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## PHONE STRIKE SIGNALS NEW PERIOD OF LABOR MILITANCY

### NEW YORK CITY

"Ma Bell, go to hell!" shouted the telephone workers as they massed in front of the company's offices on lower Broadway near the financial district. The workers are fighting back, telling that super-monopoly, The Phone Company, that they're not going to be pushed up against the wall! Which means standing up to the cops, too, as the photo below shows.

The phone strike is another sign that workers are getting more militant. The year 1970 had the most workers on strike in a decade—three and a half million. And more big contracts are expiring this year, while prices go up for everything. Are the working people going to take it lying down or do like our brothers and sisters at New York Telephone?

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# Phone workers defy court, battle cops

NEW YORK, Jan. 14—At a jam-packed, standing-room-only rally of over 6,000 telephone workers in Manhattan Center here today, rank-and-file workers of Local 1101 of the Communications Workers of America rocked the hall with shouts of, "strike" and "Ma Bell, go to hell" as they voted to continue their three-day walkout against the Bell Telephone Co. and its \$50-billion parent company, the AT&T monopoly.

While Howard Banker, President of Local 1101 (who had defied the court order ordering the workers back to their jobs) was talking about the seriousness of the injunction and the financial penalties to the union, the membership roared out, "Burn it, burn it." As cigarette lighters were lit up all around the auditorium, Banker tore the injunction up into small pieces. The auditorium broke into pandemonium.

When the president was again heard, he reported that all New York State locals were being pulled out as well as Western Electric Locals 1103 and 1106. The meeting adjourned with an announcement of a noon demonstration against the international office of AT&T at 195 Broadway in the Wall Street area.

Chanting "Ma Bell, go to hell," the membership poured out onto 34th St. and 8th Ave. and got into trains, buses and cars. At the company office downtown, nearly two thousand Black and white workers surrounded the office, spilling over into the streets. Eggs were splattered on the windows and scabs were hit as they entered and left through the revolving doors. Cops charged at the workers on the line with clubs swinging. "Pigs, pigs," roared the rank and file as they fought back with icy snowballs, rocks and whatever else they could lay their hands on.

Both Black and white workers took some casualties and arrests. In a final act of militancy, before they left to return to the picket lines where they work, hundreds of workers trashed some buildings in the Wall Street area, including the New York office of the Bell Telephone Co. at West Street.



## Tax cut for the rich; more bills for the poor

NEW YORK, Jan. 12—Long before the sun rose this week, people were lining up at the West 34th Street Medicaid office in order to get new cards. The line started at 5 a.m., even though the office doesn't open until 9! By one in the afternoon, the guards had closed the doors and were turning people away.

Old people, young parents with tiny babies, people with serious medical problems—all had to wait in the freezing pre-dawn cold. And what for? Not even to get any benefits!

Most of the people were there because a new regulation demands that Medicaid patients who are not on welfare must pay 20 per cent of their outpatient bills and get new identification cards. Not only are the poor being robbed from a new direction, but they've got to get up at 4 in the morning for the privilege!

What a contrast to another move by the government this week. While that line was shuffling into the Medicaid office, big businessmen were congratulating themselves on Nixon's latest tax "relief" for the rich. Announced early in the week at the San Clemente White House, it will amount to billions

in taxes that the rich corporations won't have to pay but will be able to write off as depreciation allowances.

So, while somebody's grandfather was dragging himself out of bed after four or five hours sleep in order to get onto the Medicaid line early, the Vanderbilts and duPonts and Rockefellers were dreaming sweet dreams of finding another million under their pillow in the morning. And while the woman on the end of the line was blowing on her fingers to keep warm, J. B. Bigdome was riding in his limousine to the office, reading with a smile about how his fellow Wall Street lawyer in the White House (that used to be Nixon's profession, you know) had just pulled another fast one on the working people of this country.

When times are "good," people tend to forget that the bosses run this country. But when there's unemployment and hunger and unpaid bills staring millions in the face, then these giant giveaways of the workers' money to the big corporations are worse than criminal. They mean that people are going to die for lack of medical treatment; that children are going to be stunted be-

cause they don't get a proper diet; that other kids won't learn anything because the schools are run like jails; that housing will continue to crumble, families in tenements will die in horrible fires, be bitten by rats, and have to fight the roaches and the drafts.

You don't hear so much anymore about this being "the richest country on earth." But it is. Except that most of the people don't get to enjoy half of that wealth. And so much of it is being used to blow up or shoot down people in other countries (and right here!) who are trying to claim their freedom and don't want to be ruled by Esso and Ford Motors.

Working people, the poor and the oppressed have got to get rid of these blood-sucking bosses who run our lives. We've got to take the riches of this country and use them for the good of the people, not to line some rich pig's pocket.

And when we do, nobody's going to have to line up for Medicaid. The hospitals and the health care will belong to the people, and when you get sick, you get taken care of—as simple as that.

## From imprisoned sisters

To our Friends, Sisters, Comrades,

To the many hundreds of you who protested Sunday December 20 at the Women's House of Detention in New York City. We all want to thank you for your support. It strengthened us all to know that you are willing to help us, the prisoners of consistent injustice, eliminate these barbaric conditions we are subjected to.

Do not go home and think that your task is done. Your shouts of burn the house down and power to the people are not enough. Let us not stop at this point. We are the power! We the people. Let us forget our petty grievances with each other. Our task must be to close down all the concentration camps around the country.

Let us stand in unity and show the Lindsays, the Rockefellers, the Nixons, Reagans and Agnews that we the people! the power of the United States, will no longer tolerate the imperialist standards of this society. Let us have a one day work stoppage throughout the country to show the world that we the people! the power, want freedom, justice, and equality for all men.

Captive Sisters, House of Detention

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# An inside story of telephone wildcat

by W. S. Laurence

NEW YORK, Jan. 12 — "Pig, Pig, Swine!" — No not the yell of students, Panthers, Blacks or what used to be considered society's normal quota of malcontents. These words and others of equal anger were shouted at the police by American flag-wielding members of Local 1101 Communication Workers of America (CWA).

The craftsmen are out on strike and intend to stay out until Bell Telephone Company and the CWA International Union capitulate to their demands. The strike has been declared illegal by the courts. And an injunction has been handed down but not served. Howie Banker, the president of Local 1101 to whom the injunction is directed, is underground.

The immediate cause of this strike is summed up by union officials as unfair overtime practices toward out-of-towners. The charges arise from the fact that New York Telephone, in order to appease the wrath of its subscribers and the inept, lethargic Public Service Commission, has imported five hundred craftsmen from out-of-state including areas as far west as Los Angeles, California.

As an inducement to these men, they are being given \$13 a day living expenses in addition to free hotel accommodations, a \$200 clothing allowance, one trip home a month (or if this trip is impossible, a free visit by the wife and kids). Also, since New York Telephone craftsmen are the nation's highest paid, the out-of-towners will get an automatic increase to put them on an equal footing with their New York counterparts. But these facts in themselves were not sufficient to cause the wildcatting of 19,000 workers (with a possible 2 per cent strikebreaking inside the central offices).

## Company tries to shift blame

In making the move to bring in outside help the company is attempting to shift the blame for failing phone service to the craftsmen who install and maintain the equipment rather than accepting the blame themselves for mismanagement.

Newcomers are being taught the shortcuts, but not the basic techniques needed to give continuous quality work, and at the same time are given inadequate or improper tools to do their job assignment. The workers feel that if New York Telephone has serious intentions about creating and sustaining a quality

phone service in the New York area, it must hire New Yorkers and supply them with the tools and train them to do the job.

If they have the expensive tools for five hundred new men, they could have surely given these tools to the men already on the job. The cost incurred by paper work, travel, hotel room, and other items required to bring in a supplementary work force of this size could have been utilized right in New York to give lasting quality to phone service.

On the other hand, this is what I really believe is happening: New York Tel. has suffered so much mismanagement that they are using the current labor crisis as a ploy to deceive the public and give the Public Service Commission a copout formula when people call to complain about phone service. Either way the workers in the New York area are being used for scapegoats for public attack.

## Wildcat over bread and butter issue

What do they plan to do with this supplementary work force? They intend to give them priority on the overtime list. This is a bread-and-butter issue which would cause a walkout in any union.

But we have to look a little bit deeper to see what is really happening. Throughout the whole upstate area work is slow. Rumors of layoffs are daily, and there is no overtime. Why not bring those men, New Yorkers, down here? It would be less expensive and they need the work.

This is what the union has built its walkout around. The importing of out-of-towners to work in New York City while there are those in New York State who want and need the work; the act of making scapegoats for mismanagement of members of Local 1101; the giving to out-of-towners first priority at overtime, implying 1101 members aren't competent to do the job, combined with the general tactics of using the union as a patsy for management's shortcomings have incurred the wrath of the rank and file.

However, New York Telephone had its reasons for doing what is considered by most members to have been very stupid. In reality, it was a highly sophisticated plan to make the members of 1101 scapegoats once again. There is no way that 500 out-of-towners, or for that matter 5,000, can restore continuous quality service, because the workers can-

not override mismanagement until they override management....

On the picket lines at least two officers were subjects of direct hits by eggs. The chants "Two, four, six, eight — This ain't Kent State, keep those guns on safety" could be heard coming from various parts of the line. Which showed that some workers have drawn a parallel between the two events and others were being forced to listen and think.

As pickets were told to go home by stewards at 12:30 p.m. and be prepared to return next morning at 8:00 a.m., New York's "Finest" went to work again.

## Black and white solidarity

Two men were arrested for throwing one egg. These men were Black. And the only arrests of the day. But before they were put into cars, all the stewards were informed. Two white stewards attempting to intervene were promptly beaten to the ground in Selma fashion. Their faces were bloody messes, but their acts and subsequent arrests preserved the unity of Black and white workers that would have otherwise collapsed.

The thing that has to be appreciated in this struggle is unity of the workers.

I believe that by wildcatting we were rooked, but the pressure for the walkouts came from the grassroots membership. Whether this has been a ploy of the company or not is only important as an issue to organize around. Service will not improve to any appreciable degree until the phone companies are controlled by the masses who use their services!

However, we have a feeling of strength that has to lead to other things.... Western Electric contract runs out April 1, and CWA's nationwide telephone contract runs out July 28. These will really be points of struggle.

Local 1101 has served notice to management and the International bargaining agent (who, as a matter of record, sanctioned the importing of the out-of-towners without consulting 1101 and refused to support the popular grass-roots movement for a walkout) that it will no longer be a party to sell-out negotiations by the International or scapegoating by management. If nothing else, I believe we have all received a long overdue education.

## Figures show workers' income not so high

by V. Copeland

In one of her chummier columns, Sylvia Porter, the syndicated apologist for capitalistic economics, wrote the following cheerful assurance to the working people of this country:

"You are actually typical if the income of your household members totals between \$10,000 and \$25,000. Nearly 23 million — an astounding 36.5 percent — have attained this rank...."

"And there are 251,000 other households like yours if you have achieved the \$50,000 or more level."

She didn't mention it, but there are 900,000 other households like yours if you have attained the unemployment level just in the past twelve months alone, and almost 3.5 million more if you attained it in the preceding three or four years.

And there are a few million other households like yours if you are dead broke and not even counted as unemployed.

With the table accompanying this article right before her eyes (it appeared also in her column and is taken from figures supplied by the 1970 census), she totally ignored all the families who receive incomes between nothing at all and \$8,000 per year.

And since, if you have attained this level, you belong to 47.3 per cent of all families in the country, that should be important, too. In fact, this is actually the biggest category of any single income group in the U.S.A.

Since just about none of these brackets include the small businessmen, professionals or coupon clippers who appear in the higher brackets, it can safely be said that this 47.3 per cent of all the people is in reality the preponderant majority of the working class.

Yes, many of this category are unemployed, on relief, or in prison. But they all come in one way or another from the working class.

The "typical" income of \$10,000 to \$25,000 is a rather wide spread for a typical anything. And it's not really typical, even from any honest capitalist sociological point of view (if such a point of view is possible).

At one end of this "typical" bracket are struggling working class families where husbands, wives and sometimes teen-age children are working to amass the huge sum of \$10,000 to \$12,000 a year. And at the other end are the comfortable professionals and small business people whose main worry is how to outwit the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

But assuming that such a wide bracket of individuals is vaguely "typical" of the United States as a whole, how typical is it of the working class? Only by answering that question can an economist provide any real information that means anything to the working people of this country.

A far larger number of family units received less than \$10,000 than the number who received between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

But it isn't just a question of lying and cover-up. The reason Porter totally ignores every family unit getting less than \$8,000 a year and acts as though they don't exist is not just a matter of lies; it is a matter of class.

Just as certain white people never see the Black people, so the rich never see the poor and never ad-

Hshld. Income	No. hshlds.	% of hshlds.
Under \$1,000	2,016,000	3.2%
\$1,000-\$1,999	4,289,000	6.8
2,000-2,999	3,895,000	6.2
3,000-3,999	3,886,000	6.2
4,000-4,999	3,603,000	5.7
5,000-5,999	3,795,000	6.0
6,000-6,999	4,011,000	6.4
7,000-7,999	4,298,000	6.8
8,000-9,999	8,106,000	12.9
10,000-14,999	14,524,000	23.1
15,000-24,999	8,425,000	13.4
25,000-49,999	1,760,000	2.8
50,000-and-over	251,000	0.4

mit even to themselves that the poor exist — except when the poor rebel against their poverty and threaten to make the rich a little poorer than they are.

And so Sylvia Porter is somewhat more than a liar when she says that life is great in the capitalist USA. It is — for her.

When she says, "You are in an increasingly important minority if your household income is \$15,000 or more," she feels strongly about that, because she belongs to that minority.

How could she say that this minority is outnumbered five to one by the majority getting under \$15,000? It is outnumbered even by the group of households getting under \$60 a week!

But again, Sylvia Porter is right — from a certain point of view.

The social weight of the upper brackets is much greater than that of the lower brackets. Porter knows that men and women are not equal economically — and therefore they are not equal socially and politically either under her system — the capitalist system.

This attitude makes it impossible for her to see the true poverty of the working class, even though the figures are before her eyes and the eyes of all her readers.



# This building is for women

by Emily Hanlon

On New Year's Eve, when most working people were enjoying a well-earned vacation and the rich were luxuriating in fashionable extravagance and the politicians were worried about strike deadlines, about 150 women gathered at the Washington Square Methodist Church in New York City—their objective, the takeover of an abandoned building that the city has been trying to auction off for years. The building, at 330 East 5th Street, was seized by women that night and is to function as a women's center, meeting needs of women in the community.

The women broke down into squads of ten each and marched through the Lower East Side, singing, chanting and carrying with them cleaning equipment, sleeping bags, food, heaters, lanterns and examination tables for a women's clinic.

Immediately after they took over the building (which is across the street from a police station), the women set to work cleaning up one floor of all the broken glass, fallen plaster and dirt that had accumulated over the years of disuse. Plastic was put up over the broken windows, and, to the squatters' surprise, the electricity was still on! A huge banner was hung from the window, proclaiming the building to be the property of women.

The city, of course, immediately reacted to the take over, and Stokes, Lindsay's Community Relations man, came over to "talk" to the women. He said that the city would negotiate only when the women left. The women re-

fused to leave. Instead, they went ahead with the planning for a food co-op, a daycare center, a clothing exchange, a health clinic, a half-way house, a lesbian workshop, arts and other educational programs for women.

## Services for women

The daycare center has already begun. A huge, heated, insulated bubble has been set up for the daycare area. Nurses have volunteered for the clinic which will begin doing gynecological examinations, in particular, pregnancy tests. The state of repair of the main area of this once condemned school, can be fully appreciated only in comparison to the state of disrepair of the rest of the building. Only the energy and dedication of the women and their supporters in the community have made the floor not only livable but safe for children. The big problem now is the heat and a broken boiler.

Women of all ages, Black and white, many middle-aged, come in during the day to talk and help clean up. At the busiest time, the number of women ranges from 50 upward. Some of the women come to bring clothes and food, others come in search of clothes, food and a place to stay. Some women even take home dishes and other utensils to clean and return. On Sunday, more than 50 children came to participate in a children's theater.

Perhaps typical of the attitude of women in the community who support the take over was the reaction of a middle-aged Ukrainian woman, her hair

in curlers, arms loaded with groceries, who stopped to argue with a man who was complaining about not being let in. "That's for women only!" she said proudly. "We need a place like that, for ourselves."

## Keep our building open!

And so, despite the threat of a police bust, the women and the community are proceeding with the work of making the building livable. Bella Abzug, the Congresswoman from the Lower East Side, who was elected under a women's liberation banner, has temporarily forestalled a bust by intervening with Stokes. However, it is clear that Abzug, who is no less opportunist than a male

bourgeois politician, will only use this women's action to suit her own needs. In the long run, the women in the building must depend on the support of the community and women throughout the city, to keep this a people's building.

This building is for women, although there is some work for men to do who want to support the action. Women must go there to support the action and participate in it. Many projects have been set up, but there is an open slate for any program that meets the needs of women. The building needs a lot of work. The women need money, food, clothing and energy—so go to 330 East 5th Street and help the sisters keep our building open!



Sue Steinman, above right, and Sue Davis, below right, YAWF Women among those arrested.



## Bulletin

# Cops clear center, beat women

NEW YORK, Jan. 13—At 6 p.m. yesterday, about 100 cops from the brutal Tactical Patrol Force of this city, surrounded the 5th Street women's building demanding that the occupants leave. "We're gonna brick up the windows so you'll never get back," they bellowed.

Ten women were inside the building when the cops started to threaten them and within a short time 30 more women came to their support on the outside. Three women in the building who refused to leave were dragged out and arrested.

All this happened without warning while negotiations were supposedly going on between the women and the city administration!

In a quick response, this morning the squatters called a press conference to indict Lindsay and the officials of New York for false arrest, bad faith in negotiations, criminal negligence and attempted murder against women and children in the building. (The last two charges stem from the city's refusal over the past 4 years to repair the dangerous building.)

About 150 women from the community and many women's organizations including the Women's Housing Project, Radical Lesbians, YAWF Women, the

Women's Union and the Women's Bail Fund responded to the call to come down to the building to protest the arrests. While a street demonstration was going on, construction workers hired by the New York City Department of Real Estate came to begin boarding up the windows and doors. When the women moved to defend their building (14 went inside), the cops attacked the demonstration—it was nothing less than a police riot.

At a signal, cops began pouring out of a precinct house across the street, driving the women down the street, pouncing on photographers and reporters and beating up any woman who resisted. Twenty cops invaded the building; the precinct captain told the women, "either leave or be arrested." The 14 stood together, finally walking out of the building under arrest with chants and raised fists. When the assault stopped, 24 women were under arrest, including two women from Youth Against War & Fascism, Sue Davis and Sue Steinman. The women have been hit with charges of assault and criminal trespass.

What was their real "crime"? They had returned a building to the people, cleaned it up, made it livable and provided services for the women and children of the community.

to get that ABZ job out, and so he told himself that it wasn't serious. Her kid had been sick before, and as soon as the job was finished she could go home. That's the way his mind worked.

One of the girls had talked to Mary's sister and found out that Willie had been unconscious when she got to the hospital. The way things looked, the baby might never gain consciousness again. Mary's sister was bitter, and she couldn't even tell us how Mary was feeling.

The waitress had other customers waiting, so we got her to sign the card

and then left. Walking back to the plant, we talked about who'd be visiting Mary and what kind of help she needed.

Several big jobs had been finished that morning and the pressure was off. As we went to our lockers, we saw Charlie leaning against the water-cooler, his usual station, relaxed and smiling. We knew he'd be listening for the gossip all afternoon, probably spend the last half hour with the boss.

He must have heard about Mary's kid, but he didn't show it.

I didn't get a drink of water that afternoon.

# Getting the job out for Charlie

"How can a person do a thing like that?" Clara asked.

We all just looked harder at our coffee cups. That's what we'd been wondering all day—every since Mary, the stitching machine operator, had got the phone call and rushed to get her hat and coat.

I didn't see her leave, but I was in the john when the girls started talking about it. (Sometimes I'm grateful the bosses are all men. At least there's one place they can't follow us.) At first no one knew why she had been in such an awful hurry, but Clara had asked around and found out it was the baby, Willie, again. This time he'd been taken to the hospital and put in an oxygen tent.

Mary had talked nervously about her kid's weak chest lots of times. Everybody in the bindery knew how much she worried about the baby. Sometimes we even got a little tired of hearing how much the pills and the doctor cost. I mean, we all had our problems and Mary was sort of a compulsive worrier-out-loud.

But we felt kind of ashamed now that we hadn't understood just how serious it was and asked about the kid more often. We tried to think of some extra nice thing to say on the card that one of the women from the jogging table was passing around.

"He's got kids himself, too. I seen him showing their pictures around just the other day. Can it just be that he's so stupid, or what? I thought he was paid to be smart." The gray-haired woman who always wears a plastic apron shook her head.

Clara explained, "Charlie's smart, all right. When he wants to be. Sometimes I think he's got radar the way he picks up every bit of gossip to take to the boss. But sympathy he has not. Why do you think old moneybags made him

foreman? Not because that lardass does any work around this place.

"But he's a snoop and a stoolie and doesn't give a damn about one of us. When the boss wants production, Charlie gets it out of our hides no matter what."

"Sure, that's exactly why he did it," I added. "He wanted to get that order for ABZ out quick because last time he forgot about their job and it sat out on the shipping dock for two weeks. This time he had every guy in a white shirt breathing down his neck, so he couldn't afford to let Mary go early."

Our burgers arrived and we were quiet for a while. Then Fran at the next table leaned over for the ketchup. She was kind of new and didn't remember some of the other incidents we'd had in the shop. "Do you think Charlie could do something like that on purpose? Maybe he just forgot. I thought he was kind of nice. He acts polite—not like some of the guys."

Everybody at our table smiled. Some of us remembered the Christmas party. Charlie was really Mr. Personality that night. Bought everyone drinks, danced and joked. Everybody began thinking about him the way he'd been before he was made foreman. I think he was remembering, too, and there was like this feeling of let bygones-be-by-gones with everybody.

None of us really expected it to last until Monday morning, and it didn't. Before half the day was over, he'd hauled Margie up on the carpet for refusing to lift some boxes that were just below the maximum weight allowed. She felt both mad and hurt, since they'd been kind of buddy-buddy at the party. Funny the way these things turn out.

Now, thinking about what Fran had just said, we knew Charlie could do it on purpose. He hadn't mentioned the first phone call to Mary because he had



# Baltimore Panthers on trial for their lives

by Sara Flounders

BALTIMORE, Jan. 11—With a script copied from New Haven in a frame-up just as vicious, the Baltimore Panthers are facing all the repressive forces which the state can mobilize—including mass arrests, vicious, slanderous publicity and legal lynching.

New Haven was an attempt to make the people see the Panthers as torturers and murderers. In Baltimore, the brainwashing attempt is taken a step further—the Panthers are charged with torture and murder on the orders of their white lawyers.

The frame-up arrests started last April, although plans for the roundup had been hatched months before. On April 24, three pigs were sniped at. One cop was killed and another wounded. An immediate hysteria was created by the state and the capitalist media which claimed that a Black revolutionary organization was behind the attack. On April 27 Panthers Eddie Conway and Jay Powell and Panther-in-training Jack Johnson were arrested even though neither of the two cops who survived had seen the snipers.

These arrests were followed by an injunction against the selling of the Black Panther Party newspaper and all other Panther literature as inflammatory literature teaching hate and murder.

Finally, with the stage set and the guilty verdict established by the press, on April 30 a bag of bones was dragged in and 18 Panthers and friends of the Panthers were charged with torturing and murdering a police informer named Anderson—a man the Panthers had never even met and who had never been seen around the Panther office.

A skeleton had been dug up in October and three months later, in January, three ex-Panthers were approached and offered a living wage, hotel accommodations, police protection and immunity from all criminal charges if they would testify that they had participated in the torture-murder of Anderson in July, along with other Baltimore Panthers, at the order of a white radical lawyer, Arthur Turco. If they failed to testify, they were told, they would be charged with mur-



Shotgun-toting Baltimore cops frisk a Black prisoner.

der and sent to the gas chamber. They agreed to testify. But still the state had no concrete evidence (testimony of co-conspirators is not grounds for conviction in Maryland) so they had to bide their time until enough news hysteria was created to convict the Panthers without evidence. Their chance came in April.

The charges were the excuse for a mass roundup of Panthers, their supporters, a Panther leader, Donald Cox, and a lawyer. Just as Bobby Seale, Chairman of the Black Panther Party, was tied to the New Haven torture-murder case of Alex Rackley in an attempt to rip off the Panther leadership, so Donald Cox (D.C.), the Panther Field Marshall, was charged in this case. Don Cox managed to escape the clutches of the racist courts and he is now in Algeria. In an attempt to intimidate lawyers who defend the Panthers, Arthur Turco was also charged. Not only was he charged with taking part in the murder but, with the typical racist mentality of all pigs, the District Attorney charges that Turco gave the orders to the Panthers.

Ochiki, one of those who was indicted on the Anderson case, has already been tried in a trial that was a mockery of justice. He was given a mandatory life sentence although the prosecution failed to prove that he ever touched Anderson. It took the jury less than one hour to return the guilty

verdict.

Panther Eddie Conway is now on trial for his life for the sniper attack on the three pigs. (He has also been charged in the death of Anderson.) Even though he has fired his court-appointed lawyer, the judge refuses to stop the trial so that Eddie can get a lawyer of his choice. Eddie then asked that Turco be allowed to defend him (they are cell mates); this the judge likewise denied. So Eddie is not being defended and is not even at his own trial. He has refused to take part in the political frame-up. The chief witness for the prosecution has now also refused to testify on the grounds that he is being used in a political frame-up.

The Government, which has no respect for the lives of any Black people and is responsible for the murder of thousands of oppressed people, has no right to try any revolutionary in their courts. These frame-ups are attempts to cloak in legal respectability the same murder of Panthers which the state carries out when the cops shoot a Black revolutionary while asleep in his bed (as they did to Fred Hampton in Chicago).

What is most needed now is mass support for the victims of this latest frame-up. As the trials continue, the court should be packed and protests continued to publicize the state's attempt to murder more Panther liberation fighters and their supporters.



BPP Field Marshall Don Cox, a target of the Baltimore frameup, speaking at a New York Panther 21 rally.

## Baltimore prisoners demand their rights in petition

The following petition was circulated among the detainees of the Baltimore City Jail, and within a week it had over 300 signatures. The petition was confiscated, and it is believed to be in the warden's possession (another flagrant violation of the prisoners' constitutional rights).

December 14, 1970

ATTN:

Mr. Milton Allen - State Attorney - Elect  
Mr. Thomas D'Alesandro - Mayor, City of Baltimore  
Gov. Marvin Mandel - Gov., State of Maryland  
Mr. Joseph G. Cannon - Commissioner, Dept. of Correctional Svcs.  
Mr. Hiran Schoenfeld - Warden, Baltimore City Jail

Sirs:

We, the undersigned, Detainees of the Baltimore City Jail, according to the constitution and laws of the United States of America do hereby state:

1. We are ALL being held in the pre-trial section of the Baltimore City Jail.

2. We are ALL presumed INNOCENT by law! However, we are treated worse than convicted men and women.

3. We have been, and are being, held for up to nine to fifteen months without preliminary hearing or trial - a direct violation of the constitution and laws of the U.S. - the right to a speedy and impartial trial.

4. We are being held on unreasonably high bail or no bail - a violation of the constitution and laws of the U.S.

5. We have constantly been denied the right of legal counsel at every legal proceeding. A violation of the constitution and laws of the U.S.

As innocent men and women, we DEMAND to be treated as human beings. We will no longer accept that poor people remain in jail while rich people are set free. We will no longer respect the law that does not respect us! The constitution and laws of the U.S. are very clear as to our rights. However, in the City of Baltimore, the judges and courts in particular and the prosecutor's office in general have made it perfectly clear by their past and present practice against Black people in particular, and poor people in general, that they have failed to adhere to the constitution and laws of the U.S.

We have cumulative files and records of the violations by the courts, judges and prosecutor's office who have, and are, flagrantly denying and disregarding our legal and human rights.

We hereby demand:

1. An immediate review of all cases for the setting of reasonable bail; according to our means of income.

2. Immediate trial of all cases held over 90 days.

3. Immediate review and dismissal of all cases where constitutional rights have been denied.

4. Immediate action to begin for the removal of all judges who knowingly violated the rights of the accused.

5. Immediate investigation of the prosecutor's office, who has participated in sham and illusory charges against defendants.

6. Immediate guarantee for every defendant to be represented by counsel of his choice at every legal proceeding.

7. Members of the press, radio and TV should be allowed inside the prisons and be shown the conditions we are being detained in by the inmates.

8. Visiting hours be at least twice a week, with times arranged so that family and friends that work will be able to visit during the evening. Visiting hours for lawyers should also be arranged for the evening since there is very little time that they can see us during the day.

9. An end to "lock-up." Seven out of ten prisoners are kept in 4 1/2-x-9-foot cells 24 hours a day. This inhuman practice should be halted immediately.

10. Immediate release of ALL political prisoners.

Unless these grievances and demands are met, we will use any means necessary to secure our legal and human rights!

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE  
Respectfully submitted,

WE ARE ONE PEOPLE  
THE INMATES OF THE  
BALTIMORE CITY JAIL



# Spanish Civil War: Its lessons for today

by Deirdre Griswold

The struggle of the Basque nation for self-determination has rekindled the flames of revolt in Spain and revealed the instability of the fascist rulers. Demonstrations and strikes have spread from the four Basque provinces in the North in shockwaves throughout the entire peninsula. After more than thirty years of the Butcher Franco's iron rule, the presence of the working class is being felt in Spanish politics.

A whole new generation has grown up since the revolution in Spain was crushed. The political parties, anarchist and communist, that led the working class in that historic defeat were long ago dismantled and dismembered. But does that mean that the same mistakes cannot be made again?

For there were definite political errors that contributed to the fascist triumph and helped pave the way for World War II. Spain was a testing ground, not only for fascism in a military sense, with Hitler's Condor Legion and other elite troops tasting their first blood there, but for the working class parties politically. Most important, it exposed the much-flaunted tactic of the Popular Front as a betrayal of the revolution.

## The Popular Front

Under the Popular Front, the Communist Party of Spain made a block with the capitalist liberals against the fascists. This was done in a revolutionary period in Spain, when the workers were fighting heroically because they believed it was, at long last, their struggle — against the bosses, against the landlords, against the parasites who enjoyed life at their expense.

The peasantry, too, was aroused and in a fighting mood. Landlords were in hiding, the aristocracy disguised their rich clothes and fancy manners in cheap laborers' clothing, and the workers' flags were hanging everywhere. But the tremendous energy and enthusiasm of the toiling masses was dissipated by the policies of the Popular Front.

As the war dragged on, and the workers had to fight Franco's better-armed troops with rusty 19-century rifles, much of the power of the bosses that seemed to have been broken was restored. In the Popular Front government, it was the bourgeoisie that called the shots, not the powerful workers' parties. Land that had been promised to the peasants continued to enrich the landlords. In places where the peasants had gone ahead and seized what should be theirs the landlords were allowed to come back.

In the prosecution of the war itself, the militias organized by the trade unions and revolutionary parties were ill-equipped and armed; new Soviet

weapons, supplied through the sacrifice of the Russian workers, were delivered to the bourgeois officers who commanded the regular army. Journalists reported that wounded soldiers arriving from the front where two or even three men had to share one rifle would gape at the gleaming new pistols on the belts of the officers stationed back in the big cities — where the only "enemy" they had to face were the enraged workers themselves.

## Betrayal of self-determination

Another critical question which the Communist Party allowed to be determined by the Spanish capitalist liberals, in order to stay in the Popular Front government, was that of self-determination for oppressed nations. One of Spain's major colonies was Spanish Morocco. Many Spanish troops were stationed there, and it was from Morocco that Franco launched his attack on the Republic. Many of Franco's crack troops were mercenaries from Spanish Morocco.

The Spanish proletariat had no interest in oppressing the Moroccans. One of the first acts of a truly communist government in Spain would have been to free all its colonies. But the bourgeoisie wanted to hold onto its colony, and the CP bowed to this and did not raise the demand for freedom for Morocco. To the Moroccan people, the outcome of the

freedom from Spanish domination, but in order to build a workers' republic, not to orient toward imperial Britain. They had every reason to want to fight against Franco — both for their national freedom and for the freedom of their class. But the Basque capitalists felt that a deal could be made with Franco, and early in the war — in 1937 — the Northern Front crumbled and they surrendered to Franco.

The policies of the Popular Front, which abandoned class struggle for class collaboration, and were to be followed by the CPs throughout Europe and the Soviet Union until the period of the Cold War, led the Spanish proletariat to a crushing defeat and further demoralized the already disappointed European working class. It was a major factor that let the workers be dragged like sheep into another world war where their blood and guts would be spread across three continents and the oceans between.

There is today a global revival of the class struggle as capitalism enters another grave crisis. Europe, where the development of the modern proletariat first gave birth to scientific socialism, is awakening from the sleep of exhaustion that followed the fascist triumphs. The struggles in Spain are an important part of this renaissance. The Spanish and Basque workers will have to



Spanish revolutionaries on their way to the front.

Spanish Civil War therefore seemed irrelevant to their problems. Because the Republican side did not address itself to the freedom of this super-oppressed people, Franco was able to recruit Moroccan troops, young poverty-stricken workers and peasants who joined up for a meal and a decent suit of clothing.

"Los Moros" became objects of derision and hatred in the CP's songs about the Civil War, a sure sign that the leadership was doing nothing to educate the ranks on the question of self-determination.

Now another self-determination struggle is crucial to the future of the Spanish proletariat. But while the same solution — the freedom of an oppressed people — must be fought for by the workers of Spain, the Basque national struggle is very different from that of Morocco.

## Background of Basque struggle

The Basque country is not an under-developed area, but instead is the most industrial part of Spain. Basque capitalism was very strong for many years before the Civil War, and had fairly close ties with England. After the revolt of Franco and his generals, the Basque bourgeoisie sided with the Republic but only on the condition that it be granted a certain measure of autonomy.

The workers of the Basque nation also wanted

assimilate the painful lessons of the thirties to carry their struggle to a higher stage.

But equally important, the revolutionaries in the United States, the bastion of imperialism which props up fascist dictatorships everywhere, must reexamine the lessons of Spain. In fighting fascism, domestic and international, it is correct and necessary to seek allies. But the revolutionary demands of the workers and oppressed cannot be sacrificed in order to preserve such alliances. This will only serve to disarm the one force in society that is capable of fighting fascism to a successful conclusion.

The liberal capitalists have proven historically that they are incapable of staving off fascism. When the crisis of capitalism becomes acute, as in Germany in 1933 and Italy in the twenties, there are only two roads: proletarian revolution or fascism. The liberals side with their class interests and yield to fascism, which preserves their property rights.

The Bolsheviks in Russia had to make alliances with the liberal Kerensky government against the counter-revolution in the days before the workers' uprising. But, as Lenin put it, they supported Kerensky only as "a rope supports a hanged man," knowing that the days of the boss class were numbered and that only a principled fight for the goals of the workers could carry the revolution forward.

# Gov't hides billions in military aid

As if the \$80 billion U.S. military budget weren't already a tremendous burden on every working taxpayer, the Defense Department spent eight times the amount of foreign "military assistance" formally listed in Nixon's budget for military aid in 1970.

The budget message had listed \$625 million as the appropriation for "military assistance," while the General Accounting Office showed that the total amount expended was close to \$5 billion! And this figure does not include surplus equipment given to the U.S.-puppet regimes in South Vietnam and Thailand.

While these startling figures were brought out by a Congressional subcommittee headed by the "liberal" Wisconsin Senator, William Proxmire, the imperialist "liberals" raised no objections to the huge military aid ex-

penditures in and of themselves, but objected only to the fact that they were kept in the dark about these expenditures.

The Nixon Administration only exposed itself more when it tried to reply to Proxmire's charges. One of the Defense Department hacks, Armistead Selden, Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, said:

"We certainly are not trying to hide any figures. But Congress might have some difficulty in 'digging out' the information."

But Nixon is digging even further into every worker's pocket, all in the interest of "peace," of course, by signing his latest bill authorizing another \$550 million for "military and economic assistance." Half of the funds

will go to Cambodia and a quarter will end up in South Korea, two countries where U.S. imperialism has committed bloody military aggression. The remaining quarter of the funds will go to Jordan and Lebanon, where tens of thousands of Palestinians have been murdered, and Indonesia, where a million Indonesians were massacred by the CIA-sponsored military junta. In addition, Congress approved another \$500 million in military credits to Israel.

Thus, the U.S. "military assistance" swindle is simply the delivery of military hardware to U.S.-puppet governments to crush the growing liberation movements around the world, whether in Cambodia, Indonesia, Brazil, or in the Middle East. And the government is trying to cover up its support to corrupt military regimes so that the workers here won't know where their hard-earned wages are going.



## unemployment frustrations

In Tacoma, Washington a couple of days before Thanksgiving, a Black man named Giles Sims Odom was standing in an unemployment line. He'd been standing in the same line every week since Feb. 1970 when he was laid off from his job as a janitor.

His funds were almost exhausted and so were his unemployment benefits. Usually when he went to the office he would fill out the usual forms and receive his check, but today was different, he was told to fill out extra forms and given a lot of trouble by the clerk, so he asked to see the supervisor.

## driven to gun

## union defends odom

The Union of the Unemployed has been working on Odom's defense, getting lawyers and witnesses and rallying support for the case in the Seattle-Tacoma area.

We have found that the supervisor, Oscar Oltman is notorious in Tacoma for denying unemployment and harassing people who apply.

## unemployed support odom

"Did he get him?" was all one fellow unemployed worker wanted to know. "Do you supply the bullets?" was all that another was concerned about. These were reactions to a leaflet defending Giles Sims Odom for allegedly shooting the supervisor. News of this case was electrifying to all unemployed people. People saw that they, too, had thought about shooting a claims supervisor.

We know why Giles Odom got his gun. We know what it is like to stand in long lines for a \$35 check. We know what it is to wait 3 months for a check and find our claim denied. We know we have to wait four months for a simple appeal without collecting any checks. We know what it is like to have people constantly watching us to make sure we don't get as much as one penny too much. We know why one woman in Tacoma went into the restroom and shot herself.



BOOM WENT THE BOOM  
BY W.O. Blee  
(Tune: "Ta-ra-ra-Boom-dee-Ay")

I had a job in twenty-nine  
When everything was going fine.  
I knew the pace was pretty fast  
But thought that it would always last.  
When organizers came to town  
I'd always sneer and turn them down:  
I thought the boss was my best friend  
And he'd stick by me to the end.

Chorus

Ta-ra-ra-BOOM-dee-ay,  
Ain't got a word to say,  
He chisled down my pay,  
Then took my job away.  
Boom, went the boom one day,  
It made a noise that way.  
I wish I had been wise,  
Next time I'll organize.

I had a little bank account,  
Not very much, a small amount  
Which to the savings bank I took  
And all they gave me was a book.  
I pinched on food, I scraped on rent,  
I hardly ever spent a cent,  
My little savings grew and grew,  
I thought I'd be a big shot too.

Chorus

Ta-ra-ra-BOOM-dee-ay,  
It made a noise that way,  
There went my hard-earned pay,  
Saved for a rainy day.  
I must have been a wick,  
This soup-line makes me sick.  
Where can that banker be?  
He tore his pants with me.

Then finally it came to pass  
That all I had to eat was grass.  
The wolf don't bother anymore -  
He starved to death right by my door.  
With soup and gas and club and gun  
They tried to make the system run.  
They said, "Dear friends, now don't get sore,  
We'll make it like it was before."



# LES S O D O M

He and the supervisor got into an argument and Odom left. He returned a few minutes later with a gun, and again asked to speak to the supervisor. The supervisor refused to speak with him, and Odom shot the wall behind the supervisor. The supervisor came at him with a hammer and the gun went off, hitting the supervisor.

According to Odom, he then went out to his car with the intention of driving to the police station to turn himself in. But as he was pulling out, he was blocked by a police van and car.

A cop yelled "he's armed" and a shot went through Odom's windshield. Odom says he got out of his car, expelled his shells and then surrendered.



Chorus

Ta-ra-ra-BOOM-dee-ay,  
It busted up one day  
These guys that stole my pay  
Went flying every way  
All that I've got to say,  
I hope they've gone to stay;  
Each dog must have its day. -  
Ta-ra-ra-BOOM-dee-ay!

## court sets ransom

He's now in the county prison in Tacoma, charged with five counts of first degree assault--assault with a deadly weapon. His bail was first set at an impossible \$50,000 and then "lowered" to \$25,000. That's probably more than five years' wages when he can get a job.

Odom was given a court-appointed lawyer—a lawyer who has not even bothered to visit Odom in the month he has had the case, a lawyer whose file on Odom consists of a report on the Union of the Unemployed.

Odom's family lives in Tennessee and he has few friends in Tacoma. He has had no visitors except for one lawyer whom the Union of the Unemployed got to go see him.

## we must fight back

But we know one more thing. We know that we have had to fight for every right we have, for every penny we make, for even the small amount we get for unemployment compensation. Giles Odom once again reminded us all that sometimes only the gun insures our own right to live.

Odom's individual act of desperation has shown us that we need to fight back against the pigs who are threatening our livelihood and our human dignity. It is only by fighting back by taking direct action together that we, the unemployed, will be able to gain back what we have earned--what is rightfully ours. The Union calls on all unemployed people to support Giles Odom, to keep the courts from railroading him off to years in prison. The courts look at Odom as a vicious criminal. But we see and judge him as one of us—one who cannot put up with his oppression anymore and who has chosen to stand up and fight back.



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# SEATTLE - BOEING COMPANY TOWN JOIN THE

Companies used to build towns around them in which to house and entertain their wage-slaves. The company owned the houses and the grocery store, the saloon, the hardware store, and the local blacksmith shop. The company set the prices and handed out the credit to make sure no one ever got out of debt. If anyone ever tried to form a union, he found that he could no longer buy groceries on credit, his bills were suddenly due, and the rent became too high to pay. But all this doesn't happen today, does it? Even if it does happen, can it happen in Seattle, an area of one-and-a-half million people?

Boeing isn't as blatant as its predecessors, but Boeing pays the salary of about 20 per cent of all workers in the Seattle area. Boeing pays the salary of 60 per cent of all workers in basic industry in Seattle. Materials shipped to Boeing account for a great deal of all rail and truck traffic in the area. Store clerks, bus drivers, car dealers and all the other service workers in Seattle depend upon Boeing workers for their livelihood. When Boeing lays off, it immediately causes a depression in Seattle.

## BOEING PLAYS WITH WORKERS' LIVES

From late 1962 to late 1964 Boeing laid off 20,000 people. Unemployment soared to 35,000, almost 7 per cent of the work force. Employment in non-manufacturing trades (construction and services) failed to rise for the first time in several years. Boeing, in its endless drive for profits, was able to create a recession in the Seattle area.



in several years. Boeing, in its endless drive for profits, was able to create a recession that laid off Boeing workers, construction workers, restaurant workers, store clerks and any other poor workers who happened to get caught in Boeing's crises.

Boeing has always played with the lives of its workers and the people of Seattle with no regard for their well-being. Boeing has kept the unemployment rate to 5 per cent for the last ten years so it could hire and fire at will. Boeing executives have always decided when Seattle would prosper and when it wouldn't. Seattle was first at the mercy of the lumber barons, then the rush to Alaska came, then the fishing industry, and after World War II, Boeing joined the long string of robbers.

## IAM BACKS DOWN

The International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM) organized the workers at Boeing and then struck in 1949. They have never struck since. Is it because working conditions are good? Is it because Boeing has granted good wages? The most recent contract the IAM negotiated says very little about layoffs. It simply says a person has to receive notice in writing that he is laid off. It does provide the worker a chance to appeal. But the appeal goes through regular grievance channels; and we all know how they work. 60,000 workers, most of the local's members, have been laid off, and no cry of protest has been heard from the IAM. It kind of makes one wonder!

## BOEING CREATES DEPRESSION

Now Boeing executives have gone beyond anyone's greatest fear. Boeing has created a depression in Seattle! When Boeing executives decided to lay off 80,000 workers they knew it meant that people would go hungry, be thrown out of their homes, lose their cars and furniture. They knew it meant depression, but only by making workers suffer could they retain their profits. For the profit of a few owners, thousands of kids are going hungry this year.

Just the layoffs at Boeing alone mean that there are 40 per cent fewer industrial jobs than there were two years ago. 13,000 people in non-manufacturing trades have lost their jobs. Construction workers have been unable to find work because unemployed people don't buy new homes or rent expensive apartments. 20,000 people are going to run out of all unemployment benefits within a couple of months. Three thousand jobs have been created for these 20,000 and those are for only 16 weeks. Boeing plans to lay off even more workers — 1,000 per month. There are no other factories. Stores don't have jobs, offices don't have jobs, restaurants don't have jobs. As more and more people lose their jobs — 67,000 are already out of work — and are unable to find work, Boeing's control tightens.

## SST IS A SHUCK

Now they're asking for millions and millions of our tax dollars to build the SST. They say it will end the depression. But Boeing officials have already tipped their hand.

In the fall issue of the Pacific Northwest Business Review, it was reported that if the SST and the SRAM (Short Range Attack Missiles) are passed they will still lay off another 1,000 workers per month this year.

## BOEING SIGNALS CAPITALISM'S FAILURE

But how's Boeing doing? Is the company that is hurting us also hurting? In 1969 the "Lazy B" stole 15.5 million dollars profit from their workers!

That was the year workers will remember, because it was the year when the layoffs of tens of thousands of workers began.

In other words, Boeing lays off workers in order to keep their profits rolling in. Poor William Allen, chairman of the board, draws a yearly salary of \$141,750, and T.A. Wilson, president, receives \$180,450.

But while Boeing is still raking in profits, it is inevitable that their corporate monster will soon die.

But Boeing, for all its influence in Seattle is only a small example of a whole system. The system, which includes such giants as G.M., G.E., DuPont, Standard Oil, The Bank of California and other such companies, is rotten, and has no future.

Workers are being laid off all over the country, in the auto, lumber, aerospace and many other industries. Large U.S. and European firms are being nationalized in the Mideast and Latin America. And U.S. big business, which is desperately trying to expand into the Far East, is being kicked out of Vietnam.

## THE ANSWER IS MILITANT STRUGGLE

In this country, wild-cat strikes are erupting all over. The people in the Black communities are rebelling against centuries of oppression. Women are striking back too, as are students and young workers.

But like working people elsewhere, we must engage in militant actions if we are going to keep Boeing from threatening our survival. Boeing and this country have the wealth and resources to provide employment for all their laid-off workers, but they will not respond to this demand until we show them that we are ready to take direct action against it. Boeing must be shut lock, stock, and barrel until every worker who has been laid off is rehired.

## WE BUILT THIS TOWN!

Only Boeing has the capacity to throw Seattle into a depression. The city and state governments are only taking orders from their bosses at Boeing. Just as in the lumber camps and mining towns in the early twentieth century, almost every person in Seattle is dependent on Boeing. We built the airplanes we can't afford to use, we built the luxury hotels and apartments that Boeing executives wine and dine in, we built the streets we walk in despair on looking for non-existent jobs. We built this town, but we are starving in it.

Seattle is a company town just like any other company town. Boeing owns every one of us. Only when we organize a real union in this company town, only when we, the workers, own what we build can we free ourselves from Boeing's reign of terror.

Some people are ashamed to be unemployed. They think somehow it's their fault. They slip into the unemployment office every week like spies, if they come in at all.

Not only isn't it our fault we're unemployed, we have certain rights as unemployed people. We are workers. We have produced everything in this country. When we're out of work, because some profit-hungry company like Boeing cuts back on production to increase profits, we have a right to eat, keep our homes and cars and live as human beings.

When we're out of work, our lives become filled with waiting on lines and with petty dictators. All of a sudden we have to deal with problems we've never had to deal with before.

Like having our claims denied, and having to wait four months before we can get a hearing. And having no money for those four months.

Like being denied food stamps, and not being able to feed our families.

Like finance companies, banks and collection agencies all trying to take our houses, cars and furniture.

Like running out of benefits and still being without a job. And if that weren't bad enough, they try to use US as SCABS on our own brothers and sisters. They starve us and then say, "Here's some food, IF you're willing to knife your fellow worker in the back."

We say, NO DEAL. We won't scab, and we're going to get what's ours.

We know that during 1932 in New York, 140,000 evictions were attempted and 77,000 were prevented by people getting together and stopping them. When the sheriff came to move the stuff out, they moved it back in, by any means necessary.

We have formed a group to prevent repossessions and evictions. We have studied the law and represent people on appeals. We are ready to fight for our rights any time someone in the government or business tries to deny them.

In Union there is strength and pride. Join the Union.

## WE DEMAND:

1. Productive, non-exploitative jobs at decent wages for every person.
2. Full wages while unemployed, regardless of length of employment.
3. An end to racism and sexism in employment and unemployment compensation; pregnant women to receive benefits.
4. Free community controlled 24-hour childcare for all children, free community-controlled healthcare for all.
5. Moratorium on all debts while unemployed.
6. All appeals to be heard within two weeks by a jury of peers; checks to be received while appeals are pending.
7. Unemployment compensation to be directed by unemployed people, including Black and other Third World peoples.
8. Unemployed people not to be used as strikebreakers.
9. Community control of all public works projects.
10. Decent housing fit for human habitation for all.
11. Immediate U.S. withdrawal from Southeast Asia.

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# Exchange the Leningrad 11 for the Panther prisoners

On January 1, Workers World Party called for the exchange of the eleven Zionist prisoners in Leningrad for the thirteen Black Panther prisoners in New York City.

"Let the U.S. free the Panther defendants in New York for the freedom of the Zionists in Leningrad," urged Sam Marcy, chairman of the party, at the organization's conference during the New Year weekend.

"It is obvious that Washington regards these Zionists as its own—not as persecuted Jews, but as friends of Israel and U.S. imperialism," continued Comrade Marcy.

"Only yesterday the capitalist press and the New York City Administration organized a demonstration of several thousand in Foley Square of New York City with the mayor addressing the crowd, whipping them up further in defense of the Leningrad defendants, while he and his class commit crime after crime against the people here. All the imperialist world media carried this foul demonstration and called for rights and liberty for the Soviet Jews. But how can they claim to be for an oppressed people without being for all the oppressed?"

"At the very moment of this bourgeois masquerade, a genuine picket line was taking place just a block away in defense of the thirteen Black Panthers being tried in New York. But they didn't write about that demonstration.

"These prisoners belong to the people. The Leningrad prisoners are claimed by the world bourgeoisie."

## Soviets should have proposed it

"The Soviet leaders should have raised the idea of an exchange of prisoners. These officials are supposed to represent our class camp, the camp of the oppressed. And the moment they saw the U.S. generating such hysteria over the issue, pretending it was one of anti-Semitism, they should have put aside their maneuvers to conciliate imperialism and answered the U.S. blow for blow.

"They have put a great deal of emphasis on Cultural Exchange. Well, here is a cultural exchange that would really mean something. Panthers for Zionists. And at the same time it would expose the whole issue as a political and military one, and not a question of religious persecution at all."

"Such an exchange of prisoners," he said further, "would not necessarily mean that the eleven Zionists would come to the U.S. and the Panthers would go to the Soviet Union. Both groups conceivably could be freed in their own countries."

The pressure to commute the death sentences of two of the group, he explained, did not arise from humanitarian sentiments, but from the propaganda needs of U.S. imperialism and was intimately connected with the Arab-Israeli struggle.

## Capitulation to bourgeoisie

Any real friends of the Arabs, to say nothing of allies of the Black people in the United States, would seize at once on the proposal to exchange prisoners. In commuting the death sentence of the two condemned Zionists without proposing any such exchange of prisoners or taking similar action, the Soviet leaders capitulated to bourgeois pressure, he asserted. This was also the situation with the French and Italian parties, and of course the New York Daily World followed along with pleas for commutation of the death sentence. They all fell in line before the onslaught of capitalist propaganda—couched in "humanitarian" phrases, as it always is in such cases.

(Comrade Marcy demonstrated that Fascist dictator Franco yielded to essentially proletarian pressure in commuting the death sentences of the revolutionary Basques during the same week, and the revolutionary forces were strengthened by this act.)

"Were the Soviet leaders unaware of the possibility of demanding such an exchange of prisoners?" the speaker asked.

## Important precedent

"The Panthers themselves have publicly raised the question of 'Panthers for Pilots' repeatedly. And furthermore there was an outstanding precedent, played down in the U.S. press, of course, but well known to Soviet diplomats.

"This was the exchange of Francisco Molina from a New York State prison for the CIA puppet Artime and other prisoners held by Cuba after the U.S. defeat at the Bay of Pigs in April 1961."

(Molina, a Cuban national, had been railroaded to almost life imprisonment after a bitter fist fight with Cuban counterrevolutionaries in a New York

restaurant, during which a little South American girl was accidentally shot.

(Deirdre Griswold, co-editor of this paper, and formerly national secretary of the Molina Defense Committee, helped arrange the exchange. The U.S. official go-between told her that he would deny in public what he agreed to in private when she proposed the exchange. But, the exchange did take place.)

## The real anti-Semitism

"Now there is anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union," the party chairman conceded, "but it has almost nothing to do with this international hysteria over the Leningrad defendants.

"The world bourgeoisie never complemented Lenin and the Bolsheviks when the majority of the central committee were of Jewish origin. On the contrary, they said that communism was a Jewish plot!

"When Ana Pauker, a leader of the Rumanian CP and an active partisan against Nazism, was purged, why didn't Golda Meir champion her cause as a Jewish countrywoman? Why didn't she bring up the question of Soviet anti-Semitism then? Because Ana Pauker was a communist, a left-winger, that's why!

"And when the Hungarian bourgeois counterrevolution overthrew the Jewish-descended Rakosi, somehow the world bourgeoisie never called that anti-Semitism.

## Bourgeois and proletarian criticism

"It is a good idea to keep these facts in mind when we assess the bourgeois criticism of the Soviet Union."

"But," the speaker added, "there is anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union. And today there are no Jews at all on the presidium of the Communist Party. This is of symptomatic importance. But we should ask why there is any anti-Semitism 53 years after the revolution? Is it because there is more communism—or less communism?

"The world bourgeoisie is not interested in restoring the fighting revolutionary communism of the period when half of Lenin's central committee were of Jewish origin. Not at all. This is an internal problem for the working class movement to understand and to struggle to set right."

# U.S. Anti-Soviet hysteria aimed at Mideast liberation struggle

by P. Meisner

The growing tension and intrigue over the Middle East have recently surfaced in incidents that seem separate but are really intimately connected:

- 1) The anti-Soviet hysteria-propaganda of the U.S. imperialist press over the hijacking trials of the Leningrad 11.
- 2) The bombing of the Soviet Embassy building in Washington, D.C.
- 3) The overt attacks on Soviet nationals by the ultra-right Jewish Defense League.
- 4) The sending of UN envoy Gunnar Jarring on a "mediating" mission to the Middle East.
- 5) The launching of a major attack by royal Jordanian troops on Palestinian guerrillas in northern Jordan.

The first three point to the fact that the U.S. government forces are closely working with neo-fascist and Zionist elements within this country to whip up a hysteria against the Soviet Union for its support, however weak, of the Arab cause. But even more significant, while the government fosters a new anti-communist and anti-Soviet atmosphere within the U.S., a new global offensive has been mounted by Washington and Wall Street to roll back the advances of the Arab liberation struggle.

The Jarring mission and Jordanian

offensive were obviously coordinated by the Nixon Administration in order to crush the Palestine liberation movement, while at the same time forcing a U.S.-UN-Jarring settlement on the Arabs, favorable to Israel. That a settlement with the Israeli rulers is nothing but a sham is borne out by Israel's denunciation of any pact which would include the Palestinian guerrilla organizations. (How similar to the U.S.-Saigon position, which for so long never recognized the legitimate rights of the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam!)

Western diplomats have already been quoted as saying that the purpose of the Jarring trip had been "to shift the burden to the Arabs, who now have to demonstrate that they are talking business." Jarring himself tipped his imperialist hand after talking to Golda Meir and Abba Eban and saying that his talks in Israel had been "interesting and useful."

The seriousness of the attacks by Hussein's troops on Palestinians was expressed by Syrian government officials who stated that "Syria would not remain idle while the commandos were being wiped out." Also significant is the fact that Hussein has sent out his gestapo on a house-to-house search in Amman despite a ceasefire proposal by the Palestinian guerrillas.

But to get enough Arab support for



Millions of Palestinian people live, and die, in refugee camps such as this one.

a Jarring-made settlement, Washington knows that it must get full Soviet backing. And that is the very purpose of the current organized terror against Soviet personnel in the U.S.—to force the Arabs into a disastrous settlement. No amount of propaganda about "Soviet anti-Semitism" can hide this fact, especially from the Arab peoples, who remember as well as the Zionist and pro-Zionist hypocrites when it was all cheers for the Soviet Union, and no cries of anti-Semitism, when the Soviet

government under Stalin betrayed the Palestinian people in 1947 by supporting the creation of Israel.

The bombing of the Soviet Embassy building in Washington could only have been done with the knowledge and encouragement of the government and its Zionist allies within the U.S. It fits in perfectly with Washington's aims in the Middle East, where the stake of billions in oil depends on crushing the Arab revolution and intimidating its Soviet allies.



# Seale to judge: we want Black jurors!

by Jerry Zilg

New Haven, Jan. 6--Bobby Seale, chairman and co-founder of the Black Panther Party, angrily exploded in court today as the State continued its attempt to keep Black people from serving on the jury that will try him and Ericka Huggins. As deputy sheriffs lunged forward in the excitement, Seale demanded a 50 per cent Black jury in this heartland of Yankee petty-bourgeoisie and Yale aristocracy. Bobby Seale and Ericka Huggins are on trial for their lives, having pleaded innocent to the contrived murder charges of the FBI and the State of Connecticut.

For the first time since the trial began, the high-security New Haven court was packed yesterday as supporters turned out to cheer Ericka Huggins on her birthday. Representatives from YAWF chapters in Detroit, New York, Wilmington and Boston were on hand as both Ericka and Bobby greeted their supporters with the fist and "All power to the people!"

The examination of prospective jurors by the prosecuting and defending lawyers continued throughout yesterday and today, with the judge giving very detailed instructions on the right of the defendants before the examination began. This new sophisticated tactic by the government looks good on the surface, but actually makes the job of the defense more difficult, for well-educated racists who want to get on the jury for the worst of reasons thereby know

what they should say in the way of expected answers. This has forced Seale's attorney, Charles Garry, to use up more of his pre-emptory rights and question some prospective jurors for over half an hour to find cracks in their testimony and expose their racism.

## Seale protests

### jury selection

The State prosecution is out to kill Bobby and Ericka. Even one prospective Black juror stated on Wednesday that he believed the State was trying to kill Bobby because he was a Panther, "not because of anything they've charged him with." The State deliberately tries to keep Blacks off the jury by levying a barrage of questions on their feeling about capital punishment, all of which amount to "Can you kill Bobby Seale?" Try to abstract the death penalty when you have two live people in front of you on trial for their lives and you haven't heard the evidence yet!

Most Black people refused to even consider capital punishment for anyone, thus giving State Attorney Marcho an excuse to cite an Illinois State court decision that does not apply to Connecticut and have them dismissed by the judge over Garry's objections.

Today, one young Black prospective juror was dismissed after State Attorney Marcho centered his attack around the question of the death penalty. Finally he asked an incredible

question of a Black man: "Do you hold any prejudice against the State?" the man was dismissed.

Marcho had just asked the same question of the next prospective juror, a white working woman, when suddenly Bobby exploded, crashing his fist down on the table. Everyone shook, and the judge clutched at his heart.

"No! Not prejudice against the State!" Bobby demanded. "Prejudice against the defense!" Bobby is on trial, not the State! The judge told the Panther Chairman to be silent. "I don't care about that!" said Bobby as he turned around to Marcho who was sitting behind him. "I'm tired of this pig knocking down every Black juror!" Marcho turned whiter than white. "We want a 50 per cent Black jury!" Seale demanded.

## YAWF demonstrates outside

At the lunch break, YAWF held a demonstration at a busy intersection across from the court house. About 300 cars passed by to hear chants like "Free Bobby! Free Ericka! Stop the war against Black America!" Some members of the Panther Defense Committee joined in.

So the trial goes on. Right now, five jurors have been selected (averaging one per week, as Garry is being very selective)—one Black man, one white man, three Black women. Jury selection is expected to take at least another two months.

# Latin American masses force amnesty for political prisoners

The revolutionary wave sweeping all of Latin America was largely responsible for the recent releases of political prisoners Hector Bejar, Ricardo Gadea, Elio Portocarrero, Hugo Blanco, Regis Debray, Ciro Bustos, and several other Peruvian revolutionaries.

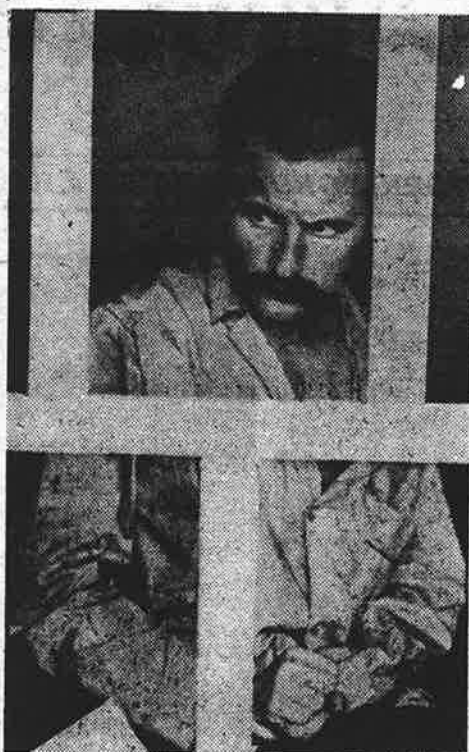
In Peru, the nationalist military regime of General Velasco has been under pressure from Peru's workers, peasants and students to take an anti-imperialist course ever since taking power in the fall of 1968. The Velasco government nationalized the Standard Oil properties in Peru and caused a major crisis in U.S.-Peruvian relations. The anti-imperialist ferment in Peru finally forced the Peruvian regime to free many of the imprisoned revolutionaries. Blanco was the leader of a peasant movement in the Cuzco region of Peru. He was captured by the U.S.-puppet regime of Belaunde Terry back in 1963 and was given a 30-year sentence on charges of sedition and murdering an army officer.

Hector Bejar was commander of the National Liberation Army that operated in Ayacucho in Peru in 1966. Elio Portocarrero led the guerrillas of the Left Revolutionary Movement (MIR) in the northern part of Peru in 1965, while Ricardo Gadea is the present political leader of the MIR.

Regis Debray was captured during Che Guevara's guerrilla campaign in Bolivia. A French radical intellectual and a close sympathizer of the Cuban Revolution, Debray, along with Ciro Bustos, a radical Argentine writer, were freed after three and a half years of imprisonment. Debray had gone into the Bolivian mountains to interview the guerrillas but was captured by the Bolivian army, several months before the murder of Che Guevara in October 1967. Though his purpose was to gather material on the guerrillas for future magazine articles, Debray was charged with being the "intellectual author" of the whole movement.

In Debray's eloquent declaration to the court before his sentence (Debray was given 30 years by the pro-U.S. Barrientos regime), he stated:

"Even though I am regretfully in-



Regis Debray in jail.

nocent of all charges against me, I am guilty in your eyes for believing in Che's final and forthcoming victory. I am guilty of wanting to carry out the irreversible commitment made by any man who had the good fortune of seeing Che live, think and fight, the commitment to remain faithful to him and to follow his example to the end... I will do my best to be worthy some day of the disproportionate honor you do me by condemning me for something I did not do but which I now more than ever wish to do."

As in Peru, the nationalist military Bolivian government of General Torres has been under constant pressure from Bolivian workers and students, many of whom are admirers of Che Guevara, to take an anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. position in order to liberate Bolivia's enslaved economy. And it was through the revolutionary demand raised by Bolivian students that Debray and Bustos were ultimately freed.

## Expanding Empire

by Vincent Copeland

"The basic cause of the U.S. invasion of Vietnam lies deep within the social and economic system of the United States, itself. The aggression was built in, and the Asian war was pre-determined before Lyndon Johnson was born."

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# Chicanos protest police brutality

by Shirley Jolls

On January 9, several thousand people of the Los Angeles Chicano community massed at that city's police headquarters to protest continued police repression and racist attacks on their people. More than 30 demonstrators were arrested when cops attempted to break up the rally.

The militant demonstration was organized by the Chicano Moratorium Committee. People assembled at Hollenbeck Park and marched several miles to the police center, gathering hundreds of supporters along the way.

Cops attempted to barricade the building as the marchers arrived, to prevent the Chicano people from confronting the police officials who organize and coordinate the occupation of the Mexican-American community by the racist Yorty-administration's police.

A force of specially equipped cops, estimated at over 350, attacked the rally and drove the people from the police building into the nearby business district.

Demonstrators fought back against the fascist attack with whatever was at hand—mostly the rocks and bottles that are too often the people's only defense against the helmeted, stick-swinging, gun-toting cops. Hundreds of the demonstrators pressed their protest against oppression and exploi-

tation by smashing windows in many of the fancy stores on L.A.'s Broadway.

Resistance among the Chicano people of Los Angeles has grown to combat the stepped-up repression from the administration of Samuel Yorty, who won re-election as mayor in 1969 in an openly racist campaign. In August of last year the people of the barrio rebelled against the intolerable conditions. Cops made an all-out attack, in which many were arrested and beaten and three Chicanos were killed. Just three weeks later, the Chicano Moratorium held its previously announced march marking Mexican Independence Day, which was also brutally attacked by the cops.

The continuing struggle of the L.A. Chicano community is rooted in their oppression as a national minority. One-fifth of the people of Los Angeles, primarily from the Chicano and Black communities, earn less than \$3,000 per year, per family. Los Angeles has a large garment industry and many food processing plants which employ thousands of Chicanos in low-paying jobs. The Chicano community in the city also serves as a reserve source of super-exploited farm workers for the owners of the surrounding citrus groves.

The most recent outpouring of protest against police repression shows once again that the Chicano people are determined to continue their struggle.



# Vietnamese grateful for aid offered by Panther Party

by Danny Luce

The January 9, 1971 issue of The Black Panther has published the reply of Nguyen Thi Dinh, Deputy Commander of the South Vietnam People's Liberation Armed Forces, to the offer made in August 1970 by Huey Newton on behalf of the Black Panther Party, to commit "an undetermined number of troops" to assist the Vietnamese people in their armed struggle against U.S. imperialism.

This offer demonstrates that the Black Panther Party is motivated by revolutionary internationalism in deeds as well as in words. Although the savage government-directed campaign to annihilate the Panthers has forced them to utilize much of their energies just to defend themselves and to keep the Party alive, the Panther leadership nevertheless offered military aid "in recognition of the necessity for international alliances" against the common imperialist enemy.

The Vietnamese reply to the Black Panther offer reveals, "This news was communicated to all the cadres and fighters of the PLAF (People's Liberation Armed Forces) in South Vietnam; and all of us are delighted to get more comrades-in-arms, so brave as you, on the very soil of the United States...."

## International solidarity

"In the spirit of international solidarity, you have put forward your responsibility towards history, towards the necessity of uniting actions, sharing joys and sorrows, participating in the struggle against U.S. imperialism..." the message continues.

Fortunately, the Vietnamese liberation forces do not at this time need concrete military assistance in the form of Panther volunteers from the U.S.; they have already stopped the Pentagon dead in its tracks in Vietnam by their own efforts. They point out that they are helped above all by the

struggle for the revolution here which weakens the same enemy from within its heartland:

"Such are our thoughts: At present, the struggles, right in the United States or on the SVN battlefields, are both making positive contributions for national liberation and safeguarding world peace. Therefore, your persistent and ever-developing struggle is the most active support to our resistance against U.S. aggression for national salvation.

"With profound gratitude, we take notice of your enthusiastic proposal; when necessary, we shall call for your volunteers to assist us..."

## Should be an example

This heroic proposal should serve as an example for others in the U.S. to emulate who also claim to be internationalists. But instead, the members of the SWP-CP-PL axis have taken advantage of the poisonous witch hunt atmosphere whipped up against Black liberation by the bourgeois media to contribute their own chorus of condemnations of the Panthers. Undeterred either by the Panthers' magnificent gesture or by the Vietnamese fighters' gratitude for it, their attacks are camouflaged as "critical support" which could not be timed more conveniently to serve the interests of the racist ruling class.

Meanwhile Angela Davis, Ericka Huggins, Bobby Seale and countless other political prisoners are still being railroaded to "legal" lynchings. More than ever before it is necessary for all who consider themselves revolutionaries to show solidarity here at home with the targets of imperialist injustice in a spirit commensurate with the kind of international solidarity of which the Black Panther Party and the South Vietnam People's Liberation Armed Forces have furnished so brilliant an example.

# GIs hate officers, hate the war; may end it themselves

by Sp/4 (Ret.) Gene Weixel

The January 8 killing of one U.S. Army Major and the wounding of another at Quang Tri base camp in Vietnam is one more proof of the serious trouble the billionaire ruling class and its brass hat flunkies face from the ranks of their own army.

The crisis they face has become so serious that Nixon now claims he is looking for a way to withdraw the men from Vietnam at a faster rate. (Of course, at the same time he hopes to defeat the Vietnamese Revolution with brutal air bombardment and through the racist "Vietnamization" plan.)

Defense Secretary Laird was sent to Vietnam along with pig Admiral Thomas Moorer, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, for a serious discussion with the Saigon military command. They must deal with the fact that they are losing the war on the one hand and suffering a serious decline in "morale" in their own army on the other. Life and Newsweek magazines have both carried front-page articles about "our" troubled army.

For years the Army has been plagued by skyrocketing AWOL and de-

sertion rates, and by the mounting numbers of GIs who are refusing to be sent to Vietnam.

Rebellions and strikes have shaken stockades, brigades and disciplinary units from Fort Dix, New Jersey to Fort Ord, California and from Iwakuni, Japan to Long Binh Jail in Vietnam.

Black GIs, in and out of prisons, have rebelled and held protests against the racist U.S. military from Germany to Hawaii to Vietnam.

The fact that entire companies in Vietnam are refusing to fight is no longer even considered news. GIs are killing their real enemies and tormentors—the racist, arrogant officers. This is happening on an unprecedented scale, in and out of combat. Members of the American Servicemen's Union in Vietnam have led demonstrations where enlisted men have chosen their own leaders to negotiate with the brass and present the demands of the rank and file.

The fact that enlisted men have never been enthusiastic about fighting in Vietnam is well known, but up until recently the mood prevailing among GIs in Vietnam was one of bitter re-



# "Justice" for fascists; frameups for revolutionaries

How about this for an example of what "justice" amounts to in the bourgeois courts?

On January 6, New York's Supreme Court set five counter-revolutionary Cuban exiles free after they pleaded guilty to conspiracy to bomb and murder—while in the same court the ruling class continued its vicious frameup, on nearly identical charges, of 13 members of the Black Panther Party.

Actions do speak louder than words, and certainly no analysis of the capitalist court system could make so clear the class nature of that instrument of oppression as did that one deed of "Justice" Baer.

On the one hand, the attack on the Panther Party drags on in Murtagh's courtroom. The Panther defendants are leaders and defenders of an oppressed people, and the racist ruling class is trying to destroy them. On the other hand, Judge Baer in his nearby courtroom granted probation to the gusanos (Cuban counter-revolutionaries). Of course that was predictable! These reactionaries are supported in a multitude of ways in their actions against the Cuban revolution by the U.S. government, the cops, the CIA, and by the bourgeois courts.

One of these counter-revolutionaries admitted that he bombed the Span-

signation, summarized by the catch phrase, "sorry about that." As the Brass and their bosses panic, there is a new mood among their restless troops, who now refuse to be pawns. The watchword among GIs in Vietnam now is, "you owe it to yourself."

Nixon will not be able to withdraw these men fast enough to save his army from its own rank and file.

ish tourist office here in the summer of 1968. The five admitted, too, that they had conspired to attack the Cuban Mission to the UN.

And they came to court in full confidence that they would get "fair" treatment from Baer and DA Hogan, who, not at all incidentally, helped mastermind the frameup of the Panthers.

The only defense argument these imperialist agents needed was a request that the judge be lenient because of the "social and political" nature of their case. Judge Baer, naturally, agreed that "leniency" was in order—they had done their job for their imperialist bosses and they got their payoff from the bosses' court.

The Panther defendants are also on trial for their social and political program and actions. But the government of the rich is unalterably opposed to their ideas of liberation and deeds of service to the Black community. The Nixon-Agnew-Mitchell team has in fact declared the politics of the Black Panther Party to be a "crime" and the government has jailed and hounded Panther Party members from coast to coast on frameup charges for acts that their own agents have indeed carried out with impunity.

Is this justice? Yes, class justice; and that cuts two ways. There will be other courts, people's tribunals to dispense the justice of our class, the workers and oppressed—the sentences handed down by the Black people, the Puerto Rican and the Vietnamese peoples; the verdict of all the minority and working people against those who have oppressed and imprisoned them for so long. Then we will see some justice!—that will be our justice. The oppressed will go free and their tormentors put behind bars.



# Teamsters begin drive to free Jimmy Hoffa

by a Teamster

On March 12, 1964, Teamsters President James R. Hoffa was sentenced to 8 years in prison and fined \$10,000 for jury tampering. The Chattanooga federal judge said to Hoffa as he was passing sentence: "You stand here convicted of seeking to corrupt the administration of justice itself. You stand here convicted of having struck at the very foundation upon which everything else in this nation depends... because without a fair, proper, and lawful administration of justice, nothing else would be possible in this country...."

Just this week the Supreme Court turned down Hoffa's third appeal in a 7-0 ruling. Let's examine briefly what so offends these judicial mouthpieces for the bosses.

In the 1950's the Teamsters were expelled from the AFL-CIO. Hoffa went on to organize and strengthen the Teamsters with an "open to all" policy. Many ignored and un-organized men and women were being brought into the Teamsters with this policy. The Brothers and Sisters in AFL-CIO locals benefited greatly by this policy as well. All they had to do was threaten their do-nothing bureaucracy with joining the Teamsters (who they felt weren't afraid to strike) and they would get off their behinds. Now it's the Teamster bureaucracy that won't get off theirs.

## Won workers benefits

Before Hoffa was President of the Teamsters, strike benefits were practically non-existent. There are cases of workers going all the way to the Supreme Court seeking strike benefits. This policy was reversed by Hoffa. Millions of dollars, never before available, were being used for organizing and strike benefits. Now the Teamsters are going back to the old stingy policy. When my local was on strike, we had to wait and beg, wait and beg, for the benefits that were rightfully ours. We finally got them after being on the bricks for a month.

Hoffa also started the National Freight agreement. Before this, a driver working in the same city (sometimes on the same block) would be making up to 25 cents an hour less than his Brother doing the identical work. The local union bureaucrats would bid to the bosses on the basis of a better (lower) settlement. The national agreement stopped this and set a higher wage standard. This way a trucking boss had to pay his workers a living wage or there would be a national strike. The present leaders tried to go back to the old way of doing "business" on the last contract and got their noses bloodied by the Chicago Teamsters.

A few days ago, Secretary of Labor, James Hodgson, said he was pushing for a law to prevent nationwide transportation strikes. "Industry-wide strikes have become something like an industrial H-bomb," the Secretary told newsmen at a cocktail party in Washington's plush Georgetown Club.

Now we begin to see that Hoffa was guilty when the Judge charged him of "...having struck at the very foundation upon which everything else depends." The bosses felt threatened by his plan to consolidate the power of a million or more transportation workers. It limited their power to exploit—the very foundation of the capitalist system. To consider the jailing a vendetta between Robert Kennedy and Hoffa is to ignore how fearful the bosses were. The courts, Kennedy, and the FBI were the tools in an attempt to crush a powerful union.

From 1964 until 1970, it was hard to find any person or organization calling for Hoffa's freedom, except when workers were engaged in struggle. But recently there have been some rumblings in the union, calling for his freedom.

In June 1970, John Greeley, President of Local #676, Camden, N.J., sent a letter to every Teamster local in the U.S. It urged that a letter-writing campaign to the government be organized calling for Hoffa's freedom. The letter was accompanied by bumper-stickers and buttons.

In July 1970, Jim Clash, a Black newscaster on station WDAS in Philadelphia, broadcast a 5-minute editorial on Hoffa. He said, "Hoffa was instrumental in opening job opportunities for Black workers," and, "Black workers were always treated fairly in the Teamsters when Hoffa was president." He referred to Hoffa many times as a "political prisoner."

In August 1970, the Communications Trade Division of the Teamsters representing five locals held their conference in Mount Pocono, Penna. The shop chairman of Local #10 took the floor and spoke for Hoffa's freedom. A motion was made and passed to campaign continually in all the communications locals for his freedom. The conference ended with a speech by Jo Hoffa, Jim's wife.

In October 1970, another communication was received by every Teamster local in the U.S. This was a short note signed by Jo Hoffa. It requested that an enclosed petition be circulated and signatures be solicited in the shops. The petition was from the Michigan State Building & Construction Trades Council. It was to the President of the U.S. asking for commutation of Hoffa's sentence. It asked for his freedom by Christmas.

On November 25, 1970, there was the meeting of Local #710 in Chicago. They also had the petition calling for Hoffa's freedom by Christmas. They circulated it around the Union hall. Then Ray Schoessling, President of Joint Council 25, came to the podium. He only wanted those who wear the American flag to sign the petition—an ominous sign that the right wing sees possibilities in Hoffa's freedom. Washington Reporter Clark Mollenhoff, in his syndicated column commented, "Hoffa can serve as a Republican counter to Meany and the AFL-CIO." This maneuver was carried further when 250,000 signatures on a petition calling for Hoffa's freedom were delivered to the White House by Republican Senator Norris Cotton of New Hampshire.

## The old militancy missed

What do all these letters, speeches and petitions indicate? Some of them represent a power struggle between the "ins" and the "outs" in the Teamster bureaucracy who are working closely with various factions of capitalist politicians. But there's also a sincere effort on the part of Hoffa's family and friends to secure his freedom. The most important part is that the workers themselves feel that Hoffa symbolizes a militancy sorely missed and needed. The Chicago Teamsters (some with guns) raised the hourly rate of the entire national agreement. They felt, and said, they were doing what Hoffa would have done. This may not be true—but they did it.

While I was on picket duty once, I had occasion to meet many truck drivers. These were guys who had refused to cross our line and would stop and talk to the Brothers and Sisters on the line. Out of the hundreds that I spoke to, only one spoke against Hoffa. He turned out to be a truck owner-driver.

But what one driver said has really stuck in my mind. In answer to whether he thought Hoffa should be free he said, "Look, I don't know what Hoffa got. But what I got was good. If it wasn't good, Hoffa would fight. It was a lot better than it is now. He should be out of jail."

# Preventive medicine not profitable for capitalists

by Larry Levy, M.D.

With doctors' fees and hospital expenses spiraling to astronomic proportions, the issue of preventive medicine becomes not only one of health, but also one of economics. People just can't afford to get sick these days.

The common cold, upset stomach and minor injury comprise over 80 per cent of the conditions that general practitioners treat. In the vast majority of cases the illness could either have been prevented or treated by the patient.

This is best illustrated in the case of the common cold. The cold is big business for doctors and pharmaceutical houses. So big, that over one-quarter of all advertisements in medical journals are related to the treatment of the cold. Millions of dollars are spent on doctors' fees and \$50 million a year on medications to treat this illness. To date, medical science has not found a cure for this incapacitating nuisance.

The point is the drug companies don't want a cure! In a society where the production of goods and services is governed by the desire for profit, it is hardly accidental that massive efforts have not been made to cure the cold.

For example, in 1954 the nutritionist Adele Davis in her book, "Let's Eat Right to Keep Fit," wrote of the usefulness of Vitamin C in treating and preventing the common cold. Virtually no public attention was given her claims despite the incredible implications.

On November 19, 1970 the New York Times carried an article by Linus Pauling, the Nobel Prize-winning chemist, concerning his recently published thesis on the therapeutic use of Vitamin C. He suggested that many pharmaceutical manufacturers, medical journals and some physicians have tried to quash the evidence that Vitamin C is beneficial in prevent-

ing colds in order to maintain high profits.

Eleven days later in an editorial the Times criticized Pauling's accusation against the drug companies. True to the interest of the bosses, the Times attacked Pauling instead of charging the drug manufacturers and medical researchers with not exploring these discoveries. Pauling was also criticized for not having adequate information to make the claims he did.

Although his findings are not conclusive, they are at least worthy of extensive investigation. The reason there has been insufficient research on Vitamin C during the past 17 years is because drug companies are not interested in finding useful remedies for the sick. Rather, they, like the rest of the medical establishment, are only interested in making money. Medical care and medications are just commodities to be sold for maximum profit.

This explains the lack of preventive health programs. Proper diet, adequate clothing and shelter can prevent most illness. Basic classes in recognizing and treating uncomplicated disease should be given to all school children. Public service programs should be oriented toward training nurses to treat illness. Since that would cut into doctors' fees, the American Medical Association opposes it.

The vast majority of funds that are spent on medical research come from the pharmaceutical houses. Since their one concern is to make money, research is directed at developing those products which will yield the most profits.

It is obvious that if preventions and cures instead of palliatives for profit are found, these parasites would no longer be able to exploit the illnesses of people.



Medical research and production in Peoples China  
—for health, not profit. Hsinhua photo.



# Auburn prisoners tell story of repression



Representatives of the 80 prisoners currently held in "punitive segregation" at New York State's Auburn Correctional Facility in reprisal for a prisonwide rebellion in November continue to send out word to their supporters of the brutal conditions under which they are being held in that U.S. concentration camp. All but two of the prisoners being punished for the rebellion are Black and Puerto Rican.

The inmates' letters go through prison censorship; that is, their appeals for support and aid are scrutinized, or even stopped, by the very prison officials who are brutalizing them. One of the prisoners, James Dunn, writes, "If I were to relate even some of the major deprivations suffered and still continued in this letter then you would never receive it. Superintendent ('Adolph') Fritz does not allow us to communicate the reign of terror he has imposed on this prison to the world outside."

In spite of this denial of the most elementary right to communicate with family, friends, attorneys and supporters, the story of these victims of the U.S. concentration camp system is

becoming known.

Eleven of the 80 singled out for the harshest repression after the rebellion on November 4 have communicated with Youth Against War & Fascism seeking support. YAWF immediately wired back an offer of support and legal assistance.

On December 31, prisoner Angelo Garcia wrote to YAWF:

"I am still confined to punitive segregation and lock-in all day every day, and I am still being denied I, V, VI, VIII, IX and XIV Amendments of the Constitution of the United States, under the Warden or Superintendent's State of Emergency, now existing since Nov. 5 in Auburn State Prison.

"On December 20th 1970 I was shot with tear-gas and mace, after I and 37 others staged a peaceful protest of many grievances. And was forced to sleep on a mattress for over six days in a strip cell."

The rebellion grew out of a work stoppage on Black Unity Day, November 2, by many Black prisoners. The strength of their action kept the guards off then, but later fourteen of the brothers were confined as supposed

leaders of the work stoppage. Two days later the whole prison rebelled; the inmates took 35 hostages and held a major part of the prison for seven hours. One of the demands of that uprising was the release of the fourteen Black men confined in solitary for the Black Unity Day action.

Other demands included better clothing, protection from reprisals by guards, revision of the rules on letter writing, additional Black social programs, a more competent psychiatric staff, lower commissary prices, higher spending privileges, more Parole Board hearings, better food and a more extensive law library.

Late in November, 80 prisoners were singled out and placed in segregation without being informed of any charges against them, although Grand Jury indictments were threatened. Nearly a month later, on December 20, half of the 80 lock-in prisoners staged a further protest against this repression. Guards used tear-gas and mace, as pointed out in the letter quoted above, severely beat at least three of the inmates and drove the men back into their "special quarters."

## Police terror vs. political activists in Connecticut

Police repression and brutality against the Black communities in this country never seem to reach a limit to cruelty. In Bridgeport, Conn., January 5, the racist police once again struck in an attempt to stem the resistance of the people to their oppression.

Larry Townsend was sitting in his car while his wife, Joyce, went into their apartment. It was 12 o'clock, noon. They had just returned from shopping. He was checking out the car because it wasn't working. Two plainclothes cops got out of their car and opened fire on him. Townsend leaped out of the car and ran for the house, catching four bullets as he fled.

Why did the police shoot Larry Townsend? Because he and Joyce had worked with the National Committee to Combat Fascism and had been active in defense of Panther political prisoners like Bobby Seale, Ericka Huggins and Lonnie McLukas. As far as the police are concerned, that is reason enough to kill any Black person.

Townsend managed to crawl into a

neighbor's house. Meanwhile, Joyce, hearing the shots, ran downstairs screaming, "You're shooting my husband. Why?" The pigs told her, "Get back upstairs or we'll kill you, too."

She ran back inside and called a lawyer, hoping the cops would lay off long enough to get Larry to a hospital.

When the wounded man was finally taken to a hospital and operated on, the cops had the audacity to serve him with a summons for driving with a suspended license while he was unconscious! Next, in order to cover their murderous assault, the cops charged Townsend with two counts of attempted murder, claiming that he had opened fire on them with a .45 pistol.

In spite of the fact that several people from the community witnessed the police attempt to kill Larry, bail was set at \$125,000. No gun was ever

produced to corroborate the police frameup.

Last Monday, Townsend was arraigned in Superior Court. He was taken out of the hospital in only his pajamas in 20-degree weather. A large contingent of friends and supporters from the Black community was at the arraignment to show solidarity.

Larry and Joyce have been harassed often by the police because of their political activities. They have been threatened with death before. But now Joyce is fearful that the police will really murder Larry while he is in prison. Joyce has three young girls and is two and a half months pregnant. She is desperately in need of money for his medical expenses and bail.

Contributions can be sent to 470 Broad Street, Apt. 309, Bridgeport, Conn. 06604.

## PL-SDS conference attacks Ho, avoids political debate

by Ken Sertic

CHICAGO, Jan. 1—For three days, from December 26 to 28, SDS (dominated by the Progressive Labor Party) held a conference here to organize what was called a worker-student alliance. In the end, however, no organizing got done and, in fact, the total separation of SDS and PL from the anti-imperialist movement in this country and around the world was completely exposed.

The bankruptcy of the SDS-PL political line is (and for a long time has been) most evident in their virulent attacks on all nationalism, whether it be cultural or revolutionary. They condemn revolutionaries like Ho Chi Minh as a "sellout" and Kim Il Sung as a "fat revisionist" and have openly attacked all national liberation struggles.

The organizers of the conference said they expected "big things" from the gathering and so chartered two jet planes from the West Coast at a cost of \$10,000 and rented a hall that could seat 5,000 people at a cost of \$3,000. At the very height of the conference, however, the attendance was never more than 350 people.

(The first day of the conference typified the total disorganization of the whole affair. On Sunday, December 26, it took over two and a half hours to

decide on an agenda for the rest of the three days.)

In the evening, December 26, there was a workshop on Middle Eastern liberation. Two Palestinian representatives, one from the Democratic Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DPF) and one from the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), were present to speak on the Arab liberation struggle. But they did not have time to give their full talks because they were preceded by four North American speakers from SDS who took up their time with exhortations to the people there to kick ROTC off campuses.

This insensitivity to the importance of national liberation struggles is typical of the whole political approach of PL which dominates the SDS at this time. They have consistently latched on to what they feel are get-rich-quick actions like ROTC off campus rather than take up the more difficult questions of Middle East liberation, Black liberation or Vietnamese liberation. (Even when they have worked on actions concerning liberation struggles, they usually spend the majority of their energies self-righteously preaching to oppressed people what their movements should do and roundly denouncing their leadership.)

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At the convention hall, banners were hung all over. One in particular proclaimed, "Fight male chauvinism." Throughout the conference, however, all the plenary sessions were chaired by men. This, too, is typical of the organization's attitude toward women's liberation. While mouthing slogans about fighting male chauvinism, they have never really taken seriously the deep oppression that women suffer in this society. Rather than seeing the struggle of women for liberation as an important part of the overall class struggle, they tend to view the movement with suspicion and declare it to be a diversion from "workers' " struggles.

The conference was supposed to end with a vote on various proposals dealing with the important political questions of the day. It became impossible, however, to discuss any of the proposals on racism, male chauvinism or imperialism. (Much of the time was spent in sending delegates out to sell the PL paper, Challenge.) The end result was that no political discussion ever took place and SDS-PL has decided on no political program for the coming year.

Whether this lack was due to a conscious effort to stifle political discussion or due to organizational bungling is unimportant. Revolutionary youth no longer look to SDS-PL for political leadership or initiative.



# Remember Ruchell Magee!

**Liberation fighter refuses  
deal to frame Angela**

by Bob McCubbin

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 10—Ruchell Magee has just completed filing a series of legal writs completely exposing the treacherous depth which the state is sinking to in an attempt to send Angela Davis to the gas chamber. Magee is a prisoner of San Quentin and the co-defendant of Angela Davis in connection with charges growing out of the attempt last August in Marin County to free Black prisoners of war.

In the writs, filed with Marin Superior Court, Ruchell charges that he was offered immunity from prosecution if he would lie, in order to convict Black revolutionary Angela Davis. The offer was made on November 20 by Attorney A. Leonard Bjorklund who was later appointed to represent Magee by Judge Christian of the District Court of Appeals.

Ruchell has rejected this legal lackey and has consistently demanded the right to defend himself. He states in his writ:

"A. Leonard Bjorklund, Jr. was sent to San Quentin Prison on or about November 20, 1970 by Judges Joseph G. Wilson and D. Warren McGuire (of Marin Superior Court).

"He offered petitioner (Magee) a judicial bribe to lie on Angela Davis and say that 'she gave me the guns August 7' and said that Judges McGuire and Wilson had a big production—enough to free the petitioner if they want, to make him immune from prosecution and give him a parole.

"Also, the same attorney threatened the petitioner's life with the gas chamber ... if petitioner did not lie on Angela Davis, etc.

"Petitioner refused to enter into such a conspiracy and stated that he was not going to frame Miss Davis for nobody and further, he ran Bjorklund out of the room."

Ruchell Magee and Angela Davis were arraigned on the same charges (murder, kidnap and conspiracy) five days ago at the Marin County Courthouse. This is the very place where the Marin County pigs

sacrificed one of their own judges last August 7 trying to stop the liberation of a number of Black revolutionary prisoners (as an exchange for the judge), including the Soledad Brothers and Magee.

The frameup of Angela Davis has received wide publicity. Revolutionaries the world over have applauded the heroism of Jonathan Jackson, the Black freedom fighter who, in giving his life for his people's liberation, raised the level of struggle against U.S. fascism to an unprecedented level.

Of Angela Davis' co-defendant, Ruchell Magee, however, little has been said. He, like Malcolm X, Eldridge Cleaver, Martin Sostre and thousands of other oppressed Black women and men in racist America, has spent most of his life in prisons. Long before last August 7, when he seized the time for Black Liberation, he was fighting from prison in the only way possible—studying bourgeois law in great detail and using it to aid his own struggle and that of his imprisoned brothers.

Ruchell Magee has been in San Quentin for six years on a phony charge arising from a ten dollar robbery. As a youth he spent several years in Angola State Prison in Louisiana. It was leaked

from Louisiana Prison that he was given a rigged I.Q. test which purported to show his I.Q. to be 75. Racist Judge Wilson has made this worse than meaningless number the basis of his denial of Ruchell's right to defend himself.

But this Black man has laid bare the lie of the racist judge by attacking the court system with its own legal mechanisms and showing how it systematically violates its own laws.

His defiance of the authority of the ruling class court has been so powerful and valiant that they have had him gagged and shackled. His part in the Marin County event demonstrates the highest degree of political consciousness and his life embodies the slogan: Smash the fascist courts!

The state attempts to divide and conquer, to offer Ruchell Magee his life in return for Angela Davis' have backfired. Ruchell Magee has used the occasion to expose the conspiracy and conniving between the prosecuting attorneys and the judges of this decadent system.

Power to Ruchell Magee and all those who seize the time! Free Ruchell Magee and all political prisoners!



## Rally for Angela Davis

Manhattan Center, 34th Street & Eighth Avenue

February 2, 1971, 8:00 p.m.

Further information and tickets are available from the New York Committee to Free Angela Davis, 29 W. 15 Street, New York, N.Y. 10011 Telephone 929-2010

by Ellen Pierce

SAN RAFAEL, Jan. 5 — Angela Davis and Ruchell Magee were arraigned today in the Marin County courthouse where Jonathan Jackson made a revolutionary attempt to liberate the Soledad Brothers and three other victims of racist "justice" last August. Davis and Magee are being framed on charges of murder, kidnapping and conspiracy by a government that carries out these and other crimes daily against Black and Third World people.

Hundreds of supporters lined the hallways of the courtroom while hundreds more demonstrated outside the building. Despite the national and international significance of this trial, the government has chosen a courtroom with only 100 seats and most of these will be reserved for the capitalist press. The area is heavily guarded by pigs of every description. Defendant Magee was brought in not only chained, but bound to his chair. Both spectators and newsmen were searched twice before they could enter the courtroom.

But none of these oppressive measures could prevent Angela Davis from giving her supporters the clenched fist, and they responded with "Free Angela," "Right on," and more fists.

### Defends herself

Insisting on acting as co-counsel in her own defense, she told the court, "My presence in this courtroom is unrelated to any criminal act. I stand before the court as the target of a political frame-up which, far from pointing to my culpability, implicates the State of California as an agent of political repression."

"In order to insure that these political questions are not obscured," Angela said, "I feel compelled to play an

active role in my own defense....The substantive issues at stake in my case ... have to do with my political beliefs, affiliations and my day-to-day efforts to fight all the conditions which have economically and politically paralyzed Black America."

### Strength to struggle

In an exclusive interview in the January 1 Black Muslim newspaper, Muhammad Speaks, Angela Davis described the strength she gets from her supporters and from the example of other revolutionaries. "With all the beautiful sisters surrounding me (she was in the Women's House of Detention in New York at the time of the interview) and with all the sisters and brothers struggling in the streets, I cannot help but feel just as determined to keep on fighting as I was when I was captured...."

"When I stop and try to re-invent all that George Jackson (the Soledad prisoner) has endured over the last 11 years of his life and has still emerged as a powerful, brilliant leader of his people, and when I think that Jonathan Jackson and many others have sacrificed their lives in our struggle, I am infused with all of the strength I need to carry on the fight...."

### Use every weapon

"The government intends to terrorize our people by railroading us into the electric chair, gas chamber and long prison terms. There is only one way political prisoners can be liberated. Millions of people must serve notice to the government that they intend to use every weapon at their disposal to secure the freedom of their captive warriors, and eventually to secure the total liberation of Black people."

## Angela Davis, Magee arraigned in San Rafael



Angela Davis and Ruchell Magee in San Rafael court. Magee is strapped to the chair.