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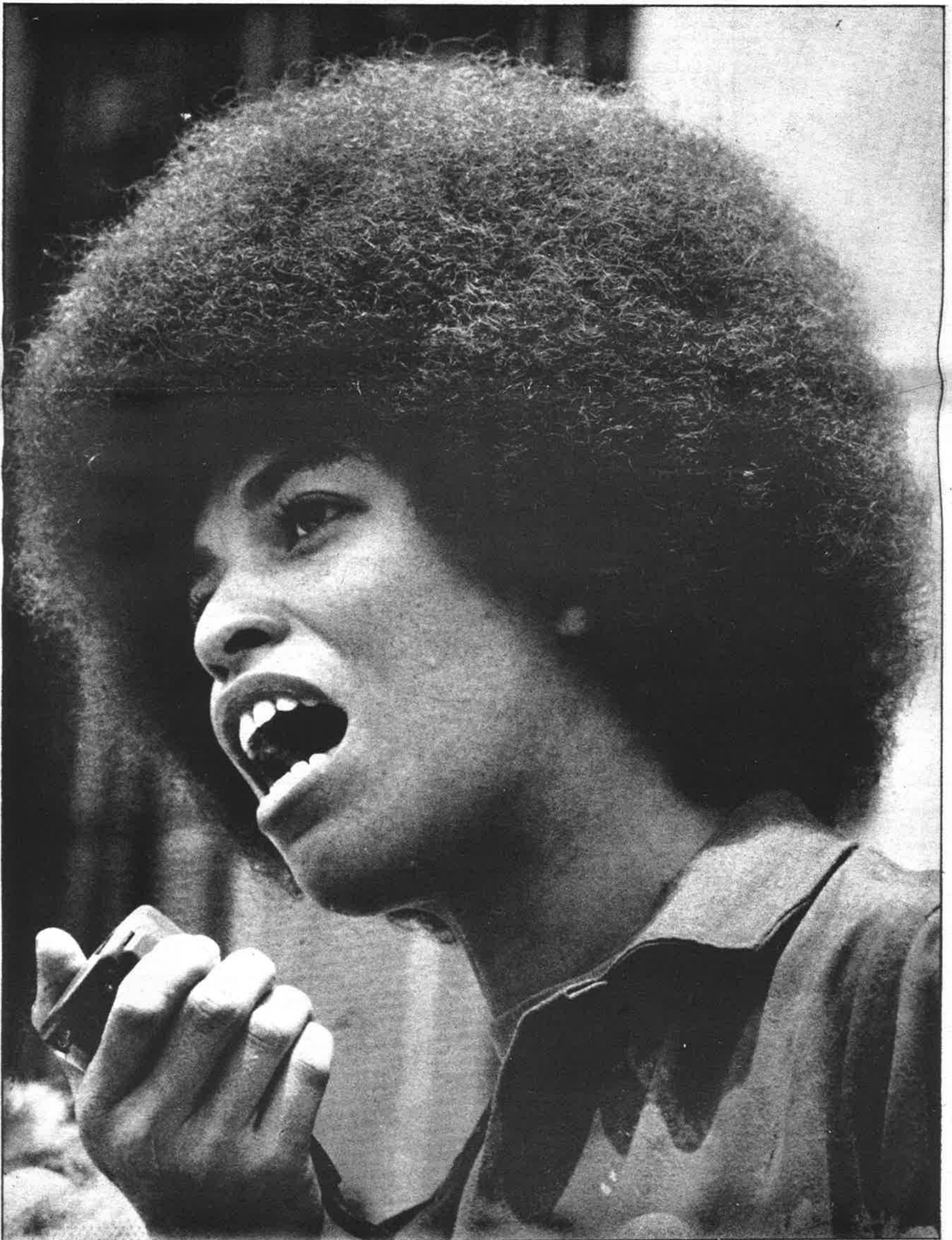
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Editorial

Why bankers wine and dine Ceausescu

What kind of Communist can it be that "Capitalists Turn Out" for his tour of the U.S. (as the New York Times headlines his visit), and of whose tour a State Department protocol officer says, "There's never been anything like it laid on for a Communist leader"?

Nicolae Ceausescu, president of socialist Rumania, is to dine twice with Nixon this week, lunch with Secretary of State Rogers and Commerce Secretary Stans and take tea with members of Congress.

More significantly, he will be entertained at another dinner and luncheon by the boards of directors of the two largest banks in the United States—the Rockefeller-controlled Chase Manhattan and the almost equally globe-girdling Bank of America.

It is hard to imagine such a procedure for Fidel Castro or Ho Chi Minh, not to mention Lenin. In fact, it would be considered a tremendously conciliatory gesture just to invite them to address the United Nations—as they have invited Ceausescu to do between some of the engagements listed above.

What is behind this great show of affection for the leadership of a socialist country? Can it be that Nixon, the murderer of the Vietnamese and the butcher of the Palestinians, is getting "soft on Communism"?

The truth of the matter, unfortunately, is just the opposite.

To mention only one of the proofs of this, although an important and perhaps the most important one, the Rumanian government was the only one of the entire socialist bloc in the UN that

played both sides in the Arab-Israeli struggle in 1967 and has consistently refused to condemn the U.S. puppet state of Israel ever since.

Aside from the great value to imperialism of this action in and of itself, the Rumanian position was also a signal to the U.S. that the door was open for the all-important economic penetration into Eastern Europe that the U.S. corporation empire has been trying to effect ever since the Red Army stopped them at the end of World War II.

Nixon showed that he read the signals right when he visited Bucharest last year. And at that time he laid the groundwork for the present Ceausescu visit, while he of course assured the Soviet Union that there was "nothing anti-Soviet" in his visit and they shouldn't worry about it.

All this does not necessarily mean that Ceausescu is now a crude agent for the U.S. corporations. But it does mean that he wants to get U.S. investments in Rumania and to obtain

U.S. technology and he is willing to make drastic pro-capitalist concessions to get them.

Under present Congressional restrictions, Rumania, as a socialist country, is not eligible for such things. But it seems clear from the plush red carpet now being "laid on" that U.S. ideas of eligibility may be changing drastically in favor of Rumania.

Trade between Rumania and the U.S. is not in and of itself wrong or un-socialist. All the socialist countries need trade with the U.S. But they need it on terms of equality, with no strings attached, and with the state monopoly of foreign trade unaffected on the socialist side so that U.S. capitalism cannot indirectly exploit the labor of workers in the socialist country and thus begin to destroy socialism.

In the case of Rumania, however, that is exactly what the Bank of America and the Chase Manhattan have in mind. And it is not entirely far-fetched to recall that Chase is the "Standard Oil Bank" and Standard Oil was ex-

propriated by the revolution in Rumania. To let such bygones be bygones is not the life-style of the Rockefellers, nor of any other sector of U.S. capitalism.

Much more important than Rumania itself is the whole Eastern European market. A victory for the U.S. in Rumania would seriously weaken the economic collaboration of the rest of the socialist countries. And it would be almost as important a victory for imperialism as the one which was denied it in Czechoslovakia, but which almost came to pass.

It should go without saying that the trouble with the leadership in Rumania has its roots in the revisionism of the leadership of the Soviet Union itself. It is only that the economic foundations of socialism are so much stronger in the Soviet Union that conciliatory bureaucrats cannot so easily destroy them by false policies and impermissible concessions to capitalism.

Ceausescu himself might never have gone so far to the right had the Soviet leaders treated Rumania in the socialist spirit they should have. But of course this is no reason to be conciliatory to Ceausescu or to be any less vigilant about the stepped-up drive for restoration of capitalism in Rumania.

Canada recognizes revolutionary gov't

People's China breaks out of isolation

We learn, as we go to press, that Canada has finally recognized the People's Republic of China and broken relations with the fraudulent Chiang Kai-shek clique.

This is a great diplomatic victory for People's China and will bring substantial benefits to the Chinese people. It marks the total

bankruptcy of U.S. imperialism's policy of isolation of People's China. China now has diplomatic relations with two countries in the Western Hemisphere—Cuba and Canada.

This move, of course, highlights the fact that the United States itself still refuses to recognize People's China and refuses to permit

the United Nations to accept People's China for membership while at the same time it keeps the puppet Chiang in the Chinese seat in the Security Council.

The basic reason for Canada's recognition of People's China is the growing might of the socialist revolution there and the consolidation of its power. This has made it necessary for some of the imperialist powers to grant recognition—not out of any feelings of magnanimity or for the purposes of peace, but out of recognition of the facts of life. People's China is a revolutionary force in the world and even the imperialists have to reckon with it.

Joel Meyers put in "hole" for prison organizing

Joel Meyers is a prisoner of war. He was not captured napalming a village or strafing peasants in their fields. He is a prisoner of war held captive by the United States government because he refused to commit these crimes against the people of Vietnam.

A leading member of Youth Against War & Fascism, Joel was sentenced to three and a half years for standing up for the oppressed, and resisting the imperialist draft. After nearly a year in prison he is as determined an anti-imperialist as ever, in spite of the repression that has come down on prisoners in general and Joel in particular.

While he was at Allenwood, a minimum-security federal prison camp, a spontaneous strike occurred during August, similar to actions that had swept other federal prisons demanding federal minimum wages, better food, an end to racist and brutal treatment. Joel was singled out as the leader by prison officials and trans-

ferred to Lewisburg, a high-security penitentiary, where he was put in solitary confinement. A protest by convicts in Allenwood, as well as legal action taken by YAWF, made it clear to prison officials that they could not hide Joel's case. After three weeks, they let him out of the "hole" and transferred Joel again, this time to Danbury.

Like the other jails, Danbury Federal Correctional Institution was on the verge of a strike when Joel was sent there on September 17. A week later, while on his way to the daily count, Joel was stopped and shaken down by guards. They found a letter to his wife which included a list of the prisoners' grievances, and put him into solitary again.

On September 30, he went before a disciplinary board made up of the captain of the guards, two lower-ranking guards, a medical-technical assistant and the head of the Education Department. This board, on which prisoners

are not represented, came up with a "disciplinary report for inflammatory writings." (A report is a prison charge for which a prisoner can be put in the hole, lose good time or be transferred punitively.) A prisoner is supposedly entitled to legal counsel at such a hearing, but in practice is never told of his rights.

After the hearing, Joel was sent back to solitary and ordered to face another hearing on forfeiture of good time. This took place on October 9. Meanwhile, Joel's lawyer was working on making a test case of the whole matter of arbitrary punishment as well as the right of prisoners to organize. Of course, this would not be possible without a man of Joel's courage and determination to stand and be willing to make a fight of it.

At the time-forfeiture hearing, Joel asked to have a lawyer present. The captain of the guards refused him this right. The charge against Joel was "possession of inflammatory writings" and the kangaroo-court board quickly found him guilty. This means he can lose up to three months of the good time he has accumulated. Only the warden

can overrule the punishment, but he always follows the recommendations of the board.

By his continued strength and defiance, Joel has proven to the ruling class courts and prisons that they can take a revolutionary off the streets but not out of the struggle.

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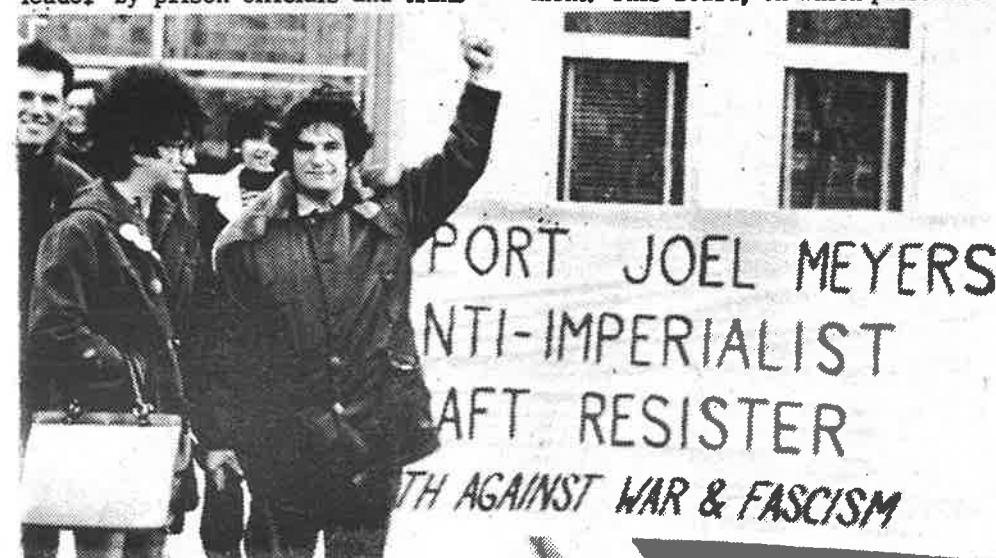
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Buffalo YAWF, NCCF attacked in Senate witchhunt



Jane Schwartz, Kevin Blackford and Dan Bentivogli address press conference called to protest Senate witchhunt.

BUFFALO, October 9—Buffalo Pig Sheriff Mike Amico and two of his underpigs, Giambrone and Caffery, went to Washington last week to testify before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee (another version of the witchhunting HUAC). Using scare tactics reminiscent of Nazi Germany, Amico and company concocted a terror story designed to incite the Buffalo community against the students.

Caffery, who says he was an undercover pig infiltrator during the UB rebellions last spring, testified that he was taught how to make claymore mines, homemade bombs and how to kill cops at meetings with "radical student groups." While he never mentioned which group it was he infiltrated, he singled out two groups as the most dangerous — Youth Against War & Fascism and the Niagara Liberation Front (which didn't even exist last spring).

Caffery also singled out Dan Bentivogli, a leader of Youth Against War & Fascism, and Kevin Blackford, Defense Captain of the Buffalo chapter of the National Committee to Combat Fascism of the Black Panther Party, as the two leaders of the "revolutionary movement on campus." Kevin and

Dan are currently free on bail awaiting trial on frameup charges stemming from last spring's rebellions. Dan faces 180 years; Kevin, 90! These wild accusations were an obvious attempt to intimidate Dan and Kevin and their organizations as well as to create prejudicial pre-trial publicity in the city before Kevin and Dan's cases.

Witchhunt not new

This type of super-hysterical witchhunting is not new to Buffalo. Shortly after the arrest of Black Freedom Fighter Martin Gonzalez Sostre on phony narcotics charges in 1967, Pig Police Commissioner Felicetta went before HUAC in Washington with almost the same kind of hysterical scare stories about Sostre (even though Sostre's narcotics charges supposedly had nothing to do with his politics). With their racist tactics, the ruling class was able to railroad Sostre to prison for 41 years!

But Amico and his Big Banker Bosses miscalculated the mood and consciousness of the people this time. The day after Amico's lies hit the press, NCCF and YAWF called a joint press conference

to refute Amico. Several hundred people crowded into Haas Lounge in the Student Union at the University of Buffalo, the scene of the first confrontation with the pigs last year. In a show of interest that even Rockefeller doesn't get, every branch of the news media was present.

Press conference called

Kevin started the press conference by denouncing Amico and explaining the necessity for calling the conference. Dan then read a joint press statement from NCCF and YAWF. Jane Schwartz from the Niagara Liberation Front also read a statement.

The reporters, expecting to get scared, cringing answers to their questions instead got militant, strong responses from Kevin and Dan. When asked about Caffery's charges that he was "trained to kill" on campus, Dan responded by saying that the only people who trained Caffery to kill were the Buffalo Police. He was then able to go into a rap linking up the struggles of the students last spring with the interests of the working people in Buffalo.

Kevin was asked about making bombs out of baby bottles (one of Amico's absurd charges) and was able to show how Amico was really trying to make all militants look bad.

Fascist publicity turned around

In racist, imperialist Amerika, revolutionaries can't pick the time or the terrain of the struggle. Instead, we have to seize the time and broaden the struggle in any way or any place we can. For every attack the ruling class makes, we must strike back twice as hard.

The ruling class is clearly out to destroy all revolutionary and progressive groups in Buffalo. But by sticking together and remaining strong, NCCF and YAWF were able to take Amico's intended victory and turn it into a resounding defeat.

Buffalo chapter, Youth Against War & Fascism

At mass press conference...

Kevin, Dan answer back

Following is a statement written jointly by Kevin Blackford of the National Committee to Combat Fascism and Dan Bentivogli of Youth Against War & Fascism to answer the hysteria in the Buffalo press against them. The statement was read at a mass press conference held at the University of Buffalo, October 9, 1970.

* * *
Sheriff Amico and two of his political police, Giambrone and Caffery, went to Washington yesterday and presented a story designed to scare the Buffalo community into submission. We want to point out that the sole purpose of Amico's trip was to drive us and our organizations — the National Committee to Combat Fascism and Youth Against War & Fascism — and all other progressive and revolutionary groups into exile. We are now serving notice on Amico and his Goon Squad that we will not be intimidated into surrendering our democratic rights. We will not run!!

Amico's headline story was part and parcel of a nationwide super-McCarthy witchhunt in which the students are being made the scapegoats to cover up for the real causes of unrest — racism and imperialism. The war in Indochina is not ending, it is expanding; the ruling class is preparing to move into the Mideast against the Arab people; and the wars against the Black, Puerto Rican and Indian people at home are being escalated.

On Buffalo's East Side, the pigs have continually harassed the National Committee to

Combat Fascism ever since it opened its doors to the people of the community. The NCCF, with its Free Breakfast for Children Program and political education programs, is educating the people as to who their real oppressors are — the big-money businessmen who loot the Black Community every day. Then the local ruling class in Buffalo sends its pigs into the Black Colony as an occupying army to suppress the just rebellions of the Black people against their daily oppression.

The militant struggles on UB's campus last year were a response to the repressive violence of the state — the violence was engineered and concocted solely by the Buffalo police. These pigs are now attempting to frame us and railroad us to prison for 150 and 90 years! They can't succeed, however, because we have faith that the Black Community, the youth, the militant students and the workers of Buffalo will not allow another frameup.

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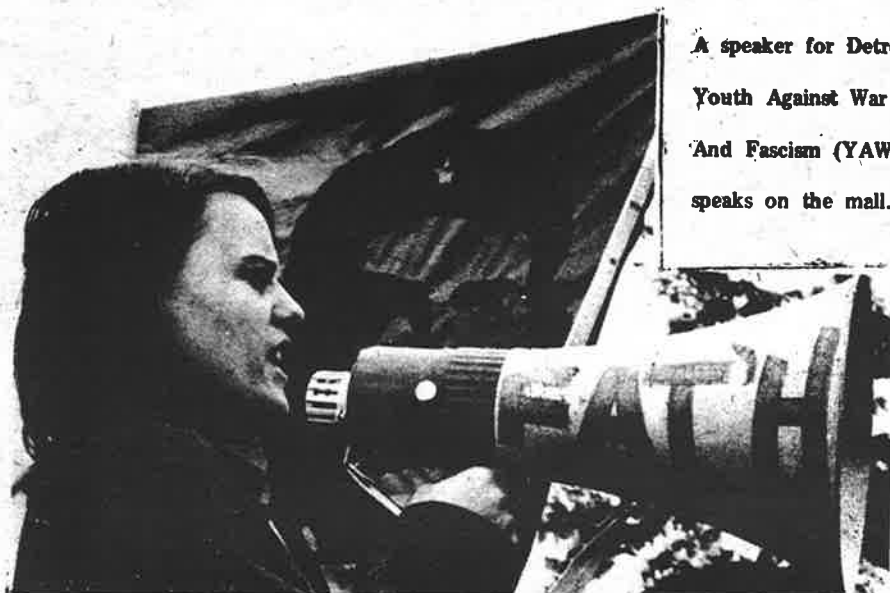
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RED TIMES is a newspaper put out by the new chapter of Youth Against War & Fascism in Detroit. It is the fighting organ of a YAWF collective which is organizing on many fronts—supporting GI resisters, supporting workers' battles with the bosses (particularly auto workers and the Black caucuses in the plants of Detroit), fighting against the oppression of women, against the U.S. wars in the Mideast, Vietnam and the war on the Black nation at home.

During the civil war in Jordan, Detroit YAWF sponsored a rally on the campus of Wayne State University to protest U.S.-Israeli aggression

against the Arab people and show solidarity with the Palestinian cause (see picture below). A leaflet they distributed was headlined, "Palestine: Revolution Until Victory," and read in



A speaker for Detroit

Youth Against War

And Fascism (YAWF)

speaks on the mall.

part:

"The Middle East, 1970 looks more and more like Vietnam, 1962. A Civil War has developed in Jordan between the revolutionary people of Palestine and the puppet government of King Hussein. U.S. troops are on alert. Israeli troops are ready to invade and Congress is prepared to sell more Phantom jets to Israel.... We must support the self-determination of the Palestinian people and demand that the U.S. troops stay out of the just struggles of the Palestinian people against Jordan or Israel....

"The anti-imperialist struggle includes the Middle East. We can't forget that until the Palestinian people have gained total victory."

The women in Detroit YAWF are now working on a special women's section for RED TIMES and have been actively participating in the Women's Liberation Movement in Detroit. There are also plans for further Mideast actions, rallies, film showings, literature sales as well as high school organizing.

The ruling class in Detroit is going to have to sit up and take notice. Right on, Detroit YAWF!

You can contact Detroit Youth Against War & Fascism at P.O. Box 08141, 15th and Grand River, Detroit, Michigan 48208. Phone 825-3525.

GI Union urges members: No Vietnam in Mideast

This is reprinted from the September 24 issue of A Four-year Bummer, organ of the American Servicemen's Union at Chanute Air Force Base.

During the past week, the U.S. government has appeared ready, in both actions and words, to invade the Middle East. The 6th Fleet (augmented by extra marines), the 82nd Airborne Div. at Ft. Bragg (including its USAF C-151 transports), the 8th Inf. Div. in Germany (again with AF units) and the AF's 7206th Support Squadron based in Greece have all been on red alert.

Right now, it seems as if the immediate threat of invasion has declined. This is only temporary, however, as

none of the basic problems which caused the current crisis have been solved—especially the problems of the Palestinian Arabs, who have been refugees from their own country for over 20 years, driven out by the state of Israel. As long as these problems exist, crises will continue to occur—and the U.S. may at any time decide to put GIs' lives on the line to protect the investments of the large oil companies.

The supposed reason for any military intervention—"to protect American lives"—is a smokescreen. The U.S. could at any time have done what it is doing now: flying out U.S. citizens in civilian aircraft. The real reason is the dollars and cents one.

U.S. oil companies in the Middle East profit to the tune of from 1 to 3 billion dollars annually. This is

after large sums are paid to such reactionary puppets as King Hussein of Jordan or King Feisal of Saudi Arabia, who allocate hardly any of their share to improve the conditions of the Arab people. That is why Nixon & Co. seriously contemplate risking another Viet Nam.

The old feudal Arab governments and the state of Israel play the role of policemen for the U.S. oil companies in the Middle East. That is why Washington is so concerned about the possibility of these governments being replaced by governments of the Arab people. Governments which really represent the interests of their people would not allow the greedy U.S. corporations to continue stealing the natural resources of the area, nor would they allow rich landowners and merchants to live in luxury while

people around them starve, while Palestinian people are forced to live in ragged tents with starvation rations. The Palestine guerrilla forces are fighting to return the land natural resources of the Middle East to their rightful owners, the people. We say RIGHT ON!

And we also say: The ASU is absolutely opposed to any American GIs being used to invade the Middle East—any orders to do so are illegal and immoral, just as are orders to go to Viet Nam.

NO VIETNAM AGAINST THE ARAB PEOPLE!

Lynchers frame

Chaney brother

Ben Chaney was 11 years old in 1964 when the body of his brother James was dug up from a muddy dam near Philadelphia, Mississippi where he had been lynched along with two white civil rights workers. The murderers were let off with 3- to 10-year sentences for violating the civil rights of their victims.

Racist attacks on the Chaney family did not end with the brutal murder of James. Their home was shot at many times and there was an attempted bombing. Mrs. Chaney and Ben finally left Mississippi and moved to New York City. Here, Ben became active in the Black High School Coalition and took part in the struggle against the State Office Building at 125th Street and Lenox Avenue in Harlem.

Today, Ben is locked in a maximum security cell on Death Row in

the State Penitentiary in Columbia, South Carolina, facing a legal lynching.

He and a friend, Martin Rutrell, 15 years old, were arrested on May 15 in Ridgeland, South Carolina, charged with armed robbery and murder. They were put on Death Row even before going to trial, which gives an idea of what the authorities plan—another lynching, but one at which the black robes of a judge will replace the white robes of the KKK.

In an appeal for funds for his defense, his mother writes, "If you will but remember the summer of 1964, you will recall my son James being lynched by the very same society who now claims Ben's guilty. What chances has he under these circumstances?"

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John Lombardo faces 15 years for "flag burning"

Illinois gov't attacks FIST Collective

John Lombardo is a revolutionary organizer and a member of the FIST (Fight Imperialism, Seize the Time) Collective in Champaign, Illinois. On October 5, three pigs walked into a karate class for self-defense which John was teaching (consisting mainly of movement and high school women). The pigs ripped him off on a warrant dug up from an indictment that is nearly six months old. The charge is "desecration or mutilation of the flag of the United States."

John's bust came just at a time when the FIST Collective was involved in supporting a militant struggle of Black and white GIs at Chanute AFB. Several GIs, some of them organizers for the ASU, were arrested recently for protesting the racism of the brass at the air force base. So the repression coming down now is clearly a result of the collaboration of military and civilian authorities to stop the solidarity between revolutionary youth organizing in Champaign and GIs struggling against racism and the war.

In addition to its local organizing efforts, the FIST Collective has been collaborating with Youth Against War & Fascism in Chicago in the struggle against U.S.-Israeli aggression and the frameup of the Black P. Stone Nation. FIST members have also given aid to Milwaukee YAWF, especially in protesting the frameup of the Panther 3 there.

The FIST Collective was formed just this year, but since its inception the cops have been watching its development. The militant group made its mark indelibly in the minds of reactionaries and revolutionaries alike when it participated in a counter-demonstration against a right-wing "honor America-type" parade last July 4.

The revolutionaries went to the parade as a disciplined, anti-war group. A goon squad organized by the official parade leaders tried to expel them from the area. But they found the anti-war activists were not pacifists, much to their chagrin. The FIST members and other participants defended themselves and stood their ground. The attack was beaten back despite the fact that the contingent was not large.

Students burn the flag

The recent arrest of John Lombardo supposedly stems from an incident on May 6, during the nationwide student strike over Kent, Jackson and Cambodia. At a large demonstration of students on the university campus in Champaign, two hated flags of U.S. im-

perialism were burned. The cops and courts have obviously been holding the indictment against John to be used at an opportune moment. The charges include three counts of desecration of the flag and could carry 1 to 5 years on each count.

The bust came around 6:30 p.m. while John was teaching a karate class in the university armory. Three Champaign pigs walked into the class, eyed John for a while and then announced that they had a bench warrant for his arrest. (This means that a grand jury was convened to bring the charges against him.) Bail, they said, would be \$2,000 or \$201 cash to walk.

John had to change his clothes; the pigs followed him into the men's room and then handcuffed him as soon as he was in street clothes. When he got outside, there were two University of Illinois pigs waiting also.

Bail is raised

The members of the karate class showed their solidarity by raising the bail money on the spot and by the time John got to the jail and was booked, Sharon Sindelar of the Collective was already there with the bail.

The FIST Collective is determined to fight this flagrant case of political repression all the way in a political fashion. There have been no serious busts like this in the area at all. This is intended by the authorities as a precedent to intimidate the movement. It is nothing but a witchhunting effort to stop the collective from doing revolutionary organizing. This means that money has to be raised for the legal expenses and a campaign has to be mounted to let the community know about the case.

Friends from the Milwaukee and Chicago chapters of Youth Against War & Fascism as well as YAWF's national organization intend to mobilize all possible support for their comrades in the struggle.

The Champaign government has chosen the battleground for this struggle, but the FIST Collective intends to stand and fight. Whether or not John Lombardo burned the flag is for him to know and the prosecutor to prove. But even if he did, the charge is a total fraud.

A political piece of cloth

The flag is just an inexpensive piece of cloth. It is unconstitutional and illegal to charge anyone with a felony for destroying a piece of cloth, let alone

threaten them with five years in prison. Furthermore, burning the American flag, a political piece of cloth, is a symbolic act of political expression against a particular form of government, that is, racist, capitalist imperialism. As a symbolic act of political expression which interferes with no one and nothing, it is supposed to be protected by the Constitution. While the Constitution probably won't protect John Lombardo, the movement will. Charging someone with desecrating the flag is like charging him with insulting the king or showing disrespect for the slave master.

"Desecrate" means to divest of sacredness. The American flag is the symbol of a system and government which napalms villages, commits massacres of the My Lai type, stockpiles nerve gas and nuclear arsenals, steals the labor and resources of the people of the world, concentrates enormous wealth in the hands of a few, condemns the people to poverty and disease, topples governments at will, shoots down Black and Brown people and fills its prisons with countless poor and oppressed. To divest the symbol of such a system of its "sacred" myth can hardly be looked upon as a crime.

The American flag has been burned in practically every country in the world, indicating clearly that the masses hate the U.S. government. From Spain to Italy to Algeria to Venezuela to Vietnam and China, the American flag has been "desecrated" by the people. Burning this flag is only showing respect for world public opinion.

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Southeast Asia and the Mideast

Isn't one Vietnam enough?

by Edward James

In 1962, the anti-war movement was born with a small demonstration organized by members of Youth Against War and Fascism. At that time, there were 3,000 U.S. "advisors" in Vietnam, a country unknown to most Americans. Eight years have now passed. Millions of Indochinese have been murdered, maimed or left homeless; 45,000 American GIs are dead, 200,000 wounded—all cannon-fodder for the U.S. bankers and industrialists who started the war. This genocide stands as indelible testimony to the savagery with which the clique of billionaires who own the U.S. seek to satisfy their insatiable greed for profits.

Today, while the Vietnam war is still far from over, another Vietnam is in the making in the Middle East. This war in its initial phase shows striking similarities to the beginnings of the Vietnam war. To start with, there are three underlying similarities. An oppressed people (the Arabs) are fighting for control of their land and resources; U.S. big business has lucrative investments in the area which provide three billion dollars in profits every year; and the U.S. has been able to rely on its puppet governments (Israel and Jordan) to do the fighting for it—so far.

But most of all, the similarity between the way in which U.S. big business is selling the Mideast war to the American people and the way they originally sold the Vietnam war should alert people to the real situation in the Mideast. (Whenever the industrialists and bankers want to make war, they use their control of the radio, television and newspapers to sell the war to the people the same way as they sell all their other lousy products that nobody would buy unless tricked into it.)

Remember how they used to talk about "defending democracy" in South Vietnam, claiming that the North Vietnamese were "invading" the South, and that all the South Vietnamese supported the Diem dictatorship? Then as the 3,000 "advisors" became 10,000, the press was full of accounts about how the people were being protected by being "placed" in "strategic hamlets." In the 1964 election campaign, Johnson solemnly promised that he would never involve the country in a land war in Asia. And there was the Gulf of Tonkin "incident," with the U.S. Senate voting 99 to 1 to give Johnson a free hand to escalate the war as much as he wanted.

As the U.S. began devastating North Vietnam with murderous saturation bombing that made the bombing of Germany and Japan during W.W. II look like child's play, we were assured that only "targets of concrete and steel" were being attacked. And at every juncture in the war, the ruling class insisted that the war being waged against Vietnam was "vital to American interests."

Awakening anti-war feeling

These were the lies which nourished American acceptance of the war. But as the 3,000 "advisors" became half a million troops, as the body bags filled with our husbands and our sons and our brothers and our fathers and our friends were unloaded from the bowels of giant airplanes during the dark of night with ever-greater frequency, the American people began to wake up. Those lucky enough not to lose a loved one to the war saw their pay checks devoured by inflation, felt their energies drained by speed-ups on the job, and began to wonder whether the war was in fact vital to their interests.

The myth of "defending democracy" was the first to die, perhaps because General Ky insisted on voicing his admiration for Adolf Hitler publicly. The "strategic hamlets" set up by the U.S. were recognized for what they really were—concentration camps. The Tet offensive woke millions of Americans up to the fact that it was the South Vietnamese people who were fighting to the death against the U.S. aggressor and their puppet government, and that they welcomed all the help their brothers and sisters in the North could possibly render.

Millions came to realize that napalm and cluster bombs and poisonous gases are used against people, not against concrete and steel. In 1968, the Senate was forced to reveal that the entire Gulf of Tonkin incident was a complete fabrication manufactured by the U.S. government to trick the American people into a giant escalation of the war. And now, Songmy and the "tiger cage" jails have become symbols of what the U.S. and its puppet South Vietnamese regime are really fighting for in Vietnam.

As one lie after another was exposed, people came to realize that U.S. control of Vietnam is

vital, not to the American people, but to the billionaires that profit off all the resources of Southeast Asia, and off the war itself. For the masses of Americans, the war against the masses of Indochinese has offered nothing but shattered families, nothing but hordes of war cripples, nothing but ever-greater difficulties in making ends meet out of the weekly pay check.

The same old lies

Now all the same kinds of lies that tricked people into accepting the Vietnam war are being dusted off in preparation for the day when the U.S. puppets in the Mideast can no longer hold down the oppressed Arab masses, who, like the Vietnamese, are fighting to wrest control of their land, labor and lives from the grasp of U.S. big business. The spokesmen of Wall Street tell us we should want to "defend democratic, independent Israel." They tell us the Arabs are anti-Jewish, and want to push the Jews into the sea. During U.S. puppet Hussein's latest attack on the Palestinian revolution, they gleefully pretended that it was simply a case of "Arabs fighting Arabs." And, as always, they scream that "American interests are at stake."

Those are the lies, trotted out once more, this time with different names attached, but still the purpose remains the same—to trick the American people into fighting an oppressed people that are revolting against U.S. imperialist control of their countries. But what are the truths that will eventually be revealed as American GIs begin to die in the deserts of the Middle East?

First of all, Israel is no more independent than the puppet government of South Vietnam. It is kept afloat with U.S. aid; its industry is largely financed by U.S. capital; and in return for this financial support and dependence, it acts as a cop for the U.S. ruling class, attacking the progressive Arab countries and the Palestinian revolution whenever they threaten the interests of U.S. big business in the Mideast.

Nor is Israel "democratic." More than half the population in the land under Israeli control is Arab;

Vietnam or the Middle East?



In case you can't guess, the picture shows Israeli soldiers torturing Arabs living in occupied areas.

all Arabs, including the Arabs whose ancestors have lived for centuries in the areas under Israeli control since 1948, are subject at any moment to arbitrary arrest, imprisonment and often torture. Originally, Arabs were forced to carry identity papers with their "Class B" status officially recorded, as is done under apartheid in South Africa.

Although this particularly blatant form of official discrimination has since been abandoned, the racism that manifested itself in that "Class B" status still restricts Arabs from living in many parts of Israel, still subjects them to tremendous harassment when travelling, still condemns them to the lowest-paying, toughest jobs and to grossly inferior housing and schools. In fact, this discrimination extends, in a lesser degree, to all the non-European Jews in Israel as well. And the Israeli government, as anyone who knows the extent to which Israeli industry is financed by American capital might guess, is just as much anti-labor as its puppet-master, the U.S.

Israel is an oppressor state

The Israeli state is an oppressor state—both of the Arab and Jewish peoples. It should not be "defended" by anyone, because it has always been the aggressor puppet-state fronting for western imperialism. It was Zionist terrorists armed by U.S. and British imperialism who massacred hundreds of Palestinian men, women and children at Deir Yassin (the Israeli Songmy) in 1948, and then warned Palestinians in other towns to flee or "suffer the fate of Deir Yassin." It is they who, aided by the British and French imperialists who had been the colonial masters of the Palestinian people for decades, drove the Palestinians from their homeland and set up the Zionist state of Israel in occupied Palestine. It is they who joined with the British and French imperialists in 1956 in the attack on Egypt, in an attempt to regain control of the just-nationalized Suez Canal.

When Syria was becoming more and more anti-imperialist in 1967, the Israeli government launched the vicious blitzkrieg against Syria, Egypt and Jordan, consuming entire villages with napalm and murdering tens of thousands of Arabs. It is this government which threatens to intervene whenever the Palestinian revolution seems about to overthrow King Hussein, one of the other U.S. puppets holding down the Palestinian people. No, the Tel Aviv rulers don't deserve to be defended any more than the racist cop patrolling Harlem on behalf of the bankers and slumlords deserves to be defended!

Are the Arabs anti-Jewish? The programs of the Palestinian liberation fighters very clearly call for a multi-national, multi-religious, secular state to replace the current Zionist state. Liberated Palestine will be neither a Jewish, nor a Moslem, nor a Christian state. It will be a non-religious state with equal rights for all, according to the plans of the commandos.

The clearest answer to this lie about anti-Semitism was provided by the Jewish airplane hostages recently held by the Palestinian commandos. None reported receiving anything but the fairest treatment during the entire time they were held; in fact, some related that during the height of Hussein's bombardment of the town where they were being held, commandos gave up their lives when they ventured out into the bullet-swept streets to search for water for the hostages.

U.S.-backed civil war in Jordan

Hussein's latest attempt to crush the Palestinian revolution, in which he had his U.S.-supplied troops massacre entire refugee camps, leaving 25,000 dead and wounded, was no war of "Arabs against Arabs." Hussein is owned lock, stock and barrel by the U.S., and according to a front page article in the October 8 New York Times, he did not dare launch his attack on the Palestinians until he was assured that U.S. and Israeli forces would intervene on his behalf if necessary. And they almost had to! This article very clearly states that Nixon was all set to intervene in a massive way, airlifting troops from Germany and the U.S., as well as attacking with Sixth Fleet bombers, if Hussein's assault on the refugee camps and towns proved inadequate.

The tremendous firepower given Hussein by his U.S. masters only proved sufficient to prevent the revolution from winning in Jordan this time. However, someday, just as in Vietnam, more than puppet governments armed with U.S. weapons will be required to protect the tens of billions of dollars in investments that the U.S. oil companies have in the Arab lands.

When that day comes, the Rockefellers and the Mellons and the other oil billionaires will continue collecting their billions in stolen loot from their Mideast investments, and they will continue vacationing on the Riviera. Those who will be forced to do the fighting, the bleeding, and the dying to protect these parasites' fortunes will be the sons of working people; once again, it will be our sons and fathers and brothers and husbands whose remains are returned to us shrouded in the body bags.

Whose interest will the Mideast war serve? Isn't one Vietnam enough?

Baltimore

Panther rally supporting prison demands attacked

Prisoners in the Maryland House of Corrections and the Baltimore Penitentiary, fed up with inhuman conditions and gross mistreatment, appealed to the Black Panther Party for help in bringing their grievances to the public this week. The Baltimore pigs, terrified of such an alliance, have unleashed a reign of terror against the Black community. As we go to press, more than twenty persons have been arrested, some have been beaten, and all are being held on exorbitant and unconstitutional bails.

The brothers in the "correction"

facility in Jessup, Maryland, had got word to the Panthers that the prisoners there were being brutalized and mistreated. One brother, sick and in need of medical attention, was being denied treatment and others who protested were being transferred out to the penitentiary in Baltimore. The brothers asked for help. The Black Panther Party responded by calling a rally in front of the penitentiary on Monday, October 12.

As word spread through the community about what was happening in the prisons, other organizations came

forward. A second rally was called for the next night. Tuesday evening more than 300 pickets marched around the prison, singing and chanting revolutionary messages. It was a strong show of support for the victims of racist injustice incarcerated inside.

The pigs were enraged at this challenge to their brutal authority. They approached a young community worker, James Owens, 18, and demanded that he disperse the crowd. When he replied that the people weren't breaking any laws and were within their constitutional rights, they grabbed him and began beating him on the spot. Angela Hatten, 21, another community worker, and David Lawrence, also 21 and a Panther, were likewise seized, beaten and arrested.

Throughout the evening more people from the community were arrested. It wasn't until 11 p.m. that the police would state any charges against the first three: assault, inciting to riot, resisting arrest, failure to obey the orders of an officer, disorderly conduct—the usual frame-up charges to break up a demonstration.

Then the pigs moved into the community. When two Panther brothers, Larry Sorrell and Will Joiner, left the BPP headquarters to get a pack of cigarettes and stopped on the street to rap with some friends, carloads of police, some in plainclothes, swooped down. The charge: inciting to riot.

Another Panther, William Coates, was arrested in court the next morning. Another "inciting" charge.

These Black brothers and sisters are being held on \$25,000 bail! They and the others arrested are guilty of one thing: wanting to help those in the fascist dungeons who so desperately need assistance from the outside.

This vicious attack on the Black community of Baltimore and the Black Panther Party in particular must be answered! The Baltimore Black Panther Party is calling on all people to come forward with revolutionary resistance to American injustice and racism.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE! FREE THE PRISONERS AND JAIL THE REAL CRIMINALS!

**Read WORKERS
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one**

Latest Nixon "offer": false peace, real war

The Nixon Administration has just put forth its latest peace hoax for Vietnam and it has hardly fooled anyone really serious about getting the U.S. out of Indochina. The Nixon "peace" plan was formulated soon after a genuine peace offer was made by the Provisional Government of South Vietnam (PRG) last month, which was immediately rejected by Washington.

In response to Nixon's proposal for a cease-fire "in place" for all of Indochina, the North Vietnamese newspaper Nhan Dan said that "to accept an immediate cease-fire in Indochina, before a political settlement, would be to admit that the Americans had a right to be in the

region." The article also emphasized that "Nixon refuses to state a definite period for the withdrawal of United States troops from Indochina."

Replying to the ridiculous proposal for "mutual withdrawal" of all troops in Vietnam, Mrs. Nguyen Thi Binh, the delegate of the PRG at the Paris peace talks, reminded the U.S. imperialist negotiators:

"As everyone knows, the war in Vietnam and in Indochina is a product of American aggression.... This is why, for peace to be re-established in Indochina, the United States must put an end to its aggression and withdraw completely from this zone."

Another PRG delegate character-

ized the "mutual withdrawal" demand by Nixon as "absurd since it puts the American aggressors on the same level as the Vietnamese who were defending themselves against aggression."

In effect, the Nixon "peace" plan was a point-by-point rejection of the PRG peace offer and is designed to keep South Vietnam under U.S. domination. The PRG peace offer called for an agreed-upon time limit of withdrawal of U.S. forces by June 30, 1971. The Nixon proposal rejects this fundamental demand by calling for the phony "mutual withdrawal." The PRG offered a cease-fire during the entire U.S. withdrawal that would be extended to the Saigon puppet troops if the latter also complied with the cease-fire.

In contrast, the Nixon plan calls for the "in place" cease-fire which would only legitimize U.S.-occupied territory and not get U.S. troops out of Vietnam. The PRG called for a broad coalition government composed of all groups who advocate a neutral South Vietnam free of foreign troops. The Nixon plan, however, insists that the much-hated fascist criminals now running the puppet Saigon government be a major part of any South Vietnamese government.

The Nixon peace fraud is, as the PRG delegates have called it, a false peace but real war.

When the Nobel Prize was given to Mikhail Sholokhov five years ago for the novels he had written many years before, it was generally understood by those in the know that this was a move toward softening the cold war against the Soviet Union.

Sholokhov was known as a strong supporter of the Soviet regime, and the cynical prize-givers of the capitalist world would never have bestowed the accolade on him, even if he was the combined reincarnation of Leo Tolstoy and William Shakespeare, if they were in a mood to really attack the Soviet Union.

But just the other day an anti-Soviet Russian author was awarded the Nobel Prize. This was Aleksander Solzhenitsyn, who wrote, among other things, "One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich"—a story of the Stalin concentration camps.

Solzhenitsyn has written in so many words that he does not believe in the class struggle and that he considers the "human"—that is, the above-class—character of society to be paramount. This is right down the alley of the bourgeoisie. But they would never give him the prize if they were in a mood to get together with Brezhnev and Kosygin.

The awarding of the prize is po-



Madame Binh



Why didn't they give the Nobel Prize to this author?

The Nobel War Prize

litically motivated and is a signal that the bourgeoisie is ready to reopen a sharper struggle with the USSR. It is a warning and a threat, and it is closely related to imperialist frustration over the Middle East.

As for Solzhenitsyn, his story of prison camps and his criticisms of Soviet society generally, may have some formal validity. But his motivation is clearly that of a right-winger. He never protests, for example, the persecution of a real revolutionary or the censorship of one who demands more arms and aid to the Palestinians or steel plants for People's China.

The Soviet Union used to have a Stalin Prize and now has changed that to the more felicitously named Lenin Prize. It would be a good idea to bestow that prize upon Eldridge Cleaver about now. He wrote the brilliant *Soul on Ice* and other works which show that he, too, knows about prisons—and he knows a good deal more about prison-keepers than does Solzhenitsyn.

This would be not only a sharp political answer to a political provocation, but a genuine recognition of a real literary rebel and a real revolutionist, rather than a conscious or semi-conscious literary servant of the world bourgeoisie.

The New York prison rebellion

Prisoners unmask the concentration camp

by Fred Goldstein

Hardly a week or a month passes nowadays that does not witness some new act of daring by the oppressed people of the world against imperialism. From the Mideast, to Latin America, to San Rafael, to Quebec. The masses are taking measures to dramatize their struggles and to focus world attention on their conditions of oppression and the outrages being committed by imperialism against the people.

Confronted by a super-armed, super-violent and super-organized colossus with its spaceage technology of repression, the masses are scrutinizing the monster with the utmost care, searching out every soft spot in its armor, every weak link in the chain of oppression, every unguarded pressure point. They are taking the enemy by surprise, turning the tables, momentarily neutralizing or rendering useless its horrendous means of destruction long enough to force the world to pay attention to their plight, to the barbaric crimes of the ruling class, and to galvanize the struggle against these crimes.

It is in this light that the New York City prison rebellion must be understood. The simultaneous seizure of five prisons was an act of the greatest political significance. It required revolutionary creativity of the highest order in addition to organization, discipline, self-sacrifice and a readiness to face the

fury of the ruling class when it was all over. This was one of the most important political acts in America.

Preventive detention already exists

What was it that the inmates in New York risked their lives for? The significance of the prison rebellion lies in the fact that the prisoners unmasked the conspiracy of the ruling class to turn the prisons into a Nazi-like concentration camp system for the oppressed people.

By heroic efforts which stagger the imagination, the inmates sought to turn the spotlight upon the "preventive detention" system which has already been instituted by the ruling class behind the backs of the people, and to call attention to its true fascist nature.

The inmates sought to tell the world that under cover of those prison walls, out of sight of the masses, the rulers are trying to do to the Black and Puerto Rican people what Hitler did in Germany. By revolutionary methods worthy of any liberation army they temporarily forced the criminals out into the light of day, made them go on national television, made them get in front of the people and acknowledge their crimes.

But above all, the rebellion was a desperate outcry by the prisoners to all revolutionary and progressive



Victor Martinez, Ken Sender and Robert Blake (l. to r.), representatives of the prisoners in the Queens House of Detention.

people in America to stop the capitalist authorities from continuing their inhuman cruelties and to rise up and abolish the concentration camps.

What does it mean when three and four men are stuffed into cages which are too small for one? What does it mean when thousands are herded into overcrowded prisons not knowing whether they will even get to court three months, six months, a year or more later? What does it mean when poor people are required to pay bails which the judge and prosecutor know in advance they cannot pay?

It means that the minute you are arrested, if you're poor, you're guilty! The minute the cops grab you, you have been condemned in advance to a minimum of a few months in jail and probably a lot longer. It means that the capitalist state does not even have to prove that you are guilty of a violation of bourgeois legality in order to put you in prison. The state does not even have to bother to frame you up. It does not have to take the time and expense to concoct a lie and get the police to swear to it. There are absolutely no restraints upon the capitalist state.



Panther prisoners and their supporters were the last to leave the Queens House of Detention. When guards brutally beat the surrendering prisoners, they barricaded themselves in and refused to come out until their lawyers were on the scene as witnesses. Above they triumphantly descend from the prison.

Huey tells press

Prisoners asked
BPP to handle
negotiations

NEW YORK, October 4—

Q. Huey, you're in New York today. What's the reason?

A. I'm here concerning the conditions in the New York prisons where the prisoners are holding the guards hostage pending a bail hearing....

The prisoners themselves invited the Black Panther Party to act as negotiator in their behalf. The New York 21 who are held at the prison... have asked that we come here in order to inform the community of their plight and also to inform the people that the Mayor and also the Governor and all the other corrupt officials are not concerned with human life....

We are here in order to negotiate a release of the hostages. We are concerned about human life. We are showing this by the very fact that we're asking for the prisoners to be released upon an agreeable negotiation and the first demand would be that all of the political prisoners there get a hearing, secondly, we feel that not only in New York, but throughout the country, conditions in the prisons are the same for the simple reason that America is a concentration camp and the prisons are only a more severe kind of dungeon....

We say that the situation in New York is not unique to New York; it goes throughout the country and this is repression. And it goes further than this country because the same people that are responsible such as Rockefeller, Standard Oil and the other big companies that have an interest in exploiting people are not only in control in New York, not only in America, but the world.

We have here, Michael Tabor, who is a New York 21, and also Zayd who is the brother of Lumumba who is now incarcerated in the New York Prison. First I would like Tabor to answer about the specifics of the prisons because as a former prisoner of the New York prisons he will give you a good understanding of the actual conditions there.

Q. Michael, the trouble that has erupted in the prisons, especially Long Island City—would you say that it is a direct result of Judge Murtaugh revoking

Afeni's bail?

Michael Tabor: I would not say that the revoking of Afeni Shakur's bail was the sole cause of the rebellion that erupted in Branch Queens. We can say that it was definitely a contributing factor—that it was the straw that broke the camel's back.

The actual cause of the rebellion itself flows from the fact that the prisoners are detained there unconstitutionally. Unconstitutional bails are imposed on them. They are subjected to prison conditions that border on the mediaeval and barbaric. They are subjected to brutality at the hands of the guards in those various institutions. They are denied not only their constitutional rights but also their human rights. The prison system is based on a systematic attempt to dehumanize and to destroy the self-respect of the inmates that come in there so that upon release, assuming that they are ever released, they will never be able to function in a productive manner and serve the needs and interest of the people.

Q. As you see it now, what will it take to get the prisoners released or the hostages released at Long Island City?

Michael Tabor: ...They have put forth numerous demands among which are speedy trials, better food, stopping of police brutality, also the formation of a congress of inmates that will be comprised of the representatives, the leaders of the rebellions in the four prisons in this city. In the prisons the inmates have no rights whatsoever. Their voice is not heard. So they are demanding a congress of inmates....

Yesterday, the Lindsay Administration attempted to beguile and deceive the inmates there by setting up a sham court for the purpose of reviewing bail. I believe that 14 inmates were released as a result of that court that was set up. But it is important to point out the fact that the inmates that were released were inmates that were not incarcerated on charges that are termed serious charges. They

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Detention.

Once it lays its hand upon a poor Black or Puerto Rican person, they are condemned without even so much as a hearing.

Mass repression instituted

That is what is called "preventive detention." It was called that by Hitler and it is called that by Nixon and Mitchell; and preventive detention is the legal essence of the concentration camp system!

It is not so much that this is a new phenomenon in the legal system. Arbitrary detention (that is, illegal from the capitalist point of view) has been going on for a long time in the case of individuals. What is new is that among the oppressed people, such cases of detention are mushrooming. The concentration camp has been historically and is today in the United States an instrument of mass repression!

The Nixon Administration has been pushing insistently to have preventive detention written into law. In the meantime the Lindsay administration has been

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were inmates who were imprisoned for charges such as possession of a stick of marijuana, vagrancy, loitering, petty larceny and charges of that nature.

As a matter of fact Governor Rockefeller himself notified Lindsay and the judges that none of the Black Panthers incarcerated at Branch Queens would have any bail hearing. None of them would have any bail hearing! The court that was set up yesterday was a deliberate and callous attempt to deceive the inmates....

Q. Brother Huey, you are expressing a desire to meet with Mayor Lindsay regarding the prison situation. What do you think can come out of that?

A. First I would like to say that the prisoners asked the Black Panther Party to be the negotiator, to express their desires. So it's not really the Party asking to negotiate with Mayor Lindsay. We are only following the request of the prisoners.

Q. Well the Mayor says he is not going to meet with anybody as long as there are hostages held.

A. And we charge the Mayor with a lack of respect for human life just as the corrupt officials in Marin County had no respect for those hostages that were held by Jonathan Jackson. And subsequently the police murdered the witnesses and the hostages. This was swept under the rug, but I think the community should drag it from beneath the rug because all evidence show that there were not shots fired from that van, only shots went into the van.

The brothers in Marin were bent on freedom. They were not bent on murder or executions, you see. But the police were more interested in apprehension and murder than they were in the preservation of human life. We charge the Mayor with the same thing. So we will be here for 24 hours. We will give the Mayor 24 hours and then we will leave because we have other things to do and we will not wait around any great length of time because we are not asking him for anything....



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A rainy night with our sisters

NEW YORK—A cold rain poured down on 200 demonstrators who marched outside the Women's House of Detention here October 3. The demonstration was in support of imprisoned Black Panther Afeni Shakur and the



Afeni Shakur

rebellions that shook nearly every jail in the city two weeks ago.

Neither the downpour nor the wind that whipped the banners around could drown out the chants of "Free Afeni Shakur, jail the racist pigs," or "Tear the jails down, power to the sisters" and the answering cries of "Power!" from inside the prison.

The demonstration was organized by the Women's Caucus of Youth Against War & Fascism when Afeni Shakur, one of the Panther 21 out on \$100,000 ransom, had her bail revoked for arriving 40 minutes late at the trial after she had received a report that her mother was seriously ill. Her release was one of the demands in the jail rebellions that broke loose in the next days. Judge Murtagh, presiding over the Panther 21 case, was forced to free her before the week was over.

It was later learned that while the pickets marched, prisoners in the House of Detention refused to be locked up and stood by the windows watching and shouting to the people outside. Afeni Shakur, who was one of those at the windows, later expressed surprise and happiness that so many people had come despite the rain to show support for her and all the imprisoned sisters, and to show solidarity with all the brothers who had seized the concentration camps in this city.

U.S. feelers on "token" Palestine

fail to split guerrillas

by P. Meisner

"The United States should now declare its support for the establishment by Palestinians of a sovereign state of Palestine.... It should expect the new state to consist initially of the Gaza Strip and the West Bank including Arab Jerusalem, and any subsequent territorial changes to be negotiated by the Palestinians themselves."

The above prescription as a solution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict was formulated by no less than a former U.S. diplomat in the Middle East, Richard Nolte, and published in an article in the October 5 edition of the New York Times. While this particular column appears to be more conciliatory to the Palestinian cause than others, a rash of such articles, proposing the same basic solution, have appeared in the recent weeks in the highest organs of the imperialist press. The New York Times editorial board also wrote on October 5, although in a more pro-Israel tone, on the issue:

"One possible solution advanced informally by some Palestinians would be to place the West Bank under some neutral authority, like the United Nations, pending a plebiscite in which West Bankers would decide whether they wished to retain a separate identity or affiliate with Israel or Jordan, or both."

In a lead article in the Sunday New York Times Magazine of September 27, the noted bourgeois author, James Michener, stated:

"It is tempting to recommend that the two areas (Gaza and the West Bank) be combined into a new nation called Palestine, joined by an internationalized road or roads crossing Israel.... Perhaps a new nation of Palestine is desirable and the disappearance of Jordan inevitable."

There is, however, one underlying theme in all of these "liberal" proposals that is consistent with State Department Mideast strategy: To destroy the Palestinian guerrilla movement and its aspirations to reclaim the Palestinian homeland, keep the reactionary monarchies in power, and strengthen the puppet state of Israel—all this in the interest of saving the multi-billion dollar U.S. oil empire in the Middle East.

In the July issue of Fortune, a highly influential Wall Street publication, an article focusing on the strength of the growing Palestinian guerrilla organizations stated right at the outset:

"...the Fedayeen (Palestinian guerrillas) are turning increasingly against the U.S. because of its close links with Israel, seriously weakening its political influence in the Middle East, and threatening American investment of more than \$2 billion in Arab oil."

Thus, the primary objective of Washington and Wall Street is to crush this great threat to U.S. oil wealth in the Mideast, whether by military means (as the U.S. had

planned in Jordan) or by a diplomatic settlement as outlined above. In reference to the latter, Nolte concluded in his article that "the small minority of doctrinaire extremists (Palestinian guerrillas) would lose their mass support." The editorial of the New York Times agrees, stating that "the Arab extremists would be bereft of their argument if such a settlement were reached." James Michener also wrote in his article, "the teeth of the present guerrilla operations would be drawn."

It should be clear then that the new Palestine proposals are nothing more and nothing less than the formula for a Pax Americana in the Middle East. The Palestinian people can never accept a State Department-manufactured settlement which would perpetuate a Zionist oppressor state in any part of Palestine.

Washington is anxious to find Palestinian spokesmen who can be pushed forward to advocate such a sellout solution. However, it is well known that the guerrilla organizations are unanimously opposed to such a settlement.

The new Palestine can only be a nation where all Moslems, Christians and Jews live on an equal basis. The Fedayeen, much to the chagrin of the giant U.S. oil monopolies and their imperialist liberal spokesmen, will not "lose their mass support." They will win.

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Pickets surprise Eban with "Free Palestine"

by Marina Verkuil

CHICAGO, October 4—Much to the dismay of the Chicago "Red Squad" and the uniformed pigs on the scene, about 75 supporters of the Arab Liberation struggle and of the Palestinian Liberation struggle in particular, militantly marched to the main entrance of the Pick Congress Hotel this afternoon and quickly set up a picket line. Abba Eban, Israeli war criminal and stooge for U.S. imperialism's mammoth oil interests in the Mideast, was scheduled to speak at an Israeli Bond dinner in this plush hotel.

Eban had been whisked into Chicago with the utmost secrecy, the only clue to his visit being one sentence buried in a local newspaper's gossip column about one week ago. So secretive was his visit here that a representative from the Chicago News Bureau marvelled at the demonstration and declared that even he had no idea that Abba Eban was in town.

The demonstration was called and organized by Youth Against War & Fascism in Chicago and was joined by members of the Iranian Students Association from Chicago and Champaign, Ill., Milwaukee YAWF, the FIST Collective from Champaign and the United Holy Land Fund in Chicago. The demonstrators carried many placards, colorful flags depicting guerrilla fighters and several banners, one of which bore a large picture of Leila Khaled and the slogan "Leila Khaled—Live Like Her!" and was signed YAWF Women. The protesters chanted revolutionary slogans such as: "Abba Eban Works for Standard Oil!"; "Free Palestine—Power to the Guerrillas!"; and "Free the Panther 21—Free the Iranian 41!"

At one point, a small delegation from the Nazi Party set up a picket line and carried signs bearing anti-Jewish and racist slogans. The anti-imperialist demonstrators spontaneously began chanting: "Jewish People

Yes—Israel No!" and "We Hate the Nazi Pigs!" The Nazi vermin disappeared shortly after that.

The pigs, who had not anticipated such a large and militant response to Eban's presence, were steadily attempting to surround and contain the picket line. Just about a week earlier they had attacked another demonstration held by YAWF against Nixon's visit to Chicago and in support of Arab liberation. At that time, they arrested a YAWF member on trumped-up charges.

At one point, a contingent of pigs moved in to try to squeeze the picketers tightly together, but the YAWF picket captains led the demonstrators right between the pigs and across the street, chanting "Ho Ho Ho Chi Minh—Palestine is gonna win!" The people then began to hold a rally, with various speakers. Marina Verkuil from Chicago YAWF opened by saying that YAWF is against the puppet Israeli state but not against the Jewish people who are being used as pawns against the Arab nation. Pointing to the Nazi picketers, she said, "The only good Nazi is a dead Nazi." Ali Ateshkhadi from Chicago Iranian Students Association read an anti-imperialist statement of solidarity with the Palestinians in their struggle against U.S. imperialism. Al Stergar, Milwaukee organizer for Workers World Party, said that the pigs, including the Zionist and U.S. imperialist pigs, are in the minority and the oppressed peoples throughout the world who are rising up in a revolutionary storm are the majority.

As the rally broke up, the predominant feeling was that this was just the beginning of an offensive against the pending open intervention of U.S. imperialism on the side of its own



Chicago YAWF demonstrates against Abba Eban's visit.

ruling class interests in Israel and against the interests and very existence of the Palestinians and the Arab people as a whole. This is one step in our attempt to expose the sinister plans

of the U.S. in the Mideast and to take our place in the growing struggle against U.S. imperialism.

LONG LIVE PALESTINE!

...2/ Pig statue offered again

by Ken Sertic

CHICAGO, Oct. 5, 1970—For the second time in two years, the statue of a Chicago pig was blown off its pedestal and partially destroyed by an explosion. (It was originally built to commemorate cops killed in the famous Haymarket events in 1886.) It is only five months (May 5, 1970) since Mayor Daley, businessmen and Chicago cop associations had the statue restored at a cost of \$4500, and they are calling for restoration again of this symbolic iron oppressor.

This statue represents all that Black and Brown people, working brothers and sisters in the plants and young people have learned to hate: racism, brutality, the early morning assassination of Black Panther leaders Fred Hampton and Mark Clark, endless murder of Black youth, and pigs protecting scabs and guarding slumlords, corrupt politicians and profit-hungry businessmen. The cops in this city faithfully obey

orders to have law and order for the rich, and they are rewarded with the salaries of \$12,000 a year.

These cops' predecessors were used against the workers on strike in 1886, 58,000 strong, striking for better pay and a eight-hour day. Eight workers were framed up on phony charges of killing seven cops with a bomb thrown during a rally at Haymarket Square. The men were all union organizers and workers' leaders. Eventually four were hanged, while one committed suicide. This is so-called justice American style, the same then as it is today for those struggling against the oppressor.

Mayor Daley today said that "when the statue is erected again it will be protected day and night." He knows that this is the only way for this symbol of oppression to survive the hatred of the masses.

Chairman of WWP addresses rally

Solidarity meeting hails Arab struggle, commandos' daring tactics



Victory salute: Jubilant Palestinian guerillas pose amid wreckage of BOAC jetliner.

The sponsoring organizations provided a strong defense guard to protect the meeting from right-wing attack or provocation but, probably because of this visible preparation, there were no incidents.

A tall, bearded young man wearing a burnoose, the typical Arab headdress, Mr. Ibrahim brought the spirit of the Arab liberation struggle into the meeting hall. He confirmed that the Arab people are transforming their struggle into that of an "organized, politicized and armed mass of people adhering to the ideology of the workers, peasants and wretched of the earth, that is, the ideology of Marxism and Leninism."

The young Palestinian showed that his people and movement have absorbed the lessons of other oppressed nations in learning how to fight both imperialist armies and imperialist diplomacy: "The twentieth century has witnessed a continual struggle of Arab masses to repel imperialist aggression from Arab land. The Palestinian people had in addition to contend with the Zionist colonization of Palestine. The essence of any solution of the Palestinian problem rests in the recognition of the Palestinian people and their right to self-determination in the whole of Palestine."

"Any suggestion of a token pseudo-independent state protected by Israel is a suggestion to create a Swaziland or a Bechuanaland in the Middle Eastern South Africa which is Israel."

Sam Marcy's talk was largely directed at the criminal neglect by U.S. "movement" leaders who have kept the question of the Middle East war hidden. He reminded the audience that it has taken more than three years, since the June 1967 war, and thousands of casualties before there could be held such a meeting "devoted to complete, full and unconditional solidarity with the Palestinian movement and Arab liberation movement as a whole."

Comrade Marcy emphasized that the U.S. movement doesn't recognize the nature of imperialism when it fights against only one war, and is moreover

carrying on the struggle with one hand behind its back. "There is no fundamental difference between the struggle of the Vietnamese people for liberation and that of the Palestinian people," he explained.

He also elaborated on the question of the hijackings and the political character of such tactics. "The hijackings were for the purpose of dramatizing the plight of the Palestinian people," he said. "In some quarters this was called adventurist, anarchistic, etc. That's not anarchism. That's revolutionary socialism!"

"The way they treated the hostages they took was in the spirit of Leninism. Every one of the hostages that came back had to admit they were treated fairly, equally, that the commandos showed the greatest concern for their lives. Why? Because what the commandos are interested in is victory over the Zionist-imperialist clique that's running Israel on behalf of the imperialists. They showed that they're not anti-Semitic. They're Semitic people themselves. They just want the oppressor to get off their necks."

"We want to congratulate them for carrying out this dramatic act, and we are particularly glad to see that Leila Khaled and the others are free."

The Chairman of Workers World Party then went on to compare the hijackings with the recent dramatic acts of the Tupamaros in Uruguay, the Nicaraguan liberation fighters and the prisoners rebelling in five New York City dungeons. "Let all the bourgeois liberals say, 'These are not the right tactics.' We say it's right! Let them do it!"

The size and spirit of the audience, in contrast to the first efforts to organize against the Vietnam war that were made by YAWF in 1962, showed that despite the hawkish position of the bourgeois liberals, there is already a solid core of militants who can bring an understanding of U.S. imperialism's Middle East war to the broad anti-war masses in this country.

NEW YORK, October 3—In the first rally held in this country to unconditionally support the liberation movement of the Palestinian people, more than 300 people filled a large hall at the Hotel New Yorker last night to hear Arab and North American revolutionaries denounce U.S. imperialism in the Middle East and its client state, Israel. The audience responded with particular spirit when speakers referred to the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination; to the recent aerial hijackings that dramatized the plight of the exiled and colonized Palestinians; to the release of Palestinian commandos such as Leila Khaled as a result of those sky-jackings; and to the need to include the issue of the Middle East in the U.S. movement against imperialist wars.

The meeting had been called by several organizations including Youth Against War & Fascism, the Iranian Students Association, the Arab Students Association and the Committee to Support Middle East Liberation. Featured speakers included Mohammed Ibrahim, a Palestinian student, and Sam Marcy, National Chairman of Workers World Party.

FORWARD TO PALESTINE NOT BACKWARD TO SETTLEMENT

Speakers: (Preliminary List)

Muhamad Sultan

Representative of the Central Committee of the Armed Struggle Command of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Sam Marcy

Chairman of Workers World Party

Speakers recently returned from Palestine and Middle East Student Organizations.

In answer to the cowardly gestapo-like attacks last week on our members and others by the N.Y. police and the so-called Jewish Defense League (a fascist group masquerading as representatives of the Jewish people) at a Palestine Solidarity demonstration at the Sundial and the Men's Faculty Club while the campus cops looked on approvingly, Columbia YAWF declares that we have the right to defend ourselves against this kind of fascist attack and will take every necessary measure to insure the success of this meeting.

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Editorial statement on FLQ

In solidarity with Quebec liberation

Very few Americans have ever heard of the liberation struggle in Quebec. This is not because the French-speaking people of Quebec have not carried on the fight for self-determination; but news of their liberation movement has been systematically kept out of the U.S. press, almost as if the independence movement did not exist.

It was only in 1967 when Charles de Gaulle visited Expo in Quebec and, for purposes of his own imperialist political maneuvering, spoke the words "Vive Quebec libre" (the rallying call of the independence movement) that an outcry went up in the capitalist press here. All of a sudden the bourgeoisie was in an uproar over the "outrageous" demands for the independence of Quebec.

Why the fierce opposition? Because, as it is well known, Canada as a whole is a satellite of U.S. imperialism, despite the fact that Canada is itself an imperialist country. U.S. monopolies own the basic industries of Canada. Therefore, the U.S. ruling class can no more stand for a liberation struggle in Canada by the Quebec nation than it can one by the Black nation at home.

The French-speaking people of Quebec constitute an oppressed nation within Canada's borders in exactly the same way the Black, Puerto Rican, Chicano and Indian people make up oppressed nations within the United States. Comprising approximately 5 million of the 6 million population of Quebec, they are oppressed by an English-speaking bourgeoisie which, in addition to exploiting them economically, seeks to destroy their language and culture. As an oppressed nation, the Quebec people are subjected

to every form of force and violence, discrimination and exploitation that bear down on all other oppressed peoples. The struggle of the Quebecois is no different from the struggle of the Vietnamese, the Catholics in Northern Ireland or the colonial people of Latin America.

It is therefore inevitable that the people will seek their freedom in whatever way possible. And under conditions of ruling class terror, it is quite inevitable that representatives of the movement are bound to resort to revolutionary terror.

It is in this context that we see the recent kidnapping of two officials in Quebec. The Front for the Liberation of Quebec (FLQ) took hostage James R. Cross, a Senior British Trade Commissioner, and Pierre Laporte, Minister of Labor and Immigration for Quebec Province, on October 5 and 11, respectively. In exchange for the two, the FLQ has demanded that the government release 23 political prisoners, held for their part in the liberation struggle, and allow them to fly to Cuba or Algeria. They are also asking \$500,000 in gold, the broadcasting of a position paper and that authorities reinstate mail workers who were fired in the long and often violent postal strike.

So far, the government has remained adamant in its refusal to concede to the demands of the FLQ. Canadian officials seem to be prepared to sacrifice their own servants rather than give in to the revolutionaries. They have beefed up the police search for the FLQ cells which carried out the action, have made political arrests and have created a hysteria in the press against the independence forces.

On October 8, however, the Quebec government did agree to broadcast the FLQ statement, which, among other things, reflected a strong solidarity with the workers of Quebec in their labor struggles. Although press reports here are, of course, extremely distorted, the New York Times of October 12 did give some of the Front's statement. It was characterized, the Times had to admit, by a hatred of capitalism and domination of Quebec by the Anglo bourgeoisie. "Democracy in Quebec is nothing but the democracy of the rich," the FLQ wrote. Another major grievance listed by the FLQ was the fact that the financial institutions, factories, mines and forests of Quebec are controlled by Anglo-Canadian and U.S. monopolies.

The Front for the Liberation of Quebec, like the Tupamaros of Uruguay, decided that the only way they could strike a blow for liberation was to take dramatic and drastic measures to bring to the attention of the world the plight of the oppressed Quebec nation. In this struggle, we extend our full solidarity. Our sympathy with their independence movement is unlimited and unconditional.

In the fight for freedom of every oppressed nation, the people inevitably find that they have to meet the violence of the ruling class with revolutionary violence, for it is the force and terror imposed by the rulers which keeps the people enslaved. If the Canadian bourgeoisie leaves no legal means open for the people to gain their independence, then it is absolutely inevitable that the people will strike back in whatever way is possible to obtain justice.

The capitalist class and its governments in the U.S. and Canada are always bleating about the "violence" used by the oppressed people. But if the U.S.-Canadian bourgeoisie really wishes to avoid violence and terror, as we all do, then let them grant the long overdue independence and self-determination for Quebec.

Vive Quebec Libre!

From the Quebec partisans

The following statement was translated from an informational bulletin received from the Partisans of Free Quebec, dated October 8, 1970. The bulletin explains that the group is a reorganization of the Committee to Aid Vallieres and Gagnon (Quebec freedom fighters who were jailed several years ago on bombing charges).

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"The F.L.Q. goes over to action"

In exchange for the life and liberty of the commercial delegate of Great Britain, the Quebec Liberation Front (F.L.Q.) demands the freeing of the political prisoners presently in the hands of the bourgeois power, the publication of the Manifesto of the F.L.Q. and a ransom of five hundred thousand dollars.

This action of the F.L.Q. marks the debut of a new phase in the activities of the revolutionary Quebec organization. For the first time, the political Establishment of Quebec and of Canada is forced to negotiate with the Quebec revolutionaries, on a precise point, and in a

framework chosen by the revolutionary organization.

The Quebec people have been kept under the yoke of colonialism and capitalist exploitation for the last two hundred years. The violence done to the Quebec people during this time has taken many forms. Today, the Quebec people have come to understand that there is only one road to the collective liberation, the only basis upon which individual liberty can develop. That is the national liberation struggle.

While dozens of Quebec patriots rot in prison, those responsible for the situation of colonial and imperialist exploitation of the Quebec people live grandly in the mansions of Westmount on the profits extracted from the labor of Quebec workers. There lies the supreme injustice; there lies the violence of the system, done to the majority for the profit of a clique.

The liberty of an agent of the system of exploitation weighs little in the struggle developing in Quebec for the liberation of the people. The struggle of the F.L.Q. is a just struggle. The struggle of the F.L.Q. is that of the whole Quebec people for their national liberation.

— N.Y. prison rebellion

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practicing this fascist method without the benefit of law.

Imagine the mortification of the gilded liberal imperialist Mayor John V. Lindsay who was smoked out of his hole like a rat by the prisoners. He crushed the rebellion against preventive detention, against rat infested cells, pig food for humans, sadistic, brutalizing guards, overcrowding, lack of medical care, sleeping on floors, etc. He crushed it with a massive concentration of police power and a spirit of reactionary determination to uphold "law and order" worthy of an Agnew or a Nixon.

Lindsay drowned rebellion in blood

Under the impact of the rebellion, Lindsay and the whole capitalist establishment let loose a flurry of "prison reform" talk. Lindsay, who was preparing to drown the rebellion in blood, and who would never bother his head for a minute even to talk about "prison reform" were it not for the fact that he was forced into it, is now trying to assume the role of grand benefactor of the prisoners.

The bourgeois liberals are trying to blame the situation on inefficient organization of the courts, deficiencies in the bail system, not enough judges, lazy judges and all kinds of technical difficulties. This is utterly false. The judicial system has always

been a corrupt, inefficient bureaucracy weighted down with red tape. Judges have always been lazy, bribe-taking little tyrants. And the bail system has always been unfair to the poor. This is not the cause of the crisis. This is only a coverup. Lindsay is only looking at it from the point of view of the "problem" of the ruling class.

Buried in Lindsay's 6,000-word statement, however was one small paragraph which alluded to the real problem. "We all share the blame..." Lindsay said. "There are extenuating circumstances. The sharp rise in arrests since 1964 has imposed an extremely heavy burden upon all of us."

The crisis in the prisons is caused by the enormous increase in the arrests of Black and Puerto Rican people, by the growth of mass repression. It flows from the political policy of the ruling class which is at war with the Black and Puerto Rican liberation struggles. Fifty-four more judges have been put on the bench in New York City in the last two years and millions of additional dollars have been spent on the judicial system, but the rate of arrests has far outstripped the growth of the judicial apparatus.

"Normal" tyranny not enough

In fact, the ruling class has resorted to the concentration camp system precisely because the normal apparatus of judicial tyranny over the poor is inadequate to deal with mass repression. For the master class the individual legal frameup system is becoming too cumbersome, too time-consuming and too expensive to deal with the liberation struggle. They require more efficient methods.

Lindsay is trying to reduce the question to the false issue of "prison reform" (by which he means strengthening and streamlining the apparatus of

repression). The issue is not one of reform of old conditions. The truth is that under cover of old judicial forms, a new system has been inaugurated—the concentration camp system. The right to bail, the presumption of innocence, freedom from cruel and unusual punishment, the right to a lawyer, the right to a jury trial, etc., are being tossed away completely, not for isolated individuals, but for the oppressed masses as a whole.

Certainly the prisoners want immediate relief and the capitalist government should be forced to alleviate the conditions in the prisons right now. However, the question is not one of reform, but of stopping the ruling class from imposing upon the oppressed people a totally fascist concentration camp system of the type which Hitler used against the labor movement and the Jewish people.

Thanks to the courageous efforts of the prisoners, the inhuman, barbaric conspiracy of the ruling class has been brought before the eyes of the world. The New York rebellion was only the most organized, the most successful and the most political of a series of nationwide rebellions. It represented a national condition.

It would be a horrendous mistake to leave the prisoners to the mercy of "reformers" such as Lindsay who merely want to adjust the administrative apparatus of repression to the need for political mass repression. The movement must mobilize in support of the prisoners everywhere; it must heed their cry of warning. The only way to "reform" a concentration camp is to tear it down to the last brick.

ABOLISH THE CONCENTRATION CAMP SYSTEM!

FREE ALL THE PRISONERS!



Juan Mari Bras reads statement at press conference.

MPI Secretary General in NYC says...

U.S. imperialism get out of Puerto Rico

by Tom Soto

On Wednesday, October 7, Juan Mari Bras, Secretary General of Movimiento Pro-Independencia (MPI), held a press conference at the Overseas Press Club in New York City. He was touring in the U.S. and speaking at campuses and meetings to bring to the attention of the American people the plight of the oppressed Puerto Rican people.

He started the conference by denouncing the United States for using Puerto Rico as a fortress for its armed forces and as a base for Yankee imperialism. A State Department spokesman, he reported, testified before the Senate's Foreign Affairs Committee and admitted that the U.S. was using Puerto Rican territory for the storage of nuclear armaments without the consent of the Puerto Rican people. This is in open violation of international law.

He also spoke about the island of Culebra which is being cruelly used for target practice by U.S. naval vessels. The daily bombardment of the island is a constant threat to the lives of all the inhabitants. "The solidarity of the Puerto Rican people is very cohesive on this point," Mr. Bras said. "Nobody, not even the most pro-American government official, would dare to express themselves against the proposition that the Navy should get out of Culebra.... We are developing a struggle to expel, once and for all, the Navy from Culebra."

The representative from Workers World Party asked Mari Bras, "What has been the response of the United States imperialists to the tremendous growth of the revolutionary movement in Puerto Rico?"

He began by saying that the repression against the independence forces in Puerto Rico has increased. "In Puerto Rico we have all sorts of police: we have the FBI because we are supposed to belong to the United States; we have the CIA because we are not supposed to be a part of the United States; we have the local Commonwealth police; we even have the Balaguer police operating in the island of Puerto Rico to persecute the Dominican revolutionaries who live there, and at the same time to help the FBI and Commonwealth police in the persecution of Puerto Rican patriots.

"All these repressive forces are joined under the leadership of the CIA to try to destroy the independence movement of Puerto Rico. However, as it has happened in other parts of the world, they cannot isolate repression; it is impossible to isolate repression only to those who are actively engaged in the struggle for independence. Every Puerto Rican is a subject of suspicion from the repressive forces. And every Puerto Rican is thus the victim of such repression potentially or actually.

"What is happening is that the repression against the patriots of Puerto Rico has developed a hatred for these repressive forces and more and more the contingents of the people and the forces of independence are increasing. It has been shown in several ways. Only a couple of weeks ago we had the Lares celebration, probably the most massive concentration ever held on the island by any party or organization throughout our history, which indicates the growth of the independence sentiment."

The Black Panther Party representative asked Mari Bras, "Given the very aggressive nature

of U.S. imperialism and the barbaric treatment they have handed out to the people of the world, do you see them taking steps to move from this island without some type of force being used?"

Mr. Bras answered: "Imperialism operates through the use of violence. Violence is the basis of imperialist force and it is evident that the people struggling against imperialism have to counteract with force and violence. We know that this has been the case throughout history everywhere and this has been the case in our country too. The degree of violence that will be necessary to expel American imperialists from Puerto Rico will be determined by the stubbornness of these imperialists.

"We would like very much to have them say farewell without violence. But they don't do that. They have to be pushed. So we are willing to organize the force as much as possible in all respects to have them pushed out of the island.

"The 7th Congress of MPI held in San Juan

in 1968 proclaimed as one of its resolutions, the right of the Puerto Rican people to armed struggle for independence."

"The draft of Puerto Rican youngsters into the armed services of the United States is dead, definitely," Mr. Bras responded. "The obligatory service is no longer possible on the island of Puerto Rico." He explained that resistance to the draft there is so widespread that the U.S. government has stopped persecuting all resisters, and only goes through with a few token cases.

"Last year, the first Puerto Rican in the last decade was convicted for not entering the army. Edwin Feliciano Grafals, a member of our organization and a leader of the University Students Federation for Independence (FUPI), was sentenced to one year." The case was appealed and finally dropped altogether. Now the authorities have decided to give exemptions to all draft resisters.

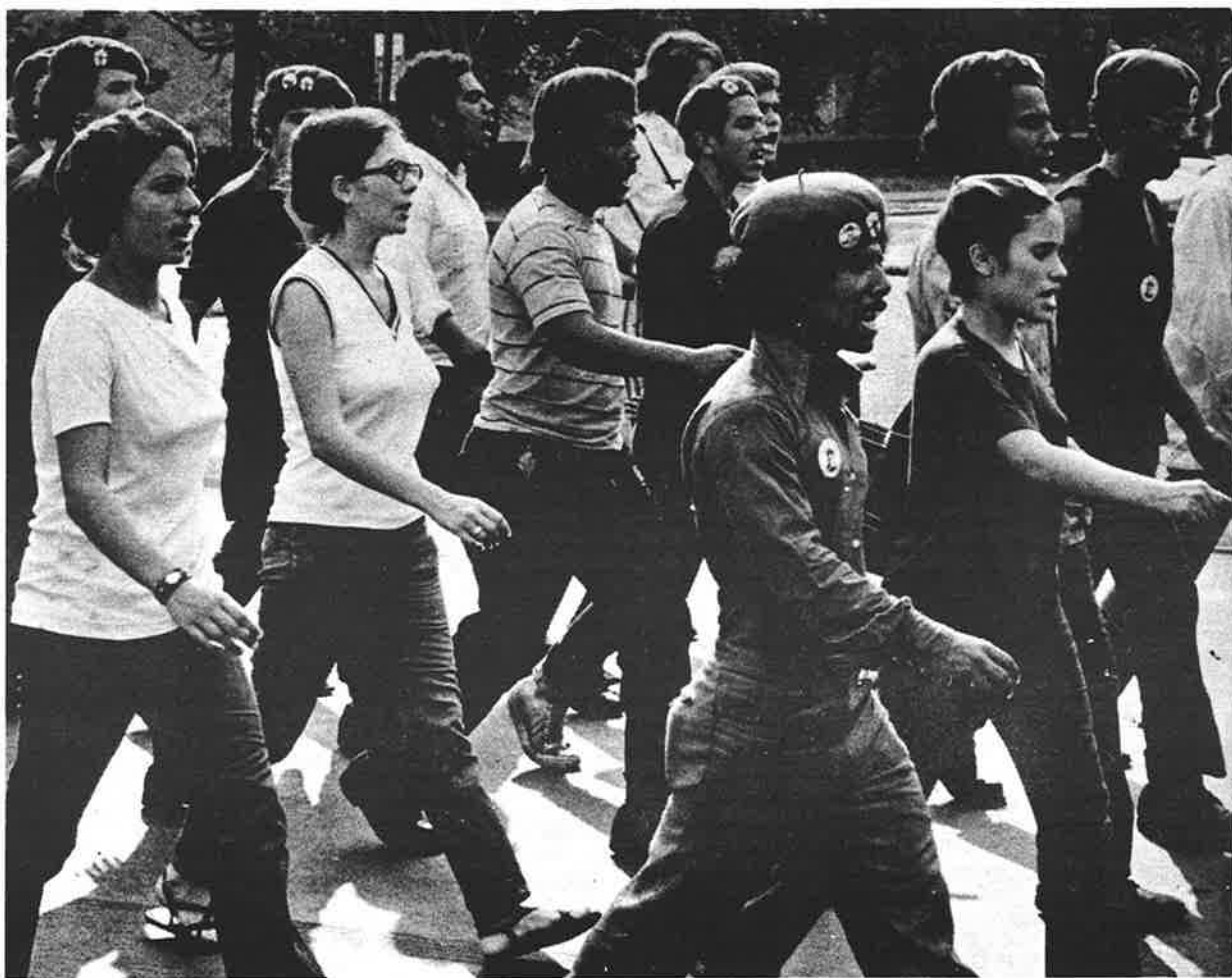
"Last September 23," Mr. Bras continued, "over 2,000 selective service cards were burned in the celebration of the Lares revolution in Puerto Rico. It is a federal crime to burn a selective service card, punishable by five years in prison. We, the leaders of different organizations that sponsored the rally celebration, took full responsibility for the burnings." So far, Washington has chosen not to prosecute any of the militant youth who participated in the mass draft card burning.

Another question from the representative of the Black Panther Party had to do with Puerto Ricans now living in the U.S. "What can you see as the course of action of these people? Do you see them returning to their original homes or do you see them staying here? And what do you see as the role of the Puerto Rican people here?"

"You know that many of the Puerto Rican people living in the U.S., probably the majority of them, will stay in this country," he replied. "That is a fact of life. They have been transferred already. Of course, they will always be welcome to go back to the republic. The republic that we are trying to organize is for all the Puerto Ricans, no matter where they live.

"We contemplate that the Puerto Rican population of New York and other cities of the U.S. should organize their own struggle, both to help the struggle for Puerto Rico's independence and to fight for their freedom here in the U.S.

"They are the brothers and sisters of the Black people inside the U.S. They are the brothers and sisters of the Mexican-Americans and of many other so-called national minorities that are margined from American white society. But we believe that the organization of Puerto Rican forces in conjunction with the struggle for Puerto Rican independence gives strength both to the struggle for independence in the island and to the struggle of the Puerto Rican community here in the United States."



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The workers are anti-war

by Ellen Pierce

Who is against the Vietnam war?
Who is for it?

Most Americans assume that professionals are against the war while workers are pro-war. That is what they tell us on television. That's what Spiro Agnew says. That's what right-wing columnists and editors in the newspapers write, cheering on the hard hats. That's what liberal writers claim too, complaining that the supposedly ignorant workers haven't turned against the war as they (the "liberals") did when it became clear the U.S. was losing.

But none of these things are really true. While it is obvious that campuses have been the scene of many anti-war protests, it also seems that the better a person's education, the more money he makes and the more he identifies with the Establishment, the more he supports the war.

Workers are anti-war

A recent Gallup poll shows that college-educated people are just about evenly divided on the question of U.S. withdrawal from Vietnam before the end of 1971. Those with high school educations favored withdrawal by about

3 to 2 and people who never even got to high school were over 2 to 1 for withdrawal. (The exact percentages were 47 to 45, 57 to 35, and 61 to 27 for college, high school and grade school educated people respectively.)

Women, by the way, are the most anti-war section of the population, favoring withdrawal by an overwhelming 64 to 27 per cent.

What do all these figures tell us? They tell us that the less a person is educated by the schools, the more she or he is educated in the factories, in the army, and in the streets about the exploitative nature of this society. It is the workers who are suffering from the war—inflation and the death of working class youth have brought the war home to them. Anti-war feeling for a worker is not just a chance intellectual choice; it flows from material conditions. For in the last analysis it is always the youth of the working class who fight the bosses' wars.

See it in the streets

The Harris and Gallup polls, like the capitalist newspapers that report

them, cannot be looked upon as the ultimate truth or anything like that. But their studies, showing the trend for withdrawal from Asia by the majority of Americans, bear out the experiences of hundreds of demonstrations and street meetings about Vietnam.

Working people, youth, women, Black and Third World people are the ones who stop and listen and show support. They give the V-sign, the fist or other signs of encouragement to anti-war demonstrations.

The hecklers tend to be men in suits with flag pins in their lapels, but they are never the ones who attack a demonstration. They are the real "hard hats" only they don't like to have their \$200 suits messed up, so they hire whatever scum they can to do their dirty work—just like the construction bosses who gave their workers paid time off to beat up anti-war protesters in New York City last May. The bosses are the pro-war hard hats. And the exploited workers are the potential revolutionaries whose real interests lie in stopping all imperialist wars once and for all.

Lunch break at the sweatshop

by Zeke Miller

We left our tools all over the floor and the material half-way through the machines and the place looking like the Wreck of the Hesperus, like we always do at 12 noon, because who wants to give up twenty seconds out of his lunch time to straighten things out?

Being two blocks from the dining car we don't get to go out of the shop at lunch, stinking as it is to stay there, and we sit around in this beautiful environment to eat our sandwiches and pickles. We never talk about anything very bright, because we're too tired, and maybe we're not too bright anyway, or we wouldn't be working in this lousy hole. (We'd be working in some other lousy hole.)

Well anyway, we were all saying how lucky we were that we didn't have to make those damn throckles with the funny baffles for GM any more on account of the strike shutting off the orders.

"What do you mean, 'lucky'?" says Man Mountain Mike. "You guys might be laid off on account of losing that order. You know that, don't you?" (Man Mountain never says "we" or "us" because he thinks the rest of us are all weaklings. He knows very well he'd get laid off the same as we would.)

Then all of a sudden, out of the blue, Shorty says to Larry that these GM workers are crazy anyhow. How come they been on strike for a month already and they were making more money than we are?

"For instance," he says, "look at that pension plan. GM offered those guys a pension at the age of 58. That's fantastic. Why don't somebody offer me a pension at 58. I'd kiss them."

"Sure you would," says Larry, "because we don't even have a pension in this joint. And if we did, what good would it be? Do you see anybody around here that's 58 years old? No you don't because there's nobody that old except Pop Crawley and he's only 55 and he's off sick. You can't even last until you're 58, so how are you going to get a pension if they did give it to you?"

Shorty kept arguing like he really agreed with GM and just as though he owned a thousand shares of its stock. But Larry got us thinking things over. And Louie the Stump Jumper piped up and surprised us all when he said he once used to work in an auto plant in Flint, Michigan.

"Listen," he said. "You don't see anybody on the line in GM that's much over 40, never mind no 58. If a guy starts tightening chassis

bolts on the conveyor when he's 18 and keeps doing it till he's 58 before he gets a pension, he just never gets to be 58 and he never gets no pension. He's dead, that's all."

Well, me, I never knew that Louie worked in the auto plant, and I wondered why he got excited about it now. Louie works pretty hard and when there's piece-work, he's almost a job-killer, but then, he's about 50 years old himself and maybe he's worried about keeping this lousy job so he won't have to look for another one. You never know.

We kicked it around some more and razzed the GM guys for being stupid in spite of what Larry and Louie the Stump Jumper said. But secretly we hoped they would win the pensions after 30 years of work like the union is asking. That way a fellow could even retire at 48 and why not?

I hate to think of GM going back to work and us making those goddam throckles again, though. We have to make them fast enough so our company can make a profit and GM can make one on top of that.—and that's pretty fast.

As far as pensions go, I figure most of us in this place will get about forty-five dollars a week from the government when we're 65 years old—that is, if we're around till then.

Jobless rate soaring

It's bad — and getting worse

Long-term unemployment: The number of persons who had been unemployed for five weeks or longer rose by more than 200,000 to a total of 2.3 million.

Women: The unemployment rate for women 25 years or older rose to 4.4 per cent from 4.1 although the rate for men of that age group remained at 3 per cent. (Percentages are much higher for those under 25.)

The total: The total number of unemployed in September was 4.3 million as opposed to 2.6 million in January, 1969. Of those unemployed in September, 1.1 million were between the ages of 16 and 19.

During the past year, nearly all sections of the working class have been severely affected. In Seattle, Washington, one of the areas of heaviest unemployment, Boeing Corporation laid off 35,500 workers between January and July.

In addition, the Bureau of Labor Statistics has admitted that there are about 1.2 million unemployed white collar workers. Even engineers have been affected—in July, 2,683 of them received unemployment compensation in Los Angeles County alone.

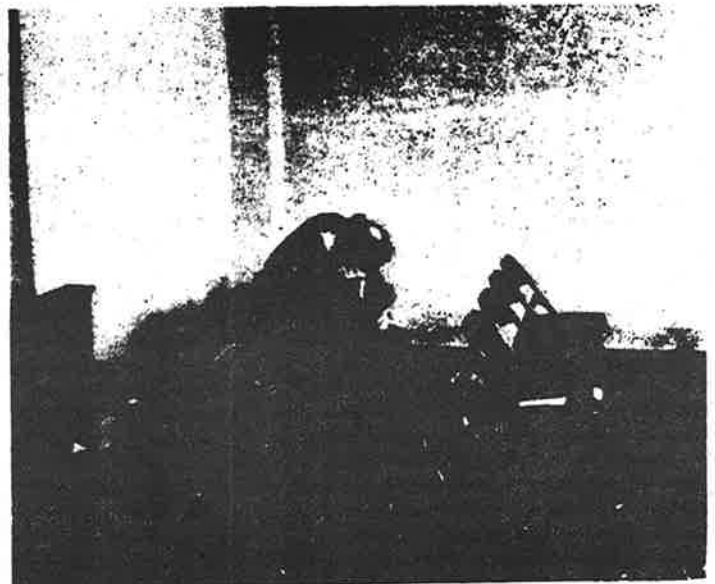
But among the very worst hit are young Black women. According to Leonard S. Silk in the September 16 New York Times, "For teenage Black females in the labor force—that is, actually looking for work—the unemployment rate is now 38 per cent."

What all these figures hide are the large numbers of unemployed who the government chooses not to count.

by M. Margolies

The U.S. government has admitted that unemployment has risen to the highest rate in seven years. The U.S. Department of Labor recently reported that the September figure had reached 5.5 per cent, up from 5.1 per cent in August.

Amidst evidence that they are down-playing the figures, and against a background of rising prices, new information was released by Labor Department officials:



Misery is waiting for your unemployment check. And misery is more and more the lot of the workers.

Business Week of September 12 stated, "The picture is actually darker than the unemployment rate suggests. As jobs become tougher to find, marginal job seekers are dropping out of the labor market...."

This means that unemployment is much greater than the government admits. The figures that they give do not include the so-called "marginal job seekers." According to the 1970 World Almanac, a person who has not looked for work for four weeks prior to a Labor Department survey is not considered to be unemployed. That is, a worker who has searched endlessly

for a job, and finally has given up, is not given a job or unemployment compensation—he or she is not even counted!

Only 50,000 households are covered in the survey. That tiny number alone makes the figures suspicious because the capitalist government's own agencies decide who should be surveyed. The government would like to hide the actual figures of how many workers are unemployed. But the unemployed know that the government is hiding something and they're not going to let the government forget it.

The oppression of Chinese Americans

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Anti-Chinese sentiment started a long time before the Chinese Communist Party was born; however in the last twenty years under the leadership of the CCP, China has become stronger and stronger and China has been looked to by all the oppressed people of the world who are fighting against American aggression. And now they use anti-Communism as another excuse to intensify anti-Chinese feelings among the American people. Living in this society we Chinese have to have a clear understanding of this government's policy toward us and make sure that we are ready to defend ourselves by any means necessary when the time comes. Otherwise, when the oppression really begins to come down and we are not together and united to defend ourselves, then we will be killed and defeated by the U.S. government.

According to past records, the Chinese started to immigrate in 1848. At that time the country needed labor power to develop California at the same time gold was discovered in California. The American-Pacific Shipping Company made use of this to increase their business by transporting Chinese to America. They leafletted in cities like Hong Kong and stressed the good points of "Gold Mountain" in order to get the Chinese to the United States. In fact, at the time a lot of the Chinese were kidnapped and tricked (called selling piglets). En route, many died of hunger, disease, and experienced bad treatment from under the whip and were thrown overboard.

Chinese workers super-exploited

Peasants from South Coastal areas settled around San Francisco and Sacramento. The U.S. capitalists were worried at first that the Chinese wouldn't come over, yet, how did they treat those who came? Early in 1850, California Congress passed a law stating that all alien miners must pay extra tax of \$20 per year. But this law was aimed at and enforced only with Chinese mine workers. In 1853, they raised the same tax to \$4 per month and in the same year over 4,000 Chinese laborers were forced to leave the country because they couldn't afford this tax. In 1854, under the pretext that the Chinese weren't Christians, the Chinese were barred from the witness stand in court.

The Chinese were also denied the right to press a legal case. That year, the Supreme Court Justice H.C. Murray publicly stated that the Chinese with sneaky instincts shouldn't ever have a right to accuse anyone nor have protection by the courts... So that in the event of any loss of life or property of Chinese,

they had nowhere to turn.

In 1852, in addition to other taxes, each Chinese had to pay \$5 per capita. At that time the California government explained that this was necessary for temporary medical care. But when the Chinese were sick and went to public hospital for treatment, they were always refused at the door. Later, the Chinese, seeing they had nowhere to be treated, raised \$75,000 on their own, preparing to build an overseas Chinese hospital, and the San Francisco health department openly barred them from building it. All in all, the U.S. made use of laws to oppress Chinese from the start and made use of all kinds of special taxes to squeeze the salaries from Chinese earnings. Statistics show that from 1850-1870, the Chinese totalled more than one-tenth of California's population. The taxes they had to pay totalled \$5 million, one-half of all the appropriations for that period of time. At that time, there were few politicians who thought the squeeze on the Chinese shouldn't be so harsh because if the overseas Chinese couldn't take it anymore



and started leaving the country, the labor power would diminish and the sources of government funds from Chinese labor would become a problem. So they eventually adopted means which kept them barely alive. The per capita tax was one of those means and was ruled out in 1870 as "unconstitutional."

The Chinese who came early were 100 per cent labor. A small portion of them worked as cooks, launderers, vendors. The rest were recruited by the capitalists to pioneer the land to build canals, and highways, to construct houses and railroads and to mine gold, etc. The hardworking Chinese-American ancestors in the history of the development of the American West have written a glorious page with their blood and sweat, laying down the foundation for a prosperous and rich California. When the Chinese came to the U.S. the whites in America also went to California for the Gold Rush. Most of them were hoodlums or adventurers. When they got to California they realized there were a lot of aliens (mostly Mexicans and Chileans) mining the gold. They tried their best to keep all aliens out with the slogan "California is America's California."

Chinese miners lynched

Under the constant persecution and oppression of these adventurers, most of the miners from Central and South American were chased out by the end of 1852. Most of those aliens that remained were overseas Chinese. Because of that, they became the "aliens" to be chased out. In these areas they were stepped on by the whites, such as in the case of gold-mining. They were allowed to mine only after the



Chinese Americans protest evictions from their homes where they have lived for many years. Bell Telephone is the landlord.

whites finished with the mines. If they got anything at all they would be chased out again by whites or even robbed and murdered on the spot. Since they didn't have any legal rights to press suit in court, they could only keep quiet and let the murderers do whatever they wanted. No one would think of the victim.

In The Republican of Shasta County, Northern California, in 1857, it said "In the past 5 years, Chinese victims were no less than several hundred. Incidents of Chinese being murdered is a daily practice, while no more than 2-3 of the murderers were convicted. And even these few convictions met public opposition by a lot of whites..." As to anti-Chinese action in massive scale, they also started very early: in Tuolumne County and Maryville mining districts, in 1852, the miners attended mass meetings called by the employers. They decided to throw all the Chinese miners out. Right there a few thousand Chinese laborers were dismissed.

In 1855, California Governor Bigler popularized anti-Chinese sentiment in Congress. One after the other, miners from different areas voted to adopt new anti-Chinese laws. This kind of activity eventually developed into a well-organized massive anti-Chinese movement supported by the government. The reason the California politicians dared to openly threaten the Chinese laborers like this was that they realized clearly that Chinese laborers were not American citizens, so they were without rights or court privileges, like a piece of meat to be butchered.

Railroads built on

Chinese workers' blood

In 1861-65, during the Civil War, 4 million people were drafted into the Union army, and labor power was scarce. Big bosses and government temporarily toned down their anti-Chinese activities. Big capitalists in the North, after their victory, started to put in big investments in developing the West. The first step was building a cross-country railroad, the Central Pacific, later called the Southern Pacific. The section in the West which runs from Sacramento to Salt Lake City went through deserts and high Sierras, and because of low pay and hazardous conditions, white laborers refused to go.

The capitalists therefore came back to Hong Kong again and tricked and cheated a lot of Chinese laborers to go to the U.S. to do the job.

At that time there were 14-thousand Chinese laborers. In order to make the operation legal, representatives from the U.S. investors collaborated with the Ching Dynasty government in 1868 and signed the Burlingame Treaty. Burlingame was originally the U.S. Ambassador to Peking who later quit and became the Commissioner of the Ching court to the Western countries. The 5th article of the treaty stated: "The Chinese & American nations carrying their people let them go to each others' countries freely, without any obstruction, and take up their residence there." The 6th article specifically states that Chinese going to the U.S. for a visit or residence will be honored by the U.S. as being from the most honored nation. Though it was stated in the treaty "...from now on, Chinese in the U.S. will not be mistreated for practicing different religion..." overseas Chinese still didn't have the right to vote or take a case to court and still the Chinese were persecuted. Still they lived a life of Hell on earth.

The first cross-country railroad in the U.S. was finally built in 1869 and on the day the East and West sections met on May 10, the Irish laborers responsible for building the East section barred the Chinese laborers from the celebration. At the same time they demanded that the railroad company not rehire the Chinese laborers to operate trains. The 14-thousand Chinese were fired and went back to the San Francisco area. This railroad, built on the blood and sweat of Chinese labor, made possible the white migration on a large scale and made possible the opportunities for the capitalists for greater investment. At the same time it also brought more trouble for the overseas Chinese.



Chinese American student addresses anti-war rally.

FREE ANGELA DAVIS

ANGELA DAVIS has been captured by the racist secret police. She was taken prisoner in New York City on October 13 after two months of eluding the government bloodhounds on her trail.

It was with anger and profound sadness that we heard the news of her capture — another prisoner of war — for we know that the U.S. government is out to get her because of her support of the Soledad Brothers and even more because they need a scapegoat in the San Raphael case.

First of all, the judge who was killed in San Rafael was himself responsible for sending hundreds of oppressed people to a living death inside the walls of California's concentration camps. He was guilty of innumerable crimes against the people. Secondly, the facts of the case are that this judge was

killed not by Angela or even the Black men who took him hostage, but by the San Quentin guards.

The rulers were so enraged by the possibility that three Black revolutionaries might get free that they shot their own judge in cold blood in order to be able to murder the Black revolutionaries. Angela Davis is not guilty of any crime at all.

As soon as news of her arrest was out, the movement in New York City responded. Within a few hours, hundreds of people converged on the Women's House of Detention where she was reportedly held. The Third World Women's Alliance, women from the Women's Liberation Movement and Youth Against War & Fascism as well as the CP were there, among others. There was another demonstration for her the next day in Foley Square where her case was being

heard.

Angela Davis is a Black revolutionary and a beautiful sister. She is a freedom fighter held as a prisoner of war and she is a heroine to all women who are struggling against oppression. Her life has been dedicated to the liberation struggle of the Black people and all the oppressed.

The war criminals of U.S. imperialism, the butchers in Washington and the racist pigs who are an occupying army in every Black community across the country HAVE NO RIGHT TO HOLD HER! Angela did what she could for her people. Now it is up to all of us to help free her from the grips of a government bent on murdering her.

ANGELA DAVIS BELONGS TO THE REVOLUTION!

HANDS OFF ANGELA DAVIS!

Rape, we are told by such eminent authorities as Sigmund Freud and by such frauds as M-G-M, is one of man's oldest pastimes. In the movies, the caveman, having slain his enemies, grabs the female prize by the hair and drags her off to a fate worse than death. In Freud's version of the story, the primeval horde, made up of the cast-out sons of the apeman, return to kill their father and take possession of their sisters and mother.

There have been so many acts of rape in recorded history that it is not surprising these views are widely held. Many women have glumly accepted the

man's power and wealth to have many wives. It was only a natural step from being considered a possession in the economic sense to being a possession in the sexual sense. When raids were made on other peoples to seize their hoarded food, their animals and their land, it became common to rape the women and carry them off with the other possessions.

Rape is first of all an act of possession, of taking another man's property by force. Relieving sexual tensions cannot be considered the basic social motive, although some acts of rape are committed by deranged individuals and the motives can only be

Rape, prostitution and private property

idea that there is a beast lurking in all men, held back only by the restraints of social pressure, that threatens to break loose the moment the barriers are down. Many women have been forced into sexual relations with a man at some point in their lives, and the experience often poisons all subsequent relationships.

Domination a male trait?

But women are now in the process of defining what is essential, what is biological in male-female relationships, and what is the result of social factors. Is there an innate male drive to dominate and subdue women, or can changed social relations end exploitation, force and brutality in personal relations?

Human society is constantly evolving, producing new social relationships to fit new and higher forms of production. The earliest form of human social organization was one in which all members of the economic unit, the extended family, shared more or less equally in production and consumption. Engels called this "primitive communism," since it was a form of cooperation that sprang out of scarcity and need.

Brutal caveman a myth

There is no evidence to support the existence, in this state of primitive communism, of the brutal, wife-beating caveman or Freud's "primeval horde." On the contrary, anthropological observation of existing savage societies, plus deductions made from ancient societies that had passed this stage of history, show that early human relations were not based on subjection, dominance and brute force, but rather on cooperation. And women, instead of being the possessions of men to be taken sexually at their pleasure and treated as household slaves, were respected and powerful members of the community, free to choose their lovers from an early age. In the anthropological literature describing these matrilinear societies, the subject of rape is virtually absent.

It is only as the acquisition of private property begins to be widespread, and the pursuits of men begin to yield a surplus that can be hoarded or exchanged, that the social positions of men and women diverge. The work of tending the household and the small children becomes secondary to animal husbandry and developed agriculture. The matrilinear family — where descent was traced through the mother — gives way to the patriarchy as men, in possession of more goods, need to devise a way to identify their heirs and keep their property intact.

From equal to "weaker sex"

The inevitable degradation and enslavement of women followed. Power in social life flowed from a person's relationship to production. Women, whose work lay largely outside of the direct production of material goods, became stripped of power, the "weaker sex." And they began to be treated as possessions themselves. It became a symbol of a

unraveled by complicated psychological analysis. But these are certainly a small minority of the actual cases of rape. Much more common are the gang rapes of soldiers against the women of a conquered people, the master's rape of his slave, and that of the sultans and potentates who had their scouts scour the land for beautiful young virgins. Oppression breeds yet another form of rape, where an oppressed man rapes the women of his oppressor as an act of revenge against his master's property.

It goes without saying that a society that did away with war, poverty and oppression would also end the major causes of extreme sexual frustration. But it should be repeated that frustration is not the main cause of rape. It is the attitude towards women as property that makes men rape women rather than find other ways of relieving tension. A society that ends rape must not only do away with standing armies, the segregation of adolescents and other institutions that build up frustration, but it must also completely change the position of women in society to free and independent producers.

Money replaces physical force

Those who believe in the M-G-M caveman fantasy will also probably subscribe to the theory that prostitution is "the oldest profession." Yet obviously prostitution has the same social roots as rape — the degraded and oppressed position of women — and post-dates rape in that it is an organized, socially sanctioned form of rape where money, expressing the economic domination of the male, does the forcing rather than brute strength.

The houses of prostitution in the slums, where white Johns go to buy Black women's "favors," and the bordellos that spring up around every army base in Vietnam (at one, the opening ceremony was complete with a general cutting a red ribbon) are just the logical extension of the earlier brutal raping of black slaves by white masters and colonial women by conquering Western soldiers. It should be pointed out that revolutionary soldiers like the NLF and North Vietnamese are rarely if ever accused of rape, and there are no "sin towns" on the edge of guerrilla camps. Yet these soldiers are men, many have not seen their families for years, they don't get "rest and recreation" every few months like the Americans, and they are undoubtedly under great sexual strain. But because they are fighting against oppression, not for it, and for a cooperative society, they relate to the Vietnamese women as comrades, not as prizes of war. Thus they are able to endure a harshly spartan existence.

Sexist culture degrades all women

Rape and prostitution have historically been visited on the most oppressed women — the chattel slave subject to her master's wish, the impoverished peasant girl of Cuba recruited for the Havana bordellos to "entertain" American tourists. But in the U.S. today women are made to feel that, symbolically at least, the barriers are going down and all women are fair game. With the degeneration of U.S. imperialist culture, the position of women

in general has become more and more that of things, possessions, commodities. In nearly every ad, every movie, women are held up as sexual objects available for the right amount of money. And while most men don't go out and take a woman by force, this desire, stemming from social relations in general and inflamed by the daily diet of sexist advertising, finds its expression in a thousand different attitudes.

Women are reacting to this symbolic rape vehemently, and many men fail to understand why. They accuse women of not being for sex, being afraid of sex, etc. But they are totally missing the point.

The exploitation of the female body to sell a product is degrading and repulsive not because it has anything to do with sex, which should be a loving and a giving act, but because it stands for the complete and total, i.e., the bodily possession of another human being. If a person's body can be entered and used by another because he is stronger or richer, then any kind of domination and use of the victim is possible.

There is a great and profound revolutionary struggle sweeping the world today that is directed at ending empires, ending class oppression, ending exploitation. At first glance, that struggle may seem irrelevant to many American women who feel their oppression as women but are not part of a super-oppressed nation or perhaps even of the working class. But they should take a second look at the ethics of the liberation armies. The Vietnamese, the Arab guerrillas — women and men — are fighting for women's liberation even while they carry out the task of freeing themselves from imperialism. There are many examples of this, but if the revolutionary world had done no more than outlaw rape, symbolic and actual, it would still be immeasurably superior to decadent imperialism.

