call came in from a Mr. John Brendt. He identified himself as a member of the David Frost Show production staff and explained that Agnew would be taping a show Monday to debate students. He asked if YAWF had a woman-student member that would be willing to participate in this televised debate.

Too good to be true?

We were immediately suspicious of the offer. After all, they must have some idea that YAWF is a revolutionary organization. We couldn't figure out why the David Frost Show would want to subject him to debate real revolutionaries rather than the moderate student types they usually invite, who never challenge the system itself. We didn't know the answer but we decided that this would be an opportunity to challenge racist Agnew with a revolutionary, anti-imperialist view and expose his pro-fascist policies over the mass media.

It was decided that I would do the show to try and give anti-imperialist answers to Agnew's rhetoric. I called back John Brendt to tell him that I was to be YAWF's representative on the show. I received a quick "Oh no you won't..." which was one of the first hints we got on how rigged the show was going to be. He asked what school I was going to, if I was a student government president, and if I wasn't could I act like one? It turned out that all the other students appearing on the show were. Then he paused and asked if I were attractive because that might compensate for me not being a student president (that's what Agnew specified). Besides, he went on, if I couldn't beat Agnew in a debate maybe I could floor him with my "beauty." I told this male chauvinist pig that all women fighting for the people were beautiful.

Mr. Brendt then had to check out if I was "intelligent"—in case I wasn't "pretty" that is. After all, he was taking me on the show sight unseen. I asked him if he knew any one else who could read Mao in the original? At this point he became more enthusiastic because he found a way of getting around not saying that I wasn't a student president for the introductions. I then was told to report Monday morning at 10:30 for an interview with him and the other students.

All day Sunday YAWF members and I gathered incriminating quotes from Agnew—and there were plenty of them! Several of us spent the day preparing answers to Agnew and the policies of the ruling class. It was a fantastic cram course in the art of demolishing the enemy verbally.

YAWF prepared statement on Mideast

We discussed how to handle the question of violence—to explain it by showing that the government is responsible for the violence. After the American revolution, the government entered into a contract with the people and the rules of this contract are embodied in the Constitution. One such rule is that the only branch of the government that can declare war is Congress. Yet today, the president is fighting three wars, all undeclared by Congress—one in Vietnam, one against Black America and now one in the Middle East. The government has broken its contract and the people are no longer bound to it; they are bound to rectify the situation by any means necessary. Force is the midwife to every

revolution. We saw it in Cuba and we are seeing it in Palestine today. We, the students and young workers in America, will also seize the time and make a revolution.

We had also prepared a statement on the Middle East. "At this moment, Mr. V.P., a very grave crisis has arisen in the Mideast. In the view of many youth and in the eyes of the millions and millions of people in Asia, Africa and Latin America, your administration is chiefly responsible for engineering this crisis. In the eyes of the world, the Mideast war is just another genocidal and imperialist war like the one your administration is carrying out in Vietnam. Just as your administration has a puppet government in Saigon, your administration has a puppet regime in Jordan and has made Israel into a satellite. Mr. V.P., does your administration intend to send GIs, B-52s and helicopters into the Middle East? Does your administration intend to bomb the Arab people out of existence in the interest of profit for the oil monopolies?"

I went to the interview Monday morning feeling sufficiently armed and tactically informed to pull this thing off. When I met the other students, I saw that they were all part of the whole rigged production. They were going to allow themselves to be used in the same way that the so-called "anti-Agnew" media was bowing in deference to the great prestige of the V.P.'s office.

Picking a panel by hook or by crook

All the students were handpicked for their moderate attitudes. It was immediately obvious that I was different and wouldn't fall into line. One student from Kentucky was chosen to be on the show after he came out with the statement that students having a dialogue with the vice president would benefit the country. His role in the televised debate was silent and rational—he never spoke. I guess he decided to join the silent majority and fall into line.

There had to be a Black person on the show "to integrate it," the racist producer joked. One Black student from Princeton supported the Panthers, a Black woman from Northeastern didn't, so of course, she was chosen. That solved two problems at once—they were able to get the most moderate Black person and also they had their token woman. Craig from Yale was chosen to be on the show because in the interview he had been scared and Agnew was just too sharp and experienced for "us" young students to handle. On the show this "radical" from Yale, who had participated in the May Day action for the Panthers in New Haven, agreed with Agnew that the U.S. peace proposals in Paris were fair and just to the Vietnamese.

The five students who were not chosen to be on

the stage were told to sit in the first row in the theater. We were told that after half of the show the cameras would turn to us so that we could each ask Agnew two questions. The producer also added that anytime we in the front row had a point to make, all we had to do was raise our hands and either David Frost or one of the students would recognize us. I tried to caucus with one of the more radical sounding students to see if he would call on those of us who wanted to speak—he never showed up to talk about it.

Just before the show began we found out that 65 of the people in the audience had been invited by the White House. Fifty newsmen were also going to be in the audience plus one or two friends of the students. And we can't forget to mention all of Agnew's Secret Service men who tried to be inconspicuous behind every pole. A very friendly and "impartial" audience for a debate that was supposed to pin down Agnew.

When I left back stage I was told that I would have to sit next to three Secret Service gestapo men. I knew then that the TV station had decided to prevent me from speaking. They found out who I was and they weren't going to allow for any slipups. When I got to the front row, I avoided sitting next to those SS freaks and tried to sit with my friends, but I was hustled to my assigned seat.

The "question period"

Throughout the show, David Frost sat nervously at the edge of his chair and nervously smiled at my raised hand. During every intermission I went up to ask the students to recognize me in the audience. Each time they agreed and each time it didn't happen. They were excellent foils for the Administration. When it came to the last 15 minutes of the show I decided now was my last chance to give my statement on the Mideast. I never got past the words "grave crisis," because the SS men grabbed me and the show was ended 15 minutes early. Agnew was whisked away. I was silenced by force and trickery.

Probably one decisive element in the decision not to let me speak was the fact that YAWF had organized, just the day before, a large and militant demonstration against Golda Meir and U.S.-Israeli aggression in the Middle East. The cry "Palestine Will Win" was probably still echoing in their ears as I walked into the television studio. The last thing in the world Agnew (and all his TV flunkies) wanted to hear was an anti-imperialist call for support for the Palestinian guerrillas over the mass media.

Despite our inability to intervene in a revolutionary manner, we felt that this was a useful experience. It proved again that revolutionaries have to pick the time and place for struggle because the capitalist press won't give it to you. Agnew can get all the TV time he wants for his racist, imperialist ideas. Revolutionaries will have to seize the time to make their ideas heard and felt!



Sue Steinman—silenced by trickery and three SS.

Boston demo a first

'Hands off the Arab people!'

BOSTON, September 24—For the first time in this city, the anti-imperialist slogan of "U.S.-Israel: Hands Off the Arab People!" was heard throughout the streets. About 200 people demonstrated here today at the downtown Park Street Station in support of Palestine Liberation.

At the encouragement of YAWF organizers, the demonstrators refused to cancel their rally when they learned that the police refused a permit. They stood firm and resisted the pig harassment during the rally.

This demonstration of solidarity with the Palestine Liberation Movement was sponsored by the Boston Middle East Group, the Committee to Support Middle East Liberation, the American Servicemen's Union and

Youth Against War & Fascism, among others.

"No Vietnam in the Middle East!" was the lead slogan of the leaflet issued by YAWF in its call for the demonstration. The leaflet concluded with the words, "The imperialists support Israel so long as they can depend on Israeli troops to intervene when the Arab masses threaten the imperialists' interests. Now, however, U.S. troops are on the verge of being sent in to enforce big business exploitation of the Arab world. The role of anti-imperialists is to wage war against imperialist oppression on all fronts: Vietnam, Black America and the Middle East -- and in all places: in the military, in the factories, on the campuses and in the streets!!!"

Women's group hits the streets to talk to their sisters

NEW YORK, Sept. 27—“Let her speak, let her speak!” This was the response of hundreds of onlookers as uniformed, and later a plainclothes pig, tried to break up the first YAWF Women's Caucus street meeting in the working class shopping district on 14th Street.

The street meeting began when several squads of women arrived at the corner and immediately began to set up a sound system, distribute leaflets, unfurl a banner and open up a ladder for the speakers to stand on. In less than a minute the meeting was under way.

A dozen women spoke on every question that affects women and all op-

pressed people as crowds of sympathetic listeners gathered.

The chairwoman pointed out that women's liberation is not the joke that the news media tries so hard to portray, nor is it the plaything of women with nothing better to do. It is the fight against the exploitation and oppression of Black, Puerto Rican and poor white women. The women who followed, whether they spoke about abortions, child care, welfare, schools, or working women, re-emphasized this point.

“Our enemy is the bosses, the corporation owners, the politicians who work for them and the police and army who protect their interests,” declared

one working mother. “When we see a man slaving to support his family we know that he's not the enemy” added another speaker.

While a Third World woman was relating the needs of Black and Puerto Rican women to the women's liberation struggle, the police tried to break up the meeting. She quickly seized the opportunity to explain to the onlookers the role of the police. “We know why the pigs are here. They always harass

the people—especially Black and Puerto Rican people. Are they protecting you from us?” she asked the crowd.

The chairwoman then got up on the ladder and told the crowd, “We won't let the pigs break this meeting up. The streets belong to the people, the people are the ones that built the streets and we have every right to be here.”

The pretext for the arrest was (continued on page 11)



(Left) YLP representative addresses people on 14 Street.



(WW Photos)

THIRD WORLD WOMEN'S VIEW OF THE STRUGGLE FOR LIBERATION

The following speech was delivered by a representative of the Third World Women's Alliance to the giant rally of women which took place in New York City on August 26.

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I am addressing myself specifically to the Third World women here — women from the oppressed colonies inside and outside of the United States. I am a member of the Third World Women's Alliance. We're an organization made up of Puerto Rican women, Oriental women, Black women and other Third World women who recognize that our oppression is not only of sex, but also of race, nationality and class.

Third World women are the most oppressed group in this country. We are oppressed by racism. We are oppressed by capitalism in the form of domestic imperialism and finally we are oppressed by sexism. Neither Third World women, nor women in general, can possibly be free until capitalism is smashed.

The Third World Women's Alliance is a revolutionary organization which believes in establishing a truly socialist society where all oppression would be eliminated. We realize that the only way to achieve this goal is ultimately by waging an armed struggle against this racist, capitalist, sexist system.

Rather than to remain as separate groups, such as a Black women's alliance, a Puerto Rican liberation group, and so on, we found that we would be much more effective and unified by joining these various groups into the Third World Women's Alliance, because our oppression is basically caused by the same factors and conditions. We meet Tuesday nights at 7:30 P.M. at 346 West 20th Street in St. Peter's Church between 8th and 9th Avenue.

Deal with your own racism

And to the white women's liberation groups we say...until you can deal with your own racism and until you can deal with your OWN poor white sisters, you

will never be a revolutionary movement and you cannot expect to unite with Third World peoples in a common struggle.

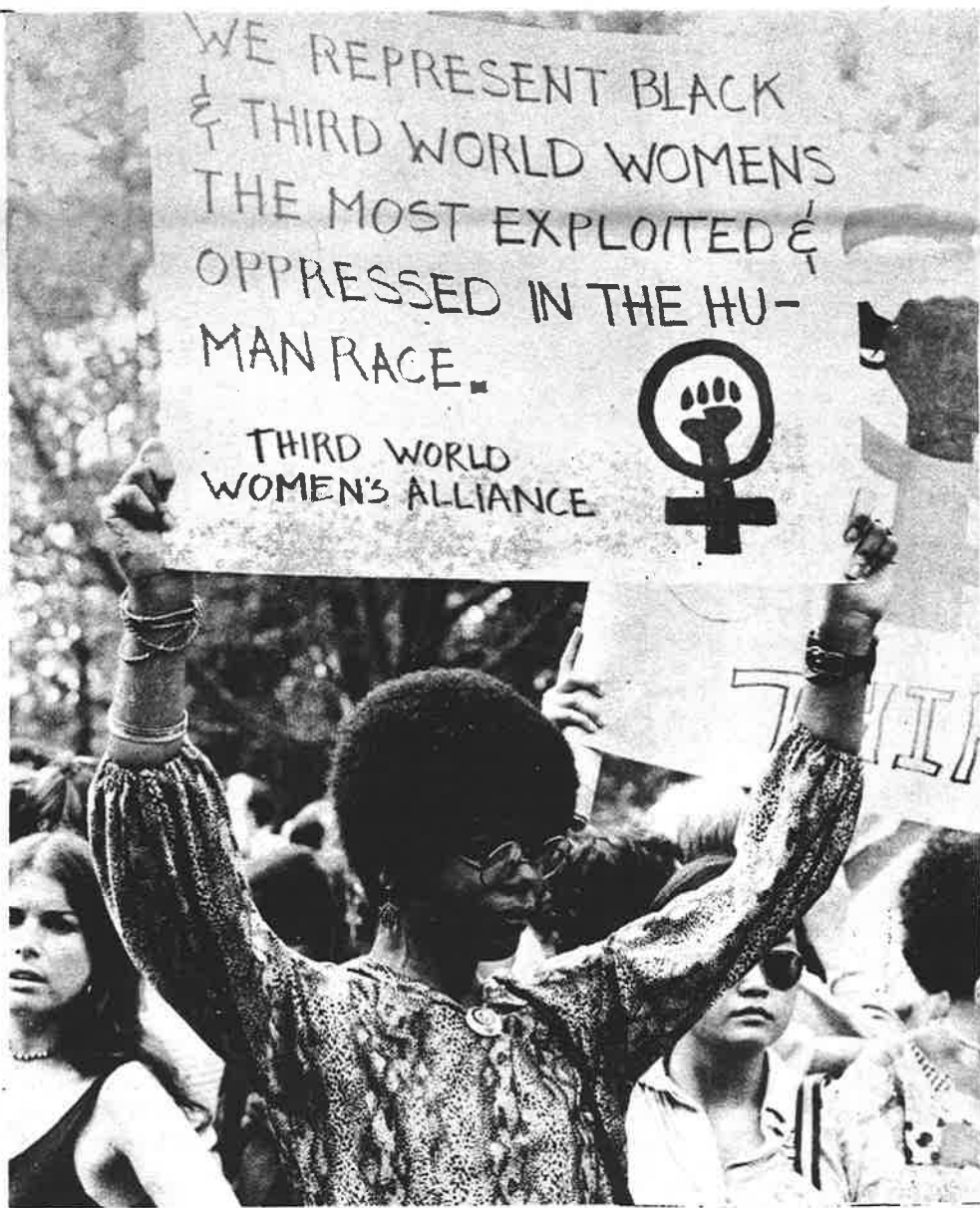
The stands taken by the over-all white women's liberation movement are basically reformist. By pushing for reforms in the society, you are only perpetuating that which is suppressing you, and which is super-oppressing women of color.

You cannot speak for Third World women when you ignore even your own poor exploited sisters in their own communities. Most white women involved in liberation groups come from a middle class and student thing. They don't address themselves to the problems of poor and working class women in their own communities, so there is no way in the world they could be speaking for Third World women.

We are the most oppressed group in this society. We are oppressed because we are poor. We are women. And we are not white. Third World women when they are able to get jobs, always have it worst because they are being paid low wages, forced into overtime, and are threatened with the loss of their job if they stay out one day. These women are the ones who slave in the garment center, at the Telephone Company and in factories.

What kind of equality?

There are serious questions that white women must address themselves to. You call for equality. We answer, equal to what? Equal to white men in their power and ability to oppress Third World people? As one of our sisters has written: “If white women have heretofore remained silent while white men maintained the better position and monopolized the opportunities by excluding Blacks, can we really expect that white women, when put in direct competition for employment, will be any more open-minded than their male counterparts when it comes to the hiring of Black males and females in the same positions for which they are competing? From the standpoint of previous American social interaction, it does not seem logical that white females will not be tempted to take advantage of the



(LNS Photo/Barbara Rothkrug)

fact that they are white, in an economy that favors whites.”

I quote from another sister, “If women were suddenly to achieve equality with men tomorrow, (we)...would continue to carry the entire array of utterly oppressive handicaps associated with race. Racial oppression of people in America has done what neither class oppression nor sexual oppression, with all their perniciousness, have ever done...The difference is between exploitation and slavery. Slavery partakes of all the worst excesses of exploitation—and more—but exploitation does not always sink to the miserable depths of slavery.”

It is difficult for Third World women to address themselves to the petty prob-

lems of who is going to take out the garbage, when there isn't enough food in the house for anything to be thrown away. Fighting for the day-to-day existence of a family and as humans is the struggle of the Third World woman. We are speaking of oppression. We don't need reforms that will put white women into a position to oppress women of color OR OUR MEN.

We need changes in the system and attitudes of people that will guarantee the right to live free from hunger, poverty and racism.

Revolution, and not reform, is the answer.

HANDS OFF ANGELA DAVIS
POWER TO THE OPPRESSED

Joel Meyers harassed Draft resister framed in prison strike

In the aftermath of a nationwide series of strikes inside racist U.S. capitalism's prison system (see W.W., Vol. 12, #13), prison officials have been desperately trying to make scapegoats out of alleged leaders of these just rebellions. Joel Meyers, a leading member of Youth Against War & Fascism, is one such example. In 1967 Joel was arrested for having decided it was his revolutionary duty to refuse to fight in the U.S. imperialist army in solidarity with his Vietnamese brothers and sisters. He was sentenced to three and a half years and started serving his time in November 1969. He was at Allenwood Federal Prison Camp when the strike hit there.

The concentration camps of America—the Federal, state and county prison systems—are set up with one thing in mind: to break the spirit of their victims. But as in almost every other aspect of this oppressive society, the victims are rising up. At Allenwood Prison a spontaneous strike occurred the week of August 16. The demands were based on similar demands presented at Leavenworth Penitentiary: a federal minimum wage for all industrial labor, nutritional food, and evacuation of particularly vicious prison guards, among others. The strike at Allenwood lasted one and a half days and was 90 per cent effective! Although shortlived, the strike was one of the most effective in the country.

After the first day of the strike, Associate Warden Hendricks of Lewisburg Federal Penitentiary (associated with Allenwood) stepped in and tried to intimidate the men. He asked for 25 prisoners to come forward to present the demands of the strike. This trick only infuriated the men and

was one of the main causes for the strike lasting another half day. (The demands had been posted all over the prison in the form of leaflets written on prison stationary.) Hendricks was obviously trying to get 25 of the most militant strikers to put themselves in the position of leaders of a spontaneous strike. This had happened at Attica State Prison (New York State) and as soon as 22 men came forward, they were shipped out and put into solitary confinement and other punitive conditions.

About a week after the strike, the prison officials decided arbitrarily that Joel Meyers was the leader of the open rebellion at Allenwood and transferred him from Allenwood (an "honor" camp with low security) to Lewisburg Federal Penitentiary (high security).

It was supposedly to be a purely administrative move but the day after his transfer, Joel was put into solitary confinement.

He was not allowed any personal belongings—no books, newspapers, etc. There was no bed, just a thin mattress on the floor. He was given no exercise hour and all food was shoved through a slot in the door. He was only allowed to shower and shave once a week and was not even allowed to have his shoes! His mail was very heavily censored and often not sent out at all.

The prison officials threatened to charge him with mutiny (!) and plotting to do harm to a federal officer. The FBI "visited" him. And psychiatrists were sent in, apparently to try to set up a mental transfer (a favorite tactic used against political prisoners), so they could keep him at some horror house (mental institution) indefinitely. But protests started pouring in from Joel's family, friends and comrades in YAWF. (More importantly, convicts at Allenwood protested this move, as will be explained later.)

There were no charges against Joel and lawyers started working on that basis to have Joel freed from the strip cell.

Seeing that the prison could not hide Joel's case in their dark dungeons, they decided to formally charge him with "continued agitation of the strike" past the "moratorium" deadline. (This is referring to Hendricks' allegation that Joel was responsible for the continuance of the strike.) The sentence was a "non-punitive" transfer to a Federal "Correctional" Institution. On September 17, Joel was transferred to Danbury Federal Correctional Institution, after three weeks in the "hole."

Two days after Joel was transferred and put into solitary, a delegation that grew to about 65 prisoners went to the administrative building to demand to know why Joel was transferred. (The grape-vine system of communications inside the prison systems must be one of the biggest thorns in the sides of the prison officials!) This demonstration of solidarity among prisoners scared the officials as much as the strike did. So they had to find another scapegoat.

Tom Comar, another militant draft resister was transferred the next day and put into solitary. He was held virtually incommunicado, with no mail allowed to go out. His family did not even learn of this punishment until over a week later. As of this writing Tom is still in solitary, although the prison keeps saying they are not punishing him. Supposedly the prison is going to give Tom his personal belongings, but he has still not received them.

His sentence ends on October 30 and it is speculated that the prison plans to keep him under these conditions until the very last day. They use the excuse that they are doing it for Tom's safety, that to put him into regular population would "endanger" him. But Tom was at Lewisburg for two weeks before being transferred to Allenwood the first time and he never encountered any "danger" from the other prisoners. It is just a last ditch attempt to intimidate a militant, political prisoner after seeing the prison could not break him during the two years he was there.

Prison rebellions nationwide

The following are examples of the measures being taken by prison officials in the aftermath of the tremendous struggles at other prisons in the U.S. They come from prisoners.

FT. LEAVENWORTH FEDERAL PENITENTIARY—A history-making strike by convicts at Ft. Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary has ended in a barrage of reprisals after 2,400 strikers held out for nearly three weeks in their demands for, among other things, Federal minimum wages for industrial labor, nutritional food and evacuation of particularly vicious, brutal line guards. Prison officials unwilling, and moreover unable in this capitalist society, to meet these just demands, finally crushed this work stoppage and retaliated with a vengeance.

Of these 2,400 prisoners, 100 striker-convicts were put in the hole and then were transferred to various institutions around the country. Most have lost "good time" they had accumulated—some losing years of this time off their sentences. And many have been charged with various crimes (arson, assault, etc.) which can carry additional sentences of 10-15 years.

While the flunky jailors of the ruling class pat themselves on their backs for this short-lived victory over these convicts, both Black and white, who have risen everywhere to break the fetters of American prison life—untold horrors, savagery and infamies—they could never guess that their ruthless maneuvers have only increased our numbers and strengthened our determination. It is a world historic struggle against the reactionary

and racist capitalist class—who are the origin of all social oppression.

EL RENO FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION—In the wake of the strike at this federal prison, 74 Black prisoners have been framed up on mutiny charges which can carry additional terms of 10-15 years. This out-and-out racist frame-up has been kept out of the bourgeois media to try to isolate the just struggles inside the prison. But it will not work—already, prisoners in other prisons know of this vicious attack on militant convicts—and the word must spread to the people in the bigger concentration camp called America.

LEWISBURG FEDERAL PENITENTIARY—on February 1, a rebellion took place at this maximum security prison. Word of it was quickly hushed up by the bourgeois press. But at this writing seven Black convicts have been framed up on four felonies each: assault on federal officers with intent to kill, arson, mutiny, rioting, destruction of federal property, etc. Each charge can carry sentences of up to 10-15 years. They have been held in solitary confinement since February with no legal aid.

In addition to these examples of militant struggle inside the prison system, there have been strikes at Atlanta, Ga., Terre Haute, Ind. and many other concentration camps. These strikes are only symptomatic of the coming large-scale heroic struggles to take place inside the system's prisons.

Milwaukee 3 get 30 years; youth organize support

by Jim Miller

MILWAUKEE—On Tuesday, September 22, two of the Milwaukee Three, Jesse White and Booker Collins, were sentenced to an indeterminate period of up to thirty years in a state prison on a charge of attempted murder of a Milwaukee police officer, Robert Schroder. The third defendant in the trial, Earl Leverette, free on \$5,000 cash bail, went underground after the first half-day of the trial, realizing that the state planned to railroad the three for the maximum penalty. He is still free.

The day after Leverette disappeared, the Milwaukee police department and the Police Chief, Harold Brier, held a sensational press conference. These racists thought they had caught Earl, only to find that the person they had picked up only had the same hairstyle. Since then no trace of Earl has been found.

The trial, which lasted less than one week, was a perfect example of the kind of rushed frame-up justice which is given to all Black people and other oppressed people, and especially revolutionaries in this country. Originally, the trial was supposed to begin September 21, but when the Milwaukee Liberation Front, made up of the Revolutionary Youth Movement, Youth International Party, Gay Liberation Front and Youth Against War & Fascism, called demonstrations to coincide with the end of the trial on September 26-28, and when Spiro Agnew planned to visit Milwaukee on September 25, the ruling class decided to move up the trial to September 14.

The judge, supposedly a "liberal" as far as judges go, denied almost all of the defense motions, giving the prosecution most of what they wanted. The desire to rush the frame-up was so evident that when the DA asked for an indefinite postponement in order to search for Earl, the judge was forced to deny it, after lengthy consultation with his higher-ups.

The only evidence the prosecution presented was the testimony of Officer Schroder that he saw Earl's face behind a slowly moving shotgun the night of September 22, 1969. The state claims that Jesse shot the gun at a distance of twelve feet and missed the officer who fell to the ground after seeing the blast. The defense proved in the court that the police line-up the night of the arrest was illegal and that the other three men were inmates in the County Jail wearing prison clothing and different hairstyles than the Three. It is no wonder that Schroder was able to finger them so easily.

The Three have been in prison for over a year now. Immediately after their arrest they were railroaded on charges of resisting arrest and sentenced to one year each. During that time, a coalition of groups, including YAWF, RYM, YIP and the NCCF have held continuous demonstrations to free the Three.

The DA's whole appeal and his final arguments were that these men planned the "cold-blooded assassination," which he char-

acterized as being simply a "hunting party whose only quarry was any man who wore a badge." He played on the fears of the jury (all but one of whom were white) of a Black uprising, at one time waving a twelve-gauge shotgun in their faces.

After the sentencing, both Jesse and Booker gave power salutes and Jesse began his statement by saying, "That's Pig Justice in Amerikkka." The judge refused to allow either of them to speak and ordered them to immediately begin serving their sentences. Both also had written statements to their supporters which showed their revolutionary convictions even as they were being taken away to serve maximum terms.

The struggle to free the Milwaukee Three is not over. Now is the time to build support for appeal action as well as continued massive demonstrations. We will use any methods to free our brothers even while they are in the pigs' grasp.

On September 25 and 26 several hundred young people met in demonstrations around the Milwaukee Three. The series of events, Liberation Three, was started off by a demonstration against Agnew in which 800 people moved into the streets, chanting such slogans as, "Free Bobby, Free the Three, Overthrow the Bourgeoisie" and "Free the Three or Else!" Liberation Three was the beginning of new struggles which will lead to the freeing of the Three and all political prisoners.

New Orleans NCCF raided

Community rallies behind Panthers

By Ellen Pierce

NEW ORLEANS—A massive police assault on the headquarters of the National Committee to Combat Fascism (NCCF) here Sept. 15 has turned into another defeat for the cops. The Black community immediately rallied to the support of the NCCF and Panther leaders, denouncing the police raid and disputing the pig version of the shooting of several Black people during almost a week of combat between the people and the police.

The cops are particularly anxious to find Steve Green, a Panther organizer who was wounded during the battle Sept. 15. He is being charged with criminal anarchy. However, the people have taken Green in and are hiding him from the enemy. It was reported that he was shot through the throat and shoulder but is getting "professional medical care" somewhere in the Black community.

Hundreds of police in bulletproof vests carrying shotguns and teargas and backed up by two helicopters and an armored car attacked the headquarters of the NCCF on Sept. 15. (The NCCF was formed by the Black Panther Party to defend the Black community against this kind of repression.)

Despite the tremendous firepower of the pigs, 16 committee members in the building and supporters in the surrounding Black community fought off the attack for half an hour. When they were finally captured, the prisoners were forced to lie on the muddy ground before being taken to jail and charged with "attempted murder" for defending themselves. Bail was set at \$100,000 each.

Police murder Black youth

Not satisfied with this, and hoping to terrorize

the community that had come to the support of the NCCF, the next day police opened fire on four young men walking by a store near the Desire housing project, killing one and wounding the other three. One of several eyewitnesses to this murder said, "Those kids were shot down in cold blood."

The racist rulers of New Orleans have been hysterical over the revolutionary response of the Black community to its would-be executioners. "Violence!" screams the police chief with his machine guns and armored cars. "Criminal anarchy" charges D.A. Jim Garrison (he had his differences with the rest of his class over the John Kennedy assassination, but is willing to go along with police assassination of Black Panthers), who is accusing five Panthers—four of them have not been caught—with this frame-up charge.

A raid against the NCCF headquarters had been rumored for weeks. Such raids have been carried out in several Northern cities, the latest being on Sept. 18 in Toledo, Ohio, where two young Panthers were wounded, in a coordinated nationwide attempt by the ruling class to smash the Panther Party.

Panthers are welcome, but not pigs

The New Orleans attack came after a people's trial of two police agents who were discovered spying on the NCCF. Even the pigs' version of this trial shows its revolutionary nature. The two men, pronounced guilty by a jury of about 100 people from

the community after a one-and-a-half-hour trial, were turned over to the crowd and pummeled before they ran away. One suffered a broken finger.

"Panthers are welcome in the community but police informers are not," said Johnny Jackson during a news conference on Sept. 17 at which community spokesmen gave the people's side of the story to counteract the cop version consistently printed in the capitalist press.

Initially, said the spokesmen, the people's anger was directed mainly against the informers and two Black store owners who aided them after they escaped from the crowd. The store owners shot nine people in the crowd that came after the agents. Some fires were then set. The attack against the NCCF building came the next day as police tried to frighten the community with massive terror. But not all the shots fired at the pigs came from the barricaded headquarters—Panther supporters joined the battle. After the shooting stopped, hundreds of project residents came into the streets shouting their support of the captives and hate for the pigs.

The police version of the shooting of four young men the next day originally claimed the four made a dash for the store (this was the store whose owners had sheltered the stool pigeons), firing guns at the cops staked out inside. They soon switched to a new lie, saying the four were in the front line of a group marching on the store with fire bombs. Eyewitnesses said the four unarmed men were gunned down without warning or provocation.



Cops kicked in doors in New Orleans Black community during raid on NCCF.

Buffalo cops on orders to harass Panthers

BUFFALO, Sept. 23—The repression of the Black Panther Party nationally has clearly revealed the plans of the ruling class to wipe the Panther Party off the face of the earth. Whether they use the pig's guns or the court's judges, the billionaire rulers of this country are waging a vicious racist war against the Black colony in America.

In Buffalo, a city nationally renowned for its repression, the situation is no different. The local chapter of the National Committee to Combat Fascism has been harassed by the pigs since they first started organizing their programs to serve the people here.

Their paper vendors have been arrested numerous times (and have had all the charges dropped later); one Panther, Sherry Brown, was charged with an obviously phony criminal anarchy charge when he was selling the Party paper (this charge was also dropped later).

In their latest effort to stop the NCCF, last week the pigs busted the chapter's defense captain, Kevin Blackford, on a trumped-up gun charge. The pigs arrested Kevin at gunpoint late at night in front of the NCCF headquarters.

Kevin also faces heavy felony charges arising from the rebellions at the University of Buffalo last spring and is obviously known to the Buffalo pigs who

will attempt anything to smash the NCCF.

But the pigs didn't count on the response from the Black community. The day following Kevin's arrest, the NCCF put out a plea to the gangs in the Black colony to stop fighting each other and come to Kevin's defense.

At a demonstration at the courthouse called by the NCCF, three gangs, the Matadors, the War Lords and the Manhattan Lovers joined the NCCF and Youth Against War & Fascism to protest this racist frameup. Kevin's bail was set at \$500; it was immediately raised and he was freed. The following week, however, he was busted again, this time for loitering while sitting in a car.

Kevin's arrests, however, were obviously part of a larger overall pig plan against the Panther Party. The pig assault on New Orleans was the beginning of a racist offensive on the East Coast, and Buffalo is part of the plan.

In anticipating an upcoming police assault, the local chapter of the NCCF called a press conference to explain to the people beforehand the pigs' plan. In a televised interview, the NCCF read the following statement: "The Buffalo chapter of the National Committee to Combat Fascism moves to educate the people by pointing out the contradictions existing in this decadent society

by setting up socialist programs and teaching the people the correct methods of dealing with the oppression which we all face on a daily basis.

"The racist elements in the Buffalo police department, working in conjunction with the FBI, are attempting to stop us from feeding hungry children and sabotaging the liberation struggle in this area by preparing to attack our office. We have stated that any time the police want to search our office they will be admitted if they are accompanied by our attorneys and people from the community, and the search must take place during daylight hours.

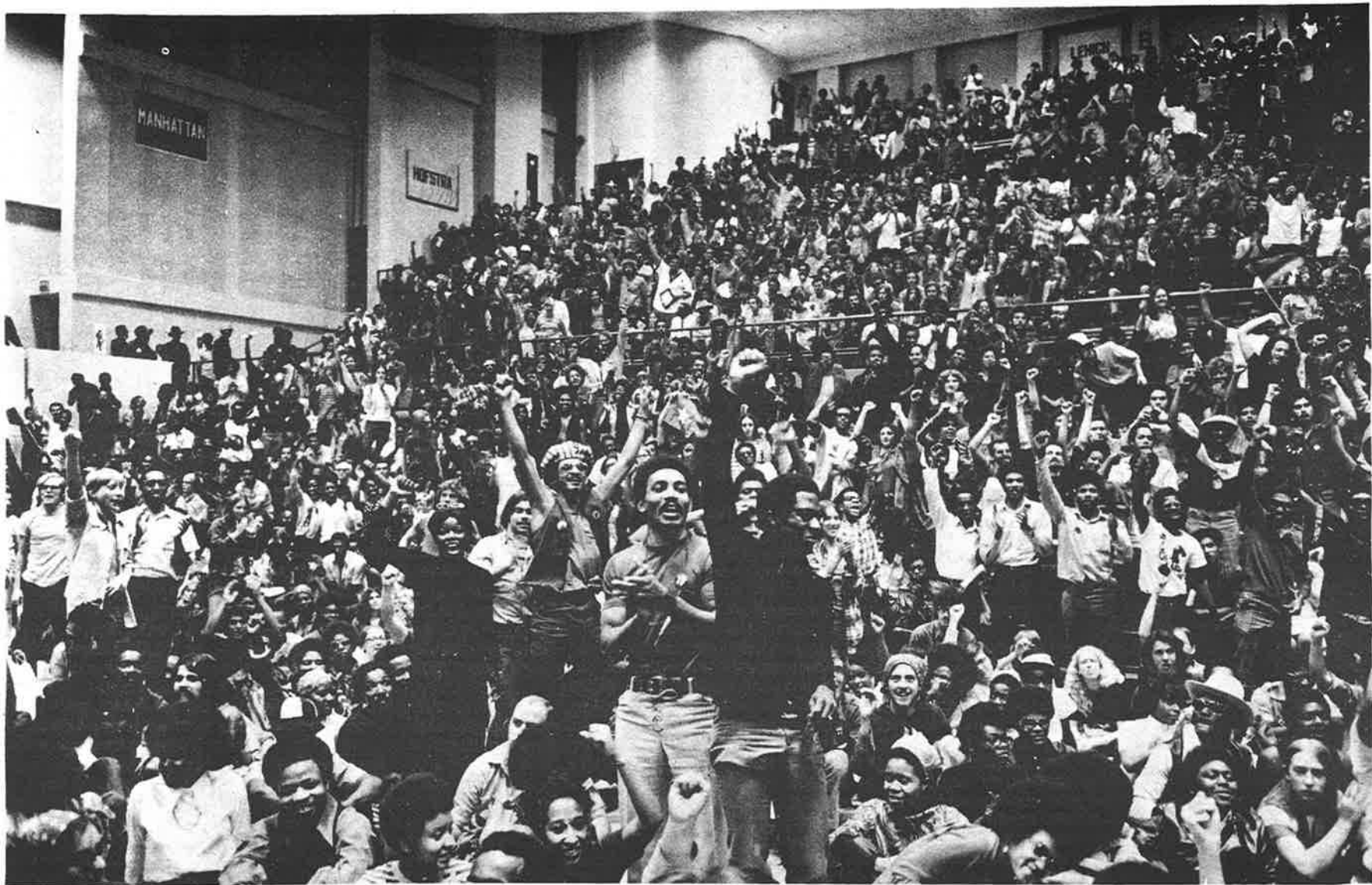
"We feel that this position renders invalid any pretext that the police might use for attacking our office. We draw the line at the threshold of our doors. Therefore, those who approach our doors in the manner of outlaws, who seek to enter our offices illegally, unlawfully and in a rowdy fashion, those who kick down our doors with no authority and seek to search our homes in violation of our Human Rights will henceforth be treated as outlaws, as gangsters, as evildoers. We have no way of determining that a man in a uniform involved in a Jesse James style entry into our office is in fact a guardian of the law. He is acting like a lawbreaker and we must make an appropriate response."



BAIL FUND FOR NEW YORK PANTHER

Clark Squire has been a computer programmer for the last 12 years and is one of the New York Panther 21. He has been in prison for 18 months without trial in lieu of \$50,000 bail. Computer People for Peace (formerly Computer Professionals for Peace), recognizing the repression of the Black Panthers is inseparable from America's Asian war, is undertaking to raise the money for Clark Squire's bail. All contributions should be sent to Squire Committee, c/o C.P.P., Box 1597, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11202.





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The Revolutionary People's Constitutional Convention

A stirring preview of people's power

By Naomi Cohen

PHILADELPHIA — The overwhelming impression one came away with from the Revolutionary People's Constitutional Convention was that the Black Panther Party had won a great victory in its battle for survival. Thousands of people poured out of Philadelphia's Black community in a show of solidarity with the Panthers, forcing racist police chief Rizzo and the courts here to release 15 Panther prisoners taken in a police assault on their offices a few days earlier. The government conspiracy to stop the convention by unleashing a reign of terror in the Black community was a total failure.

More than 10,000 people, over half of them Black, went ahead with the drafting of a new constitution that would represent all the oppressed and exploited people living under U.S. imperialism. The people had also turned out in large numbers to see and hear Defense Minister Huey P. Newton, who was speaking on the East Coast for the first time.

Huey's message to the plenary session of the convention began, "Friends and comrades throughout the United States and throughout the world, we gather here in peace and friendship to claim our inalienable rights, to claim the rights bestowed upon us by an unbroken train of abuses and usurpations, and to perform the duty which is thus required of us. Our sufferance has been long and patient, our prudence has stayed this final hour, but our human dignity and strength required that we still the voice of prudence with the cries of our sufferance."

Spirit of revolutionary love

"Thus, we gather in the spirit of revolutionary love and friendship for all oppressed people of the world regardless of their race or the race and doctrine of their oppressors. We gather to proclaim to the world that for 200 years we have suffered this long train of abuses and usurpations while holding to the hope that this would pass. We recognize, however, that it has not passed and we are a people who enjoy no equal protection of the law, and our future action must be guided by our sufferance and not by our prudence."

He went on to call for a new constitution that would be designed for the people, in a "socialist framework" that would guarantee "a new economic system in which the rewards as well as the work will be equally shared by all people." While he spoke, thousands of those who could not fit into the gym crushed against the doors, eager to hear the speech.

Michael Tabor of the NY 21

Huey's talk was the culmination of a long, exciting day that began with thousands of us standing

on line waiting to enter the gym at Temple University. The Panthers had set up an elaborate security system to search everyone who entered the building. The afternoon began with a rousing, two-hour speech by Michael Tabor, one of the defendants in the New York Panther 21 frameup. Tabor brought the audience to its feet again and again as he ran down the oppressive, fascist nature of the U.S. ruling class and called on the people to struggle against it.

He charged that the pigs of America are guilty of mass murder, of persecuting and oppressing women and every minority group. They are guilty of every conceivable crime. "The only place for them is in the graveyard of human history.... From the beginning it was a government of the pigs, by the pigs and for the pigs." The people who wrote the Constitution, Tabor continued, were the ruling class. "They created a society to protect their property, to keep Black people, indentured servants, women and Indians enslaved."

When Tabor called for all oppressed groups to unite to destroy U.S. imperialism, the crowd jumped to its feet with fists raised and chanted "Power to the people." Tabor told the people that they would have to defend the new document against the handful of bankers and monopolists who rule this country.

On Sunday, Sept. 6, the conference broke down into workshops dealing with the oppression of different groups, for example, self-determination for national minorities, self-determination for women, control and use of the military, internationalism, etc.

Workshops report back

The women's resolution opened with the declaration: "We recognize the right of all women to be free."

It then went on to state, "As women, we recognize that our struggle is against a racist, capitalist, sexist system that oppresses all minority peoples."

The provisions dealt with many aspects of women's oppression. It declared the right of all women to free and safe birth control, including abortion on demand, with guarantee against forced sterilization, to paid maternity leave, equal education, an adequate income for all, and full employment. It was also stated that women have the right to bear arms and to be trained in their use.

Each group brought back its suggested program and demands to the plenary session that evening. It would be impossible to describe all the resolutions, but in general they reflected a revolutionary spirit, a commitment to socialism as the answer for the working class and oppressed people and a great feeling of solidarity with all the oppressed around the world who are struggling for self-determination. The session ended with the report from the

workshop on internationalism. A Palestinian read the statement which called for support for the Chinese people's struggle to liberate Taiwan, for the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam and the fighters in Cambodia and Laos (thunderous applause), for the struggle of the Puerto Rican people and for solidarity with the Palestinian people who are fighting to liberate their homeland from imperialism.

He called for the deletion from the constitution of all references to "man" and "mankind" to be replaced by "people" and "humanity." The workshop had resolved that the people should do away with all remnants of male chauvinism and finally, overthrow all capitalist, fascist and racist governments of the world.

In the wake of the Revolutionary People's Constitutional Convention, the ruling class has chosen to launch coordinated assaults on Panther chapters and NCCF offices in many cities—New Orleans, Toledo, Buffalo, to name a few. In the light of this renewed repression, it is all the more urgent for revolutionaries throughout the country to rally to the call of the Black Panther Party for the final Constitutional Convention called (tentatively) for Washington, D.C., in November.

Free All Political Prisoners
Free Bobby Seale
Power to the People!



Comrade Huey Newton giving the keynote address to Constitutional Convention.

THE ABC OF THE MIDEAST

At this critical moment of the revolutionary liberation struggle in the Middle East, it is absolutely necessary for progressive Americans to take an unequivocal and resolute stand on Arab liberation. The revolutionary movement within the U.S. must initiate a struggle to stop the U.S. imperialist military machine from committing any further aggression in the Middle East just as in Vietnam, Santo Domingo or any other part of the world.

Before we can expect to reach the American masses, there are a number of important points that must be brought to the attention of the vanguard in order for them to grasp the revolutionary Marxist position on the Middle East.

Oil in the Mideast

If one knew nothing at all about the Middle East, two or three key statistics on the economics of Mideast oil would quickly reveal the deep interest of U.S. oil monopolies in the political destiny of the Arab lands. Annual U.S. oil profits from the Middle East are over \$2 billion. The production cost of a barrel of oil runs from 10¢ to 15¢ a barrel in the Middle East compared to \$1.40 a barrel in the U.S.—ten times cheaper! The Middle East has four-fifths of the capitalist world's oil reserves. This explains why most of the Arab oil-producing countries are virtual colonies of Wall Street and Washington.

While Washington's daily propaganda is geared toward supporting Israel against the Arab peoples' struggle for liberation, Wall Street must often reassure its own ruling circles that Nixon's Middle East strategy flows from the tremendously rich oil reserves. Just after the 1967 June War, Fortune magazine, a highly influential Wall Street mouthpiece, stated:

"The strategic importance of the Middle East to the world's industrial nations often gets overlooked in close-in debate over the Israeli-Arab war...the high stakes in terms of people, geography, and—by no means least—oil."

And after Nixon flew to the Mediterranean this week to reaffirm his aggressive Middle East policy from aboard a U.S. aircraft carrier, the New York Times noted that the White House concealed the fact he was first briefed by oil lobbyists because "in the latter half of the 20th century it is not respectable to flaunt a fleet to protect oil."

Israel

A European-style, exclusively Jewish state the heart of the Arab world was created by Western imperialist powers as a garrison state to protect their vast oil properties throughout the Middle East. Any imperialist claim that Israel was formed out of humanitarian gestures towards

the long-persecuted Jewish people is the most vulgar hypocrisy. The Roosevelt Administration actually played down Nazi plans for the genocide of Jews until the U.S. got into the war in 1941. After World War II, the Truman Administration refused to admit any significant number of Jewish refugees to the U.S., and cynically used the Zionist leadership to push the European Jewish refugees into Palestine. The victims of Nazism were to be used as U.S. imperialism's military arm over the super-oppressed Arab people.

But Washington could not have forced the creation of Israel almost overnight, that is, from 1946 to 1948. The new imperialist conquerors in Wall Street "inherited" the Israeli embryo from their predecessor in the Middle East, British imperialism. In 1917, the idea of a Jewish state within Palestine was formulated by the British colonizers.

At the time, only 8 per cent of the Palestinian population was Jewish. Most of the European Jews had come to Palestine knowing that they could live harmoniously with the Arab people without the vicious anti-semitism they had experienced in Europe. They had no intention of establishing a Jewish state, which would further oppress the Palestinian Arabs.

The British imperialists consulted with the Zionist leadership (which was all in Europe and not in Palestine), but never asked the Palestinian Arabs if they would approve of a Zionist state in the middle of their homeland. The Zionist leaders, completely in the pay of the British, went ahead and urged Jewish immigration into Palestine. The puppet Zionist leader of the Mapai (Ben Gurion's party), Eliezer Liebenstein, made this startling admission in 1934:

"England needs the Jews in order to prevent the Arabs from becoming too strong, and in order to have an added protection against an Arab movement which aims at the emancipation of a united Arab 'middle Orient' from English domination."

With the British Empire battered after World War II, and the Nazi genocide of 6 million Jews, the U.S. rulers seized the opportunity to become the new imperialist power in the Middle East, leading the fight to create the state of Israel and the eventual brutal expulsion of one million Arabs from their homes.

Jordan

The overriding fact about the present Jordanian kingdom is that its population is 60 percent Palestinian. This explains why the Hussein monarchy has had to play a vacillating role in the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. On the one hand, Hussein can only stay in power by remaining loyal to the imperialists who put him there in the first place. On the other hand, over a million Palestinians have put tremendous pressure on Hussein to support their struggle against the Israeli aggressor state.

Thus in 1967 Hussein was forced into a war

against the Israelis, while in the current crisis he has massacred thousands of Palestinians on behalf of U.S. imperialism (the U.S.-Hussein alliance is further revealed by Washington's decision to totally replace all of Hussein's armaments lost in the recent fighting).

Jordan was another Middle Eastern colony of the British Empire after World War I (then called Trans-Jordan) and was given its legal "independence" in 1946, with U.S. and British imperialism firmly in control of the Hussein monarchy. After the Zionists carried out their war against the Palestinian Arabs in 1948, the Jordanian kingdom annexed the West Bank of Palestine along with a million Palestinian refugees. The West Bank was retaken by the Israeli aggressors in the '67 June War forcing most of the refugees to flee into the old part of Jordan. One U.S. journalist, although against the Arab cause, clearly tells how British imperialism installed the Hussein family on the Jordanian throne and why the Husseins have earned the hatred of most Arabs:

"Jordan, after all, was arbitrarily sliced out of the map by Winston Churchill in 1921 as a payoff to the Hashemites who supported the British in the First World War; Hussein's ancestors aren't even from the country (they're from Saudi Arabia)."

The Palestine guerrillas

Having been denied recognition for so many years since the war that created Israel in 1948, the Palestinian guerrilla movement is now the indisputable key element in the Middle East crisis and is beginning to get support around the world.

Contrary to U.S. and Zionist propaganda, the Palestinian organizations have never called for the extermination of the Jewish people, but for the overthrow of the imperialist-created Israeli state. Their program calls for the creation of a secular Palestinian state where Arabs, Christians, and Jews can live on an equal basis free of imperialist domination.

The only de facto policy of extermination has been carried out by the U.S.-backed Israeli forces themselves, as in the massacre of the entire Palestinian village of Deir Yassin in 1948, or the napalming of Palestinians living in Jordan in 1967.

But the interests of the Jewish people are not the same as those of their imperialist-backed rulers. The Jewish people can live in a new Palestine with Arab and Christian if they too, like the Palestinian Arabs, are willing to throw off the yoke of the U.S.-Israeli oppressors.

Role of the USSR

Perhaps the most distressing and perplexing

Guerrilla supporters picket Meir

NEW YORK, Sept. 20—While Golda Meir was wining and dining and raising funds for Israel inside the Hilton Hotel here tonight, over 200 supporters of Palestinian liberation held a spirited and militant demonstration in behalf of the Arab people. A few attempts by Israel supporters to attack the pickets were quickly repulsed by the demonstrators' defense guard.

With flags flying and orange banners bobbing up and down, the demonstration stretched across the entire block in front of the plush hotel. "Arab lands for the Arab people, power to the people" and "Free Lella Khaled, Jail Golda Meir" were the loud cries of the protesters—Arabs, Iranians and North Americans. The demonstration had been called by the Committee to Support Middle East Liberation (CSMEL) and Youth Against War & Fascism. Strong delegations from the Iranian and Arab students associations gave the picket line a truly international character. One participant proudly carried the Palestinian flag.

"Down with Hussein"

The loud enthusiasm of this demonstration was sparked by the events in Jordan, where Palestinian guerrillas are still holding out against the U.S.-supplied military government of King Hussein. The Arab participants were particularly vociferous in their denunciations of Hussein—"Down with Hussein, power to the guerrillas" and

"Palestine will win" were two favorite chants.

GIs and veterans from the American Servicemen's Union also came down in support. They carried a large banner that read: "No U.S. troops to the Middle East."

Power is with the people

Rita Freed, chairwoman of the CSMEL, told the press here, "The present rush visit by the Israeli Prime Minister from Milwaukee is part of the U.S. war drive against the Arab people. Like the Sixth Fleet troop movements and the threatening statements by U.S. military spokesmen, it is calculated to prepare American public opinion for a new offensive, a new Vietnam in the Middle East."

"We understand that the magnificent struggle of the Palestinians is also a struggle on behalf of the Vietnamese, the Black and Puerto Rican people, the GIs, and all oppressed people fighting the imperialist system, and we give them our fullest support. The present crisis in the Middle East signals a new period in the effort of the world's colonized peoples to win control of their lands, natural resources and their destiny. We stand beside them at this critical time, confident that Palestine will win, because the power lies with the people."

(Although there were many representatives from the bourgeois press present, news of the demonstration was

systematically excluded from coverage.)

A small group of Meir supporters showed up but could not compete with the strong spirit of the anti-imperialist demonstration. When their attempts at disruption failed, the police were forced to move them to the other side of the street for their own protection. Three of their agents tried to get on the line later to rip off a banner but were spotted and swiftly dealt with by the tightly organized defense guard. (There were women and men at each end of the picket line to watch out for attacks, as well as a roving defense squad on the line itself.)

JDL stays away

One member of the defense guard, Ken Lapides, was picked off at the very end of the demonstration by three police brass. He was charged with assaulting one of the Zionists who had tried to tear up a sign at the beginning of the demonstration. Naturally, the cops didn't arrest any of the attackers.

Also in evidence were a small group from the pro-fascist Jewish Defense League, wearing dark blue shirts like a uniform. Their claim to infamy has been several cowardly surprise attacks on Arabs and Black people here who are fighting for liberation. But they steered clear of this demonstration which was organized and ready to repulse any and all attacks.

ST CRISIS

by R. Meisner

problem for progressive supporters of the Arab revolution has been the dual character of Soviet policy on the Middle East. While it is undeniable that supplying vital arms to the Arab nations is indeed progressive, the Soviet leadership has betrayed the cause of Palestinian liberation at several critical moments.

In 1948, under Stalin's leadership, the USSR supported the formation of Israel and thereby alienated most of the Arab revolutionaries from the international communist movement. The Soviet leadership never withdrew its recognition of Israel as a legitimate state in the heart of Arab Palestine. Soviet statements have, in the last few years, been denouncing guerrilla activity against Israel in favor of a peace that would return no Palestinian land (now Israel) to the Palestinians; and therefore no Palestinian nation back to the Palestinians.

In 1967, the Soviet leadership supported the UN resolution which forced the Arabs to lay down their arms and accept the Israeli conquests. In the current crisis in Jordan, the USSR implicitly condemned Syria for supporting the Palestinian commandos in a struggle for survival. In fact, it is believed that the USSR pressured Syria to pull out all the tanks which crossed into northern Jordan to support the commandos.

The USSR last month supported the U.S. "cease-fire" designed by Washington to weaken the Palestinian guerrilla organizations and denounced by every Palestinian organization plus Syria, Iraq, Libya and Algeria.

USSR arms aid to the UAR must be applauded, since the survival of the UAR may well depend on them. But its many betrayals of the Palestinian cause in favor of a status quo with U.S. imperialism must be deplored by all progressive humanity.

Our task

The task of revolutionary, anti-imperialist organizations in this country is to prepare the anti-war movement here to oppose U.S. aggression against the Arab people, just as it opposes the U.S. slaughter of the Vietnamese people. We must let the people know that the Arab masses are fighting to free the Middle East of U.S. domination and the Palestinian people are fighting for a homeland taken from them by imperialism. Their struggle must be supported as we support all oppressed people in their fight for national liberation.

This task is urgent. U.S. troops may very well be fighting in the Mideast soon and we must know how to respond to this new imperialist war.

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TO A FIGHTING SISTER

Leila Khaled is a member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. She took part in the successful hijacking of a TWA jet last year. She is presently being held by British authorities after an attempt to commandeer an Israeli El Al jet recently. The following telegram was

sent to the PFLP from the Women's Caucus of Youth Against War & Fascism:

Our Palestinian sister, Leila Khaled, in her heroic action aboard the El Al jet, was fighting for the rights of her long-denied nation. But not for Palestine alone.

She went into this dangerous mission ready to sacrifice or to win equally with her brother in arms. It was a conscious political act, aimed at underlining the need for women's full partnership in the effort to liberate Palestine. And by it our sister struck a blow for all oppressed women, for all liberation struggles and so for all the oppressed of the world.

The imperialists have kept the Arab nation in chains and the women in double bondage, and they say this backwardness is eternal. They say the Palestinians don't exist and that technology is greater than people.

Leila Khaled challenged all their smug lies. She won a victory for the revolutionary forces, even though she was taken captive. Her jailers have no right and no authority over her or any of the Palestinians and Arab people they have for so long plundered, divided and murdered.

We salute Leila Khaled and her brave comrade who was slain. We demand the release of our sister and say with her and with our fighting sisters throughout the world:

Revolution Until Victory!



WIN!



This hand-made wooden shield, the work of Greek political detainees at Kowzalos prison in Athens, was dedicated "to the brave Arab commandos struggling for freedom in Palestine" on July 5, 1970. Ornamented with the Greek and Palestinian flags, with a hand grenade between them, it is a symbol of the unity of revolutionary movements of liberation in the world.

Revolutionary implications of the GM strike

By Vince Coneland

When a few dozen workers in a sweatshop first take fate in their hands and embark upon a strike, they have to go through a revolution in their own spirits; they have to take a chance on losing their livelihood altogether, especially if there has been no union in their shop before, and if they do not succeed in getting recognition from their boss.

That is why it is so hard to organize the workers even on the elemental level of joining together to prevent the heel of capital from grinding them down altogether, much less organizing to overthrow imperialism and establish socialism.

When workers lose even one hour's wages, it is often too much of a sacrifice. Those who are eternally in debt, eternally paying for the washing machine, the furniture or the family automobile, hesitate to take off a day when they are really quite ill; how do they feel when they must face a strike of weeks' and possibly several months' duration? Even when the worker is fully convinced of the necessity of a strike, his or her family is not necessarily convinced equally. And not many workers are equipped to answer the natural conservatism of the family that requires to be fed.

Then there are the workers who do not want to go on strike and must be prevailed upon to do it. They must be convinced — and life being what it is under capitalism, sometimes they must be convinced in a rather summary way.

This process is repeated every day somewhere in American industry — among the garment shops, novelty and toy producers, plastics factories, in the hospitals where more than a million "non-professionals" are hideously exploited both as to wages and conditions of work, in laundries, dry cleaning centers, many small parts producers; the list is endless.

But in the great scientifically organized aggregations of capital — basic steel, auto, rubber, basic chemicals, big electronic and electrical companies, trucking and other transportation — the workers have been unionized for over a generation. They have some of the same problems of the sweatshop worker, but they now have more power and therefore more confidence.

Rupture of the status quo

Their strikes resemble the others' in this respect: Every strike, large or small, is potentially a revolutionary action. It is a rupture of the status quo in a way more profound than the actions of the most courageous and daring students against the police and the other instruments of imperialist oppression.

Whether the strike be in a sweatshop paying less than the general minimum of \$1.60 per hour or in a huge industrial plant like General Motors, where the workers make \$3.50 or more an hour and often make \$200 a week by working long days and/or coming in Saturday and Sunday, it means a sacrifice for the workers and their families.

This sacrifice does not arise from idealism, but from desperation. It is the result of a long choked-up anger at the conditions of their exploitation, often subconscious, but nevertheless intractable and ultimately explosive.

Against one — against all

It is revolutionary not because of its explosive character alone, but because of its objective relationship to production and to the power of the ruling class.

The stopping of any part of American industry has some connection with all American industry. Just as any little street in any town in the United States is connected by other streets, roads and highways to every other street in every city in the whole country, so every big and little factory is connected by mortgages, stocks, bonds, interlocking directorates, bank control and a hundred other financial devices to

every other factory.

A strike against any large corporation (and particularly in the case of GM, the biggest industrial corporation in the world) calls into question the power of the kings of finance who own it and also raises the question of the power of the workers who produce all the profits. It also raises the question of government intervention because of the importance of that industry to the whole economy.

GM is the government

After all, the government itself is run by those who run General Motors and the other great corporations. This means a strike in GM could provoke a crisis in government especially because of the present weakness in the economy as a whole. The economic crisis can be further affected by the international crisis in the Far East and the Mideast — which is also the crisis of the corporations as well as their government — not to mention the immediate threat of expropriation of U.S. companies in parts of Latin America.

On the workers' side, a strike raises the question of the power of the exploited against their exploiters; the question of their will to withhold their work versus the strength of the bosses to maintain a commodity system while not producing commodities. It raises the question of solidarity within the ranks of the strikers and solidarity in the broader ranks of the whole working class. It is true, of course, that the workers ask "only" for an increased wage. It is true that the workers are by no means ready to overturn capitalist production relations when they go on strike for a raise in pay, even though the company is sometimes willing to murder them rather than yield this increase.

The workers expect to accomplish their aims entirely within the system as it is presently constituted. This expectation is never wholly justified, however, since the workers' struggle is itself a challenge to the system.

When 345,000 workers demand even a nickel an hour more than the corporation is willing to pay, this is \$34.5 million a year. And the union is not asking for just a nickel more, but 24 cents more than GM has offered.

The revolutionary hunger

The better-paid American workers, Black as well as white, eat three meals a day, which is a good deal more than half the world gets. However, the motive force of revolution is not absolute hunger, but almost always arises from the hunger to get what can be gotten and what the masses of people think their exploiters owe them.

This varies from country to country and from one historical period to another. The workers at General Motors are potentially just as revolutionary as any other group of workers or peasants in the world. They only need to get a fuller understanding of their own class position and to place the revolutionists within their ranks in the position of leadership. The further crisis of U.S. imperialism will do the rest.

Black people and the wheel of history

The question of the super-exploited, however, is related to the GM strike in a very intimate way, but a way that is only perceptible with an understanding of the history of U.S. Black liberation struggles. First, there are a very large number of Black people working for this company — sometimes whole plants are all Black, such as the GM foundry in Tonawanda, New York.

How did these Black workers get there and what is their strength against their present oppressor as

compared to their strength under chattel slavery?

The 345,000 workers at GM are nearly twice the number of adult slaves in the whole state of North Carolina at the time of the Civil War. And the value of the entire cotton crop of the South was about \$200 million in 1860 while the 1969 sales of this one capitalist corporation, General Motors, were about \$24 billion — 120 times as much as the whole South's product (if no allowance is made for the very great change in the dollar).

And that whole production has been entirely stopped by the workers — something the whole Union Army couldn't do to the Southern cotton crop in four years of the bloodiest war this country ever fought (in terms of U.S. lives lost).

Vehicle for Black vengeance

The chattel slaves of the South, in spite of constant attempts to rebel and occasional glorious insurrections like those of Nat Turner and the attempt of Denmark Vesey, could never get together to make a united push of their own — and were compelled to settle for an unreliable alliance with Northern capital — an alliance whose fate is now only too well known.

The very nature of separated plantation life determined this, rather than the ability of slaves to fight. Thousands of plantations had less than a dozen slaves, and the means of communications and transportation were slow and completely controlled by the masters. It was impossible to unite for the nationwide insurrection that was necessary.

But General Motors has brought thousands of Black workers together under one roof, so to speak, and has thus helped them to organize against the same capitalist class that betrayed them after the Civil War. It has literally summoned the Black people from the Southern countryside by a hundred mechanical eliminators of farm labor and has done almost the same thing in the North. It has thus helped them to understand their own strength and to use it. This is no credit to General Motors, which is merely a more efficient slave-master than the plantation owners—at least a hundred times more efficient.

The bureaucratic barrier

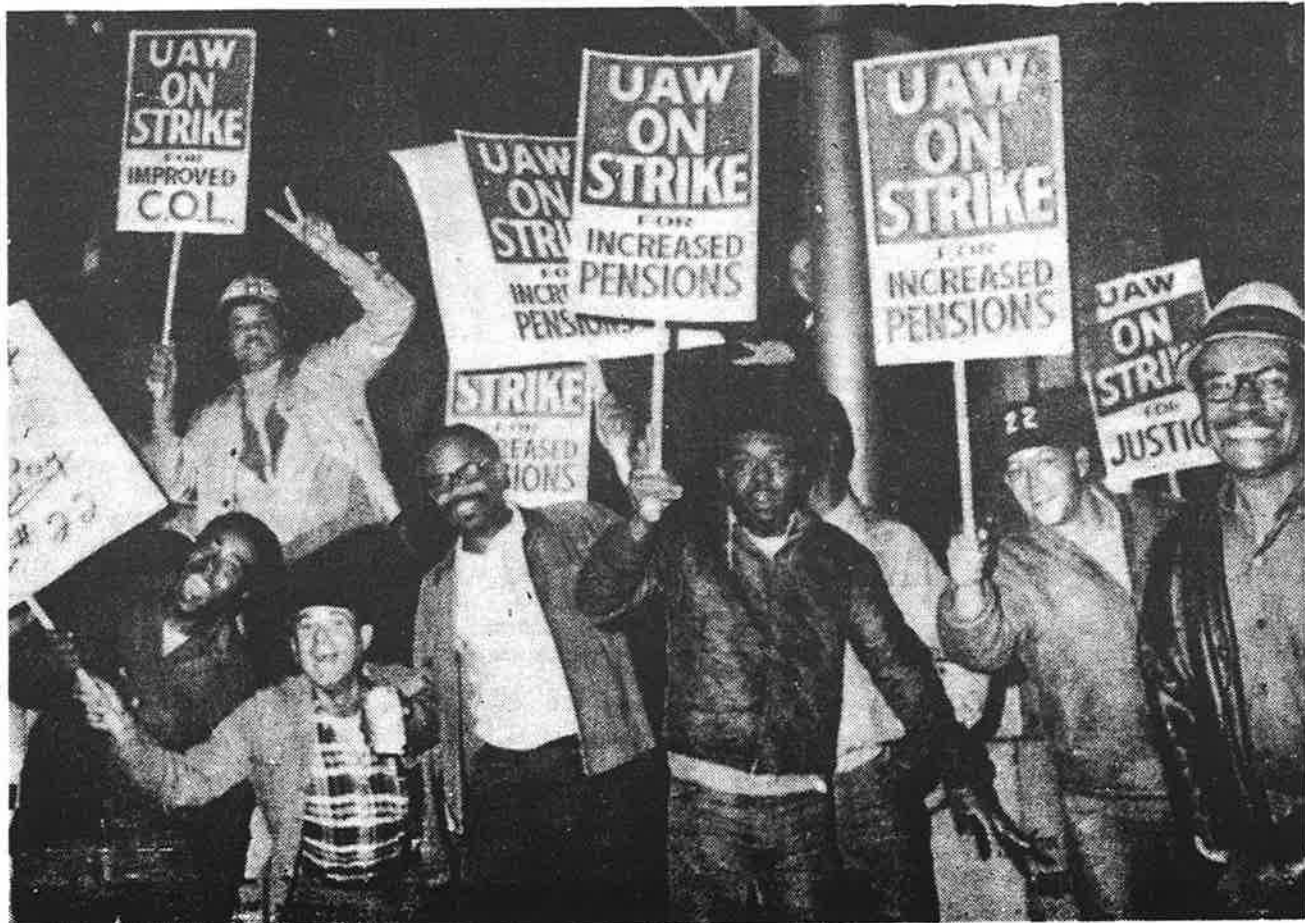
There are, of course, great barriers to the revolution at General Motors, among them most prominently the bureaucratic leadership of the workers' union. The most glaring commentary on this leadership is the fact that in the thirties the really revolutionary organizing strikes of GM were conducted by seizing the plants and occupying them until the company gave in.

The workers were not as strong then as they are now. And hardly any Black people worked there at that time. Today the workers are highly organized and the Black workers are there in great numbers. Black workers in the auto industry have formed their own caucuses and in Detroit organized the League of Revolutionary Black Workers. They not only fight the racist bosses and union bureaucrats, but are also militant in their demands for better working conditions and pay.

In the light of all this, the present strike seems rather tame. Yet it has the potential of far surpassing the perspective of its bureaucratic leaders. The very fact that it happened at all is a testimony to that.

Generally speaking, the beginning of a strike is no time to begin criticizing the union bureaucracy which has called it and is compelled to support it and even to extend it. But it is well worth noting

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(The following article is reprinted from a release by ELRUM (Eldon Avenue Revolutionary Union Movement), one of the Black workers' caucuses within the auto industry of Detroit and a part of the League of Revolutionary Black Workers.)

On Wednesday evening, July 15, James Johnson, Jr., responded to months of harassment and years of oppression and shot to death two foremen and one job setter at the Eldon Ave. Gear and Axle Plant. Dead were Hugh M. Jones, 44, a black production

at Eldon Ave. ordered him back to work over and above the recommendation of his own private physicians. These were the same officials who ordered Mamie Williams back to work, which led to her death one week later. James had signed up for his vacation time for mid-May. After being ordered back to work he left the plant on his two-week vacation time which he had previously been granted. James returned to work in the first week in June and was discharged without reason and his vacation pay was denied.

The story of James Johnson

Detroit Black worker had enough

foreman; Gary L. Hinz, 32, a white production foreman; and Joseph Kowalski, a white job setter.

Bro. James Johnson was a conveyor loader in Dept. 78, the Brake Shoe Dept., and had been so employed for the past three years. Eldon Ave. Gear and Axle Plant, the home of ELRUM, has some of the worst working conditions of any plant in existence. The plant is so unsafe that all of its 4,500 employees are risking their lives when they walk through the gates. In Dept. 72, there is an inch and a half of oil covering the floor of the aisles. The oil comes up over the soles of the workers' shoes. The entire ventilation system is inoperative. The jitney trucks have no brakes, lopsided tires, no horns and no lights. The aislesways are blocked by skid boxes, axles and scrap iron. Drill presses, cutters and grinders do not have safety guards. The management at Eldon is one of the most backward managements in town and totally nonresponsive to the just cries of Black workers. The plant is the only gear and axle plant the Chrysler Corporation has and is key to continued production of the entire Corporation. Unlike assembly plants where lost production can be made up, overtime or lost time at Eldon means a slowdown at assembly plants. Working conditions are so bad that Black foremen have been employed for over 10 years in order to moderate racial conflict at the point of production.

All the hourly employees are represented by Local 961 of the U.A.W.-C.I.O. The union President is Elroy Richardson, a former Black Vice-President who rode the tide of Black consciousness to the presidency in the spring of 1969. The local executive board consists of a group of loyal flunkies in the service of every wish of the President.

Two Black workers killed

For over the last six months, the already oppressive conditions worsened with the increase in layoffs and accompanying speed-ups of gear and axle production. The first open manifestation of these conditions took place on April 16, 1970, on the midnight shift in Dept. 73, when a white foreman named Ervin Ashlock threatened to bash Bro. John Scott's head in with a pinion gear. Scott then informed his committeeman and the following procedure ended in the discharge of Bro. John Scott. Elroy Richardson, the Union President, sent his union stewards into the shop and ordered the workers out on a wildcat strike. The strike lasted two days and the President got cold feet and ordered the workers back to work. Two weeks later Chrysler Corporation responded by discharging 14 Union Representatives and once again the plant went on an unauthorized strike. This strike also lasted two days and the workers were sent back to work without any Union representation.

It was this period of time that witnessed the death of two Black workers rising out of harassment from the Medical Department and unsafe working conditions at Eldon. Sister Mamie Williams died in the hospital after being forced back to work by a Chrysler Corporation doctor. This was contrary to the orders of her private physicians who had ordered her to bed. Precisely two weeks later Gary Thompson, a 22-year-old Vietnam war veteran, was crushed to death under a two-ton skid box which fell off of his faulty jitney truck. On June 2, 1970, Gary Thompson was buried and both Local 961 and Chrysler Corporation responded merely by sending representatives to his funeral services. In the weeks since the 1st of June, the Eldon management has continued its wanton arbitrary discharges and suspensions while some of the discharged stewards are still in the streets.

Needless to say, these are the precise and particular conditions under which Brother James Johnson had toiled in last six months at Eldon Ave. Gear and Axle Plant. The events around his personal existence as a Black employee at Eldon are intricately intertwined with the overall objective conditions mentioned above.

Johnson harassed in plant

In the early part of May, James Johnson was involved in an automobile accident which resulted in the destruction of his automobile and him being placed under a doctor's care. The medical officials

At the time of his first discharge his union steward was himself still discharged. His first discharge was so flagrant that management was forced to reinstate him two days later on its own initiative. After his reinstatement James Johnson became the object of constant surveillance and harassment. All of the foremen in Dept. 78 are merely high school graduates and very blatant and bold in the manner in which they exercise their authority. Management had set out consciously to attempt to provoke James in committing an act for which they could discharge him.

On Wednesday evening, July 15, James Johnson was taken off of his job as conveyor loader and replaced by a worker with two-weeks seniority. He was then placed on the brake oven job, which consists of placing brake shoes in bake ovens which bakes the coating on the brake shoes. The entire operation is done in 120 degrees heat. It was at this point that Bro. James Johnson spoke out in protest against being removed from his job. He was taken to labor relations office with his steward Clarence Horton and his General Foreman Jim Rhoades, at which point he was suspended for insubordination and told by his steward to go along with their decisions. Management had reached its long-awaited objective, they had provoked Bro. James to speak out against his treatment. James Johnson was then escorted out of the plant by plant protection guards.

He returned shortly, armed with a 30-caliber carbine in a desperate search for his General Foreman Jim Rhoades. He supposedly asked all of his fellow workers to stand back for he was not going to hurt them. While in pursuit of James Rhoades he encountered his foreman, Hugh Jones; a foreman in an adjacent dept., Gary Hinz; and a jobsetter who tried to disarm him. Johnson then supposedly threw his weapon down saying, "I'm satisfied," and walked back to the guard shack where he was apprehended by the Detroit Police Department.

Bro. James Johnson has moved the Black Workers struggle at the point of production to a new and higher level. As we have stated over and over, the oppressive and inhumane working conditions inside of the auto industry coupled with the sellout and class-collaborationist unions have sparked open rebellions in basic industry. Often times in the past Black workers have been driven to the point where they could stand no more and have lashed out viciously at their tormentors.

Black workers' rage explodes

In February of 1969, Bro. Rushie Forge was driven to the breaking point and lashed out, stabbing a Black Labor Relations Representative, William Young, at Dodge Main. Bro. Chuck Wooten reached his breaking point minutes after Rushie by stomping Dick Prallie, a white General Foreman, in Dept. 9110 at Dodge Main. In August of 1969, Bro. Sid Lewis was likewise driven to that point and lashed



out at his foreman, Howard Lewis, in Dept. 9130 at Dodge Main. In July of 1969, Bro. Ike Jernigen, employed at Lockheed Aircraft in Los Angeles, California, lashed out and shot and killed his foreman, his Union President, and another Union official. In September of 1969, another Black worker in Dept. 9150 at Dodge became outraged and locked his foremen in the trunk of a car on the assembly line.

Individual outrages at the point of production represent only one form which the struggle for Black workers has taken. There have been individual acts of sabotage against property and all forms of wildcat strikes and numerous caucuses have been formed — all in response to the monstrous oppressive conditions that exist inside basic industry. As Black workers rise up, we have nothing to lose but our chains, we have nothing to lose but our jobs, our homes, our families and our future, our automobiles and our television sets.

The owners and operators of the means of production own our jobs, our homes, and our families. We have neither security nor hope for the future. They control our places of employment, the schools that our children attend, decide what our wages shall be, and what kind of society our children will live in. They tell us when, where and how long and how hard we shall work. They own everything of value. Brothers, they even think that they own us.

The owners and operators of the means of production may cause one brother to lose his job, but they can't fire one thousand. They can take away one man's home and one man's car; but they can't steal from one hundred thousand. They cannot repossess from one million. They can wreck one family, but they cannot wreck the unity of one million families. They can enslave thousands, but they cannot enslave the unity of millions. And they can defeat one armed enraged Black worker, but they cannot defeat a million armed Black workers or the unified mass of 20 million.

The League of Revolutionary Black Workers represents the highest form of struggle which the conscious insurgent movement of Black Labor has reached. Being guided by revolutionary principles and striving to unite all Black workers we will certainly be victorious.

BLACK WORKERS UNITE
SUPPORT BROTHER JAMES JOHNSON
WE WILL WIN!!!

- Women's street meeting

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that we didn't have a sound permit — because the pigs had refused to grant one. Before she was arrested by police, Laurie Fierstein encouraged the crowd to continue the street meeting. And they did.

Pam Meyers, whose husband Joel, is presently serving three and one half years in prison for resisting the imperialist draft, told how dehumanizing it is for a woman whose husband is in jail, how she's often forced to go on welfare to keep alive. She condemned the ruling class' three wars — against Black America, Vietnam and the Middle East.

A woman from the Young Lords Party, whose speech in Spanish was enthusiastically received by the many

Spanish-speaking people in the audience, spoke of the women who have picked up the gun to liberate Puerto Rico. As she spoke, a crew-cut, 300-pound white man began to heckle. He got quite a surprise when three women from the defense guard pushed his out of the area. His shouts of "Communists, communists," got no sympathy from the crowd. When he finally realized that the entire crowd was hostile to him, he pulled out a police badge and cried, "I'm a police officer." This angered the crowd even more and shouts of "pig, pig," greeted his retreat.

The meeting ended as scheduled, with the announcement that YAWF women would be back with more street meetings in the near future.

North Koreans call for unification

by Emily Tarasov

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) has called for the federation of North and South Korea as a "transitional step" to eventual unification. Such a federation would lead to peaceful unification if, as the DPRK demands, all U.S. troops are withdrawn from the South, and if the Korean people—not the United Nations (as a front for U.S. imperialism) or the fascist puppet regime in Seoul—are allowed to determine their own destiny.

The U.S.-Seoul government of South Korea

is no more likely to accept this proposal for a federation than it has been in accepting previous plans proposed by the DPRK over the past 20 years. For as Premier Kim Il Sung of the DPRK said in the Korean Daily News, "The basic line of national unification maintained all along by the government of our Republic is to unify North and South by the Korean people themselves, independently, on democratic principles without any interference of outside forces, following the withdrawal of all

foreign troops from South Korea. The peaceful unification of our country can be attained only after the present puppet regime is overturned and the progressive forces seize power in South Korea."

Clearly, the fascists in Seoul will not sign their own death warrant. They know that without the U.S. troops to back up their brutal regime, the people of South Korea will rise up and join their revolutionary sisters and brothers in the North. The South Korean government has rejected all proposals by the DPRK because they know that any free-flowing communication whatsoever between the oppressed, exploited, starving South Koreans and the healthy, educated, fully employed North Koreans could spark the revolution in the South.

U.S.-Seoul try to

justify their crimes

In an effort to justify their aggression in Korea, the U.S. and their South Korean puppets have annually brought the "Korean question" to the UN. Any discussion is based on the "Annual Report of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea." The Commission's findings are nothing but a coverup for the imperialist U.S. aggression in Korea. This fraudulent discussion on Korea, which has been going on for more than 20 years, has not once included a representative of the DPRK—certainly a concerned party!

The People's Korea of September 2 announced that the progressive people of the world are demanding an end to this arbitrary handling of the so-called "Korean question"—they are demanding that DPRK representatives be included in all discussions on Korea:

"With the 25th session of the United Nations General Assembly approaching, the socialist countries and the new-born independent states in Asia and Africa proposed that the forthcoming UN General Assembly discuss the question of the 'withdrawal of the U.S. Army and all other foreign troops occupying South Korea under the UN flag,' and the question of the 'dissolution of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea,' a U.S. imperialist tool of aggression."

This deals with the very heart of the real Korean question. No progress towards unification can be made as long as over 50,000 U.S. troops dominate South Korea and as long as a U.S.-controlled commission dominates the discussion of Korea in the UN. A commission for the unification and rehabilitation of Korea will function when it represents the findings and plans of the revolutionary people of North and South Korea. The DPRK call for a federation is a step in this direction.



Chullima is the Korean symbol of the revolutionary strength of the people and the namesake of a movement to unite the working people.

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U.S. flatly rejects PRG peace proposals

by Edward James

The new peace offer made by the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam (PRG) and the immediate negative U.S. response to it clearly reflect the relative strengths of each side. The PRG, thoroughly confident that it enjoys the full support of the Vietnamese people, demonstrated its strength by offering to join together with all political elements that call for peace and self-determination for the purpose of organizing genuinely free elections.

The U.S., absolutely terrified at the prospect of having to withdraw all its forces from Vietnam before the holding of elections, showed its weakness by responding to the proposal with a hasty rejection. This is no cause for surprise, of course, because the origins of the U.S. aggression against Vietnam are to be found in the U.S.-dictated cancellation of the free elections scheduled for 1956.

The PRG proposes an interim coalition government composed of all elements that advocate a neutral Vietnam without foreign troops present on her soil (no matter what their past position may have been), with the exception of the current fascist triumvirate of Thieu, Ky and Khiem. The U.S. response is, as before, that the current puppet regime

must be preserved. Since the PRG itself is already a broad coalition that represents virtually all sectors of the population that want self-determination and an end to the war, this offer to extend participation to former U.S. collaborators is an exceptionally generous one—it is just one of many ways in which the Vietnamese have made it possible for the U.S. to save face when they finally withdraw.

The new PRG proposal, like each of their previous peace proposals, offers no concessions to U.S. military blackmail. The basic condition of all previous proposals remains—that the Vietnamese people be allowed to determine their own destiny free of all foreign interference. This demand is strictly non-negotiable, and can be met only by the total, unconditional withdrawal of all U.S. and allied troops and equipment. However, the new proposal does offer the U.S. a way out—if it wishes to take one—that does not detract from Vietnam's right to self-determination but directly counters three of Nixon's most common propaganda ploys.

Nixon explained the invasion of Cambodia by claiming it was required to protect the U.S. troops being withdrawn from Vietnam. The PRG pro-

posal offers a ceasefire while U.S. troops are being withdrawn.

Nixon desperately seeks to whip up support on the issue of the U.S. war criminals being held prisoner by North Vietnam and the PRG. The PRG offers to begin immediate negotiations on the release of these criminals who are responsible for the deaths and maimings of millions of Vietnamese.

Nixon claims to be afraid that U.S. withdrawal will result in a bloodbath as the victorious revolutionary forces execute traitorous puppets who collaborated with the U.S. The PRG offers a commitment that "all acts of terror, reprisal and discrimination against those who have collaborated with either side will be prohibited," in spite of the obvious justification for the Vietnamese people to punish those traitors who collaborated with the U.S.

The U.S. has only to state that "it will withdraw from South Vietnam all its troops and those of the other foreign countries in the U.S. camp by June 30, 1971," and immediate discussions will commence on the questions of a ceasefire and the U.S. prisoners.

Nixon's hurried rejection of this offer should shed light on his real intentions for those who have until now been tricked by Nixon's demagogic promises of "gradual withdrawal," repeated all the while the war was being expanded into Cambodia and Laos. It should certainly be clear by now that the U.S. government has no more intention of allowing free elections in South Vietnam now than they had in 1956. The Vietnamese are well aware of this, but they are determined to explore every conceivable avenue to peace; at the same time, they remain prepared to carry on their heroic struggle for however long it



takes the American people to force the U.S. ruling class to end the war.

If the U.S. ruling class does not do an about-face and accept its defeat in Vietnam in the near future, it may very well lose the privilege of examining peace proposals that concern Vietnam alone. In the not-too-distant future, peace proposals may well require U.S. withdrawal from all of Indochina or even all of Southeast Asia. The more the U.S. expands the war in its futile effort to turn defeat into victory, the broader that inevitable defeat becomes.

Black and union airmen fight brass together

CHANUTE AFB, Sept. 28—When Air Force Security Police arrested a serviceman in Champaign, Ill. (the off-base town of Chanute AFB) on Sept. 12 it blew up a storm. What followed was a series of actions that saw Black and white airmen join together against their common enemy—the Brass.

It began in a bar; a young woman got pinched and accused a Black GI, although witnesses said he had nothing to do with it. In spite of this, the military cops arrested him. Angry airmen protested. A group of men, most of them Black, with a solid group of active whites, proceeded to retaliate against some of the town clip joints by smashing things up, and they did a job on a number of non-coms who got in the way.

The Brass then ordered that no more than two Black GIs were to be together—on base or off.

On Wednesday, Sept. 16, a mess hall boycott began at 4:00 p.m. It had been organized (before the above incident) by the American Servicemen's Union and A Four-year Bummer (AFB), the latter a local collective who publish an anti-racist, anti-war, anti-Brass newspaper for Chanute airmen. AFB has also organized demonstrations at the base and conducted other activities. The boycott began, but now it was clear that this boycott was to protest not only bad food, but racism as well.

ASU members stationed themselves at the four doors of the mess hall and asked guys not to go in because of the boycott. Eighty percent of several hundred men refused to go in and took part in the boycott. Many of them remained in the area.

Fifteen minutes after the start of the boycott, a training class, consisting

largely of Black airmen, came marching down the street. When they saw guys congregating in front of the mess hall, they realized what was going on, and started shouting, yelling, and chanting with clenched fists raised. When they reached the front of the mess hall, they continued to yell and chant, in a coordinated way. There were 35-40 guys in the class. A Black class leader, wearing the red braid of his position, was in charge of them. A white racist class leader, in charge of another class, told him to get his class in order. The Black class leader tore his own braid off, threw it on the ground, and declared: "I'm with the guys!"

Then he broke his class up into four squads. These four squads proceeded to block the four doors of the mess hall, and rapped to guys about the boycott, and told them not to go in.

The Security Police came in large numbers and arrested two ASU members, the Black class leader, and another guy. One of the ASU members arrested took part in a demonstration in Chicago to support the Black P-Stone Nation, as a representative of the ASU. In addition, two civilian supporters from the Champaign-Urbana Collective were barred from base.

That night thirty GIs marched on the stockade and demanded the release of their arrested brothers. And all night long the stockade received calls demanding the release of the guys. They said if they weren't released, the base would be burned down.

The next morning, the commanding general of Chanute himself, Gen. Knapp, ordered the release of the guys, who were then restricted to base. The base was tense, and all police were on 24-hour standby.

Early Sept. 17, John Lewis, National

Field Organizer for the ASU, flew out. At noon, the Champaign Collective held a rally at the University of Illinois. Lewis spoke and was covered by local TV and campus TV. One of the arrested guys also spoke.

Lewis later went with the two arrested ASU members, Bill Roundtree, who is Black, and George Siemer, who is white, to their commanding officer, and demanded to see the commanding general. The commanding officer, a captain, called the general, who refused.

Then, with a colonel also present, the guys introduced John Lewis as National Field Organizer of the American Servicemen's Union and their representative. The officers talked to Lewis on that basis.

Lewis demanded information and started asking questions. The captain, who was exceedingly nervous, stuttered and stammered and finally said: "I don't have to answer any questions." Lewis demanded to know why the guys were on restriction. The captain told him that he would tell the men why they were on restriction. He said that it was not intended as punishment, but just to keep an eye on them and make sure they didn't get into any trouble. Afterwards the restriction was eased slightly on the guys.

By the following Monday, the restriction was dropped, with no charges filed against the men. The ASU learned from civilian members of the AFB collective, Andy Weeks and Greg Gauger, that another airman had been charged with assault. Chanute ASU and the AFB are working on his defense.

Chanute is one of the largest Air Force bases in the U.S. with 7,000 airmen. And among the thousands of rank-and-file men there is a tremendous support for this resistance to Brass dictatorship.

Even in Pig City

Nixon can't escape pickets for Arab liberation

by Joe Grazulis

(Special to Workers World from YAWF)

CHICAGO, Sept. 16—The cry "No Vietnam in the Middle East" was raised here to confront warmonger Nixon as he breezed in and out of this city today for a foreign policy briefing with the capitalist news media. A militant demonstration organized by Youth Against War & Fascism here concentrated on protesting U.S. aggression against the Arab people.

YAWF organizer Marina Sertic was arrested at the beginning of the demonstration. While arguing with police over her right to freedom of speech and assembly, Marina was surrounded and then seized by the fascist Chicago pigs who dragged her into a waiting squad car.

The arrest was a clear attempt by the cops to intimidate the rest of the group. But instead of intimidation, this police state action only infuriated the others who then set up a militant picket line and loudly chanted "Support Black and Arab Liberation," and "Israel is a death-trap for the Jewish people."

After attempting to picket in front of the Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel where

Nixon was staying, the demonstrators were forced across the street and then pushed further away from the hotel by the cops. While defending their right to demonstrate on the streets the people built, Marina was arrested and charged with "refusing to obey a lawful order" and "resisting arrest."

The demonstration was constantly harassed by uniformed pigs as well as picture-taking "Red Squad" goons. And although there were many reporters and news cameras, there was scanty coverage of the demonstration in the establishment press.

Nixon, who is met everywhere he goes with angry voices of protest and discontent, postponed the announcement of his trip here until only one day beforehand in order to stifle the possibility of any mass demonstration against him. Though the action was small, it was a credit to Chicago YAWF and those supporters who joined that such a militant picket line could be set up on short notice and in the face of such harassment.

The pigs tried hard to prevent any demonstration at all. Even as we chanted, walking away from the demonstration site, they demanded we shut up or face arrest. A few tailed us as we walked to Police Headquarters to bail out Marina, and the pigs were so uptight that when we arrived there we were met at the door by a half-dozen cops who asked nervously, "Are you going to picket here?"

We must continue to oppose all such fascist and repressive moves on the part of the ruling class. We have to stand resolute in our determination to support the heroic struggles of the oppressed peoples of the world against U.S. imperialism.

All Power to the People
Stay in the Streets
Free All Political Prisoners

ASU Mideast statement

The following statement was released by the American Servicemen's Union before the ceasefire.

American GIs may again be forced into an illegal war by the U.S. Government, this time in the Middle East. To fight in Jordan is unconstitutional; no war has been declared by Congress, as is required by the U.S. Constitution. To land U.S. troops in Jordan is to wage a war of aggression which is also illegal under the U.S. Constitution and under Article 51 of the U.N. Charter, which prohibits a country from engaging in foreign intervention without authorization from the U.N. The U.S. is a signatory to this Charter.

The brass then have no legal right to order U.S. enlisted men to Jordan. The ASU will support, in whatever way is possible, all enlisted men who refuse this illegal order.

The U.S. Government and the brass want to help Hussein commit genocide against the Palestinian people. Tens of thousands of Palestinians have already been murdered by Hussein's armored columns in the streets of Amman. Hussein has ordered his royalist troops

to fire white phosphorous shells from tanks into Palestinian refugee camps and to bomb the camps from the air with napalm. In this manner Hussein has murdered over 8,000 Palestinian refugees. Now that this is not enough for him to win, GIs are being called on to save him—and the U.S. businessmen's oil wells.

GIs will face an armed, determined people in the Middle East, people who will fight to the death, both against the murderous King Hussein and against any Western invaders. People who have everything to fight for against GIs who have nothing to fight for except their own lives, lives put in danger by the brass and the billionaires.

The brass has lied by saying Syria invaded Jordan. But the so-called invaders are Palestinian refugees who have crossed the border from Syria to help their brothers and sisters being massacred in Jordan. They can in no way be considered invaders.

We urge all ASU members to resist this mobilization, and to inform all enlisted men of the facts on the Middle East situation.



YAWF pickets in Chicago.

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An open letter to the youth of Yugoslavia

The following letter was addressed to Yugoslav youth from
Youth Against War & Fascism.

Dear Comrades,

We are revolutionary youth who live under the rule of U.S. imperialism. We write to you at this time because it has been announced that the chief U.S. war criminal himself, Richard Nixon, is planning to visit your country. We know that the kind of reception he gets in Yugoslavia will be of interest to all the oppressed people around the world who are struggling against U.S. imperialism.

President Nixon's visit to your country will be but one of the stops he makes on a Mediterranean tour that will include Fascist Spain and a visit to the Sixth Fleet. His stop on the warships of the U.S., which daily patrol the Mediterranean, is specifically aimed at terrorizing the Arab world into submission. It is a saber-rattling gesture to threaten our Palestinian sisters and brothers with mili-

tary intervention if they proceed with their war of liberation in the Middle East.

It is for this reason that we write to you. Nixon and his pro-fascist henchman, Vice President Agnew, can go nowhere in the U.S. without encountering demonstrations of militant youth. The youth here protest the war against the Vietnamese, Cambodian and Laotian people; they demonstrate to support the Black Liberation struggle, the struggles of Mexican-American, Indian and Puerto Rican liberation and demand the release of political prisoners like Bobby Seale, chairman of the Black Panther Party, the 21 Panthers framed up in New York City, and countless other freedom fighters held in the concentration camps across this land. Women, too, are demonstrating against this male supremacist system and in support of all the oppressed.

When the U.S. imperialists go abroad they find the same hatred expressed by the oppressed and exploited people. The American flag is seen as the symbol of imperialism, racism and oppression by the people of Asia, Africa and Latin America. In recent weeks, in South America, guerrillas seized U.S. agents to use as ransom for their own political prisoners; in the Mideast, Arab guerrillas commandeered several U.S. planes to hold along with the passengers in an attempt to free their comrades imprisoned in Europe and Israel.

We know that Nixon's visit to your country is only an attempt by U.S. monopoly capitalism to penetrate Yugoslavia. Nixon, who is but a servant of the Wall Street bankers and the giant corporations that run this country, is visiting Yugoslavia to see if he can't further break down the ties between your country and the socialist camp. His mission is to try to return the workers of Yugoslavia to capitalist wage slavery and imperialist subjugation.

We were greatly inspired by the struggle which some revolutionary students in Yugoslavia put up during 1968. The attempt to rename the University of Belgrade "Karl Marx Red University" and the denunciation of Yugoslavia's conservative, revisionist bureaucracy as the "red bourgeoisie" showed us that you were struggling to revitalize revolutionary Marxism in a country that has gone far toward dismantling the socialist economy and falling under the subjugation of U.S. monopoly capitalism.

Today the youth of America, the Black liberation fighters who live under the gun of the racist U.S. ruling class, the workers and students of Latin America, the Arab masses, the African freedom fighters, the people of Asia and particularly the heroic fighters of Vietnam look to see how Yugoslav youth and workers will greet the butcher from Washington. We look forward to your success in combating the reactionary emissary from Wall Street who wishes to return you to capitalist slavery.

All power to the oppressed and exploited people of the world,

(signed)

Deirdre Griswold, Key Martin and Maryann Weissman
Youth Against War & Fascism



Nixon danced in Rumania. Meanwhile his generals were napalming the people of Vietnam.

Solidarity with Iranian resistance

The following message was recently sent to the
Iranian Student Association meeting in New York
by Youth Against War & Fascism.

Youth Against War & Fascism extends its full solidarity and strongest support to the Iranian Students Association and the entire Iranian people in their continuing, heroic struggle for national liberation against United States imperialism and the Shah's fascist regime.

In Asia, Africa, Latin America and in the Black colony inside its own country, United States imperialism tries to repress people's movements with guns, gas, napalm, troops, concentration camps and police terror. The new Nazis on Wall Street and in Washington have shown that they will stop at nothing to protest their "right" to plunder the world.

Nowhere is this clearer than in Iran where the masses of people are kept living in the depths of poverty and oppression, in condition unchanged since the Dark Ages while United States monopolies like Anaconda Copper, Gulf and Standard Oil make half a billion dollars a year in superprofits off their sweat and blood. In order to protect their loot they have installed one of the most brutal reactionary dictatorships in the world today and are supporting it with arms, money, CIA agents who train its secret police in the arts of torture and terror and Green Beret "advisors" who lead

"search-and-destroy" operations against the freedom fighters of Kurdistan and other regions—just like in Vietnam. And if this fails to stop the rising tide of people's revolution—as it certainly will—the United States imperialists also have their 6th Fleet and other forces ready to intervene with all the weapons of terror that they are using in their wars against Indochina and Black America.

We, the youth of the United States will not sit idly by while U.S. imperialism wages a war of repression and genocide against our Iranian sisters and brothers and we will not let ourselves be sent to Iran as cannonfodder to protect Wall St.'s super-exploitation of the labor and resources that by right belong to the Iranian people. If the Shah or the oil billionaires hope for a second Vietnam war to bail them out from the anger and wrath of the Iranian masses, we give them notice that the movement against this new war will be a thousand times stronger and more dynamic than the first.

Iran Belongs to the People!
Down with the Shah! Free the 41!
Long live the spirit of Mr. Saidi
and Mr. Nickdavoudi!
Long live People's War!

—GM strike

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that Ford and Chrysler practically dared the union to shut them down, too. (Partly because there was such an overproduction of autos last year.)

And, of course, union president Leonard Woodcock regarded that as a "provocation" and pretended not to listen. The UAW leadership has always taken the "one-at-a-time" line that they are playing off one company against the other because the companies are "competitors"—concealing the fact that two or three big banks virtually own all of them.

Even if this were not so, however, it is often demoralizing to the workers to see others work while they are on the bricks, and for that reason alone it is better to shut all the companies down together. But of course the bureaucrats' real fear is the fear of the workers' own power and the possible confrontation with the forces that the labor-fakers themselves support—the combined corporations and their government—U.S. imperialism.

These are only some of the aspects of the GM strike—aspects which are true of most other big strikes—but they should be sufficient to show how deep is the need for the emergence of a revolutionary leadership among the rank-and-file GM workers and the U.S. working class.

Election in Chile

Masses vote socialist; U.S. urges coup

Developments in Chile since the electoral victory of Salvador Allende for the presidency pose sharply the question: Can socialism be achieved at the polls? And the New York Times, which speaks so authoritatively for U.S. imperialism, has already given its answer.

Mr. Allende, a Marxist, won a plurality as the candidate of the Socialist and Communist parties. His victory shows a deep desire by the proletariat to throw out the Chilean bourgeoisie and its imperialist masters in the United States who suck the blood of the workers and peasants and to transform society in a socialist direction. This is underscored by the fact that support for Allende by the Cuban revolutionaries became a major factor in the election. The masses showed their enthusiasm for Cuba, and thus for socialist revolution, in their votes for Allende.

The choice of the president, however, is not in the hands of the masses, according to the "democratic" Chilean constitution. It goes to the Congress on October 24, which can elect runner-up and right-winger Jorge Alessandri Rodriguez. The critical Congressional votes are controlled by the Christian Democratic party which, as its name implies, is not exactly a hotbed of radicalism.

The New York Times, in a recent editorial, praised the Christian Democrats for demanding from Allende a commitment to "preserve Chile's democratic system" before they will cast him their votes. In other words, unless Allende promises to leave the bourgeois state intact, the "Democrats" will undemocratically scuttle the man with the largest popular vote—in the name, of course, of saving democracy.

Times urges a coup

The Times went on to say that if Dr. Allende, after taking office, "tried to withdraw from his commitment—by purging the judiciary, politicizing the schools or canceling elections—Chile's armed forces then would have a legitimate excuse for intervening in defense of the Constitution."

The Times knows the difference between taking office and taking state power. The whole history of the development of so-called "democratic" institutions—that is, democracy for the ruling class—has been to make sure that representatives of the exploited and oppressed classes could never take state power without an armed struggle. And many socialists or communists who have been elected by popular vote against the overwhelming opposition of the bourgeois media have then been prevented from even taking office, let alone power.

However, the Times is reluctantly willing to accept Allende in the office of president if there is a guarantee that it will be nothing more than that. In Cuba, the Times, in the person of its editor Herbert Matthews, was willing to accept Fidel Castro when they thought that he would not really carry out the measures necessary to fulfill his program of land reform, health, education and a decent living for the masses. When, however, the revolutionary government set up a new state apparatus, purged the cor-

rupt Batistiano judges and military, carried out mass trials of the sadistic police and summarily executed the worst torturers, the U.S., including the Times, cried "anarchy." They knew that this uprooting of the old state apparatus was a necessary prelude to the economic measures that would develop the revolution, i.e., the expropriation of U.S. and domestic capital.

Having learned from the Cuban experience, the Times is already urging a military takeover if Allende does anything hinting of taking power into his hands. They wouldn't allow Allende the same measures that Nixon has used since taking office.

"Purging the judiciary." What is that? Even another bourgeois party will often put its own men into judgeships—as Nixon has done with Warren Burger and Harry Blackmun. "Politicizing the schools." The Times here is in an alliance with Attorney General Pig Mitchell against the "stupid bastards who are ruining our educational institutions." As for canceling elections, hasn't Spiro Agnew already discussed just this possibility with his boss?

U.S. fifth column

The New York Times is openly saying that if Allende attempts to carry out his program—which heavily emphasizes ending imperialist exploitation—he should be overthrown! And coming from the United States, which has built a Fifth Column in every military establishment in South America through "donated" weapons and training, this is no idle threat. It should also be noted that this threatened intervention in the internal affairs of Chile is being made by the paper that speaks for the "liberal" imperialists, so it isn't hard to figure out what kind of plotting must be going on among the more openly hawkish members of the U.S. government.

A long time ago, Frederick Engels in writing about the state said: "Universal suffrage is...the measure of the maturity of the working class; in the State of today it cannot and never will be anything more."

Every Marxist should understand that, in this age of the pervasive domination of U.S. imperialism, the question of whether socialism can be achieved through the ballot without an armed struggle cannot be answered on the basis of the national characteristics of the class struggle. It is imperialism that will decide the answer to this question insofar as it can take on further military adventures while engaged in counter-revolutionary wars elsewhere.

What must be the reply of the revolutionary masses and their leaders? Che Guevara put it so plainly: Two, three—many Vietnams! The Chilean workers and peasants have shown the world that they want socialism. But electing Allende can only be considered a moral victory. The real struggle lies ahead in defending what was expressed at the polls. With the U.S. embroiled in Southeast Asia, and the Palestinian liberation struggle gaining momentum each day, now is the opportunity to seize the time in Chile!

By Deirdre Griswold

Chicano rebellions grow under repression

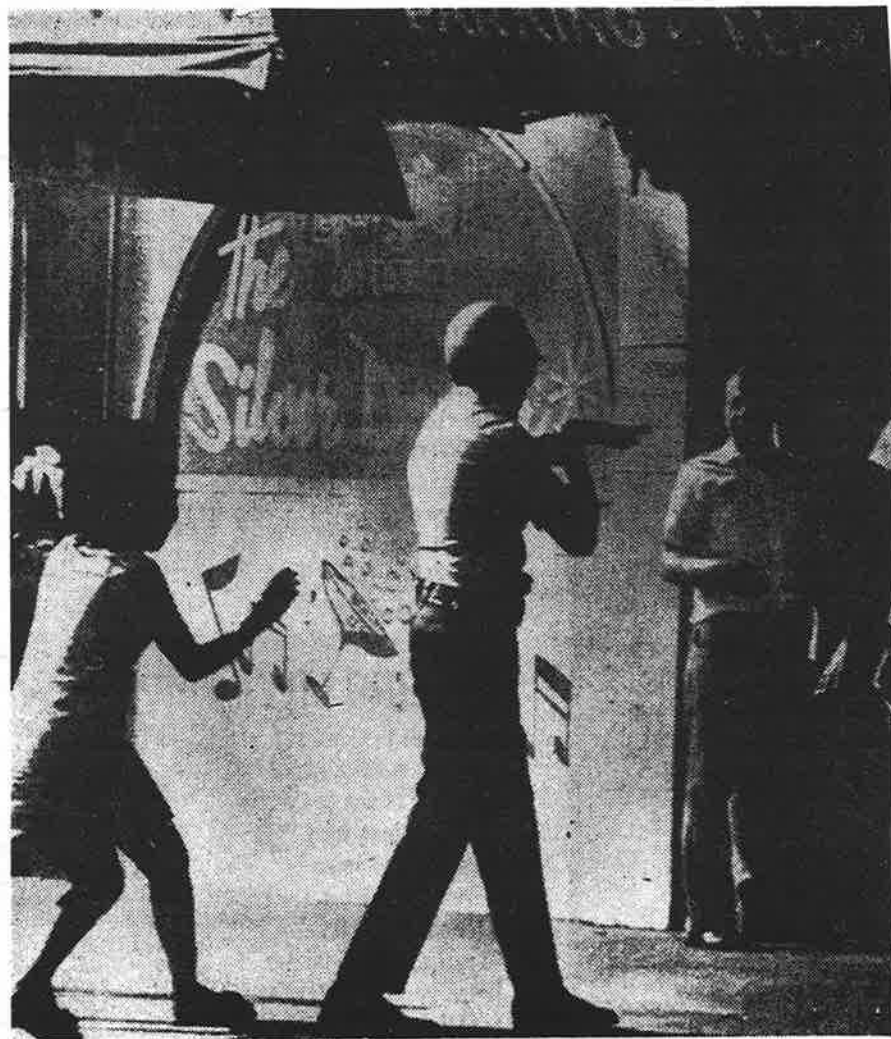
LOS ANGELES—An outpouring of thousands of Los Angeles Chicanos against the Vietnam war and for self-determination was brutally attacked by at least 500 cops here on Aug. 29. Three people, including a well-known Chicano newsman and a 15-year-old boy, died as a result of the murderous police assault and almost 200 people were arrested.

The demonstration of over 20,000—the biggest yet in this city—had marched through the East Los Angeles barrio with chants of "Chicano Power" and "Raza si, Guerra no!" The event was scheduled to end with a rally in Laguna Park. Pigs from the L.A. County sheriff's department had harassed the marchers along the route and then launched a massive attack at the rally site.

According to the National Chicano Moratorium Committee, the police charge "was conducted in such a way as to enclose the multitude between

an impassable line of buses and a police line of club-swinging deputies. The crowd naturally panicked, and many sought refuge inside the buses and in nearby houses. The police charged into the buses and private homes and proceeded to evict and systematically beat and club the people. Tear gas canisters were shot indiscriminately into the crowd, striking many and seriously injuring several...As the crowd fled from the area, the police gave chase firing tear gas grenades and guns."

Ruben Salazar, a writer for the L.A. Times whose column was sympathetic to Chicano struggles, was killed when pigs fired tear gas grenades supposedly not intended for "crowd control" into a restaurant. These grenades can go through a board 100 yards away. One hit Salazar in the head at a range of about 15 feet. Another gas grenade was responsible for the death of Len Ward, 15, who was thrown



A deputy sheriff aims a shotgun into the Silver Dollar Cafe, where Chicano reporter Ruben Salazar was killed a short time later.

through a glass window by its explosion. The third victim was shot by police.

Mayor Yorty's pigs added insult to injury with racist and red-baiting statements against the community.

The community responded to the

assault by burning down Anglo-owned businesses on Whittier Boulevard. Fires burned late into the night. Just as the Watts rebellion in Los Angeles marked a new stage in the Black struggle, the Chicano actions here indicate the growing militancy of the Southwest's Chicano millions.

Young Lords Party Conference organizes to "Liberate Puerto Rico Now!"

NEW YORK, Sept. 23—The Young Lords Party (YLP) and the Puerto Rican Student Union (PRSU) held a joint conference at Columbia University on West 116 Street over the last two days to broaden the struggle for Puerto Rican liberation in the U.S. as well as in Puerto Rico.

One of the important results of the conference was the setting up of Liberate Puerto Rico Now Committees which are to spread all over the Puerto Rican communities across the U.S. under the guidance of the YLP. The Committees are to be information centers to educate the Puerto Rican people on the history of their nation, and specifically on the oppression of Puerto Ricans by Yankee imperialism.

The conference opened yesterday morning, attended by more than 800 Puerto Ricans, featuring three main speakers, all women. Hilda Ortiz of the PRSU spoke of the devastating effects of cultural imperialism on Puerto Ricans, especially in the U.S. where race prejudice is used to divide Puerto Ricans by color of skin. The second speaker was Flavia Rivera, representing the Pro-Independence University Federation of Puerto Rico (FUPI), who spoke on the recent battles waged by students in Puerto Rico, including the burning down of the ROTC building at the University of Puerto Rico, and another demonstration where the colonial police murdered a graduating student, Antonia Martinez. The third speaker was Denise Oliver of the

YLP and she discussed the need for wiping out male chauvinism before the revolution to avoid the need for another revolution. She stated that women will make up half of the revolutionary army and that is reason enough to put an end to male chauvinism.

In the afternoon, a session of some 12 workshops were scheduled, including workshops on education, the role of women, socialism, the military and the draft, high school students, political prisoners, colonialism and Third World Solidarity. In the workshop on the draft and the military, American Servicemen's Union (ASU) representative Tom Soto was invited to speak to the workshop. He spoke on the U.S. Navy's criminal use of the Puerto Rican island of Culebra for shelling practice and the fact that 13 per cent of Puerto Rican territory is used by the Pentagon for military bases. He also discussed the various ways to fight the draft and how the ASU is leading the GI struggle within the military.

This morning the conference resumed with various speakers from other liberation struggles addressing the militant Puerto Rican audience. The speakers included representatives from I Wor Kuen (a militant Chinese youth organization), the Federation of Dominican Students and the Chicano Moratorium. The conference was also addressed by Jose Irizarry, organizer for the New York chapter of the Pro-Independence Movement of Puerto

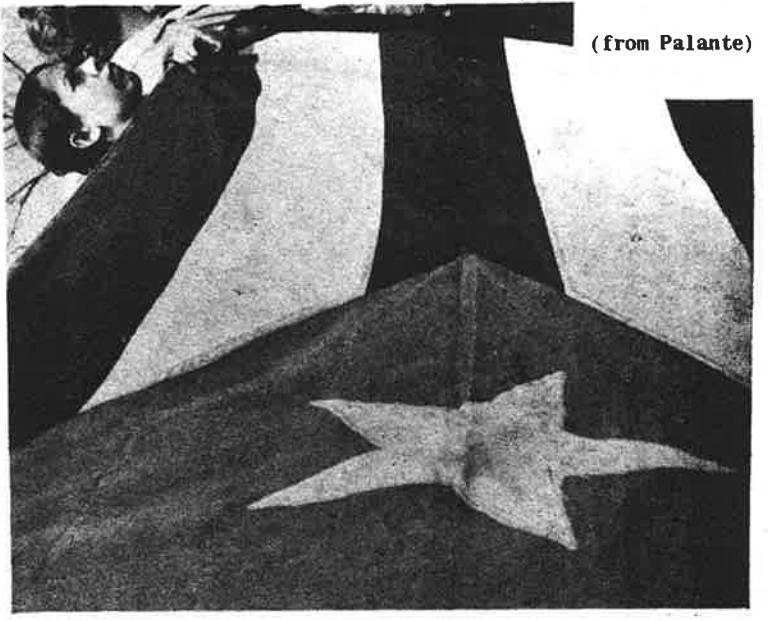
Rico (MPI), Diego Pabon of the PRSU and YLP Minister of Education Juan Gonzalez.

In the afternoon, Iris Morales of the YLP and Hilda Ortiz of the PRSU held a joint press conference to publicize a mass demonstration to be held at the UN on October 30, the 20th anniversary of the heroic 1950 rebellion led by Albizu Campos and put down by U.S. troops.

The conference ended with everyone joining a march from Columbia University to Borinquen Plaza in the Bronx at 138th Street and Brown Place, where a mass rally was to be held in commemoration of the September 23, 1868 uprising in the Puerto Rican town of Lares against the Spanish colonialists. The march, 1,000 strong, went through East Harlem and was greeted with clenched fists throughout the community. Another 500 Puerto Ricans joined the march from East Harlem to Borinquen Plaza.

The rally was perhaps the largest Puerto Rican activity ever held in New York as almost 5,000 Puerto Ricans crowded into the large plaza. The highlight of the rally was the largest Puerto Rican flag ever displayed, which hung between two buildings and was at least 20 feet wide and perhaps 70 feet long.

Several of those who spoke at the conference addressed the large Puerto Rican crowd in Borinquen Plaza and one popular demand that was called for was that September 23 be a paid holiday for all Puerto Rican workers.



(from Palante)