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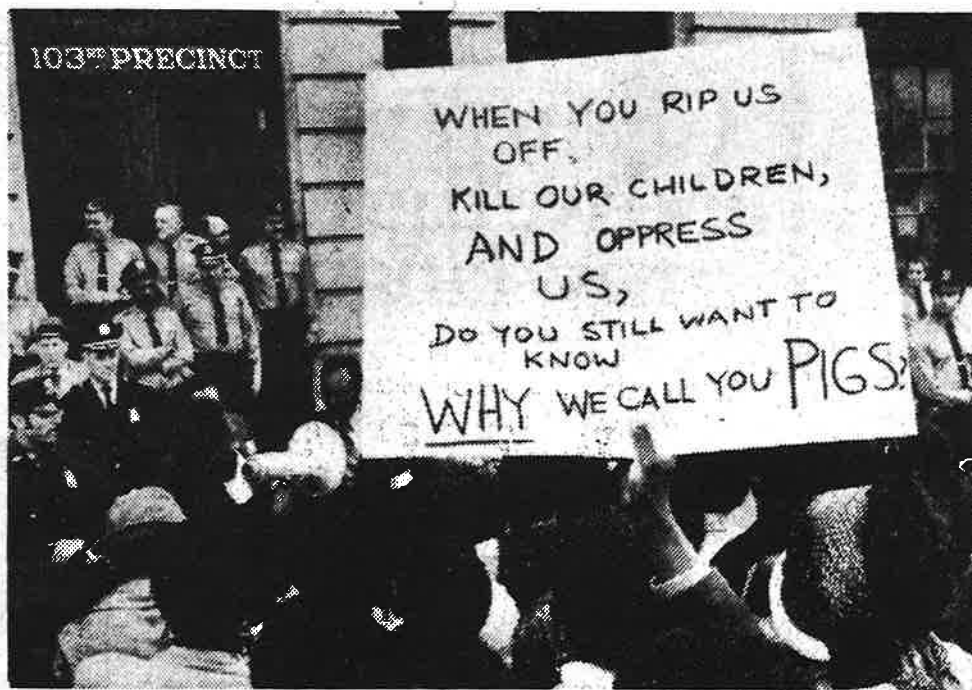
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Homes That The Police Raid

New York Times, April 29:
Collinsville, Ill.—Herbert Giglotto was asleep with his wife in their apartment here the other night. He heard a crash by the front door. He stumbled from the bed.
“One more step, you (obscurity) and you’re dead,” said a voice in the darkness. And Mr. Giglotto felt a gun barrel against his forehead.
One-half hour later across town Don Askew, his wife Virginia, and their son Michael were sitting down for a late fish supper.
Their dog Charlie barked. Mrs. Askew went to the living room, then gasped, “My God, Don, there’s a man at the window.”
There was, in fact, a man at every window. Each pointing a pistol inside. And three men stood by the door with shotguns.
Thus began a night of terror for two families here Monday. Their doors were kicked in, their homes damaged, their arms shackled. And screaming bearded men told some they were to die.
The long-haired, unshaven, poorly dressed armed men who burst into the homes shouting obscenities were Federal narcotic agents hunting, with no known warrants, for something or someone.
They went, however, to the wrong houses. And when, after they realized their error, some innocent residents had begged for their lives, the men disappeared with no apologies.
“I think people should know,” said Mrs. Giglotto, “that this sort of thing can happen in America now. God knows how many families this has happened to.”
The incident was among the latest in a deadly war that agents wage against what

President Nixon has called the nation’s “Public Enemy No. 1 . . . ”

And Homes The Police Don’t Raid

From a full-page advertisement in the April 27 New York Times:
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Read ACTEC!

ACTEC is an acronym for the Adirondack Correctional Treatment and Evaluation Center in Dannemora, N.Y. It is also the name of an impressive new publication being put out by the prisoners at this new maxi-maxi concentration camp in the isolated northern region of New York State. The first issue of The ACTEC contains a great deal of prison news and political analysis which make it clear that the New York State prison officials have failed miserably in their attempt to silence the voices of liberation within the state concentration camp system.
Subscriptions to The ACTEC are available to nonprisoners for \$3 per year. Organization subscriptions are \$6 per year. Contributions to keep The ACTEC going free to prisoners are also needed. Make checks payable to The A.C.T.E.C., c/o Dorothy Martin, 245 Rumsey Road, Yonkers, N.Y. 10701.

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Police terror outrages oppressed community

By JOEL MEYERS

NEW YORK—Maybe the cops thought it would all be over as soon as it happened. They've killed so many Black people in the past without ever being punished.

For Black, 10-year-old Clifford Glover, who had been murdered on April 28, by a New York City Patrolman, Thomas Shea, it was.

But the Black community of Jamaica would not forget. The people knew they had to respond. Two thousand of them, almost all Black and young, took to the streets to demand justice. That was Sunday and Monday of last week, and they have not stopped protesting yet.

Queens District Attorney Frederick Ludwig was forced to place Shea under indictment for murder. But if Ludwig, and the nervous ruling class he represents, thought that this would appease the community they were wrong.

At Glover's funeral, on May 3, one speaker after another rose to make it clear that the police lynching would not be taken sitting down. After the ceremony, 2,000 people marched to Shea's precinct, where he was hiding out in protective custody, and demanded "We want Shea!"

The sentiment was that Shea should be delivered directly to the people, so that he could be tried, sentenced, and given his justice. The community had little confidence that justice could come out of the government's courts.

The shooting of the youngest victim that the police have ever admitted murdering is but the culmination of a wave of racist brutality and terror constantly administered by the thugs in blue. The cops are further emboldened by the fact that, no

matter how great the community pressure, not one cop has ever been punished for any such atrocities.

The Detroit cops of the Algiers Motel incident were acquitted. So were the cops of Orangeburg, S.C. "Kill Again" Gilligan was never even brought to trial for his murder of 15-year-old Jimmy Powell, which touched off the Harlem rebellion of 1968. Killer cops at Jackson State and Baton Rouge are still on the "job." And in this city, the so-called liberal police chief, Patrick Murphy, won notoriety as the originator of STRESS, which has specialized in assassinations in

the Black community of Detroit.

Patrolman Shea himself already faces "disciplinary actions" for four separate assaults and pistol whippings of young Black children. But he was never relieved of his gun or his authority, to say nothing of his liberty or life.

No sooner did the news of Clifford Glover's death get out than the whole Police Department went on TV and radio to try to claim that Glover and his step-father, who were walking to work on Saturday morning "looked like" (were Black) two hold-up suspects.

Supposedly, the child and his step-father

began to run, and the child pulled a pistol on the cop, a pistol which, of course, was never found.

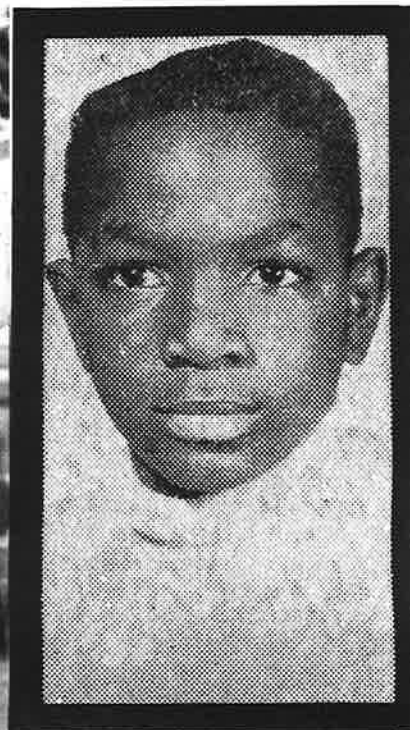
Eye witnesses, notably a Black nurse, saw Shea jump out of his prowl car yelling racist epithets, and then in cold blood, first shoot, then stomp on the body of Clifford Glover.

The Jamaica area, where the murder took place, has been a virtual battlefield ever since the shooting. The community is watching to see whether Shea will really be charged with murder or once again let loose to strike in the oppressed communities of this city.



Photo: Daryl Williams

Thousands of people from the Black community in Queens went into the streets to demand justice.



Clifford Glover

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ASU to try Nixon

for crimes against vets

By JOYCE BETRIES

On Saturday, May 19, Vietnam era veterans from all over the country, led by the American Servicemen's Union (ASU) will converge on Washington, D.C., to try Nixon for crimes against veterans and to demand \$2,500 cash compensation for each veteran of the Vietnam war era for time lost in service.

A march of veterans and supporters will wind through Washington, terminating at Lafayette Park, across the street from the White House. Here, a tribunal of veterans will hear the testimony of those veterans wronged by Nixon and his administration. The march will also stop in front of the national headquarters of the Veterans Administration in order to denounce its token response to the problems of veterans.

The following is only a partial list of the war crimes for which the veterans have indicted Nixon:

- +Nixon has deemed 11 percent of all Vietnam era veterans (200,000) undesirable, therefore branding them for life in regard to jobs and housing. A disproportionately high number of these veterans are Black and Latin. Nixon has branded thousands of others with SPN numbers, codes known by employers (representing a range from homosexuality to political activism) that appear on honorable discharges.

- +Nixon has refused to revise the now obsolete GI bill to meet increased standard of living costs.

- +Nixon is attempting to slash disability benefits to disabled veterans as of July 1, 1973.

- +Nixon has ruthlessly cut antipoverty programs which affect veterans.

- +Nixon is responsible for cutting in half

the unemployment benefits of 60,000 veterans in New York State in the summer of 1972, and for dropping 2,000 veterans from the unemployment rolls in New York City.

+Nixon has declared that the unemployment problems of Black veterans are solved, even though the government reports that 15 percent of Black veterans are unemployed, and the ASU estimates this figure to be actually closer to 30 percent.

+Nixon has declared veterans "inflationary," and has promised to veto even the token vet-help bills proposed by Congress.

+Nixon's solution to the problems facing veterans is to throw them in jail. Thirty percent of all prisoners are Vietnam era veterans.

The trial will be a prelude to the ASU's demand for \$2,500 for each veteran, decent jobs for all veterans, and the abolition of all less-than-honorable discharges.

**ALL VETERANS AND SUPPORTERS
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This reporter spoke with Larry Holmes of the ASU in regard to last-minute information on the march. He informed us that buses will be leaving the ASU office for Washington at 5:30 a.m. Saturday morning. Round-trip tickets are \$3.00 for veterans and \$10.00 for supporters. However, veterans who don't have the money will be able to go—just contact the ASU office.

Mr. Holmes is asking all veterans going to the march from the New York City area to contact the ASU office, even if they have their own transportation. For more information, contact the American Servicemen's Union, 58 W. 25 St., New York, N.Y. 10010, phone: (212) 675-2520.

'You get tired of being a slave'

By TOM GARDNER

"You just get tired of being a slave after so long," explained one of the nearly one hundred workers at J.H. Miles Oyster Processing Plant in Norfolk, Virginia, as she walked with her sister strikers in a spirited picket line. Another striker summed up why the Miles workers voted 74 to 1 to go on strike: "People have been taking this for so long, but we're not going to be pushed around by management any more!"

The strikers, mostly Black women, are members of Local 26 of the Distributive Workers of America. They have been on strike against J.H. Miles Company since March 8. The Miles Company, rather than negotiating seriously with the workers' negotiating committee, has hired a professional union-busting firm (Edgar A. Tuggman Assoc.) and has used a court injunction, private detectives, and the Norfolk Police Department to try to limit the effectiveness of the picket line. But even with an all-out scab-herding campaign, the workforce at Miles is still less than one-fourth its original number and production is in total chaos.

The militancy of the striking women on the picket line results from years of rotten working conditions and the triple oppression that Black, women workers suffer at the hands of white, male bosses. The strikers explained the conditions that prompted the strike to supporters from the Norfolk Center for United Labor Action:

"There is no overtime pay at all. We come in at 6:45 or 7 AM and work until they decide to let us go home and we never know when that is until they tell us. That makes it especially hard on women, who are 95 percent of the workers, because we have so many responsibilities at home. We feel they should organize the work for eight hours and pay overtime for anything over that," explained Mrs. Geraldine Whitehead, shop steward and member of the negotiating committee.

The company has refused to budge on the overtime demand.

According to sister Whitehead, "They

want to triple production without increasing the work force, by working us longer hours and speeding up the work." The speedup along with constant and often racist harassment from the foremen made working conditions intolerable. One woman was so harassed by her foreman that she suffered a nervous breakdown. The company sent her a note while she was in the hospital discharging her for excessive absenteeism. Another worker was told to stand at attention when speaking to her foreman. She comments: "I'm grown and forty years old. I deserve some respect. He wrote me up for insubordination, and I was suspended for two days. He thinks he's still in the Navy."

"The foreman and management are prejudiced against Blacks. White women use to come in there and move right up to the best jobs, until we started to change that with the union," one union member reported. "But they still don't like to see whites and Blacks talking. The foremen

play favorites and they only like the Blacks that act the way they want Blacks to act. You're supposed to laugh at his dirty jokes and go along with all of this or else."

The basic pay is \$2.15 per hour. According to Mrs. Whitehead, "One man has been working there 38 years, and he's making \$2.15 an hour and won't get a penny for retirement." (The company has no retirement or pension plan and refuses to discuss it in negotiations.) The company is trying to cut back even on existing benefits. It wants to cut out entirely the company-paid security plan, as well as weaken the union by cutting out dues check-off and visitation rights for union officials. In exchange it makes the insulting offer of a 5-cent increase in pay, which it has now changed to 10 cents. However, George Rountree, Secretary-Treasurer of DWA Local 26, stated firmly, "They are going to learn that we are no nickel and dime union." The union is now asking for a two-year contract with a 45-cent increase over the two years, a 10-cent night differential, one more

holiday, and more vacation pay, in addition to existing benefits and rights the company is trying to take away.

Encouragement has come recently from the refusal of Teamsters to cross the picket line, and from consistent support from the Norfolk Center for United Labor Action.

Besides being on the picket line daily, and assisting in fund-raising efforts, the Norfolk C.U.L.A. is calling for a boycott of Campbell's soups until the striking Miles workers approve a contract and are back at work. The C.U.L.A. is organizing a campaign to pressure store managers to take Campbell's soups off their shelves until the strike is settled or Campbell's stops buying from Miles. The campaign involves leafleting and picketing at noncooperative stores to inform shoppers of the strike and the increased health hazards of buying scab food.

Messages of support and contributions can be sent to:

Distributive Workers of America Local 26
509 E. Washington St.
Suffolk, Va.

For more information on the boycott of Campbell's and strike support contact:

Center for United Labor Action
P.O. Box 7002
Norfolk, Va. 23509
(703)627-0870



Nixon scandal extends to Teamster/gangland swindle

Amid all the other scandals of the Nixon administration, The New York Times revealed on April 29 that Nixon is letting the Teamsters Union off the hook in regard to a big new organized crime penetration into the Teamsters' pension fund on the West Coast.

Both California and Chicago gangland figures are involved and many millions of dollars of pension money are at stake.

What is behind this?

Nixon is the worst enemy of labor and The New York Times has never been known to support a strike, not even among the lowest-paid, most exploited workers in the country.

Why should Nixon lay off a dirty union situation, and why should The New York Times try to clean it up?

The facts seem to be as follows:

The FBI put a tap on the phones of the People's Industrial Consultants at 9777 Wilshire Blvd. in Los Angeles, allegedly "a Mafia front set up to channel Teamster welfare money to underworld figures."

But then—Attorney General Kleindienst told the FBI to take the tap off. This was just 30 days before Charles Colson, "special counsel to the President," got a lush job with a law firm which represents the Teamsters' Union.

Both these men are inner members of the Nixon clique with their fingers deep in the campaign-fund cookie jar—and they have now been caught red handed in the Watergate affair.

The Times story revealed that a number of well-known underworld figures had consulted with Teamsters' President Frank E. Fitzsimmons, "the Nixon Ad-

ministration's staunchest labor ally," about payoffs and chiselling on the workers' pension fund. The gravy would amount to many millions of dollars a year for Fitzsimmons and his friends.

It is now abundantly clear, even to the most devoted supporters of capitalism, that Nixon is thoroughly corrupt and willing to make a deal with anyone who will advance his personal fortunes.

His invitation to multimillionaire Frank Sinatra to sing at the White House (after making a \$50,000 campaign fund contribution), his commutation of baby-killer Calley's life sentence, his pardon of a crime syndicate leader, and his deal with Hoffa all show this just as much as the incredible Watergate revelations.

But beyond the personal and accidental corruption involved here is a deeper thing. This is the capitalist willingness to work

with organized crime and to welcome the corruption of the labor movement.

This corruption inevitably weakens labor itself and destroys the power of the workers against the bosses. The bosses—from the punk foreman who offers the union steward an easier job, to the corporation president who bribes the national union officer at the golf club—understand this very well.

The New York Times probably understands it much better than Nixon does. But just as he is opportunist in respect to his own career, so the Times is opportunist and quite flexible in utilizing any weapon to get him.

There can be little doubt that the Times is well aware of many other gangland connections in labor, especially in New York and New Jersey, where its reporters have travelled extensively.

It has not chosen to reveal any of these connections up to now. And generally speaking, it will not do so, just as long as the racketeers successfully moderate the natural struggle of the workers, and thus serve the interests of the bosses.

FBI role in Brazilian coup

The following dispatch is reprinted from Tricontinental News Service, which is published every two weeks in Chicago, Illinois.

A Brazilian exile publication, Frente, printed in Chile, has made public a letter from the late FBI boss J. Edgar Hoover, praising his agents who took part in the 1964 coup against Brazilian President Joao Goulart.

Directed to a Mr. Brady, the letter read, "I want to express my personal thanks to each of the agents posted in Brazil for service rendered in the accomplishment of 'Operation Overhaul.'"

Hoover continued, saying that he felt "admiration at the dynamic and efficient way in which you conducted such a large-scale operation in a foreign country and under such difficult circumstances."

"The CIA people did a good job too.

However, the efforts of our agents were especially valuable. I am particularly pleased the way our role in the affair has been kept secret."

Two North Americans who had main responsibility for "Operation Overhaul" were the Ambassador in Rio, Lincoln Gordon, and Gen. Vernon Walters. Afterwards, Gordon was immediately promoted to the post of Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs, while Walters was named second chief of the CIA.

Postmen may keep appointed rounds—on picket line

By MIKE GILL, a postal worker

NEW YORK—Letter carriers are facing such severe speedups and threats of layoffs from a new, profit-hungry Postal Corporation that a postal strike is very possible in July, according to National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) President James Rademacher.

Even Rademacher, the ultra-conservative union leader who tried to stop his own workers from striking in 1970, has been forced to admit that the disastrous outcome of the contract negotiated personally by him is a 75 percent increase in heart attacks among letter carriers!

Rademacher has filed a suit for cash compensation for the families of coronary victims. Meanwhile, rank-and-file letter carriers want a new contract that would spare them the necessity of benefiting from the suit!

Winning such a decent contract will be a difficult task, however. Even though Congress has given the government-owned Postal Corporation a whole 10 years in which to start making a profit, and is subsidizing it in the meantime, Postmaster General Elmer T. Klassen is arrogantly trying to do the job in one year, regardless of the massive number of human sacrifices this god of greed has to make.

Klassen wants to cut back the number of postal workers by 30 percent to "save money" (that is, continue to subsidize big business by charging them lower-than-cost postage rates). But how do you get rid of 200,000 "useless" workers? Attrition alone is too slow for these greedy postal tycoons, so they're attempting to pressure the postal unions into dropping the "no layoff" clause during contract negotiations already begun. Postal workers have vowed to strike rather than lose their job security.

Nevertheless, to "save money" for big business, a constantly decreasing number of postal workers is being forced to struggle with a constantly increasing volume of mail. The following advice from the NALC is typical of what is now being told to postal

workers in the grip of vicious speedups:

"Keep in mind that to race around and work beyond the limits of human endurance could mean a physical breakdown of some sort. It could very well lead to such things as heart attacks, stroke, nervous breakdown, hernia, or an ulcer... My advice to the carrier is: analyze the situation realistically, with logic, not fear..."

According to a New York carrier with five years on the job, "There is very much

more mail than a year or two ago."

"You're a nervous wreck in the morning trying to get it boxed and get out in the street to deliver it," another Manhattan carrier said.

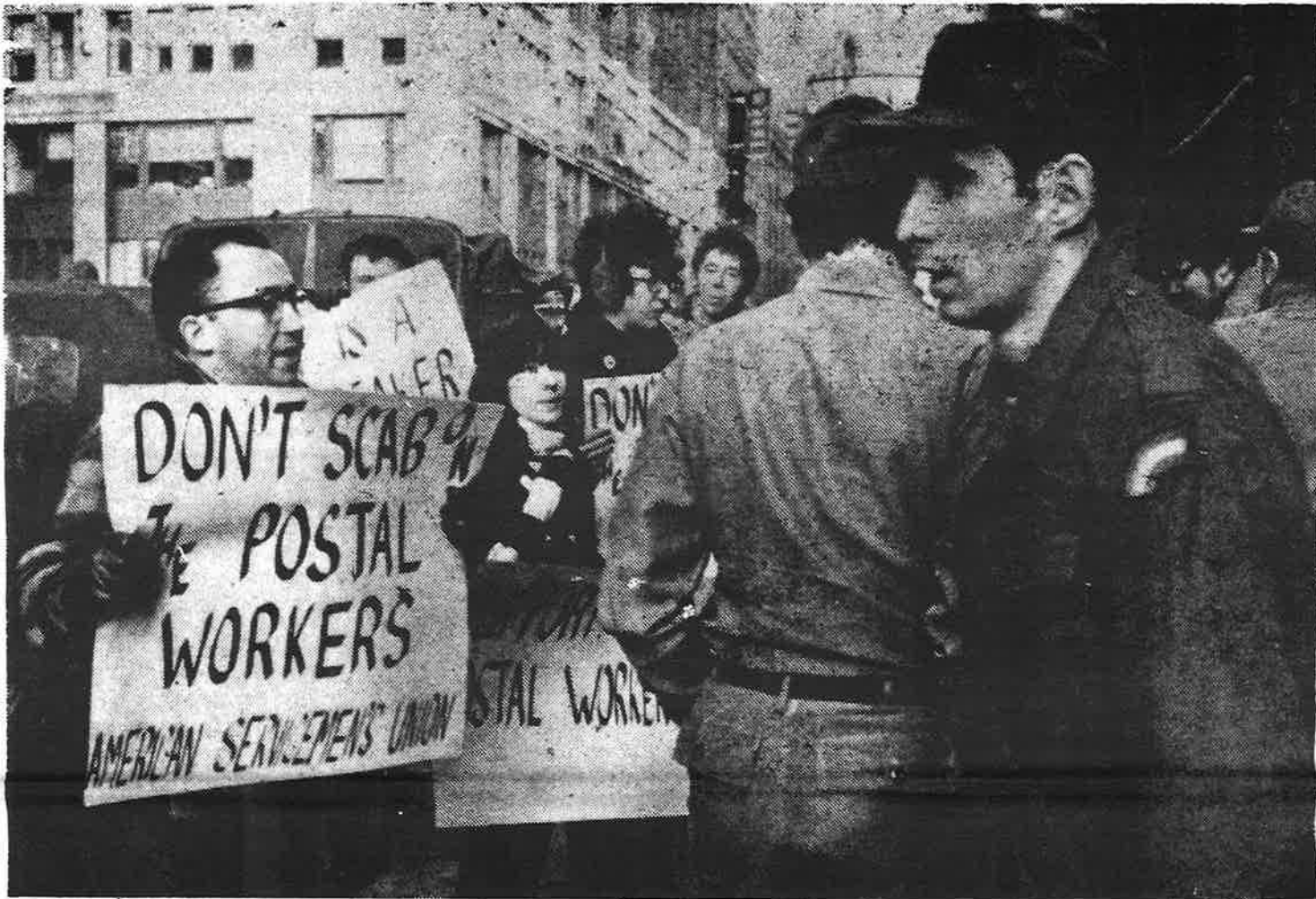
"If management doesn't bargain in good faith, the 1970 strike will look like a Sunday school picnic," said a high NALC union official, referring to the upcoming contract deadline in July.

And NALC president Rademacher, in an

address this year to New York Letter Carriers Branch 36, said:

"If Congress fails to give us that right (to strike), then we'll just have to take it... If a majority of our membership says 'go with it'—right on! We're going and that's it!"

In 1970, postal workers struck, although Rademacher was opposed to the walkout. They won a 40 percent wage increase over 36 months, despite the fact that the federal government called out the National Guard to deliver the mail. Now the union heads are running to the front and talking tough because they know the ranks are fighting mad and ready to walk out again—with or without their support.



Members of American Servicemen's Union and YAWF picket during 1970 strike.

N.J. workers in desperate fight to save pensions

By B. J. KOWALSKI

MAY 6—Today 30 Raybestos-Manhattan workers and 12 members of the Center for United Labor Action pulled a surprise action in Paramus, New Jersey, where they demanded of Governor Cahill, face to face that he sign a bill to give workers their pensions.

Workers have been laid off by the hundreds at Raybestos in Clifton, N.J., where the workforce, once 3,500 workers, is now reduced to about 700. The company is running away from New Jersey to avoid paying workers with 30 and 40 years' seniority their hard-earned pensions.

For the last six months the workers have been organizing to bring public attention to their desperate situation. In April, Raybestos workers and C.U.L.A. members held a picket line and rally at the State House in Trenton. Their presence was so electrifying that a bill was passed by the legislature to tax the company and pay workers part of their benefits, by seniority.

Raybestos management responded by trying to refuse workers their vacation pay, but when the workers threatened a walkout, the company backed down. Now the bosses are putting pressure on Cahill to sit on the pension bill.

Meanwhile, time is running out for the workers. The plant closes in June. The legislature adjourns May 19, and if Cahill doesn't sign the bill by then, the workers will get nothing.

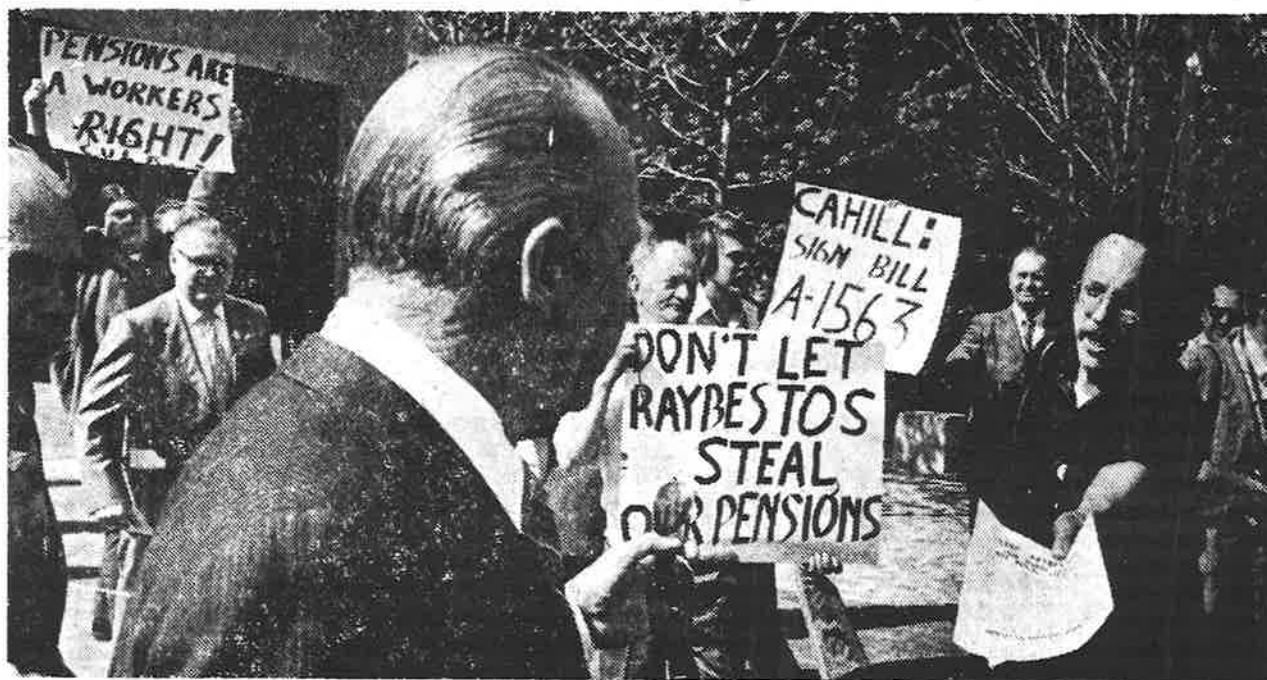
Cahill planned a pleasant appearance

today at the Bergen Community College dedication ceremony, where he would be gathering support from corporate friends who contributed to the college for tax write-offs. But as his helicopter landed on the campus green, he was confronted by the angry Raybestos workers, who were holding signs and shouting, "Give us our pensions!"

Security cops rushed outside to keep the workers from entering the auditorium, leaving the official dais and 40 "dignitaries" unguarded. Just as the college president was introducing Cahill as the "most honored guest," a C.U.L.A. spokeswoman took the mike and addressed the group saying, "I have an important announcement. There

are some other honored guests here today—the Raybestos workers." As she spoke two people in the audience opened up a banner that read, "Pensions are a worker's right; Cahill, sign the bill!" They held the audience's attention for several minutes, until cops took them out.

Cahill had to amend his prepared speech to hem and haw about the "constitutionality" of the bill. But he'll find that these workers refuse to be ignored. They plan to continue their struggle with another rally in Trenton, and they will keep fighting for the pensions that are their right.



EXTRA! As we go to press, it has been learned that Cahill has signed the pension bill. Above, one good reason why, as workers confront the New Jersey governor at Bergen Community College.

Watergate, Vietnam, and bourgeois legality



When President Kennedy was assassinated, Malcolm X aptly remarked, "The chickens have come home to roost."

The U.S. had been exporting political skulduggery all over the world. One of the last accomplishments of the Kennedy administration had been to depose and murder its own puppet Diem in Saigon.

Then came the shooting of Kennedy and the murder of his supposed assassin. The opinion of the great bulk of humanity—and the suspicion of the majority of the U.S. population—was that Kennedy was a victim of the same cloak-and-dagger apparatus that had been built up by the U.S. ruling class to carry out its illegal activities abroad.

Those same chickens were caught roosting in the Watergate complex last June.

In the revelations piled on revelations that have rocked the White House in the past months, the omnipresence of the various external and domestic police agencies has been glaring. Nearly everyone, it seems, involved in the White House staff was either a CIA or FBI agent at one time. And if they somehow lack that distinction, then they worked with the "Justice" Department or some branch of the military.

And if they weren't making up ads supporting the mining of Vietnam's harbors or breaking into Ellsberg's psychiatric files, then they were leading parades of Cuban counterrevolutionaries—in support of Nixon's bombing of Vietnam.

Of course, all the illegal acts uncovered with Watergate—the lies, the burglaries, the espionage—amount to only the palest shadow of the enormous crimes against humanity committed by these same agencies in Vietnam, Cambodia, Santo Domingo, the Congo, and a score of other countries.

And yet the whole government is plunged into crisis, and there is even talk of impeaching Nixon. Interesting, isn't it, that what seems to be a mere matter of corruption (which has been widespread in the U.S. for more than a century) can threaten the whole government, while a disastrous and criminal war did not?

But Watergate is Vietnam. It is Cambodia, and the monetary crisis, and every other proof that U.S. imperialism no longer has the all-powerful position in the world it had after World War II. Nixon has been exposed and isolated on this question because the various factions in the ruling class can't arrive at agreement on a global strategy or on a leader.

WHY IS WATERGATE THE BATTLEGROUND?

Why are the Washington Post and The New York Times pursuing this issue so far, when they did not do so on the question of the war itself? They have reserved banner headlines and sweeping phrases for this scandal (which so far involves no loss of life) that go far beyond their treatment of the worst atrocities by the U.S. in Indochina.

But then, this is an issue that can more safely be kept within the confines of the ruling class itself. If powerful elements of the establishment had led an all-out struggle over the war that went so far as to threaten the President with impeachment, it would invariably have intensified the class struggle. It would have propelled ever larger numbers of people into action—and that is what the bourgeoisie feared so much.

That is why they united so solidly behind Nixon against McGovern—even if only temporarily.

But on this question, that takes the form of a struggle against corruption, the ruling class can slug it out and the masses are only spectators. At least, that is what they hope.

The problem for capitalism, however, is that Watergate does indeed go far beyond corruption. In addition to the fact that its exposure shows what great cracks and strains exist internally, the fact that it happened shows how arrogant and pervasive the police apparatus has become. As the problems of keeping an empire become reflected in the internal makeup of the U.S. economy and political structure, the extra-legal terror apparatus brings its repression home.

Thus, the implications of the Watergate affair for the working class and its organizations are serious. And the rapt attention of so much of the country to the unfolding details in Washington shows that these implications are not lost on the people.

CAN BOURGEOIS LAW STOP THE EXTRA-LEGAL FASCISTS?

Is it sufficient, when faced with so much evidence of fascist encroachment into the bourgeois political apparatus, to call it a "constitutional crisis" and demand a return to the democratic rights promised under capitalist law?

There is no question that revolutionary Marxists fight to defend every democratic right that the masses have won from the bosses—down to the smallest concession. And if we will fight for the right to hand out leaflets or carry through a street demonstration, will we not fight even harder for freedom of the press—especially of the workers' press!—and so on?

But to center the fight against fascism and naked police dictatorship (which is at the bottom of the Watergate affair) around the Constitution, as the revisionists are now doing, is to deflect the masses' attention from the class forces behind Watergate into the abstract channels of legality. Even worse, it plays along with the liberal bourgeois preoccupation with the Constitution as an eternal document that set up a perfectly balanced government. If only it were adhered to, they imply, all would be well.

To play the tail to this kite is to miss the golden opportunity that Nixon is giving us to show how rotten the whole system is. Haven't many of the ruling class figures who now join in on the attack on Nixon compromised themselves many times before on other issues? Should Black people be told to have confidence in Senator Erwin of North Carolina, the Senate leader of the Watergate investigation?

This is no time for the real opponents of the racist, corrupt rulers of this country to let any of them off the hook. The people's eyes are being opened by events, they have a healthy skepticism of authority, and it is necessary now more than ever to speak class truth.

If the bourgeois antagonists confine their solutions to shifting around individuals, and passing a few laws, all the more reason for communists to attack the institutions of capitalism itself, and frankly tell the people that only a socialist society of the workers and oppressed can dismantle these institutions.

Cubans modernize farmlands under Plan Ceiba

By J. S.

Cuba, March 28 — This article is being written from revolutionary Cuba, where the struggle of the Cuban people continues to advance.

Over 100 North Americans are currently doing construction work in Cuba as members of the sixth contingent of the Venceremos Brigade. They arrived in mid-March and will work for six weeks before taking a two-week tour of the island.

The North Americans, who represent numerous revolutionary and progressive organizations from all over the United States, are working with the Cuban members of the Venceremos Brigade at constructing houses and apartments in the new town of Los Naranjos, about 30 miles outside Havana. When completed, Los Naranjos will have 400 houses, several apartment buildings, a hospital, a primary school, a childcare center, and other service and recreational facilities. It is being built for dairy workers who will compose part of a major agricultural plan for Havana Province—Plan Ceiba.

Plan Ceiba is part of the Cuban people's struggle to raise and diversify agricultural production—a prerequisite for industrial and socialist development. It is economically a citrus fruit- and cattle-raising plan. The Cubans feel that a plan centered around specific crops makes best use of an area's natural resources—soil, rainfall, etc. The better soil is being used for acres of citrus trees of all kinds, while land

with poorer soil (where mechanization is less practicable) will be used for cattle-raising.

Plan Ceiba was begun at the end of 1968. Before implementation, the plan was thoroughly discussed with local farmers. While 65 percent of the land is privately owned, 100 percent of the farmers agreed to integrate their farms into the plan. They agreed to plant the crops called for in the plan, and the state provides technical equipment, fertilizers, labor help, social services, and, during the early stages when there is little or no production, wages based on need. So both state farms and private farms (limited by law to 3 caballerias) are now part of the same economic plan.

The citrus trees, which were first planted in early 1969, are only now beginning to produce. By next year, they will supply all of Havana Province. The cattle-raising project is developing more slowly, since pastures have yet to be planted and the necessary machinery will not be available for a year or two. When the plan is completed, it is expected that there will be 20,000 hectares of citrus in production, an increase of 500 percent since the revolution, and citrus will then be a key export, like sugar.

Plan Ceiba also calls for the building of new work centers, roads, irrigation networks, schools, and entire new towns, like Los Naranjos, close to the work centers. The largest new town in the plan will have 5,600 inhabitants. It will be for the workers, peasants, and teachers in the Ceiba region, and will include all the services and conveniences available in Cuba's more established cities.

Another important aspect of agricultural plans such as Ceiba is the "High School in the Countryside" program. Plan Ceiba will have 12 very modern secondary schools, with an average of 500 students each, located right in the citrus-producing areas. These are boarding schools in which the students spend four hours a day studying, four hours working in the fields, and several hours discussing political events or engaging in social activities. While planning for a future vocation, these students at the same time contribute directly to the building of the socialist economy. Study and work are practiced as complementary activities, not isolated from each other as in capitalist countries.

Plan Ceiba is but one example of how the planned socialist economy is best suited to make most efficient and productive use of the economic resources and human potential of a society. It should be emphasized that while the plan is centrally organized, the basic decisions about its goals and methods are made by the workers and peasants in it.

The North Americans in this year's Venceremos Brigade are very excited about Plan Ceiba and honored that they can contribute towards its development. Both they and their Cuban hosts know that each step in the development of Cuba's socialist economy is a blow struck at their common enemy—U.S. imperialism.

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Watergate: from a scratch to gangrene

By A. HOWARD

Ten months ago the Watergate breakin was called a "caper." Now, after ten months of White House lies and cover up (last March alone, Nixon Press Secretary Ronald Ziegler denied 278 times any White House involvement in Watergate), six top Nixon aides and former aides face trial for masterminding the "Gemstone" (the code name they gave the Watergate operation). White House Counsel John W. Dean III; Attorney General Richard Kleindienst; Nixon's top domestic advisor John D. Ehrlichman; White House Chief of Staff H. R. Haldeman; former Attorney General John Mitchell; and former Director of the FBI L. Patrick Gray, all face indictments for:

(1) Political espionage; (2) sabotage; (3) bribery; (4) conspiracy; (5) obstructing justice; (6) misuse of government funds; (7) perjury; (8) breaking and entering; (9) slander, libel, and defamation of character; (10) violation of the Corrupt Campaign Practices Act; (11) burglary; and (12) violation of the National Security Act.

There will also probably be indictments for other assorted crimes these men committed. It seems almost sure that over 10 high-ranking government and White House aides will be charged.

The scandal is spreading to wider and wider circles. The authorization by General Robert E. Cushman to burglarize the office of Daniel Ellsberg's doctor involves both the highest officers of the Central Intelligence Agency and the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the U.S. military. Cushman has admitted that Ehrlichman conspired with him to steal Ellsberg's medical records in 1971, when Cushman was Deputy Director of the CIA. Today Cushman is Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, a part of the military bureaucracy whose senior officers are particularly notorious for their fascist sympathies.

SCANDALS BEFORE...

What is behind all this?

Of course, there have been massive scandals in the U.S. government before. You name it: the Whiskey Ring, the land giveaways in the Grant administration, the lootings and depravity of the Harding presidency, the so-called "five percenter" who raked in graft through big Korean War contracts under Truman, the Sherman Adams bribery expose during Eisenhower's term—right up to Billy Sol Estes, Bobby Baker, and Lyndon Johnson himself, who demonstrated a neat ability to line his pockets with millions during his lifetime as a "public servant." Graft and scandal have penetrated to the heart of every presidential administration.

BULLETIN: A jury of ten Black and two white people acquitted Hayward Brown today, May 10, on all four counts of assault with intent to commit murder.

STRESS frameup fails; Brown acquitted!

DETROIT, May 8—The trial of Hayward Brown, a young Black man charged with four counts of assault with intent to commit murder, went to the jury here today.

For a little over a week, the jury has heard the testimony of numerous Detroit cops, including the four STRESS cops (an

But graft and corruption are themselves inseparable from the capitalist state itself. In fact, no president can administer the capitalist state without this sort of graft because the state itself is based upon exploitation, which boils down to a few rich living on the labor of the many—which just means legalized theft.

It is in the nature of capitalism for struggles to break out among various factions of the ruling class for the "spoils"; that is, the surplus value they have extracted from the working class. These factions are often venomous toward one another, and the greater the concentration and monopoly of wealth become, the more billions of dollars there are at stake, and the more vicious these factions become.

... BUT THIS IS DIFFERENT

And so it is that Watergate promises to be not "just another" scandal, but one of monumental proportions.

Watergate follows Vietnam just as the Cuban missile crisis was followed by the Profumo scandal in England and the assassination of President Kennedy in Dallas. Watergate itself is an extraordinary development that comes on the heels of a severe crisis of U.S. imperialism. The ruling class writhes like a pit of vipers rending

themselves in disputes over how the wealth will be distributed (among themselves) and over which policies to carry out at home and abroad.

Today the U.S. is more and more isolated. Lon Nol's Cambodian regime is threatened with collapse. The seizure of U.S. ambassadors and diplomats by liberation groups has become commonplace. The U.S.-backed Israeli raid on Palestinian revolutionaries in Lebanon only succeeded in inflaming the Arab masses even more against U.S. oil imperialism.

The U.S. is in the grip of galloping inflation, caused in large part by the disaster in Vietnam which cost over \$130,000,000,000.

Racism, promoted by Nixon to derail the class struggle, is eating at the vitals of the country and raises the spectre of urban guerrilla war, as the oppressed Black nation fights back against the racist cops.

A STRUGGLE OVER CLIQUES AND POLICIES

The capitalist class is in turmoil over how to meet these developments. Engels explained in his book, *The Origin of the Family, Private Property, and the State*, how the capitalist state attempts to moderate collisions within the capitalist class itself.



undercover entrapment unit notorious for its racism) whom Hayward Brown is accused of assaulting. Even out of all this testimony, no concrete evidence has been presented that Hayward Brown ever shot at anyone.

In spite of the fact that the shooting incident these charges stem from took place late at night on a dark street, and in spite of the fact that the cops involved never made any written reports on the incident, these STRESS cops "identified" Brown as the rider in the back seat of a VW. They also "remembered" he was holding a sawed-off shotgun.

Yesterday, Brown took the stand in his own defense and explained how he and his friends in the VW (both have since been killed by cops in Atlanta) were patrolling their community in an effort to run out the dope dealers—something the cops "failed" to do.

Brown testified the guns were for

defense, and that they were obviously necessary, since two of his best friends had earlier been executed by dope pushers after activities similar to this patrol.

The defense rested after Brown explained that the first shot had been fired into the VW by four white men in a plain car. They returned the fire in self-defense as they left the VW and ran to get away from their assailants.

As the defense attorney pointed out in his closing argument, this is not only credible but a common occurrence in the Black community since STRESS was instituted. Ken Cockrel, a radical Black lawyer, is handling the case.

This April 28, 200 people marched several miles through Detroit protesting STRESS activities. It was at that demonstration that Detroit Youth Against War & Fascism raised the slogan, "Free Hayward Brown," which was met with great enthusiasm from the crowd.

Individual capitalists must not be allowed to devour the whole state, and the attempt of some capitalists to move in this direction with Nixon as their spearhead is also part of the background of Watergate.

None of the crimes that Nixon's aides are charged with are commensurate to the murder of Martin Luther King or the assassination of John Kennedy. Yet the attacks on Nixon by his opponents within the master class are literally rocking him.

The pursuit of the Watergate case by these elements does not indicate an abstract interest in justice, but an interest in the preservation of capitalist exploitation.

The Nixon administration, by extra-legal depredations, endangers the system itself. This power fight between Nixon and his lieutenants and allies on the one side, and *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, and certain members of Congress and the judiciary on the other, is partly a reflection of the anger directed at the Nixon clique by established capitalist groupings who feel others are being favored over them.

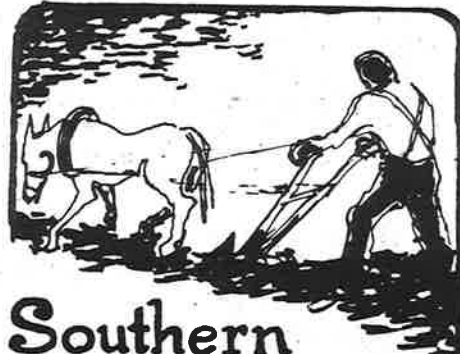
For over a year the ruling class has been, as a whole, in favor of reaching some sort of accommodation with both the Soviet Union and the People's Republic of China. Nixon was their spokesman during these negotiations and they supported him for his reelection during this critical period. Watergate seemed almost forgotten then.

But now that the substance of these negotiations has been carried out, many capitalist elements feel they no longer need Nixon and his clique power drives. His crimes go beyond their needs. Very influential sections of the ruling class are genuinely alarmed that Nixon's heavy-handed policies and extra-legal methods will destroy what internal political stability is left at this time.

Where will these internecine struggles lead, when the ruling class is so decadent and armed to the teeth? To Nixon's resignation? To a police state?

The capitalist state in crisis has a built-in drive toward fascism. And the rightwing may try to capitalize on the Watergate scandal, calling for "honest government" or some other abstraction, just as the fascists did in Italy or Germany. But fascist gangsterism, imperialist war, racism, and exploitation are neither inevitable nor eternal.

There is but one solution to these monstrous crises that tear apart the fabric of society, and that solution is socialism. When the working people seize the corporate and state wealth of the capitalist class, then a new society can be built based on meeting the needs of the people instead of satisfying the insatiable greed of the bosses.



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May 5 marked nationwide consumer boycotts and protests against the high price of food. Angry N.Y.C. shoppers picket headquarters of A&P, the largest privately owned food chain in the world. WW photo: Fabian Truncellito



The Great Cattle Baron Slaughter

Women stampede silk-suit ranchers

NEW YORK, May 7—A self-proclaimed "truth squad" of the American National Cattlemen's Association (ANCA) has been touring the country feeding the American people a lot of bull. They say "Mrs. Housewife" is the real cause of high prices.

But today the cattlemen got branded—branded as a bunch of propagandists for the superrich men who control the nation's agribusiness. A debate the cattlemen had scheduled with representatives of Women United for Action (WUA), a consumer group demanding the rollback of food prices, turned into a stampede.

ANCA publicized the event as a confrontation between its women's auxiliary—the Cow Belles(!)—and the shoppers. But Wray Finney, a member of the Executive Committee of ANCA, evidently didn't trust his Belles to take on the angry and well-informed spokeswomen of WUA. Finney did most of the talking for ANCA's side.

The debate had hardly begun in front of massed TV cameras and radio microphones in the Sheraton-Russell Hotel before Finney looked like he wished he was back in Denver counting his money. His argument consisted of dire threats that the entire food industry would collapse if meat prices were rolled back to a level where the average person could afford to eat necessary amounts of meat.

But the women countered with the facts. Fact one: The American National Cattlemen's Association has only 10,000 dues-paying members out of the over 100,000 cattle raisers in America, yet claims to represent the needs of all cattle farmers and feed lot operators.

Fact two: Seven percent of all cattle raisers own 80 percent of all the cattle, and these 7 percent are, in fact, the bulk of the ANCA dues-paying members. That is, 7,000

ranchers and corporations own 97,600,000 of the 121,990,000 cattle in this country.

Fact three: One and a half percent of all the feed lot operators fed and marketed 62 percent of all cattle in the U.S. last year.

PRICES DRIVEN UP

Fact four: Finney claims there is a meat shortage, yet the government doled out \$4,000,000 to the big farmers last year to restrict production, thus driving up prices (while freezing workers' wages).

Fact five: 61,500,000 acres of farm land is kept out of use while over 13,000,000 Americans go to bed hungry every night.

Fact six: Fifty percent of the cattle farms in the U.S. raise 50 head of cattle or less, but the members of ANCA have herds averaging 9,700 head. Yet ANCA denies being an association of big ranchers.

Some members of ANCA are (1) The Kleberg family (worth \$100,000,000) owners of the King Ranch in Texas, a ranch as big as the whole state of Connecticut; (2) John Grant, owner of the 200,000-acre Parker Ranch in Hawaii; (3) the Rockefeller family, owner of Arkansas' Winrock Ranch, one of the largest spreads in America. The Rockefeller family has \$10,000,000,000, making it the richest family in the world.

In the face of these facts, all that ANCA cattle baron Wray Finney could say was, "What is wrong with bigness? We have to make a profit! Profit is the name of the game!"

Mrs. Cyril Woodward, an ANCA member and wife of a big Ohio cattle feeder, added that "I feel more sympathy for the larger ones (farmers). They stand to lose more than the smaller farmers." Lose? Overall farm profits rose 17 percent last year alone!

Wray Finney talked desperately about bad weather, "shivering cattle," and added, "You can't fool with Mother Nature." The audience looked at his silk suit.

MALNUTRITION IN NYC

He announced triumphantly at one point that the average New York City worker gets paid \$136 dollars a week but that he only gets paid "once a year." He suggested "belt tightening" for working people. When confronted by a school teacher in the audience who said that the children in her class often showed signs of malnutrition, like cracked lips, Finney looked astonished and blurted, "You don't expect us to live like that!"

He then promised that there would be cheaper meat in four years. At this point, an 11-pound chunk of juicy beef was placed upon the podium (apparently to show us the kind of meat that ANCA produces for the wealthy). This outraged the women, both on the podium and in the audience. They insisted that this provocative obscenity be removed immediately or be given to someone who needed it.

Peter Celliers, a promoter for ANCA who had opened the debate by saying, "There is a widespread belief that those who produce the beef are the cause of some disturbance," rushed to remove the red meat from the table.

The WUA continued their attack on the squirming Finney by exposing his lie that "there is no monopoly in the food industry." Taking Safeway markets as an example, they showed that Safeway's Board of Directors includes the following men: Robert Magowan, who is a Director of Del Monte Properties, which owns 18,000 acres on California's Monterey Peninsula, and also a Director of Caterpillar Tractors, which makes farm machinery; Ernest C. Arbuckle, who sits on the Board of the Waialua Agricultural Company (Dole Pineapples); and Charles De Bretteville, a Director of Shell Oil and the Spreckles Sugar Company.

Lauri Fierstein summed up for Women United for Action by saying that WUA supports the small farmers who are being gobbled up by the huge land owners. She pointed out that "much of the cattle production being done in the U.S. is under the control and ownership of such companies as Kaiser Steel, Pan American World Airways, Acme Markets, Boeing Aircraft, DuPont Industries, Ling Temco Vought, The Atcheson, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad, and the International Telephone and Telegraph Company. They make millions and billions.

"Let them be the ones to tighten their belts, not the American people. We demand that food prices be rolled back."



Brooklyn, N.Y., consumers inspect supermarket. Women remove rotten and past-dated food.

'We can't write off malnutrition'

NEW YORK, May 7—Joyce Kaessinger of Women United for Action today mopped the floor with W. H. (Bill) Webster, Vice-President of the Colorado Cattle Feeders' Association and a member of the Board of Directors of the American National Cattlemen's Association. The humiliation of this agribusiness representative took up 30 minutes on "Straight Talk," a popular TV program on Channel 9.

Webster contended that American ranchers don't make "such big profits" and that "the American housewife will have to go back to home economics." But Ms. Kaessinger nailed him by asking, "If you're so broke, where did the big cattle barons get the \$1,800,000 they spent on telegrams to Congress last January demanding legislation in their favor?"

She pointed out how huge companies like Tenneco control the bulk of food production and marketing, from the fields to the supermarkets, and demanded that Nixon roll back food prices by executive order. She pointed out that President Kennedy ordered steel prices rolled back when they went up six dollars a ton, but Nixon has refused to roll back meat prices, even though ground chuck has shot up \$500 per ton in the last year.

"People are simply not getting the food they need," she said, adding, "We can't write off malnutrition."



"Tighten your belts," says cattle businessman Wray Finney to representatives from Women United for Action. WW photo: Fabian Truncellito

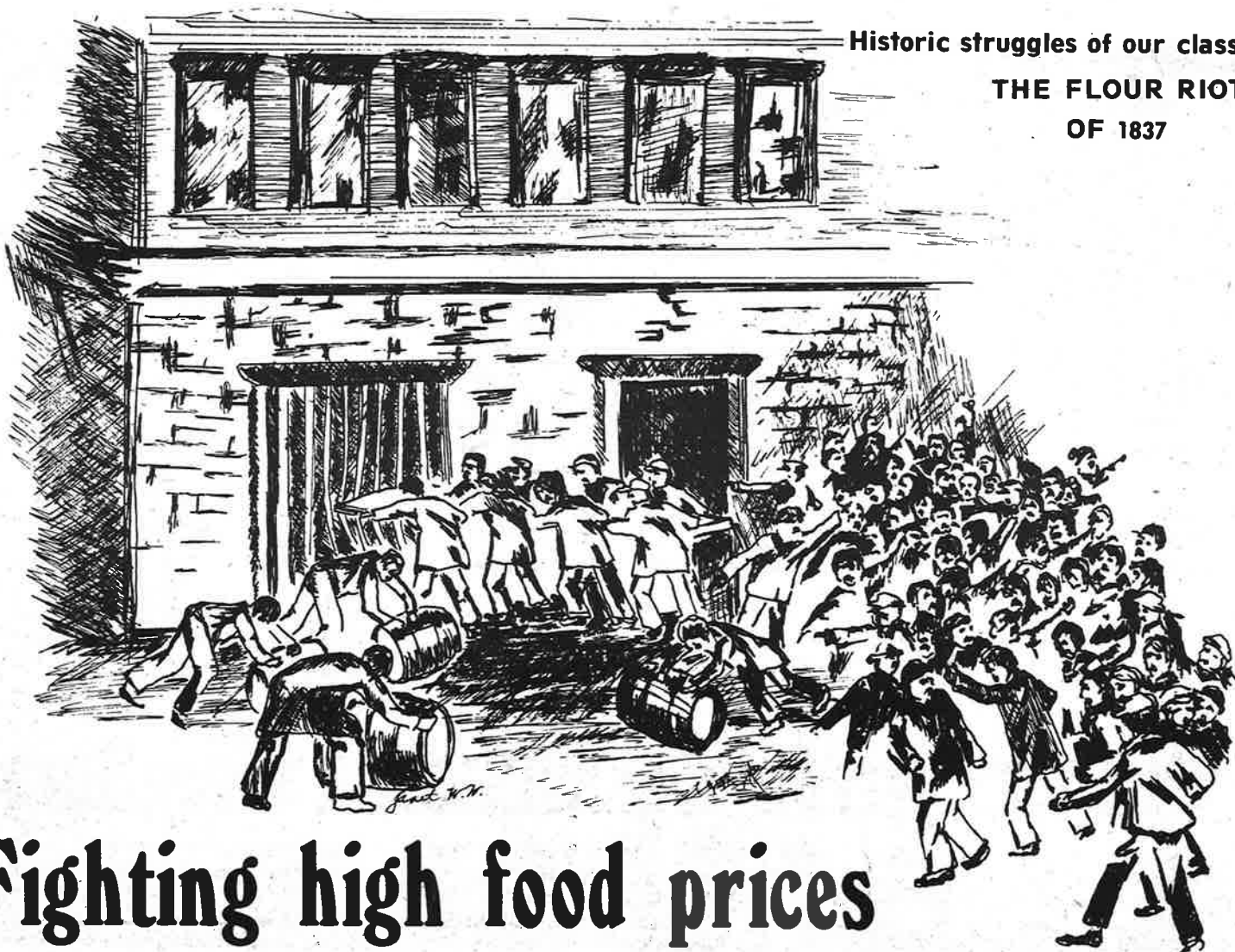


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Historic struggles of our class:
**THE FLOUR RIOT
OF 1837**

Fighting high food prices 130 years ago

By VICTOR BESSON

In the winter of 1836-37, the United States was going through one of its regular indispositions, and the prices for the necessities of life were beyond the people's reach. The bodies and minds of the people were preoccupied with feelings and thoughts of bread.

The price of flour in September of 1836 was about \$7 a barrel. Within a few months its price, as though sprinkled with yeast, rose to \$12 a barrel.

New Yorkers decided to protest. Posters

calling for a mass meeting on February 10, 1837, were put up all over the city. "Bread, Meat, Rent, Fuel! The Voice of the people shall be heard and will prevail. The people will meet in the park, Rain or Shine, at 4 o'clock on Monday afternoon, to inquire into the cause of the present unexampled distress, and to devise a suitable remedy. All friends of humanity, determined to resist monopolists and extortioners, are invited to attend." It was signed by eight leaders of the people.

Grain merchants had been hoarding

their supplies with the expectation of spectacular profits. In lower Manhattan, on Washington Street between Dey and Cortlandt, stood the storage building of Hart & Co., its cache of flour protected by three sets of heavy iron doors. Frustrated with not being able to partake of the staff of life, the people focused their misery-turned-to-anger on Hart & Co.

It was cold and getting dark by the time some five thousand people "determined to resist monopolists" gathered to listen to the speakers and "find a suitable remedy."

The speakers were expressing the feelings of the people. One of them ended his speech with, "Fellow citizens, Mr. Eli Hart has now 53,000 barrels of flour in his store; let us go and offer him \$8.00 a barrel for it, and if he will not take it. . . ."

The people decided that was a good idea and began walking down Broadway. They turned at Cortlandt and then again into Washington.

When Hart's clerks saw the crowd coming, they began to close and bolt all the doors and windows. They had closed all but one door by the time the people got there.

Hart, with unrestrained human impulses, rushed to the police station to get help in defending law and order—namely, his warehouse. Before they could get to the place where law and order was endangered, the cops had to get through the tail end of the marching people.

The people devised a suitable remedy. They attacked the cops and disarmed them. The mayor learned of what was happening and went to the scene. He climbed a few steps and warned the people against taking the law into their own hands. They answered him with brickbats and handy pieces of ice. The mayor nervously withdrew to reconsider his position.

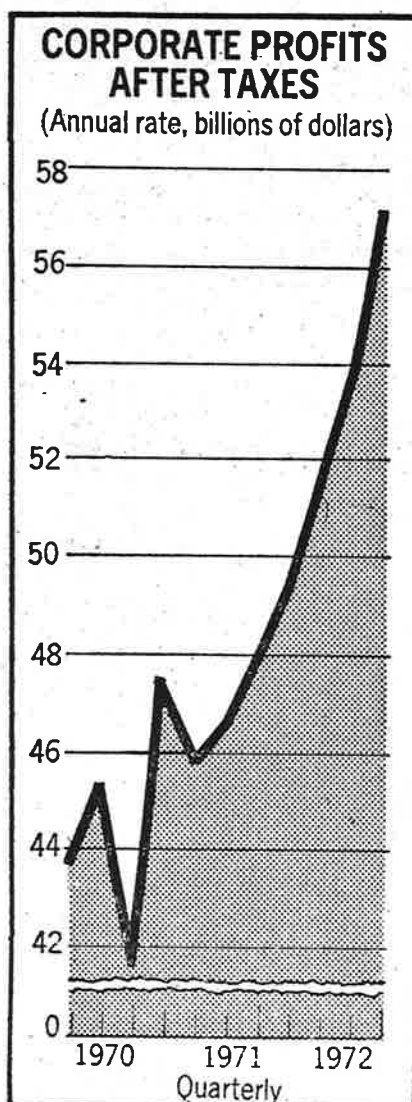
These victories strengthened the people's determination "to resist extortioners." They wrenched and pried one of the doors off its hinges. About 15 men picked it up and used it as a battering ram against the other doors, knocking them down.

Barrels of flour were rolled out and broken open. Barrels of flour were thrown out of windows and splattered on the ground.

One worker called out, as each barrel was tossed out of an upper window, "Here goes flour at \$8.00 a barrel." It was in fact free. People were simply carrying it away.

Heavily reinforced police returned with armed units of the National Guard, and in their customary manner, with an already dispersing crowd, preserved the peace and incidentally the price of flour.

By the way—what is flour selling for these days?



The New York Times/April 23, 1973

Wall St. admits record profits

The 500 largest U.S. industrial corporations recorded their best sales increase in four years in 1972 and their largest jump in profits since 1959, according to the May issue of *Fortune* magazine.

These 500 largest industrial enterprises account for 65 percent of total sales by all U.S. industrials, and about 75 percent of all profits and employment.

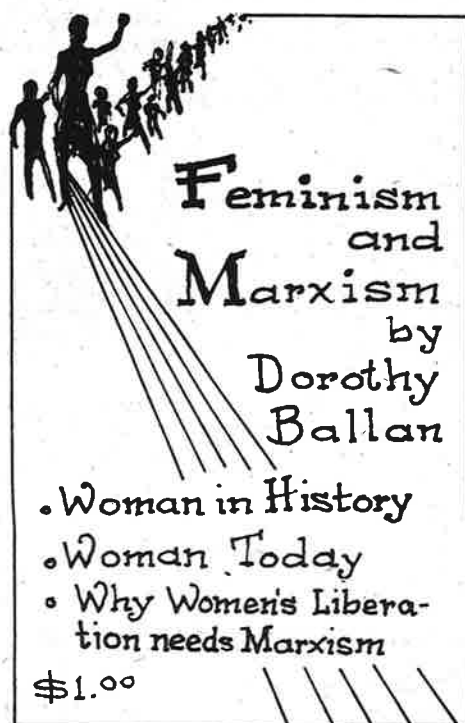
Another publication that is written for and by the ruling class, *Forbes* magazine (which advertises as the "capitalist tool"); has compiled a list of the 850 chief executives and their salaries.

Heading the list are Richard C. Gerstenberg (ever heard of him?) of General Motors and Henry Ford II, both earning \$875,000. (That's just their salary!) Philip B. Hofmann of Johnson & Johnson was third with \$874,000, while last year's top man, Harold C. Geneen of ITT, was fourth with \$813,000, according to *Forbes*.

In another feature, *Fortune* compiled an "annual report" for the U.S. government, and found that the deficit for fiscal 1972 turns out to be \$9.1 billion, and not the \$23.2 billion reported by Washington. Since most administrations like to show how economical they are, this certainly shows what kind of hanky-panky must be going on in balancing the books.

One agency, the Department of the Interior (which is responsible for starving the Indians, for one thing), actually showed a \$2.2 billion "profit"—more than the earnings of General Motors last year.

Yes, Virginia, there is a capitalist ruling class.



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Fedayeen repulse Lebanese air attacks

By JOYCE BETRIES

May 9—This week's ruthless attacks by the Lebanese army and air force on Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon have confirmed what guerrilla leaders have been telling the world: that the Lebanese government has entered into collusion with the U.S. and Israel to try to smash the Palestinian movement.

Phase one of this collusion was seen on April 10, when Israeli commandos gained easy access to Beirut, carried out terror raids on Palestinian quarters, killing three leaders, and then withdrew without any contact with Lebanese security forces.

Phase two began on May 2 with massive bombings of the Palestinians in the Beirut area and in Southern Lebanon.

However, the Palestinian people and the guerrilla army of 5,000, with the help of guerrilla reinforcements from Syria, have been victorious. They have held back the Lebanese army of 18,000, and still maintain full control of all refugee camps.

President Franjeh has declared a state of emergency in Lebanon, and has placed the country under martial law. On May 6, Golda Meir of Israel stated that if Syria should enter the fighting on behalf of the Palestinians, Israel would send troops to the border. This is nothing less than an open declaration of Israel's willingness to defend the Lebanese government against the Palestinian guerrillas!

Most of Beirut has become a battleground. Lebanese Air Force Mirage jets, firing rockets and machine guns, have repeatedly attacked the Shatila camp (home of 5,000 refugees) and the Burj al-Barajneh camp (home of 7,700 refugees), both right outside of the city. In Burj al-Barajneh, armored tanks, using flairs to light their targets, have bombarded the Palestinians. Hundreds of cannon rounds have been fired into the Dbayeh camp, north of Beirut.

Thousands of refugee families have been forced to stream out of the camps,

seeking refuge in the hills or with friends and relatives.

The Lebanese government has bombarded the Arkub region of Southern Lebanon, where guerrilla groups have long based operations against Israel. The government has also attacked As Saiga, a guerrilla organization backed by the Syrian government, in the Rasheiyah and Yanta areas of southeast Lebanon.

There has been a news blackout on the number of Palestinians killed, wounded, and arrested in these attacks.

LEBANON UNDER U.S. THUMB

Since King Hussein of Jordan used U.S. arms to murder 20,000 Palestinians in September 1970, and again to kill Palestinians in 1971, the refugee camps in Lebanon have become the major headquarters for Palestinian guerrilla training, political coordination, and publicity.

The economic life of Lebanon, which

hosts 300,000 Palestinian refugees, is based on foreign trade, banking, and tourism, and is completely bound up with U.S. and European powers. Lebanon stayed out of the fighting in the June 1967 war, and doesn't want to be dragged into a conflict with Israel, and the U.S. Lebanese President Suleiman Franjeh has said that his goal is to place and keep the armed Palestinian resistance movements under direct military control, so that he will be able to prevent the guerrillas from using Lebanese territory for attacks on Israel.

LEBANESE POLICE AID ISRAELI TERRORISTS

In fact, the Lebanese government has always permitted the CIA to operate in public, and guerrilla sources say that the security of Lebanon is at the mercy of CIA agents. The same sources report that Lebanese police and military aided Israeli terrorists on April 10, when they murdered three Palestinian leaders. Cafe-goers on the beaches of Beirut saw the Israeli boats approaching the Lebanese beaches with their own eyes. They witnessed the Lebanese police patrol radio in the information, but the police never moved to repel or attack the invaders.

Police barracks housing 1,000 policemen and more than 15 tanks are located just a few meters from the houses of the three slain leaders, yet they did nothing. However, police guarding the American Embassy were relieved a few hours before the criminal aggression for no apparent reason. On the morning of April 10, the Lebanese authorities actually held off Palestinian reinforcements heading for the homes of their three murdered leaders.

The last major attempt by the commercial-financial Lebanese bourgeoisie to destroy the Palestinian struggle was in April 1969, when guerrilla bases in South Lebanon were bombed. But this effort to suppress the guerrilla activities was defeated. The Lebanese pro-imperialist regime was plunged into a severe political crisis because the Lebanese masses responded to the call of the Palestinian resisters, and demonstrated in Lebanon's major cities in support of the Palestinian armed struggle.

The Palestinians are regarded throughout the Arab world as the militant vanguard in the struggle against U.S. oil imperialism and its overseer in the Middle East, Israel. They have won great support from the oppressed Lebanese masses—as was demonstrated in the tremendous funeral procession and general strike in Beirut that followed the assassinations of the Palestinian leaders.

The Palestinian guerrillas are now valiantly maintaining control of the refugee camps. Another mass show of support on the part of the Lebanese people would give the guerrillas even more strength in their struggle against the imperialist-backed Lebanese regime.

Guerrillas cite evidence of U.S.-Israeli-Lebanese collusion

Palestinian revolutionary sources have provided this paper with information from Beirut fully implicating the Lebanese government, along with the U.S. and Israel, in the terrorist raids upon Palestinian refugee camps in Beirut on April 10.

That day, Israeli terrorists attacked the headquarters of the Democratic Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, the Shatila-Sabra refugee camp and the Dikwaneh camp, and murdered guerrilla leaders Mohammed Yussef Najjar, Kamal Nassar, and Kamal Adwan.

Tourists on the beaches of Beirut saw the Israeli boats approaching the Lebanese beaches with their own eyes. They also witnessed police patrol cars radio in the information, but the police never moved to repel or attack the invaders.

False assurances were given the resistance movement by high Lebanese

brass that Beirut was well protected and that, in case of an attack, the resistance movement would be told. Instead, the telephone lines at the centers of the resistance movement were disconnected at 10 p.m. on the night of the raid. The electricity was cut off three times on the morning of April 10, and each cutoff appeared to coincide with the ending of the three

terrorist operations.

Restrictions and limitations put upon the free movement of the Fedayeen in Lebanon (in violation of a 1969 Cairo agreement) actually tied the hands of the revolutionaries and stopped them from hitting back at the enemy.

Two weeks before the attack, clashes took place between elements of the Arab Liberation Front and the Lebanese security forces on the same beaches where the Israelis landed on April 10 to attack the offices of the Democratic Popular Front. Lebanese security objected to the fact that the guerrillas were guarding the beach in case of a possible invasion by Israel. Then

Yemenis die in plane crash

H. E. Mohamed Saleh Aulaqi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, together with the Ambassadors of Democratic Yemen in the USSR, U.K., Iraq, and Somalia; the Permanent Representative of PDRY to the Arab League; the Charge d'Affaires of Democratic Yemen in Lebanon and

Indonesia; and fourteen other Yemeni diplomats died in an accidental air crash during an internal flight on April 30, 1973.

We join our Yemeni comrades in mourning the deaths of these irreplaceable leaders.

WW staff

Argentine gov't-elect captive of military



the guerrillas and in favor of the formation of armed people's militias.

Dr. Campora is scheduled to take office on May 25, but his spokesmen have already stated that he would not "tolerate" attacks on the armed forces after he takes office. One Peronist official said:

"We cannot appear to be siding with the military at this point. But you can be sure that if the guerrillas continue their attacks after May 25, they will be isolated and crushed."

AVENGE MASSACRE

Rear Admiral Hermes Quijada was the third high-ranking military officer in Argentina to be executed by the guerrillas since December, and two other officers are still prisoners of the guerrillas. All of these officers have been linked with the Nazi-style Trelew massacre of last August 22, when 16 political prisoners were lined up within the walls of a jail in the Trelew Air and Naval Base and murdered in cold blood. ERP representatives have vowed to avenge that massacre.

Many organizations of the left in Argentina, including some Peronist youth groups, are convinced that the Campora government-elect is already a captive of the ultra-rightwing military. Consequently, any hopes for a progressive Argentine government hinge upon the defeat of the military rulers.

The Campora government will offer no real challenge to the generals and no political solution, therefore, for Argentina's oppressed classes unless it aligns itself with a revolutionary mass movement prepared to destroy the military "gorillas." With the latter course of action highly unlikely, the guerrilla movement and its allies in the working class will undoubtedly continue their independent (of the Peronist leadership) struggle to defeat the Argentine military and their capitalist and imperialist bosses.

ISA supporters protest Shah's terror in Iran

By PETER KIMBALL

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 27—About 100 Iranian students and their supporters demonstrated here today to protest the latest actions of the Shah of Iran, including the murders of at least 28 students. Despite the chilly rain, the group marched for four miles through the center of Washington to the Iranian Embassy, where they picketed for over an hour.

The Iranian Students Association of Washington and Baltimore, which called the action, issued a statement outlining recent events in Iran to the American public. Faced by a storm of student protests and strikes against his policies of domestic terror, and against his role as a puppet of U.S. imperialism, the Shah, under cover of a tight news blackout, has massacred many demonstrators in cold blood and has arrested hundreds more. He has also put many Iranian universities under military occupation.

Today's protestors carried signs denouncing the Shah and engaged in spirited chanting throughout the afternoon, calling the Shah "a murderer" and "a U.S. puppet" and demanding that the U.S. (particularly former CIA boss Richard Helms, now U.S. Ambassador in Teheran) get out of Iran.

The Iranian students wore paper masks throughout the demonstration, both to symbolize the political repression in Iran and to protect themselves from identification and possible deportation and arrest.

At a short gathering at George Washington University, midway in the march route, a statement was read by an ISA spokesperson and messages of solidarity were delivered from the Ethiopian Students Union in North America and from Youth Against War & Fascism.

Under the Nixon doctrine, Iran is the latest "subcontractor" of American imperialism in the Mideast. Shah Reza Pahlevi, whom the CIA put in office after overthrowing the popular progressive leader Mossadegh in 1953, has just been granted \$2.5 billion worth of American arms. These include a 200-plane air force, tanks, and a hovercraft navy, which is supposed to make Iran the master of the Persian Gulf.

The theme of today's action was the need for all progressive people to unite to expose U.S. imperialism's role in the latest murderous attacks by the Shah on the Iranian people, and to support the revolutionary struggle within that nation.

April 24, 1965

Eight years of repression since Dominican uprising



Jaime Veve of YAWF

By BOB McCUBBIN

In April of 1965, a popular uprising in the Dominican Republic threatened to end, once and for all, U.S. imperialism's exploitation of that island nation. Using the excuse of "protecting American lives," the U.S. immediately sent in 25,000 Marines to put down the rebellion.

April 24 was the eighth anniversary of the uprising, which was celebrated in New York City by a meeting of 200 held at Columbia University. The intervening years have witnessed a reign of terror in the Dominican Republic with the systematic slaughter of revolutionaries (an average of more than two political assassinations per week), mass arrests of progressives (over 2,000 political prisoners), and the stepping up of imperialist exploitation, especially by the U.S.-based Gulf & Western Company.

Speakers from a number of organizations analyzed the situation in the Dominican Republic and pledged solidarity with the continuing struggle there. Jaime Veve, speaking on behalf of Youth Against War & Fascism, stressed the international character of the struggle. "We in the U.S. must fight as one with the liberation forces throughout the world. With this united force of all the oppressed and exploited, we can

win total victory against U.S. imperialism."

It was announced at the meeting that a group has been formed "to expose the role of Gulf & Western in the Dominican Republic." This group, called the Gulf & Western Project, has already released a fact sheet outlining some of Gulf & Western's crimes.

GULF & WESTERN PROFITS

Gulf & Western has total assets of \$3.8 billion. Its 1971 sales were \$1.5 billion with a profit of \$55.5 million. Though it has other operations than those in the Dominican Republic, its profit rate in Dominican operations is 28.9 percent as compared with 4.8 percent for its other operations. Reported profits from Dominican operations in 1971 were \$24 million.

Gulf & Western's businesses in the Dominican Republic include sugar, tobacco, citrus fruits, cattle raising, cement, tourism, and financial services. It also runs duty-free ports and has set up a so-called "Industrial Free Zone" where other foreign companies may build plants with 20-year tax exemptions. Nine U.S. firms now operate in this "Zone" and employ 1,500 workers at a wage of 25 cents per hour!

Gulf & Western itself employs 16,000 Dominican and Haitian workers, 80 percent of whom are field workers who earn less than \$2 per day. The company maintains a private police force of 1,000 men who exercise absolute authority on company territory, 16 percent of the total arable land in the Dominican Republic. For further information on the Gulf & Western Project write: Gulf & Western Project, c/o North American Anti-Imperialist Coalition, 244 West 27 Street, New York City, 10001.

The rumor of the landing on Dominican soil, several months ago, of a handful of armed revolutionaries threw the Dominican puppet leaders into an hysterical panic.

They quickly mobilized the whole army and intensified police repression throughout the island. While they were able to capture and kill some of the guerrillas, their massive reaction shows how little self-confidence these puppet generals have. And their obscene haste to sell the land and people of Santo Domingo to U.S. corporations may prove to be their Achilles' heel, since the brutal exploitation and large-scale operations of these companies are welding the working masses into a more closely organized, militant force.

Capitalist chauvinists forget that Arabs taught Europe to write

Racist U.S. capitalists even have the gall to try to take indirect credit for (and soften the blow of) recent nationalizations of oil in Mid-Eastern countries, notably in Iraq.

The New York Times, April 16, quoted an oil executive as saying, "It is only recently, with the Westernization of the Arab mind, that they (the Arab governments) have sought to exercise the full sovereign rights of a nation-state over its physical territory and its national resources."

This capitalist shows remarkable ignorance of Arab civilization, which was at its peak when the West was still in the barbarian stage.

Mr. Capitalist wouldn't have been able to write down his racist comment if it weren't for the Phoenicians, an Arab people, who invented the alphabet. And the invention of the paper on which his comment was written must be credited to the Arabs.

Mr. Capitalist would still be counting his millions in cumbersome Roman numerals if it weren't for the invention of the Arabic numbers that are used all over the world today. He probably wouldn't even have been able to count as high as a million if it weren't for the fact that the Arabs transmitted the concept of "zero" to the West, and taught Europe how to use it.

Certainly Mr. Capitalist and his imperialist buddies couldn't have gotten Mid-Eastern oil out of the ground without using the sciences of algebra, analytical geometry, and trigonometry, all founded by Arabs.

No, Mr. Capitalist, you can't fool us. The Arab people haven't been too stupid to claim their own oil, as you would have us believe. Through brute force, they have had their oil stolen from them by you and your buddies in the U.S. ruling class, and now they are rising up, armed, to take it back!



Welfare for the rich

Pentagon rescues troubled billionaires

By JIM KOWALSKI

From general to aerospace executive. From mass murderer to peddler of death. It is a natural step. Many retired Pentagon brass find lucrative positions as executives or board members of "defense" industries.

The Pentagon has never denied the fact that, in dealing with the weapons industry (the "military-industrial complex"), it awards multimillion-dollar contracts to fellow officers turned businessmen.

But some new dirt has turned up that implicates the military brass in even more blatant swindles. Defense Department procurement documents recently leaked to the press show that \$85.9 million has been spent by the Pentagon since 1959 to "rescue" ailing companies doing business with the military. (This doesn't include the \$2 billion given to Lockheed!)

Some of this money has been donated outright to the gray-flannel generals. In other cases, the Pentagon bought up stock just when it seemed the company involved might go under.

"In the national interest," it says, the Pentagon has carried out over 3,600 rescue operations for the armament industry. And the brass continues to provide monetary medication to sickly death dealers. Though returned Vietnam vets pound the pavements seeking jobs, the generals and admirals have warm chairs waiting for them when they decide to officially move over to the business world.

The mechanism for this massive channeling of tax money was set up when Truman declared a state of emergency

during the invasion of Korea. The state of emergency has never been revoked. It empowers the warmakers to pad the contracts of their weapons makers if they suffer from profit hunger.

For example, when the Belock Instrument Corporation was having trouble paying its executives their salaries and its stockholders their dividends, the Army and Navy chipped in with \$488,700 each. After all, they couldn't bear to see the company go bankrupt while it was working on a missile called "the Hawk."

Last spring, since Belock still couldn't repay an old loan of \$3.2 million from 1958, the Pentagon said it would buy stock in the corporation, now called Applied Devices, and forget the loan.

In 1966, the Army and Navy got together again to help out the chronically ailing Memcor, Inc. They generously increased the contract price of the radios and gyroscopes they were buying from Memcor—to the tune of \$3.8 million.

But all the generals and admirals have been outdone by the politicians. In an act of unprecedented generosity with other people's money, they passed a bill bailing out Lockheed with a billion-dollar loan and followed it up with another billion!

As the crisis widens for this system, in which parasites fatten while workers are told to tighten their belts, more and more tax money will go to the death makers. Whether by swindle or "legitimate" contract, its aim is to strengthen imperialist rule.

NLF fighter inspired Russo

'He was the strongest man I ever met'

By RUTH McCORMICK

An unknown NLF prisoner has been instrumental in changing history. We know him only by his file number—AG-132—and we know that he specialized in educating young people, teaching them theater, and setting up group sessions on how to write songs. But four years ago, a young Princeton-educated employee of the Rand Corporation in South Vietnam was ordered to interrogate this prisoner, and was so moved and enlightened by what the prisoner said that his mind was totally changed about the war and about the role of the U.S. in Southeast Asia.

Now, this same interrogator, Anthony J. Russo, Jr., is on trial, along with Daniel Ellsberg, on charges of espionage, theft, and conspiracy, for having taken part in making the "highly classified" Pentagon Papers available to the people of this country.

About the NLF prisoner who had so influenced him, Russo said, weeping, "AG-132 was the strongest man I ever met, his constitution and his personality." According to Russo, this unknown Vietnamese liberation fighter "explained to me for the first time what the people in the villages thought of all this—the voices in the villages had never been heard—and I had thought up to then that the Vietcong were indoctrinated fanatics, but that man was really committed."

Of course, Russo had come into contact with but one of the hundreds of thousands of equally strong and dedicated Vietnamese people who are fighting to free their nation from imperialist domination and op-

pression. Over the years since the beginning of the Indochinese war, the attitudes of millions of Americans have also been changed and enlightened by the heroic struggles of the liberation forces, as well as by the obvious atrocities committed by the U.S. military against them.

Russo testified that as a Rand employee, he had written a report on the anti-personnel weapons used by the Air Force in Vietnam, saying that half the tonnage dropped consisted of these antipersonnel bombs. When he realized the damage that these bombs could do to people, and that many that did not detonate would later be discovered by children, he naively suggested that their use by the Air Force be discontinued. Instead, the use of such inhuman weapons was escalated, he said.

Finally, Russo left Rand in disgust with the role it was playing as the tool of U.S. imperialism. So great was this disgust that it emboldened him, along with Daniel Ellsberg, to risk charges of treason and espionage in order that people could know the truth about U.S. imperialism's cynical plans for Indochina.

As for AG-132, he may still be a prisoner of the Saigon fascist regime, or he may have been murdered by the U.S. puppets in their attempt to wipe out the opposition. But Vietnam is full of AG-132s, dedicated to liberating their land from imperialist domination. And what they do is felt thousands of miles away, from North and South America, to Africa, Europe, and the Mideast.

Indians end Wounded Knee occupation after 68 days

After 68 days of heroic struggle, the Native Americans who have occupied Wounded Knee since February 27 have negotiated a settlement with the U.S. government. The settlement ends but one chapter in the ongoing battle of the Native American people against the genocidal policies of Washington and its Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Whatever is decided in the upcoming talks between the Native Americans of the Oglala Sioux Nation and White House representatives, Wounded Knee has become an indelible battle cry in the history of struggle against U.S. imperialism.

For 10 weeks, oppressed people all over the world looked to Wounded Knee as an inspiring example of courage and determination in the fight against the imperialist colossus. During that time, two Native Americans were murdered by the government agents encircling the tiny bastion of Native American liberation, and dozens were wounded. The tightening government blockade around the village forced the people inside to go on a subsistence diet for the last weeks of the siege.

On May 7 the government forces pulled back from their trenches surrounding Wounded Knee while the 120 occupiers simultaneously laid down their arms and left the village. According to the agreement, five White House representatives are to meet with the leaders of the Oglala Sioux Nation to discuss the grievances raised by the American Indian Movement at Wounded Knee—including the scores of treaties broken by the U.S. and the corrupt puppet governments set up by the Bureau of Indian Affairs to rule the Native American peoples.

The struggle for Native American self-determination, however, has not ended with the battle of Wounded Knee. Many of the AIM leaders involved in the daring occupation are now in prison or face indictments. The struggle in support of Wounded Knee will now turn to defense work for those who put their lives on the line to bring the terrible plight of their people to the attention of the world.

In spite of the fact that millions of people in this country and abroad recognized the liberation of Wounded Knee as a wholly justified act of an oppressed

people, the U.S. government will try to prosecute the heroes and heroines of Wounded Knee. All those who marched, picketed, and rallied for Wounded Knee must now do the same to demand freedom for the Wounded Knee political prisoners. It is the U.S. government which must be indicted for its long history of genocide against the many Native American peoples on this continent!

Support for AIM

Before the agreement was reached on May 5, demonstrations were held in many cities across the country to show solidarity with the embattled occupiers of Wounded Knee. Following are several reports of such activities.

New York City

NEW YORK, May 4—A picket line was held outside Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza today in solidarity with the Native Americans holding Wounded Knee. The moving line of over 100 people was sustained for seven hours.

The vigil, called by the American Indian Movement, was timed to coincide with a massive buildup at Wounded Knee by federal authorities. The U.S. government has stepped up its threats to take Wounded Knee by force.

The threats have been coupled with continuous harassment of the Native Americans by the heavily armed federal authorities and by the corrupt tribal government at Wounded Knee. Two Indians have been shot and killed by U.S. marshals and FBI men. On May 1 a funeral procession for Frank Clearwater, killed April 17, was finally allowed to pass through the Pine Ridge Reservation after repeated threats that the march would be stopped.

Meanwhile, American Indian Movement (AIM) leader Russell Means has had his bail revoked. The pretext for arresting Means is that he had broken the agreements. On May 1, Means was further indicted for conspiring to transport arms into Wounded Knee.

Chicago

CHICAGO, April 21—Over 40 people,



Demonstration of Native American solidarity in North Carolina.

including a contingent from Chicago Youth Against War & Fascism (YAWF), participated in a march and rally sponsored here today by the American Indian Movement (AIM). The action was called to show support and solidarity for the heroic Native Americans struggling for self-determination at Wounded Knee and to bring the issue of the oppression of Native American peoples before the public.

The AIM supporters marched in front of the Federal Building chanting such slogans as "No more broken treaties; U.S. out of Wounded Knee" and "Hands off Wounded Knee." After maintaining the picket line for some time, the Native Americans and their supporters marched through the downtown area in order to be more visible to the many shoppers. The march ended back at the Federal Building, where a speaker from AIM thanked the people for their support and vowed to continue the struggle until victory.

Wilmington

WILMINGTON, April 14—More than 50 supporters of militant Native Americans at Wounded Knee marched down Market Street here today demanding that the U.S. government negotiate immediately and that all the indictments against militant Indians be dropped. The march followed a rally where speakers traced the history of European colonial aggression against the

Native Americans. Hundreds of onlookers were attracted by the march and all but a handful were receptive to the banners and chants.

The spirited march concluded with a picket line at the Customs House, where the U.S. military does its recruiting. The demonstrators then disbanded with the vow to return should the government move against the heroic defenders at Wounded Knee.

Washington, D.C.

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 28—A spirited group of about 200 picketed the White House here today to demand that the U.S. government stop its racist attacks on the Independent Oglala Nation at Wounded Knee and respect its sovereignty. The action was called by the Wounded Knee Defense Committee, a coalition with a broad base in D.C.'s radical community which has been active in fund-raising and educational support for the Indians.

After picketing, the group marched through the Washington business district to a church, where a taped message from Wounded Knee (made specifically for the occasion) was played. The group chanted slogans like "Nixon, Custer, both the same! Hands off Wounded Knee!" and "Support the Independent Oglala Nation! Honor the treaties now!" The action was supported by YAWF and the Prisoners Solidarity Committee.

Mexican revolutionaries win freedom of 30 political prisoners

While the Nixon administration is tied down with the crisis around Watergate, it was not able to dissuade the neo-colonial Mexican government from releasing 30 political prisoners from Mexican jails in exchange for the release of a U.S. diplomat held by Mexican guerrillas.

By kidnapping the U.S. general consul in Mexico, Terrance G. Leonhardy, the People's Revolutionary Armed Forces (FARP) won the release of 30 Mexican political prisoners, who were soon flown to revolutionary Cuba. The guerrillas also obtained \$80,000 in cash as part of the agreement to free the imperialist diplomat.

Last Saturday, May 5, the FARP charged that in Mexico a "privileged caste has been enriching itself for hundreds of years at the cost of workers who have labored under subhuman conditions."

Meanwhile, the U.S.-lackey Mexican regime was gripped in a virtual "state of siege" in Guadalajara over the weekend of "el cinco de mayo" (May 5), celebrated by the whole of La Raza (people of Mexican ancestry) as the anniversary of the Mexican victory over the French invaders of Louis Napoleon on May 5, 1862.

ajuna, a Mexican

city located just 40 miles southeast of San Diego in Baja (Lower) California, a rebellion broke out where Mexicans threw rocks and bottles at U.S. and big Mexican capitalist businesses. The La Raza holiday was also marked throughout the rest of Mexico, in California, Colorado, and other parts of the U.S. Southwest.

Cinco de mayo

By CAL BONNER

In the spring of 1862, Louis Napoleon, Emperor of France (nephew and namesake of Bonaparte) sent a well-trained army of 6,000 professional soldiers into Mexico, which was then torn in struggle between the Mexican pro-independence liberals and the privilege-bound conservatives. To Napoleon's astonishment, the French were not greeted as heroes by the Mexican masses. The French imperialist's bully-boys were still confident. Their general wrote home:

"We are so superior to the Mexicans in race, in organization, in discipline, in morality, and in elevation of feeling, that at the head of six thousand soldiers I am already master of Mexico."



Freed Mexican political prisoner

On May 5, 1862, the ragged but tough Mexican peasants decisively defeated the boasting general at Puebla in a famous battle which greatly surprised the U.S. and the ruling classes of Europe and gave the Mexican people much glory. His imperial honor hurt, Louis Napoleon sent in another army of 30,000 French troops and by June 1863 the French colonialists had entered the capital. In the meantime, Napoleon had decided upon the man he wanted to install on the Mexican throne. He was to be a 29-year-old Austrian nobleman named Maximilian. The Mexican people continued to fight their occupiers, however, and ultimately defeated the occupying French army in

1867.

The fate of Maximilian was now in the hands of the Mexican people. But the Mexican liberals had already passed a law in 1862 condemning to death all conspirators against Mexico's independence. A wave of sympathy from the U.S. and European ruling classes demanded that Maximilian be spared. Benito Juarez, the great Indian president who has been called the father of his country, answered by expressing his loyalty to the Mexican people:

"I could not spare his life. It is not I who take it away; it is my people and the law, and if I did not do their will, the people would take his life as well as my own."

political prisoners

Pancho Cruz

NEW YORK. May 8—About one hundred demonstrators picketed outside the court today in support of the appeal of EDUARDO "PANCHO" CRUZ, convicted in 1971 for possession of explosives.

Inside the court, Cruz's lawyer presented an appeal brief that points up 20 major faults in the first trial, any one of which merits a reversal of the frameup conviction.

Cruz is presently incarcerated in the ACTEC mind-control program at Dan-nemora prison, having been singled out for repression because of his organizing within the prison for the rights of Puerto Rican prisoners and medical treatment for all prisoners. While in prison, Cruz has lost his sight in one eye and is in danger of losing it in the other.

While a student at City College, Cruz organized the Puerto Rican Student Union and was a leader in the struggle for open admissions. Today a student from City College spoke at a rally concluding the picket line, vowing determination to fight to keep the open admissions policy which Cruz helped to win.

Also speaking in support of Cruz, CARLOS FELICIANO expressed the need for people to come out in the streets to win justice, whether it's once or a thousand times. (Feliciano appeared in court May 7 on bombing conspiracy charges and a trial date of May 26 was set.)

Dharuba

NEW YORK, April 26—In a tumultuous courtroom filled with his supporters, DHARUBA, slave name Richard Moore, was today sentenced to the maximum of life on charges of attempted murder against two cops.

Dharuba was one of the leaders of the New York Black Panther Party "21" acquitted in April 1971 of bombing conspiracy charges. The 21 spent 18 months in pretrial detention on \$100,000 bail before winning their freedom. But the New York City cops and DA Frank Hogan continued their efforts to imprison these Black liberation leaders.

On May 17, 1971, Hogan got Dharuba, who had jumped bail before the Panther 21 verdict, convicted in absentia for conspiring to bomb police stations. On June 5, 1971, Dharuba was captured and charged with holding up a Bronx social club (for which he was later sentenced to 7 years). Then the cops announced that Dharuba had in his possession when captured a machinegun used earlier to wound two cops guarding Hogan's residence—resulting in today's sentence.

Dharuba had already faced these charges twice, getting a hung jury and then a mistrial. But last March, persistent Hogan finally got the conviction verdict.

Today Dharuba refused to witness the sentencing unless the detectives and

prosecutors who had framed him left the room. Judge Joseph A. Martinis denied the request and Dharuba walked out, back to the courtroom "pen."

First defense lawyer Robert Bloom protested: "Many people here in the courtroom, police officers and others, have conspired to convict Mr. Moore on perjured and unlawful testimony. In their own specific way they've seen to it he could not receive a fair and impartial trial."

Then Dharuba's wife, with her son in her arms, stood up and cried: "Please judge, as a matter of human dignity..."

"I order that woman removed from this court!" screamed Judge Martinis. "I don't care who she is."

A large group of Dharuba's supporters walked out in solidarity, and Dharuba himself never returned.

Judge Martinis is an old hand at injustice. When his son was tried for murder after a fatal car crash caused by his drunken driving, he got off with Dad's help. And as the presiding judge at sessions of the trials of the Harlem Four, Martinis refused to rule against DA Hogan's moves for new trials in spite of hung jury after hung jury.

Only the people can win justice for Dharuba.

Che Velasquez

NEW YORK, April 30—Charges were dropped today against JOSE "CHE" VELASQUEZ, Puerto Rican Socialist Party draft resister.

Velasquez had been facing up to five years for refusing induction into the U.S. army, out of solidarity with the Vietnamese liberation struggle and in protest over Puerto Rico's colonial domination by the U.S.

The Puerto Rican Socialist Party had prepared a strong political defense of Velasquez's right as a Puerto Rican to refuse induction, since Puerto Ricans who cannot vote in U.S. elections are drafted by the thousands to fight Wall Street's wars.

The judge dismissed the charges on a technicality—that the notice of the induction physical examination had not been properly served—but only to avoid dealing with the real issue, U.S. imperialism. And the reason the judge needed to drop the whole case is that the U.S. war machine has been militarily and politically defeated by the Vietnamese.

Chino Defense

On April 19 in San Bernardino, California, Judge Halderson ruled on what DA Joseph Canti can say in his opening arguments to be given April 23, in the case against ANDREA and DOUG BURT, members of the Venceremos Organization charged in connection with the escape of Ron Beaty from Chino prison last October 6.

ROBERT SEABOCK and JEAN HOBSON, also members of Venceremos, face charges in the same connection, but their trial has been separated.

Judge Halderson gave free reign to DA Canti to make statements concerning anything supposedly said by the Burts, Hobson, Seabock, or Beaty that show criminal intent. In plain language, the DA got the go-ahead to put them and the Venceremos Organization on trial for their political views.

Beaty, who has turned state's evidence after an improbable escape in which he was traveling with unarmed guards in a car with no radio to a cancelled trial date, is the only witness against the Venceremos members, who have been very active and effective in supporting prisoners' rights in California.

Letters between Beaty and Venceremos members were found in the prison transport car—something Beaty certainly wouldn't have had with him if Venceremos engineered the escape.

Because a guard was killed, the frame-up charges against Venceremos are very serious. Support is being mobilized through the Chino Defense Committee, 747 Delores St., Stanford, Calif.



Zayd Shakur, Joanne Chesimard, Clark Squire

On May 2, New Jersey state troopers stopped a car on the turnpike carrying ZAYD SHAKUR, JOANNE CHESIMARD, and CLARK SQUIRE. There followed a gun battle in which Shakur was killed, Chesimard critically wounded, and Squire captured as one cop was killed and a second wounded.

The troopers described the three as "cop killers" of the so-called Black Liberation Army, making hysterical press headlines.

Shakur is the former minister of information of the New York Black Panther Party.

Chesimard was hunted by the cops for alleged bank robbery and attempted murder of cops. Veteran cops had told of wanting to kill her on sight.

Squire was one of the New York Panther

21 acquitted in 1971 on bombing conspiracy charges.

The survivors, Chesimard and Squire, have not been able to tell what happened. But the cops shot first before they knew who was in the car, and the car itself was covered with blood, with the back window shot out, pointing to the cops having started the shooting. It was the long history of unprovoked cop attacks against Black people that had taught these three to carry arms in self-defense.

On May 7, Zayd Shakur was given a revolutionary burial attended by 150 Muslims, including his father Salahdeen and his brother Lumumba, who was also one of the New York Panther 21. Live ammunition was placed on Zayd Shakur's chest.

Before the services began, Salahdeen Shakur said, "Zayd was a struggler, he was a revolutionary—he died for a good cause. The only crime he was convicted of was of being Black in America."

'They hated my son for being Black'

The following is a speech given by Mrs. Otelia Carrington whose son, James, is fighting a trumped-up rape charge, in Virginia. Mrs. Carrington was addressing a rally of the Richmond Prisoners Solidarity Committee when she made these remarks. (For details of case, see Workers World of March 2.)

It is indeed a pleasure for me to stand before you at this time. I want to say first of all that I'm not a speaker as such, but I promised that I would come and have a word this afternoon, and then too, I felt that it was my duty to come.

I admire the courage and the stand that you people of the Prisoners Solidarity Committee have taken for the poor and oppressed people of this country. I want you to know also that I stand with you in the struggle. I feel that all of the oppressed people should stand together hand in hand. I think we should work together for justice.

You see, I've always known that the white man has no use for the Black man, other than to do his dirty work at a starvation price and then just get out of his face!

When my son James Carrington was tried on a frameup rape case, I sat in that courtroom and looked at that angry mob. They were red-faced white men with bitter hate written all over them. Honestly, I already knew this, but I was a little bewildered and surprised that people could hate as much as they hated my son at that moment.

And you know, the reason that they hated him was because he was one of the "unfortunate" people. He was unfortunate enough to be born Black. This is the only thing they had against him—he was born Black.

I listened to a man and his son testify

taken from a poem
by N. O. Abde (Mauritania)

Powerful fists of the suffering masses
Fall on the head
Of imperialism and colonialism.
My sisters and brothers,
Firmly hold your guns
And aim at the enemy.
Fight valiantly
Until the song of victory
Resounds in the sky of Africa!



how they shot all around him, as they said, "just to keep him calm." They were afraid that he was going to attack them, but I remind you, he was handcuffed at the time and they had two guns on him. And he had already been severely beaten. As I understand it, it was around 3 a.m. before they finally placed him in the jail. They were going around to doctors and going through wood roads to keep from running into the KKK.

If this thing only happened once in a lifetime, we could overlook it. But James is only one example among thousands of Black men who have been brutally beaten, had life imprisonment, or even been killed for crimes just as questionable as the one I'm talking about right now. I look forward to the day when innocent Black men are no longer thrown into prison because this sick society says this is where Black men should be.

I've traveled these United States over as the leader of a gospel group, and I've noticed in all the churches men are few in number. I just recently found out where they are. The Black men are in prison. They are behind these prison walls.

Until 1970, I had never been inside a jail, but since that time I've been a regular visitor. And I've found by talking to so many parents, wives, and relatives that those prisoners are just victims of circumstances. They're not bad people, they are pathetic people, crying out for help. A large percentage of these people are poor and uneducated. When thrown into these horror-houses and treated like animals, they can see no future for themselves and they turn to animals too. Is this their fault? I think not.

No one but a mother knows exactly how you hurt, how you suffer, through a crisis like this. You see, my son was a fine young man. He worked hard for a living. We all did. We didn't take anything from anybody. And when this thing came, my whole family was broken hearted.

The only thing "wrong" with the Carrington family as a whole was that they were born Black. This is the only thing.

The people who have joined themselves together to fight for freedom for the Thomas Wansleys and the James Carringtons in this world are few in number. I believe the PSC stands for right, and I think more people should get involved and speak out for what they know is right. The more people that work together, the more strength we have. In conclusion, all I'm saying is, "More power to the people!"

Prisoners' letterbox

Strikes, fasts for justice

Caledonia Prison Farm
Tillery, North Carolina
April 19, 1973

Dear Friends,

On April 10, 1973 I went on strike against the North Carolina Department of Correction's failure to pay the inmates for the work that they do. I have refused to work or eat until my list of demands is met. So

far, I have not eaten in nine (9) days and am still healthy.

I understand that several organizations have come out in support of my demands which has greatly encouraged me. I have also heard that some other inmates are considering similar actions.

At the present time I am in the "hole" so that the oppressive pig authorities here can keep me from talking with other inmates. They also refuse to allow me to use the "writ" room here. This is the only source of legal aid available to inmates here.

I would like to request your support in this struggle for the end to slave labor in the North Carolina Department of Correction.

List of demands:

1) All inmates should be paid a fair wage for all work that they do. 2) All inmates should be placed in the unit closest to their home. 3) The use of the "hole" should be stopped except in cases of violence. 4) The sanitation conditions of the kitchen at the Caledonia Farm should be investigated.

Until these demands are met, I refuse to work or eat.

Peace and Unity,

William Floyd Johnson
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P.O. Box 137

Answer witchhunters

The following letter was written by prisoners at New York State's Auburn concentration camp to protest the hearings recently held by the House Internal Security Committee on so-called "radical subversion" of the prisons. Representative Ichord and others were attempting through these hearings to ban radical literature from the prisons on the grounds that it was causing the massive rebellions that have spread through New York's prison system.

April 8, 1973

To Representatives Ichord, Burke, and Guyer:

It is really a shame that anyone who allegedly possesses some personal knowledge of prison conditions and/or the prison system could be so vacuous or hypocritical as to expound a belief that literature (any type of literature) is to blame for the present and continuing unrest in these slave camps.

It is so obvious, as well as an outrage to us in here, that this so-called investigation, being conducted by you, and the diversionary rhetoric being spouted, is no more than another whitewashing attempt in this cold war being conducted by the State to gain favorable public opinion by releasing slanted and prejudiced views in relation to us prisoners, all motivated for the singular purpose of creating a biased public consciousness-related view of the so-called hard core, militant, radical or depraved prisoner; all geared to keep the public consciousness diverted away from the State's own inadequate, depraved and dehumanizing system.

We are deprived of basic human dignities; we are subjugated to ever-increasing oppressive, dehumanizing, demeaning and suppressive conditions, i.e., forced menial labor for an average slave wage of 30 cents a day; we are being subjected to the demeaning indecency of being strip-searched (which includes the humiliating procedure of having to bend

over and spread your rectum) as a prerequisite to seeing outside visitors, family, legal aid, etc., while at the same time our visitors themselves are being subjected to finger printing and interrogation.

We are being subjected to never-ending mental as well as physical harassment and abuse by insecure, sadistic, and racist-minded "pigs," who constantly engage in divisional-motivated tactics, such as punishing or threatening to punish for any form of inmate solidarity, socially, politically, religiously, or in any other manner, particularly, black-white association. . . .

Quit trying to justify and distort your oppressive system by trying to create scapegoats and fictional causes for the discontented and oppressive-related struggles taking place in here.

Until you learn, and change your oppressive controlled policies, and so long as you continue to treat us in the sub-human manner in which you have dealt with us for as long as anyone can remember, then, you will find more and more prisoners fusing together in their struggle to seek ways and means to maintain and manifest their manhood, their dignity and self-respect. Until these humanistic principles are guaranteed and restored to us, there will be continued resistance. . . .

This same cycle will continue again and again until your oppressive-controlled policies cease to govern our present forcefully-imposed sub-human existence. Until we are allowed to live and think like human beings, we cannot, and will not, ever cease fighting to eliminate the system that deprives us of this self-determined right.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE,

Rodney Haymes George F. Jones
Julio Le'Bron Rafael Soto
Thomas Wielopolski

From Death Row

The following letter was written by a Black prisoner under sentence of death in Virginia for allegedly killing a white prison guard. A campaign to fight this racist execution sentence has been mounted by the Richmond, Va. Prisoners Solidarity Committee. They can be contacted at: 1103 Floyd Ave., Richmond, Va. 23220.

My name is Malcolm Marvin Jefferson. As you probably know, I am under a sentence of death for allegedly murdering a prison guard at the Powhatan (Va.) Courthouse.

I've read of the support that various groups, including PSC, is giving me and James (Washington) in our fight. The state is only attempting to murder us because we are Black, poor, and prisoners. When a prisoner refuses to be a puppet for these power-crazed officials, they will use any method to break your spirit and will.

For example, I've been in padlock confinement for 21 consecutive months. Padlock confinement is when a prisoner is confined to his cell 24 hours a day every day and isn't permitted out of his cell except for emergency reasons. Also, I've been in the maximum security section of the penitentiary and the State Farm for five consecutive years.

Why? Because I refuse to be anything less than a man . . . my own man. But when

a prisoner speaks out for himself and refuses to be broken, the officials have a name for it: they label you as being a troublemaker.

Nixon and his reactionary followers are trying to reinstate the death penalty for "certain" crimes. I guess this is supposed to instill fear into anyone having ideas of rebelling against his fascist-oriented system. But what Nixon doesn't know is that really dedicated people are not fazed by the threat of this so-called legal murder.

Do you know of any rich people ever being executed? Have you ever heard of a cop being executed for killing anyone in "the line of duty?" I haven't, and it's doubtful if I ever will. But I have heard of poor people being executed for allegedly killing cops.

Nixon is so concerned about law and order that he is willing to use the death penalty against poor, oppressed people, but Nixon reduced the life sentence of convicted mass murderer Lt. William Calley. Of course, you know, Calley was convicted of cold-bloodily killing innocent women and children.

Thanks for everything that you and the PSC are trying to do for myself and James. With the people's support, freedom will be ours.

In Solidarity,

Malcolm Jefferson, Virginia State Penitentiary, Richmond, Va.

Gay prisoners

I want to thank you for your publication of my request for help in our struggle for gay prisoners' harassment to be stopped and the National Gay Prisoners Coalition to be recognized.

At present I have been released from the hole, but Ernest Valenzuela is still in the hole, being denied proper food, medical help, and any privileges that others receive, and being denied the right to work or earn good time or money. The authorities have warned me about carrying out my Coalition, in that the warden threatens to lock me up for speaking out for my rights. There are other gays locked up already. But the brainwash system of the Federal Prison System is not working as planned by Norman A. Carlson and Warden S. J. Britton. We would like to say that we are not scared of Warden Britton or any official. As our life here has already been placed in danger by officials, and as it remains that way, fear is not a new type of thing to me or Valenzuela or any gay prisoner here.

The food strike two weeks ago and the rapes, fires, and assaults have brought plenty of heat on the administration. Plus, yesterday—the 25th of March—there were three arson bombings in the factory. Plus the deaths of two inmates in the hole—these are all events caused by the treatment and harassment by Warden S. J. Britton.

We urge all persons interested in gay prisoners' rights and prisoners' rights to contact Warden S. J. Britton and Norman A. Carlson, Director of the Bureau of Prisons, to stop the harassment and deprivation of human rights and to stop the suicides and deaths caused by this type of treatment.

Your help is deeply appreciated,
The National Gay Prisoners Coalition of Leavenworth

Chairman — John A. Gibbs
Secretary — Ernest M. Valenzuela

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Nixon contra el derecho a huelga

La administración de Nixon está proponiendo eliminar el seguro por desempleo a los trabajadores en huelga. (Los estados de Nueva York y Rhode Island pagan beneficios después de la séptima semana de huelga.)

Toda la clase capitalista y sus lugartenientes en la clase liberal igual que la prensa reaccionaria, han juntado filas detrás de Nixon en este caso.

No está bien, dicen ellos, que el patrono deba "subsidiar" a sus esclavos para que se rebelen contra él.

No como el seguro social que es pagado por partes iguales por el trabajador y el patrono, el seguro por desempleo es pagado solamente por los patronos.

Pero no es individualmente ningún patrono tramposo el que está "sub-

sidiando" a los trabajadores en huelga, sino toda la clase patronal la que paga el seguro.

Presumiblemente, los miles de patronos que no han sido afectados por huelga están pagando salarios "normales" mientras que los afectados están tratando de socavar esa norma. Por lo menos esa era la teoría durante el liberal capitalista Nuevo Trato (New Deal) cuando estas leyes fueron pasadas.

Mas aún los beneficios por desempleo relacionados con huelga igual que cualquier otro beneficio no vino a nosotros por el buen corazón de los patronos. Nuestros padres ganaron esta lucha contra ellos.

Las corporaciones pelearon muchos años para no pagar ningún

seguro por desempleo de ninguna forma.

Y pelearon no solamente porque fueran tacaños sino porque sabían que los trabajadores serían mas independientes y mas confidentes en ellos mismos.

Las corporaciones sabían que no podrían abatir a los desempleados muy facilmente y hacerlos trabajar por salarios de hambre si tuvieran el dinero para amarrarlos durante los periodos de desempleo.

Por la misma moneda podrían abatir una huelga mas facilmente si los trabajadores no tuvieran ingreso alguno por meses corridos.

Si las compañías pueden pensar en los trabajadores hambrientos y negándole alimentos a sus familiares

después de unas cuantas semanas, esto será un estímulo para que cada patrono se aguante en contra de demandas para mas salarios y apriete las uniones contra la pared.

La propuesta de Nixon para terminar esta clase de seguro de desempleo es un golpe al unionismo y a la misma vez un golpe contra los mas elementares derechos humanos de la clase trabajadora

Es un golpe contra todo el principio del seguro por desempleo mismo y un atentado para trastocar lo que queda de legislación del Nuevo Trato. Es un atentado para regresar al ataque sin freno de los grandes compañías contra el derecho a vivir de los trabajadores.

Houston

Chicano, Black, and white rally 2,000-strong for May Day

Special to Workers World

HOUSTON, May 1—More than 2,000 people attended a five-hour-long May Day rally and picnic here today organized by Youth Against War & Fascism and hosted by the Chicanos of YAWF. It was the largest May Day mobilization in Houston in many, many years. Speakers included representatives of Women United for Action, the United Farmworkers (AFL-CIO), the Center for United Labor Action, the Amalgamated Clothing Workers (AFL-CIO), now on strike against Farah Pants, and YAWF.

Ovide Duncantell, a prominent Black activist here, also spoke. The big majority present was Chicano; many Blacks and whites also turned out. In addition to the speakers, the crowd was entertained by two popular rock bands and served free watermelon. Most people who came were young, but a number of families also attended.

YAWF called for a "People's Liberation Day" rally and picnic to challenge the "Loyalty Day" proclamation of Richard Nixon. The head flunky of racist Big Business tried to turn this, international people's holiday into a day of allegiance to U.S. imperialism. But in Houston, and in cities throughout America and the world, the working and oppressed peoples demonstrated their opposition to Dick "Mass Murderer" Nixon and his bosses.

FARMWORKERS APPEAL FOR HELP

Several speakers focused on the struggle of workers and the poor to defend their standard of living, their basic rights on and off the job, and their unions. Adrian Nelson, speaking for the Farmworkers, told of the plight of agricultural workers in America and the current conspiracy of the Nixon government and the big growers to destroy their hard-won union. She appealed for increased support for the Farmworkers' boycotts of scab lettuce and grapes.

Representing the recently formed Women United for Action here, Barbara Timko spoke of the mass movement against high food prices and WUA's goal of a 25



Ricardo Aguirre, a Chicano member of YAWF, chairs militant May Day rally in Houston, Texas.

percent rollback. "With our families' health at stake, we must sacrifice now and do our share to take part in the struggle to get food prices reduced. And if all the women here unite, we can win the fight to roll back food prices!"

Six Farah strikers drove 200 miles from San Antonio to attend the rally. Several of them addressed the crowd and outlined the just demands of the Chicano workers against the racist empire of Willie Farah. They told of the unshakable solidarity of the strikers during the year-long struggle and of

their determination to fight on until victory.

Gloria Rodriguez explained the many activities of the Houston Center for United Labor Action. These included support of the Farah strike and boycott, the Shell workers' strike and boycott, the Farmworkers, and numerous fights against increases in utilities rates, the most recent being the telephone rate hike. "The profits of American Telephone and Telegraph are up 20 percent for the first quarter of 1973. That's up 20 percent! I don't think anyone here has had their checks go up 20 percent!"

she said.

Rodriguez labeled the government's Wage and Price Commission "a joke." "The only thing they are regulating is our wages. Big business is getting rich off of us and we can't get more than a 5.5 percent raise. I say this has got to stop!"

Ovide Duncantell, one of the most respected Black activists in Houston, spoke next. In a well-received speech that touched on many issues, Duncantell denounced the Nixon administration's assault against working people in general and particularly the attacks against Americans of color. He emphasized the urgent need for Black, Chicano, and white unity.

LOYAL TO WHAT?

"What is it Nixon wants us to be loyal to?" asked Alex Rodriguez of YAWF, the final speaker. "Isn't it racism, the oppression of women, sky-high prices, strike breaking and union busting, foreign wars against people who just want to run their own countries, and trigger-happy cops? Is that what we want to be loyal to? No, our loyalty must be to the struggle for liberation of all oppressed people. This means support for Chicano struggles throughout Atzlan, particularly right now in Denver, Colorado, where police repression is very heavy.

"This means support of the Indians at Wounded Knee; the Palestinians; the African liberation struggles in Mozambique, Angola, South Africa, and Rhodesia; the Puerto Rican independence movement; Latin American movements in countries like Mexico, Chile, and Panama; and the fight for self-determination of Black Americans, especially now in Detroit, where a white police squad called STRESS has murdered 18 people, 17 of them Black." Of the struggle of women, he said, "When we free our sisters, we free ourselves." Alex concluded, "If the oppressed fight alone, we will die alone. But if we fight together, we all will win!"

Ricardo Aguirre of YAWF, the chairman of the rally, ended the program with the cry "Power to the People!" And hundreds of people left knowing that genuine power for the oppressed is a step closer.

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