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From Dallas to Watergate

Government by assassination?

Two Watergate figures are dead. Who killed them?

Rep. William O. Mills was found dead Thursday from a gunshot wound. One day earlier it had been reported that Mills, a *Republican from Maryland*, received \$25,000 in cash from the Committee to Reelect the President. Last December 8, the wife of Watergate burglar E. Howard Hunt was killed in the crash of United Airlines flight 553 while carrying \$40,000 in cash! The investigator responsible for exposing judicial corruption in Illinois, Sheldon Skolnick, has charged "the highest level of government" with murder in the plane crash.

Open the secret Kennedy assassination archives!

Secret papers on CIA and FBI involvement in the Kennedy assassination have been locked up in the National Archives for 75 years, along with key medical reports and x-rays. Now Watergate has been linked to the assassination through Frank Sturgis, CIA agent and Watergate burglar who was questioned by the FBI after Kennedy's death.

Government secrecy doesn't protect the people—it protects the guilty! (For more on Watergate, see centerfold.)

Open the FBI files on the murder of Martin Luther King!

Calling it a "spillover from Watergate," the *Amsterdam News* reports that Black Congressmen are demanding a reopening of the investigation into the murder of Dr. King. They want to know how Ray was able to get passports and money so easily, why King wasn't under police guard, why false information on the police radio in Memphis led cops away from King's assassin?

Open up all the secret files! Let the people know the truth!

For a decade, a fierce but clandestine struggle has been going on within the ruling circles of this country. It has involved the super-secret police agencies—the CIA, the FBI, and others—who cry "national security" every time an effort is made to look into their activities. Political assassination has become commonplace. Behind these murders and scandals are the biggest political issues of the day—the Indochina war, the wage freeze, the dollar crisis, and the struggle of the Black people.



Vietnam vets' angry protest fills DC streets

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African
Liberation
Day, May 26**

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Men of Integrity

"I have known Dr. Ken Riland for more than 30 years as a man of the highest integrity. He is my warm personal friend as well as my physician. He is one of the most generous and devoted beings I know and I have complete confidence in him."

These are the words of New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller as reported in the *Buffalo Evening News* of April 21. Two days later Dr. Riland, Rockefeller's "warm personal friend," appeared in court on charges that he had evaded on more than \$82,000 in taxes.

Dr. Riland accompanied Nixon on the China trip last year as his personal physician. He has also treated Henry Kissinger and other members of the White House staff.

Nixon paid the good doctor thousands of dollars in fees with checks drawn against Pentagon accounts. The White House says that this was completely legal because Nixon (who recently vetoed a Senate bill providing medical aid for retarded children) is "commander-in-chief of the armed forces" and is thus eligible for free medical care.

Algiers Motel Cops Acquitted But...

"SAN ANTONIO, Texas, May 15 (UPI)—District Judge Archie S. Brown sentenced Eugene Spencer, Jr., yesterday

to 10,000 years in the penitentiary on his conviction of murdering a police officer."

Milhouse on Nixon

Mrs. Philip Milhouse, wife of Nixon's first cousin, commented about Watergate on May 11:

"My other cousins think it's terrible that I admitted that I was on welfare. Well, I would rather be on welfare than be involved in a bunch of gangsterism, and I've about come to the conclusion that's all politics in this country is."

The Park Avenue Swill

From *Mafia*, a new book by Fred Cook (WW comments in italic):

"Crazy Joe Gallo was so inventive (*before his assassination in 1972*) that he perfected new, unique dimensions of terror. He kept a lioness named Cleo locked in the basement of the Gallo headquarters at 49-51 President Street, near the south Brooklyn waterfront. Cleo came in handy whenever Crazy Joe was trying to shake down a victim who was putting up some resistance. On such occasions, Joe would open the cellar door and toss Cleo a hunk of meat. The lioness would roar her appreciation, and it was an obdurate man indeed who failed to get the message.

"'I know of one case,' Inspector Martin wrote, 'where Joey held another man's forearm between his hands and broke the bone over the edge of an office desk, as a way of collecting a debt owed to his combination. The man told the story to one of my detectives, but he was too frightened to sign a complaint lest he be killed. He was killed later anyway.'

"...Joey's entree into chic New York

circles (in 1971) had been gained simply by making a telephone call to Jerry and Marta Orbach. They found him 'brilliant' and 'charming.'

"Toughness, it seems, creates its own cult, and the Park Avenue swirl into which the Orbachs introduced their new paragon quickly became enamored of the killer turned intellectual philosopher.

"It got to be a habit for Gallo to drop in at the Orbach's townhouse late at night for a cup of coffee laced with anisette or brandy. They introduced him to a limited number of friends in their circle. He became acquainted with Thomas H. Guinzburg, publisher of Viking Press. (*Viking paid Lt. Calley \$100,000 for the rights to publish his 'memoirs.'*) He played pool with Bruce and Jane Friedman's sons. It became quite the 'in' thing in certain New York circles to go to the Orbachs' regular five o'clock Sunday brunches and converse about the higher things of life with Mr. Joseph Gallo."

While these pigs in evening clothes were "talking about the higher things of life" with Mr. Joseph Gallo, professional killers under his command executed at least ten men in a carnival of murder. Describing the torture death of one loan-sharking victim, Gallo said, "We hung him from the wall on a meat hook. It took him three days to die and the whole time all he did was keep begging for water. It was so funny that I laughed until I cried."

Now that Gallo's gone, the cultured rich of Park Avenue will have to find someone else to entertain them. Perhaps when Nixon pardons Calley. . . .



Joseph Gallo, darling of High Society, and one of his goons.



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Disabled, jobless vets march on White House



On Washington march, Vietnam war-era vets demand \$2,500 cash compensation.

By ANDY STAPP

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 19—Over 400 Vietnam war-era veterans plus 75 supporters marched through the streets of the Capital today to protest cutbacks in disability payments and to demand \$2,500 cash compensation for all Vietnam-era vets. The action was organized and led by the American Servicemen's Union, a union of rank-and-file GIs and veterans.

Carrying banners that read, "Vietnam vets demand decent jobs at decent pay," "Vets want jobs now—Nixon, can you live on \$220 per month?" and "Stop the disability cuts—Protect the GI Bill" (this banner carried by 10 active-duty GIs from Ft. Bragg), the veterans moved out of Mt. Vernon Square about 12:30 p.m. and marched down 7th Street into the busy downtown shopping area along F Street.

The marchers, half of whom were Black, Puerto Rican, Chicano, Native American, and Asian-American, stopped several times along F Street for short rallies and drew considerable crowds.

"We've gone from the front lines in Vietnam, a war which none of us believed in, to the front lines of the welfare offices back here in the States," Tom Soto told the crowds. Tom, a member of the 1971 Attica Observers Committee, is an active ASU organizer who suffered severe injuries in Vietnam.

When the vets began to chant, "Vets and working people, unite for jobs," many of those who had been watching began to join the march in small groups. This infuriated the police, who ordered the march leaders to walk faster. "What are you, a bunch of cripples?" yelled one pig to the veterans, many of whom had been wounded and some of whom were missing limbs.

The vets treated the pigs, both the uniformed and plainclothes variety, with contempt. They knew this was not 1932, the last time ex-soldiers had marched demanding funds from the government only to be shot down and killed by President Hoover's gunmen.

This was 1973, and with the Watergate scandal, Nixon was on the defensive and could not risk a violent veteran-cop confrontation.

As the march passed the Veterans Administration on Vermont Ave., massed helmeted cops were blocking its doors. The vets began to boo and shake their fists in anger at this state institution of oppression.

VETS RALLY AT WHITE HOUSE

After over an hour of marching through the streets, they reached the rally point at Lafayette Square, across the street from the White House. From the speaker stand that had been erected just minutes before the marchers reached the site, Larry Holmes, a Black GI and National Field Organizer of

the ASU, opened the rally by pointing out that "Unemployment among Vietnam vets is at a near-depression rate and 30 percent of the inmates of federal prisons are Vietnam-era veterans."

Holmes then introduced three ASU organizers who share the same problems as most Third World vets. Tony Dial stressed, "We must become revolutionaries for social change. In Cleveland, 75 percent of us Black vets are unemployed because of racist discrimination. We're not begging for anything. The \$2,500 is owed to us."

Rizal Minon spoke next. "I have a 50 percent disability and it took me 14 months to get my first check from the VA. It's only \$149 a month, and now Nixon says he will cut it to \$14 in July. If Watergate Nixon has \$46,000 to spend on bugging one office, he can spend \$46,000 to fix my knees."

Julio Ghigliotty, a Puerto Rican brother and co-editor of the ASU paper, *The Bond*, said, "We vets fought for the profits of the big corporations in Vietnam, and now they won't even give us jobs. We're tired of hypocrisy. We're going to tell them what we want through direct political action: \$2,500 or fight!"

Peggy Geden, whose husband Steve is



Larry Holmes reads vets' demands.

one of the Camp McCoy 3, got the crowd of vets laughing as soon as she mentioned the name of former Attorney General John Mitchell, the man who indicted her husband on bombing charges and now faces 60 years for his Watergate crimes. Pointing at the White House she told the crowd, "Thousands of GI political prisoners rot in stockades and brigades while the real and most dangerous criminals are right across the street. Try Nixon and Agnew and all the others and then we'll have some real justice."

John Lewis, veteran of many army

stockades and Norfolk, Va. organizer of the ASU, welcomed the active-duty servicemen who had attended the rally from Ft. Bragg, Ft. Monmouth, Norfolk Naval Base, and other military installations. He introduced James Sweat, a Black former sailor and one of the Camp Allen 14 of Norfolk, Virginia Naval Station. Sweat told how he and 13 other Black sailors had been threatened with charges of mutiny, riot, soliciting to mutiny, destruction of government property, threatening gestures, disrespect, and assault by racist naval officers for defending themselves against an armed attack by 30 racist Marine guards. James Sweat pointed out that five of the 14 men still face charges and could get 15-year sentences. "Some of the brothers got out, thanks to the ASU, and now we've got to get the others freed," he said.

Bill Roundtree, who was severely brutalized in an Air Force stockade where he was held for eight months, demanded that all less than honorable discharges be abolished, adding, "Vets who have bad discharges can't get work and often end up confined in America's concentration camp prisons because they had to steal to feed their families."

OVATION FOR BILLY DEAN SMITH

The last and main speaker was Billy Dean Smith, a Black ASU member who was acquitted in California of charges of fragging two white racist officers in Vietnam. Before his celebrated acquittal he had been held for two years in pretrial solitary confinement.

"Brothers and Sisters and fellow
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What they had to say

By JOYCE BETRIES

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 19—"I think it's a damned good march!"

"They've got a just cause."

"They're 100 percent right."

"It's about time somebody did something about the way veterans are treated. They come home and they have no jobs—this country doesn't care about them."

These remarks typified the feelings of the largely Black and Latin crowd of men and women who gathered to watch as over 400 Black, Latin, Native American, and poor white veterans marched through the streets of this city today chanting "What do we want? Jobs! When do we want them? Now!"

Leaning against a store window, a middle-aged Black woman read off some of the signs carried by the vets for her near-sighted husband: "Vets are POWs—Put out of Work" and "Vets demand low rent, decent housing."

"I think it's wonderful," she said. "They should be marching like this every day of the week!" At one point, when the vets were chanting "Vets and working people, unite for jobs," people all over the streets picked up the chant. The crowd of marchers behind the veterans' banners swelled until it was almost twice the original size. Others followed the route of the march on the sidewalks.

A Black man in a white cook's hat came to the window of a restaurant and raised his clenched fist in solidarity with the marchers. One man was so moved by the veterans' cause that he went back into the crowd and returned with his 6-year-old son so that he, too, might see the march and remember it.

"I have brothers who fought in Vietnam," a young Black man in a sport jacket standing in the doorway of an office building said to this reporter. "And one of my

brothers was killed there, and he got no recognition. What's happening to vets is a damned shame. I'm very hostile to the government because of it, and I know other people who feel the same way I do."

WHAT MADE THEM COME TO WASHINGTON

One Black man in a fatigue shirt came on the Veterans' March because he had recently spent three nights and two days standing on line for a job he didn't get. "That was the last straw," he said. "You come back from Vietnam, and there's nothing." In the eight months that he has been out of the service, \$50 a week unemployment has been the only income for him, his wife, and two children. A mason by trade, he has no job, he can't get into the union, and he can't get a work permit. His welfare application has been refused



Billy Dean Smith addresses vets. He wears cap given to him by Fidel.

because the welfare department claims he is able bodied and can find work. His family shares a tiny ghetto apartment with his aunt, and he finds it humiliating that he must rely on relatives to feed his children.

A tall man with close cropped hair, who joined the march as it wound through the streets, had been forced to come to Washington for work because there were no jobs back home in North Carolina. He can't get the kind of job he wants because the reenlistment code on his honorable discharge is not acceptable to many employers.

Another man, in jungle fatigues, has been going to school a full year, but has only received a month's benefits from the VA.

One man tried for the two years since his discharge to put Vietnam out of his mind, but he couldn't. "My friends who came back with one arm or no arms, one leg or no legs, this is what touched me and brought me to Washington."

An ex-marine and his wife had come to the march from Delaware. He had recently been fired from his job as a machine operator because of a service-related disability, and now they both were out of work. "I need money, a job, and benefits, like everybody else," he said. "Now, if I can't get welfare, I'll have to steal. That's what they're forcing me to do."

BILLY DEAN SMITH SPEAKS OF VETS

"Veterans around the country will continue to march until all the grievances are met," Billy Dean Smith told *Workers World*. Smith was held for two years in pre-trial solitary confinement in military prisons before he was finally acquitted of the charges of fragging two white racist officers in Vietnam. So long a spokesman for Third World enlisted men, Smith now addresses himself also to the problems of veterans. "The army trained us to fight and organize," he continued, "and now we're bringing these skills back to our communities so that we can alleviate all the problems within our communities."

Women and men battle Shell side by side

This article is reprinted from Union W.A.G.E., a paper put out by women trade unionists in Berkeley, California.

By Sarah Seidlitz

Martha Adams is a housewife, and she goes about her chores much as other housewives do, except that when she is cooking and cleaning she is always listening for whistles. "Man, when those whistles go off, my heart stops. That's terror! Any time those whistles go off, that means there's trouble."

Joan Bedoya lives seven miles away and she can't hear the whistles. But "many a time, unconsciously, I look out the window; I catch myself looking out the window. One day, my girlfriend called me from Martinez and said, 'There's trouble at Shell!' So I ran and got my binoculars and looked. I saw that it wasn't in the area where my old man was, and finally I went back to my housework."

Trudi Kreis is afraid of phone calls. "You send your husband to work in the morning—mine works from 8 to 4:30; all during the day, in the back of your mind is this little thing: 'Am I going to get a call from Shell today? Is my husband going to get hurt? What's going to happen if my husband gets hurt? Where's that going to leave me?' When Robert Henderson got burned up—died—I'll never forget that!"

Enough of those experiences led Joan Bedoya recently to stand in front of a strikebreaker's car. She narrowly missed getting run over. When she complained to a county sheriff, he told her to call the Highway Patrol. The patrolman told her he couldn't take the complaint: "The driver's action was intentional, so file a criminal complaint with the district attorney."

These are wives of the Shell Oil strikers of Local 1-5, Oil, Chemical, and Atomic Workers Union (OCAW) in Martinez, telling it like it is for them.

Similar worries and obstacles beset all the wives of striking Shell refinery workers in Martinez. The refinery workers, all men, are part of a national strike against Shell Oil begun on January 24, centering on health and safety demands. The women are too concerned over the issue to be left out of the strike activities, often in spite of their husbands' initial objections. And as the case of Joan Bedoya shows, they have backed up their actions with an ample supply of courage.

SHELL WOMEN VS. SHERIFFS AND SCABS

The OCAW Wives' Committee started with ten people, organizing food distribution for the picket lines, and has grown to 50 women, some of whom do picket duty at the refinery. On two occasions, these women

took over all the picketing. Thursday, April 12, twenty of them went one step further. Joined by a dozen women sympathizers, they sat down at a plant gate, blocking the exit for C. Norman Peterson's fleet of scab maintenance contractors.

These scabs are performing the critical maintenance work normally done by the strikers, which keeps the refinery from coming to a halt. This is why they became the particular target of the women's wrath. The scabs' cars were kept from leaving for more than 45 minutes before the deputy sheriffs could screw up their courage to confront the women. During that time, the women expressed their feelings towards the scabs and the deputies by spirited chanting and singing. Twenty were finally arrested and led away, undaunted, determined to fight on. Their husbands, looking on from across the highway, were visibly heartened by the independent, resolute action of the women.

This was not the first time the sheriffs had obliged Shell. The Sheriff's Department has been another target of the women's demonstrations; they accuse it of "babysitting" for the company. They say sheriffs deliver the mail for Shell, harass picketers, and sometimes escort scabs to the freeway. One sheriff drove around the picket line bellowing "Buy Shell gas" over his bullhorn.

So on March 21, the women picketed the Sheriff's Department for three hours, in the rain, until Acting Sheriff Ramsay came down to speak to them. "Whose side are they on?" demanded Jackie Costa, fiery organizer of the Wives' Committee. "If a citizen asks for protection, saying violence may occur, the sheriffs say, 'Can't help you, no crime has been committed,' if robbed, they don't investigate till the following day. But Shell is different. They have five to ten sheriffs on constant patrol of our peaceful picket line ready to aid Shell." She recounted a couple of picket line incidents. "A scab truck bumped me. The sheriff wouldn't even file a report. His excuse: If I wasn't standing there, the truck wouldn't have hit me." On another occasion, "A scab drove down a striker, seriously injuring his leg while a sheriff watched. He refused to write a report or arrest the attacker, claiming it was out of his jurisdiction."

HEALTH HAZARDS

Over 1,600 chemicals are present in the refining process, either as byproducts, end products, additives, or catalysts. Only a small proportion of these chemicals have even been superficially tested as to their medical effects. In the few cases where oil companies have carried out research, they refuse to make the results known to either the government, the workers, or the public.

Nevertheless, enough is known about the hazards of exposure to materials such as benzene, asbestos, hydrochloric acid, and tetra-ethyl lead to establish that oil refineries are among the most hazardous of all workplace environments. What is known is that oil workers have a high incidence of chronic degenerative diseases like heart trouble and cancer. On-the-job pollution can cause cancer, emphysema, asbestosis, or leukemia. Several wives report that their husbands have lung ailments which have "mysteriously" cleared up since the men have been on strike.

Over a dozen environmental groups have come to the support of the strike and boycott. They say, "We have increasingly come to recognize that working people are among the hardest hit by hazards of pollution in the workplace. If toxic substances are present in the oil refineries, they most assuredly are spreading outside plant

important. I want my husband to be represented at the time he's asked to do a job he knows is unsafe. It might be too late to file a grievance after doing as ordered. Who's going to file, and what good is it going to do him then?"

For one employee, Robert Henderson, it was too late. The foreman told him to light off a furnace after he and two other operators objected that it was unsafe. He lit the torch, and was burned to death.

While on picket duty, Carol Swanson confronted a staff man crossing the line, asking him: "Have any of your scabs had an 'accident' like Bob Henderson yet?" His reply: "Well, we all gotta go some time."

Recognition of their common interests has led to a seldom-seen coalition between environmental groups and labor. The Sierra Club, the Wilderness Society, Friends of the Earth, Environmental Action, and others are supporting the strike and boycott,



Photo: Union W.A.G.E.

OCAW Wives' Committee blocks scabs' cars at Martinez Shell refinery.

walls to neighboring communities."

Company foremen and supervisors have the final say on whether to go ahead with a job that may be unsafe. But they need not be especially trained for the job they are supervising, let alone know anything about health and safety. Their primary responsibility is production. When there is disagreement, the worker can have recourse to the grievance procedure only after the job is completed; if he refuses beforehand he may be suspended or fired. Last year alone, 60 men chose suspension rather than do clearly dangerous jobs.

As Janice Ferriera, wife of a suspended worker, put it: "I want Shell workers to have the right to state that their lives are

reflecting a new awareness that the workplace is the most hazardous environment. Also, the Berkeley City Council voted to boycott Shell products.

This strike is a step forward for labor too. It is the first time a union has gone out primarily over health and safety.

So, if Shell workers are to win, you, and all union people, must spread the word now—BOYCOTT SHELL—don't buy the gas, the pesticides, or the no-pest strip; return your credit card till the strike is won.

Anyone wanting to help the strike effort in any way, please write to: The Shell Strike Support Committee, Box 4161, Berkeley, CA 94704.

Racists win school election by fraud and force

NEW YORK, May 7—The racist school board election slate backed by the United Federation of Teachers has won a majority in District 1 on Manhattan's Lower East Side. Puerto Rican, Black, and Asian voters were systematically prevented from voting on election day for the incumbent community-control slate.

Polling places where Puerto Rican and Black people were supposed to vote were kept closed until the afternoon. Computer printout lists failed to show long-time resident voters. Many polling places failed to have interpreters or ballot boxes, and white pollwatchers told nonwhites that they needed a court order to vote. Palm cards listing the racist slate were on display in many voting booths.

A suit asking for an injunction against

counting these fraudulent ballots was turned down and six racist candidates have been declared winners, with only three community-control candidates remaining on the board.

The new racist board members are bent upon removing the district superintendent, Luis Fuentes. They want to put an end to Fuentes' "open door" policy of allowing parents to come into his office at any time to speak to him and look into the files. They want to overturn the right of parents' committees to screen new school principals before they are hired.


And most of all, the racists are intent on abolishing the bilingual education program set up under Fuentes, in which 60 Spanish- and 16 Chinese-speaking teachers have been hired in spite of opposition by the UFT and

the central school board.

Over 2,000 students in the district speak only Spanish and many speak only Chinese in a school population that is 70 percent Puerto Rican and less than 10 percent white. Nearly 85 percent of the students are reading below grade level at graduation.

The white racists have been able to fix the election with the collaboration of the Board of Elections, but their children are almost all sent out of the district or sent to private schools. The Black, Latin, and Asian parents who have to send their children to the inferior public schools will fight hard to keep Fuentes and the progressive programs he has begun.

It was parent activism that brought Fuentes in the first place, and the power of the community will mobilize to defend him!



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Prison brutality exposed by PSC protest

MARQUETTE, Mich., May 20—Over 40 members and friends of the Detroit Prisoners Solidarity Committee (PSC) picketed here today for six hours outside of the new Michigan Intensive Program Center (MIPC), a so-called behavioral modification concentration camp. The protesters were demanding that this new repressive prison be torn down immediately and that there be an end to racist attacks by guards on the prisoners, who are mostly Black.

Among the people who made the 1,000-mile round trip from Detroit were 28 relatives who went to visit their sons, husbands, and brothers being held in the MIPC. A doctor also made the trip to examine and treat the prisoners who had been beaten by guards after two rebellions broke out in the prison within two weeks recently.

Many of these relatives have been working with the PSC, attempting to win a demand for open, public inspection of the

Michigan prison system. This would enable the prisoners and concerned people to evaluate and publicize the inhuman conditions in the institutions. When the two rebellions broke out recently, several relatives and the PSC came here to interview prisoners to discover the truth.

What they found was a prison where the inmate must submit to what the racist administration and guards want or he won't be able to get out of his cell to even shower. They found a prison without any windows and with maximum electrical security controls. Prisoners have to wait up to three weeks to get personal items from the commissary, and there are no legal books for the prisoners to use in defense work for themselves.

The MIPC was established for so-called unmanageable prisoners. This means it was built to isolate those prisoners who were organizing for the prisoners' labor union or for prisoners who were getting outside support in exposing the brutality of the

guards and of prison life in general.

Under the kinds of conditions that the PSC found, plus the rumors and fears of possible psychosurgery and the use of drugs to subdue prisoners, it is no wonder they rebelled out of desperation. It was their only means of being heard nearly 500 miles away by relatives and friends in Detroit. (The prisoners' mail and calls are censored and they are forbidden to write or speak about the facility.)

On Thursday afternoon, May 17, when several relatives got word that their people inside had still received no medical treatment for serious wounds and injuries sustained two weeks earlier after the rebellions, and that the men were still being held in isolation—without clothes, blankets, or mattresses—it became clear that emergency action was in order.

A trip was organized by the PSC for today. They transported as many relatives and supporters here as possible to visit inside and to demonstrate outside to force

the prison administration to stop the racist attacks and to abolish the MIPC.

Many victories were won as a result of today's action. The prison administration was forced to back down on its racist and restrictive visiting policies and had to allow all the relatives to see their relations. A victory was also won when the doctor brought by the PSC was allowed inside to examine five prisoners. He recommended hospital examinations and treatment for those prisoners who still suffered from the beatings received after the two rebellions.

During the visits prisoners told the PSC that they thought the president himself must have been coming today. Yesterday, before the PSC arrived, the prisoners suddenly received bedding, mattresses, clothes, and decent food. When they discovered it was the PSC that had forced these concessions from the prison administration, they were greatly encouraged for the struggle ahead and strengthened by the visits and the show of force by their supporters.

African liberation tears at the bonds of oppression

By CAL BONNER

Africa has over 300 million people—about 10 percent of the world's population. It has the greatest mineral wealth of any of the continents—particularly those rare metals that are so important in modern industry.

Africa produces 67 percent of the world's gold, 64 percent of the cobalt, 42 percent of the manganese ore, and 96 percent of the diamonds. In the early 1900s, the world's largest copper deposit was found straddling the border between present-day Zaire and Zambia. These two countries today produce 25 percent of the world's copper.

The U.S. used Congolese uranium to build the first atom bomb (24 percent of the world's uranium is found in Africa). Today the U.S. imports from Zaire two rare but essential minerals, tantalum and titanium, used for electronic instruments and metal alloys for spaceships.

But cash crops, not minerals, are the chief source of wealth and the main commodity of the export trade in Africa. Poor peasants make up the majority of the people. In Zambia, Zaire, and the Republic of South Africa does the value of mineral exports exceed that of agricultural goods.

PARTITION AT THE CONGRESS OF BERLIN

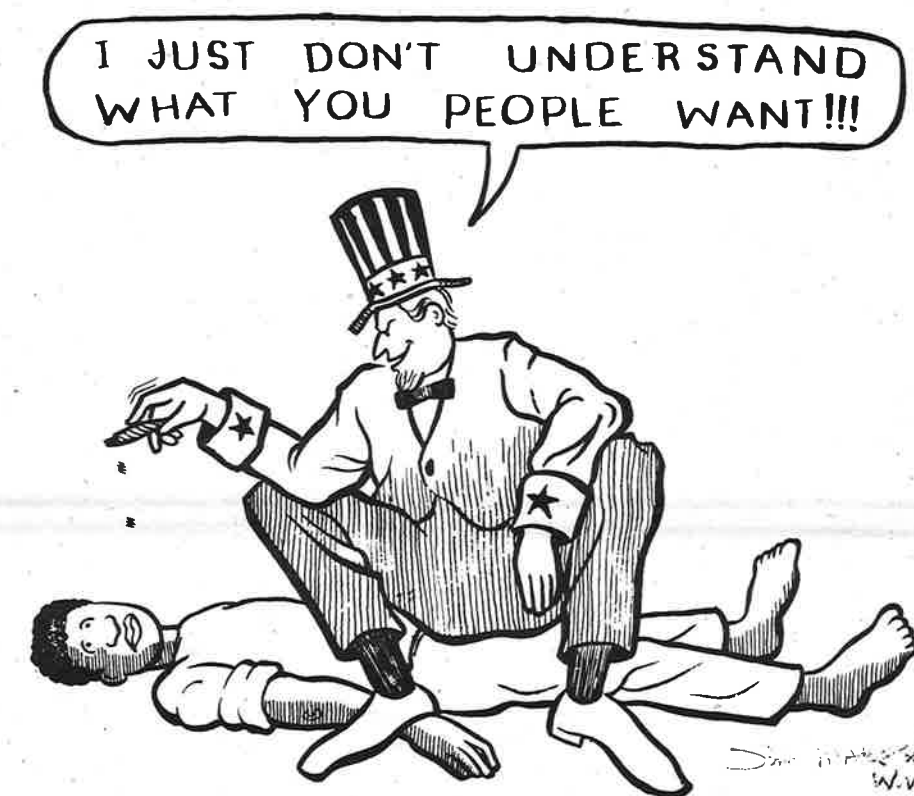
This vast wealth, produced by the back-breaking labor of the African people, has

been enriching the colonial and imperialist powers for over a century. Many a wealthy "enlightened" Western family owes its riches to the slave labor of the African workers.

From December 1884 to February 1885, representatives of 14 colonial powers, including the countries of Europe, Czarist Russia, Turkey, and the United States, met in Berlin. Their agreement, known as the Berlin Act, stipulated that whichever of the signers took possession of African territory should thereby acquire it.

The act opened up a mad scramble of Western colonialist armies to the African continent. In order to pursue the riches and profits of the land and people in "peace," bloody wars of conquest were pursued. In the Congo alone, 9 million Africans died at the hands of the Belgian profiteers. But it remained for the colonialists to rule where they had conquered.

One of their tactics was to divide the people with artificial boundaries, foment tribal warfare, and religious dogma. Many African peoples were split by colonial boundaries, and this has made for bloody fighting between some ethnic groups in East Africa. In 1963, President Julius Nyerere of Tanzania spoke for most African leaders when he said, "The boundaries which divide African nations are so nonsensical that without our sense of unity they would be a cause of friction. We have no alternative but to start from the position which we inherited after the colonial partition of Africa. For us to start making claims on each other's



territory would be to play into the hands of those who wish to keep Africa weak."

Today, people all over Africa are in revolt against the colonial and imperialist domination of their continent.

In Angola, Guinea-Bissau, and Mozambique, liberation forces have gained control of from one-fifth to two-thirds of their countries while they face some 150,000 Portuguese troops with NATO training and supplies.

In Namibia, a prolonged general strike of contract workers and a nationwide protest against South African control have demanded world action to match world promises of independence.

In Zimbabwe, Africans have united in defiance of bannings, arrests, and death to say "No" to British-Rhodesian settlement terms designed to keep the white minority in control indefinitely.

In South Africa, continuous political trials reveal that opposition cannot be crushed even by terror. Student protest, spreading from the Black colleges to the white, is confronting the government with the fact that the coming generation will not be intimidated. And recent strikes by Black workers in Durban have shaken the U.S.-supported apartheid regime.

Throughout Africa, the people are demanding: Liberation Now!

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Electrode torture and starvation legal 'therapy' in U.S. prisons

By JOEL MEYERS

Behavior Modification (BM) is creeping into every prison system in the country. Its intention is to break the spirit of resistance of the prisoners and to make them into docile slaves when cruder, traditional brutality has failed. It is not designed to replace the more openly brutal methods of punishment but merely to complement them. And it does so in the name of "therapy."

Behavior Modification has three main components. One, the Skinner-box technique, consists of solitary confinement under excruciating conditions of filth, cold, near-starvation, and sensory deprivation, to name just a few. Each of these conditions can be improved, in very exactly defined slow steps, but only as piecemeal "rewards" for behavior desired by the authorities.

The second main component is called "transactional analysis," meaning group therapy, in which inmates are rewarded for denouncing themselves and others openly to an official who presides over the sessions. How a prisoner "progresses" in the first component is related to how weak he or she becomes in the second.

Finally, the third component is aversive therapy, in which the prisoner is made to associate pain with whatever the authorities consider bad.

ELECTROSHOCK AND SUFFOCATION

In Vacaville, California, for example, prisoners accused of being gay are shown "homosexual" movies. When a polygraph shows the prisoner to be sexually excited, an electric shock is delivered to the genitals.

Another example is the use of Anectine, a drug which induces a death panic because it paralyzes your breathing for some minutes. In this state, the prisoner is scolded for "guilt" and "wrongdoing."

In addition to its purpose of making prisoners submit and conform to slavery in the prison, the BM programs also give a scientific veneer to tyrannical violence on the part of the authorities, to overcome the outrage it generates. When prisoners are assumed to be sick, then they need "therapy" for their own good.

Last year, the BM program was kicked off nationwide at Joliet Prison, Illinois. According to many reports from prisoners at the institution, subjects chosen for this torment were leaders of known leftist organizations, leaders of progressive Third World, gangs, and generally non-submissive convicts. The program was destroyed when the inmates refused to leave

the first stage, and word got out to the community (in spite of the mail ban, which is an essential part of the Skinner-box program). Pressure built up until the federal court, while praising the creators of this experiment as "noble," was forced to condemn it as cruel and unusual punishment.

The prison administrators chalked up this casualty to experience, however. And they knew they had succeeded in isolating the prisoners' leaders from their constituency for a whole year, while the program was on.

The federal government has been in the process of building a new prison just for BM. Its site is Butner, N.C., in the heart of U.S. racism. Hundreds of prisoners from all over the country are scheduled to be picked by various wardens for the "treatment." Again, most are Third World, or otherwise have stood out as revolutionary leaders. But the federal government already has begun its START program, a whiff of which can be caught from some of the letters on page 14.

New York State has already begun a BM program, possibly combined with psychosurgery, in Clinton-Dannemora.

ANOTHER REASON TO TEAR THE PRISONS DOWN!

For years, the ruling class has treated prisons as zoos or human warehouses, where the prisoners are allowed to rot their lives away while those who are released are let go under conditions insuring that 85 percent of them will return. BM now represents an aggressive new assault on its prisoners by the ruling class. It is a step toward turning the concentration camps into extermination centers.

Already, in most areas where BM is in effect, it is combined with psychosurgery where BM alone does not work. The favorite technique is lobotomy, in which a part of the brain is cut out or destroyed.

Such genocidal programs as BM make it more urgent than ever that the prison system be torn down. It is not the prisoners who need rehabilitation but the society that locks them up. And this can only be done on the basis of a general socialist revolution.

The worldwide revolution of which the Indochina war and the Attica uprising are parts is shaking the entire capitalist, racist system.

Sensing its own weakness, the ruling class is panicking. Its BM schemes were stopped in their tracks in Illinois, and this can be repeated across the country as the struggle builds.

letters

Albany fatcats

The lawmakers in Albany had the audacity, the nerve, the impudence, "la faccia tosta," as we say in Italian, to lay the groundwork by which they will hike their salary more than 60 percent. From \$15,000 up to \$25,000, plus the "lulu" (pardon, expenses) and other "trimmings." The reason for such a raise, according to the daily press, is that their income is not sufficient to face the high cost of living.

Just imagine, \$25,000 annual wages, plus "lulus" in the form of expenses, for about 90 days of sessions during the 365 days of the year! Many times they are absent, attending their outside lucrative professions (many of them are lawyers) or businesses,

besides their high pensions at retirement.

If those civic-minded (?) citizens, our present legislators, can't face the ever-increasing high cost of living, what should millions of low income wage earners say? And what about the more than two million retired citizens whose Social Security and union pensions only amount to about \$3,000 annual (too high to qualify for Medicaid and other state benefits and too low to live on)?

Doesn't the federal guideline apply to the Albany legislators? Are we having one law for the poor and a special one for the lawmakers?

Joseph Mangano

The Watergate leak

I am submitting herewith a copy of a poem I wrote covering the "Watergate Affair."

Perhaps your readers will find this amusing and interesting.

*Erlichman, Haldeman, Kleindienst and Dean
Were all part of Nixon's "4-letter man team."
They all came and went to the White House at will
Where Watergate was hatched on Capitol Hill.*

*They cuddled and huddled in football-like fashion
And off to Watergate they all went a-dashin'
To bug every closet, every corner and wall
To plot the fall of McGovern et al.*

*But the bugs turned to rats and started to squeal
To tell all the world—a plot to reveal
And Martha started yellin' and began a-tellin'
All to a jury with a tempest-like fury.*

*And the pious held their breath in utter dismay
At such a muddled mess and senseless foray.
And Dick started pleadin' he knew nothin' at all
That on all who bore guilt, the ax soon would fall.*

*Like Humpty Dumpty who had a bad fall
The "4 Letter Men" have their backs to the wall.
Ehrlichman, Haldeman, Kleindienst and Dean
How could you concoct an act so obscene!*

Philip S. Blumenthal



Facts prove Israel is haven —except for the rich

After 25 years, has Israel become the homeland where Jewish people could finally live free from oppression? Israel, in 1973, boasts of having 200 millionaires. Life is easy on the kibbutz. Amos Oz, an Israeli novelist, refers to those who live on kibbutzes as "the closest thing to a country gentry that Israel will ever have." However, most of the population does not live on a kibbutz, and is not part of the Israeli millionaire ruling class.

Eighty-five percent of the population is forced to live in overcrowded conditions in the cities, where most Israelis are burdened with two jobs and financial worries. One-fifth of the population lives at the poverty level, on welfare, and in substandard

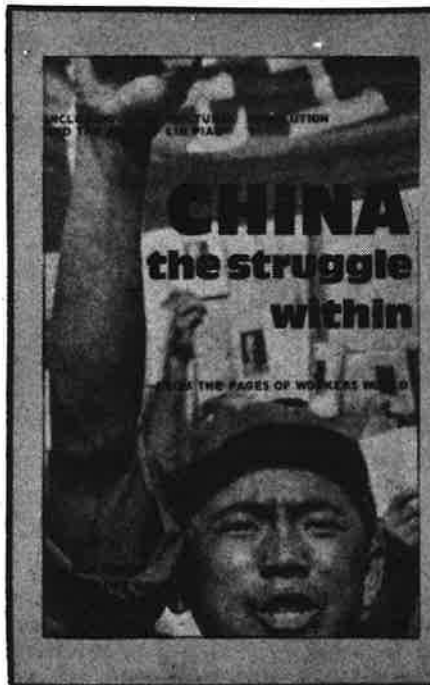
housing. Sixty percent of the population of Israel are dark skinned, Sephardic Jews, who are discriminated against in a racist manner in housing and employment.

In January 1969, 250,000 Jews were illiterate. That is 10 percent of the Jewish population. Israel's defense budget that year was the highest in the world in proportion to its size and population. A worker in Tel Aviv lost 36 cents out of every dollar he earned to the defense budget of the Israeli government.

Unemployment is also increasing. Among the youth of Sephardic Jews there is an 80 percent unemployment rate. Food prices are soaring. A current wave of wildcat strikes indicate that poor and working people there aren't at all content with their lot. By 1970, 200,000 Jews had emigrated from Israel.

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Israel, U.S. tool, 25 years as a settler state

By JOYCE BETRIES

This year, gala celebrations in the U.S. and Israel mark the 25th anniversary of the existence of the Zionist state. The U.S. ruling class, which itself refused to take in homeless European Jews after WWII, would like us to believe that Israel was created by world approval, as a home for Jewish people. However, a look at the history of the formation of Israel tells a different story—the story of a cynical use of oppressed Jewish people in the setting up of a puppet state in the most strategic area of the world in order to serve the interests of U.S. imperialism.

Britain, which had occupied much of the oil-rich Arab world since WWI, was losing its control there. It turned the problem over to the imperialist-dominated United Nations. Israel was artificially created by the UN, which annihilated the Arab nation of Palestine by tearing it in two, one part to be the Zionist state. Israel was planted at the point of intersection of Asia and Africa without the approval of any independent Middle Eastern, Asian, or African country, except the Union of South Africa, itself a settler state ruled by racists.

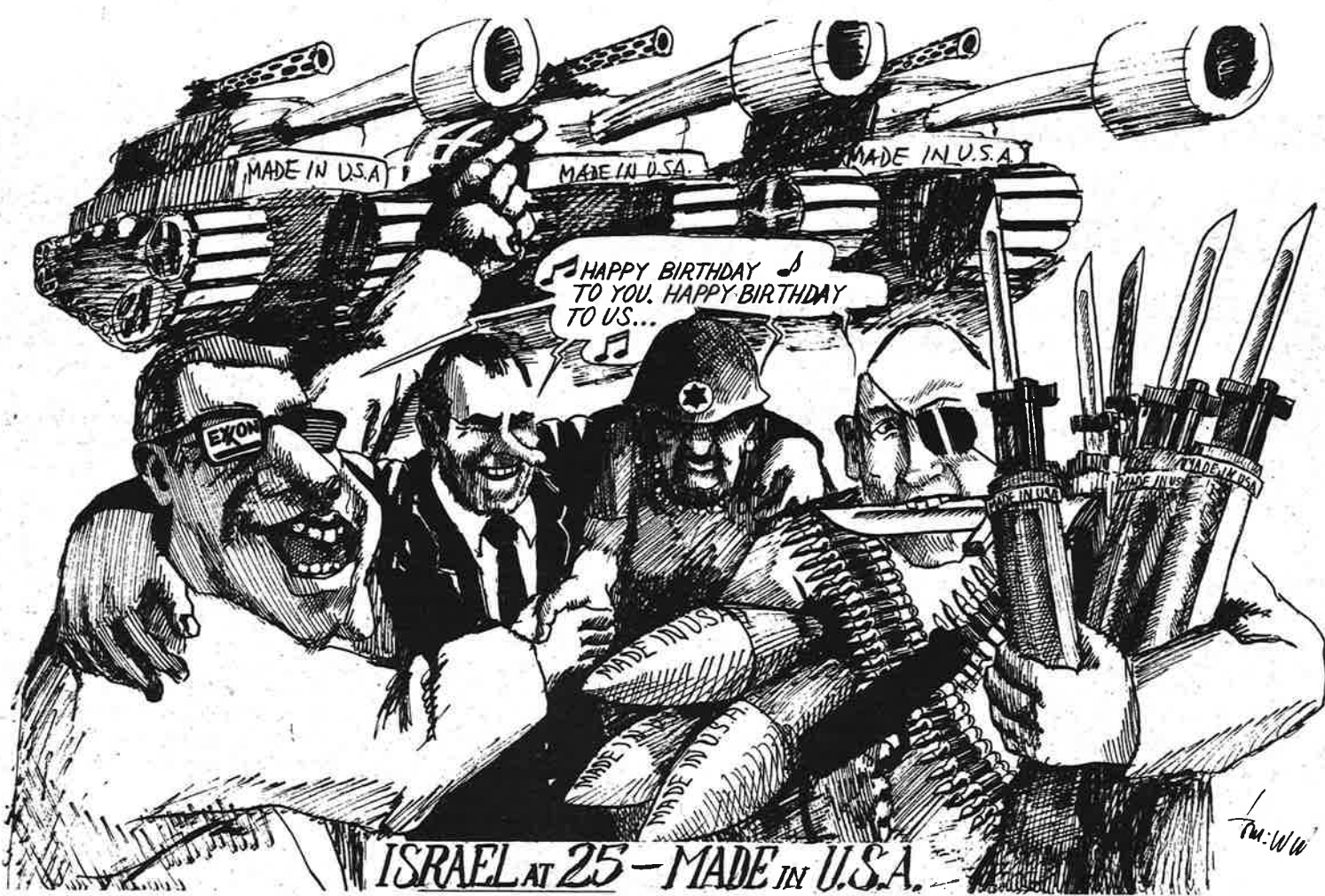
The original 1947 recommendation to create a Jewish state was approved on the first vote only by European nations, the U.S., and Australia. When the vote was finally cast in the General Assembly plenary session on November 29, 1947, urgent American pressures (which a member of Truman's cabinet described as "bordering on scandal") had succeeded in prevailing upon only one Asian country (the Philippines) and one African country (Liberia), both of which were particularly vulnerable to American pressures, to abandon their declared opposition. This, plus U.S. pressure applied to Haiti, swung the vote for partition.

ROLE OF USSR

The Soviet Union, under Stalin, also supported the partition. Despite the fact that the Soviet people fought the hardest and suffered the most casualties in the war against Nazism, and to save the Jewish people in Europe and within their own borders, the Soviet leaders' vote for partition was not in the interests of the Jewish people. Stalin's policy of support for partition was part of a misguided maneuver to gain influence in the Mideast. However, in effect, it meant handing over the Jewish refugees of WWII to a capitalist state dominated by the Western imperialist powers. And it was a betrayal of the aspirations of the oppressed Palestinian people as well.

Although the Soviet policy was to change as the Arab struggle unfolded, the political effects of Stalin's tactics led to the arrested development of the proletarian parties in the Mideast and assisted the bourgeois nationalists in dominating the Arab countries. In spite of this history, the USSR still defends the "universal" and "invulnerable" concept of both the Israeli state and the UN.

In 1947, Zionists owned no more than 6 percent of the total land area of Palestine and were only one-third of the population, yet the Jewish state was granted 54 percent of the country. Israel was to encompass almost as many Arabs as Jews, approximately half a million of each. This was not satisfactory to Zionists, who planned a



state where the Jewish population had to become the majority.

John Glubb, author of *A Soldier with the Arabs*, quotes a Zionist official in the British mandate government as saying, "That will be fixed. A few calculated massacres will soon get rid of them (the Arabs)." The plan was to drive out the hundreds of thousands of Palestinians who had lived on that land for more than one thousand years. This could only be done with the help of the U.S.

Ben Gurion and other Zionist leaders, acting with the support of virtually the whole U.S. ruling class, had succeeded in mobilizing millions of dollars to buy arms at cut-rate prices from the U.S. until Palestine, with U.S. capital, had been turned into a virtual arsenal.

DEIR YASSIN MASSACRE

Zionist leaders began an offensive against the Palestinian Arabs immediately after partition, with December attacks against Arabs in Qazaza, Jerusalem, Jaffa, Lydda, and Safad. Other attacks followed leading to the major onslaught in April 1948. Most decisive of these was the massacre at Deir Yassin, where 250 men, women, and children were butchered and thrown down a well.

Menachim Begin, a leader of Irgun, the Zionist terrorist group responsible for Deir Yassin, boasts that the psychological impact of Deir Yassin on other, heretofore resisting, Arab villages was integral to the total Zionist strategy. Arabs were panic-stricken, and fled. Begin called the massacre "not only justified, but there would not have been a state of Israel without the victory of Deir Yassin."

The British, who occupied Palestine, also aided Zionism. For example, the British advised the Zionists by the end of March 1948 that they would pull out of Haifa, but not until shortly before their withdrawal did they inform the Arabs. As the British pulled out, the long-ready Zionists attacked and captured the city. Also, from December 1947 onwards, the British had begun turning over control of Jewish areas such as Tel Aviv, while remaining in Arab towns.

On May 14, 1948, the day before the British mandate ended, the Zionists declared their statehood. Sixteen minutes later, the U.S. recognized the state of Israel.

By the end of 1949, 757,000 Palestinians had become exiles from their homeland—four-fifths of them destitute. Another 130,000 were separated from their lands by the demarcation lines. Palestine had ceased to exist.

Lebanese women denounce Israel, not Jewish people

This message was sent to Workers World by a group of women in Lebanon on the Eastern and Western Occupied Banks.

On May 7, 1973, the Israeli authorities, defying once again a resolution issued by the Security Council, held an aggressive military parade in Eastern Jerusalem, after preparing for it by putting hundreds of Arabs behind bars.

Celebrating its 25th anniversary on May 15, 1973, Israel is almost the only state in the world which deliberately violated every resolution issued by the UN concerning its aggressive policy against the Palestinian and the neighboring Arab countries, including the very resolution declaring its existence, No. 191 (11) of November 29, 1947, defining its territory and providing guarantees for the rights of the Arab inhabitants.

On Jerusalem alone, not to speak of all other resolutions issued in this respect by the General Assembly and other bodies of the UN, more than seven resolutions (in addition to resolution No. 303 (1V) of December 9, 1949, declaring the Holy City a corpus separatum under United Nations jurisdiction) were violated by the Israeli authorities.

In spite of that, Israel remains a member of the United Nations, although the Lausanne Protocol signed on May 12, 1949, by which both parties agreed to settle their dispute on the basis of the resolution of November 29, 1947 (on territory) and resolution of December 11, 1948 (on refugees), states that Israeli implementation of these two resolutions is a condition for its admission into the membership of the United Nations.

With haughtiness and military arrogance Israel celebrates 25 years of blood shedding, aggression, unlawful occupation of land, demolishing of hundreds of villages, in fact, the uprooting of a whole people rendering it homeless and continually exposed to measures of annihilation by Zionists and their allies, Israel celebrates the history of a state planted in the heart of Arab territories to be a sword directed into the heart of the Arab liberation movement for complete political and economical independence, for building a life by which every person can enjoy the national resources of this rich region.

The Palestinians are a peaceful people, they seek security, justice, and peace. Their attitude in the Palestine conflict is one of legitimate self-defense. They are the wronged party whose country was invaded and against whom terrible aggression was committed. They have not attacked any one but have been repeatedly attacked by others. They totally disapproved of all racial and religious prejudice. They sympathize with Jewish sufferings, but they maintain that those sufferings give the Jews no claim whatsoever to Palestine.

They are not anti-Semitic or anti-Jewish. They are opposed to Zionism, because it is a movement based on aggression and racial discrimination and seeks to take what does not in right and justice belong to it. Whatever measures they have to take in self-defense in connection with the Palestine question have been directed against aggression and Zionism, but never against the Jews as such.

JDL attacks anti-Zionist demo

CHICAGO, May 17—Despite a fascist-style attack by 50 thugs of the Jewish Defense League (JDL), a strong demonstration was held tonight by Youth Against War & Fascism and Arab militants living here in the U.S., against the appearance of Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban at an Israeli bond-raising dinner. The JDL hooligans attacked the picket line, injuring three demonstrators, but were nevertheless

quickly repulsed. The demonstration then continued on without further disruption.

Loud chants and posters featured slogans such as, "Jewish people, yes, Zionism, no," and "Vietnam has won, Palestine will win!" Although the JDL and the cops followed YAWF members back to their headquarters, they failed to intimidate the YAWF militants and their supporters.

Government by assassination?

Deirdre Griswold was Executive Secretary of the Citizens' Committee of Inquiry into the Assassination of President Kennedy.

By DEIRDRE GRISWOLD

The Watergate investigation has so far only chipped away at the tip of an iceberg. Even so, it has brought to light information that implicates almost the entire executive branch of the government in a variety of crimes. But what other, greater crimes lie

elements within the imperialist ruling class have used political assassination as a consistent weapon in their attempts to resolve their greatest crises: failing military adventures abroad and the rise of the Black nation at home.

The political significance of the first Kennedy assassination, and its coverup by the Warren Commission, was recognized throughout the world. But within the U.S., even though polls revealed at the time that less than half the American people believed

"... Call Dick and tell him he's been doing an excellent job and we're sure that he did everything he could not to get caught. ... About whether or not he should resign, tell him we'll get back to him on that as soon as we reach a decision."



beneath the chilling waters of official secrecy?

We know that the phrase "national security" is used to cover up everything from the deliberate lies of the U.S. government used to mold support for the Indochina war, to the various "capers" by which Nixon concealed the identity of his millionaire backers—many of whom were then granted government favors of one kind or other.

But the wild instability within the ruling political factions in the U.S. has not first come to light with Watergate. The first dramatic evidence of it goes back to the Kennedy administration, when U.S. imperialism suffered its humiliating defeat of the Bay of Pigs invasion.

Since 1963, every U.S. administration has either been the beneficiary of, or ended in, a political assassination or would-be assassination!

Kennedy's presidency ended in assassination. Johnson, unable to salvage the imperialist ruling class's war in Indochina, made the prudent choice of resignation.

His presumed successor in the Democratic Party, who had that day received the California nomination to be the Democratic Presidential candidate, Robert Kennedy, was assassinated.

And the man who stood to possibly tip the balance in the 1972 elections and take away 10 or more million votes from Nixon—George Wallace—was nearly assassinated.

In the same period, the two men with the greatest popular following among the Black people—Malcolm X and Martin Luther King—also died at the hands of assassins.

THE MOTIVE IS COUNTERREVOLUTION

The pattern is clear. For a decade,

the official story, attempts to discover the real assassins and their motives were limited to a few independent investigations, most notably those of the Mark Lane Citizen's Committee of Inquiry and the New Orleans DA, James Garrison.

The Establishment press overwhelmingly acted to buttress the conclusions of the Warren Commission—conclusions that were at variance with the evidence the Commission itself had compiled.

THE WARREN COMMISSION COVERUP

The kind of journalistic digging into the facts that is now going on with regard to the Nixon administration was definitely discouraged at the time of the Kennedy assassination investigation. The fact that it was impossible for a lone assassin to fire the shots attributed to Oswald with the ancient rifle turned up by Dallas police; the fact that the bullet wounds did not correspond to the official theory, but showed several different directions of entry; the fact that more than half the witnesses at Dealey Plaza heard shots coming from in front of the President's car; the fact that Jack Ruby was with right-wing billionaire Lamar Hunt the day before he killed Oswald, and that he had connections with counterrevolutionary Cubans; all these highly important pieces of information can be found in the 26 volumes of the Warren Commission's evidence.

But they contradict the conclusions arrived at in the Commission's final report, a book read in the millions of copies. (A book partly written by Allen Dulles, CIA chief, it should be remembered.) And the press dutifully reported these conclusions and scoffed at opinions and evidence to the contrary.

There are reams of secret evidence from the CIA and FBI, doctors' reports, the Kennedy x-rays, and other crucial material that were then locked away in the National Archives for 75 years in the interests of "national security!"

BOOK ON CIA LISTS ASSASSINATIONS

Garrison's contention that the CIA was deeply involved in the Kennedy assassination has recently received support in a book by Air Force Colonel (Ret.) L. Fletcher Prouty, who from 1955 through 1963 was Focal Point Officer in charge of briefing first the Air Force and then the Department of Defense on CIA matters. In *The Secret Team*, Prouty writes, "Whether or not the Secret Team had anything whatsoever to do with the deaths of Rafael Trujillo, Ngo Dinh Diem, Ngo Dinh Nhu, Dag Hammarskjöld, John F. Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King, and others may never be revealed (my emphasis—DG), but what is known is that the power of the Team is enhanced by the 'cult of the gun'..."

After many references to the tremendous energy displayed by the CIA immediately after November 22, 1963, in reshaping U.S. policy in Indochina, Prouty says, "For those who have been unable to accept the one-man theory of the Warren Commission report of the Kennedy assassination, there is in evidence more than enough pressure from any one of several of these groups (the CIA, FBI, and several other secret government agencies had been mentioned—DG), or their more radical subgroups, to support the germ of the idea that a sinister conspiracy may have arisen from these pressures."

The efforts of the Establishment to dismiss the theory that an ultra-right conspiracy from within the supersecret police organizations of the U.S. government has been responsible for the string of assassinations mentioned earlier has become even more difficult with the Watergate revelations. Now even the highly conservative C. L. Sulzberger, whose family owns *The New York Times*, finds it necessary to write in his column of May 20, "Historians looking back on the 1963-73 decade, starting with the assassination of President Kennedy and featuring the murders of his brother and Dr. King and the shooting of Governor Wallace, may perhaps perceive a pattern connecting the chain of disturbances finally punctuated by the Watergate mess."

FROM DEALEY PLAZA TO WATERGATE

Part of that trail may still be fresh. According to the *Washington Post* of June 25, 1972, Frank Sturgis, one of the Cuban-American Watergate burglars and a CIA agent, "was among those questioned by the FBI after John Kennedy's assassination because of his activities. At one time his Miami house was an arsenal, complete with 20-millimeter cannons."

The assassinations of top political figures within the ruling class itself are only the smallest part of the crimes carried out by the secret police agencies involved, however. What is so much more important for the masses of people, the workers and the oppressed, is that these assassinations paved the way for broader crimes against the people of Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia, the people of Cuba, of the Congo, and against the oppressed Black people within this country, for which these assassinations were a necessary step.

The ultra-right groups responsible for the assassinations did so in order to be freer to carry out the most ruthless oppression of the liberation struggles around the world.

And it will be very difficult, if not impossible, for these assassinations to be completely exposed under a capitalist government because, while it seems that the Watergate coverup involves quite a few people, it is nothing in comparison to the coverup of the Kennedy assassination, in

which reactionary and liberal alike (e.g., Earl Warren) agreed to accept an impossible tale in order to prevent "anarchy" and "chaos" in the U.S.

LET THE TRUTH COME OUT!

The revolutionary organizations of the people have no reason to fear the truth, as do the ruling class and all its institutions. Only when the people know the vilest truths about the pack of robbers who run the capitalist system will they be able to deal with them—and the result will not be "anarchy" but an organized, revolutionary storm to do away completely with all the terrorist arms of the bourgeois state, including its army and uniformed police, and replace them with an armed people's militia.

The people want the truth about all the murders and ruthless acts that are being covered up. Open the National Archives and the Kennedy files! Open all the "secret," "sensitive," and "classified" government and corporate files that hide the truth about who really run this country and by what methods!

Tear down the web of secrecy!

China and USSR silent

One noteworthy aspect of the Watergate scandal is the response it has elicited from the leaders of the Soviet Union and China—or rather, the lack of any response.

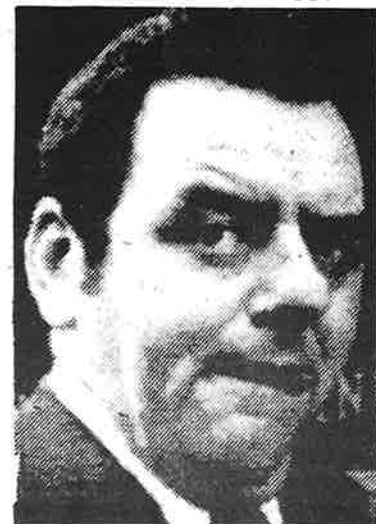
To date, press reports indicate that the governments of the two socialist countries have chosen to largely ignore the crisis that is now wracking the Nixon administration. This silence may seem strange in that the Watergate affair provides a perfect opportunity for the socialist countries to expose the complete decadence and corruption of the capitalist system. Yet neither one has chosen to do so.

Unfortunately, the silence in Moscow and Peking is the result of the so-called detente that each is trying so hard to cultivate with Nixon. The Soviet and Chinese leaders have decided that their tenuous friendship with Nixon is more important than leading the way in exposing U.S. imperialism at a time when the system is severely weakened and vulnerable.

If there was ever a time to call Nixon a paper tiger, the time is now! While his administration is crumbling, Nixon is still threatening the people of Indochina with escalating the war. He has arrogantly demanded that the Democratic Republic of Vietnam "cooperate" in bringing peace to Vietnam, when, in fact, it has been the U.S. that has mercilessly continued the war there.

At a time like this, when Nixon is so preoccupied with saving his own neck, the people of Indochina are in a stronger position to force the U.S. out of their countries. But how much stronger would they be if the USSR and China added their great weight to the struggle at this time instead of courting the war criminal in Washington?

Remember this face?



John J. Caulfield. His face is familiar to many members of YAWF, as a NYC Red Squad cop who was assigned to surveillance of anti-war groups. Now he's implicated in Nixon's Watergate coverup.

Watergate: some questions and preliminary answers

By VINCE COPELAND

Is the Watergate scandal a "constitutional crisis"? And if so, does this mean that the Watergate investigators in the Senate are defending the interests of the majority of people against Nixon, Mitchell, Stans, & Co.?

Is the investigation designed to whitewash the whole thing? Is it merely publicizing what is already known to some and is sure to be known to many later on, thus causing still greater antagonism to the government and the capitalists it serves?

Is the investigation—as it appears to be—merely an open conflict between the supporters and opponents of Nixon within the ruling class? Or does it reflect a deeper collision still, an objective conflict between the whole ruling class, the inadequate and outlived form of its rule—and the aspirations of the long-suffering masses, themselves?

The following points do not categorically answer these questions, but they provide some basis for doing so. New developments will give us an opportunity for more exhaustive analysis.

1. The first thing to note about the Watergate affair is that it represents the tiny tip of a huge and long-existing right-wing conspiracy against the oppressed and working people of the United States, against the colonial world, and against the socialist countries. It is but one of the many illegal and unconstitutional things done by one or another section of the ruling class, particularly since the beginning of the cold war more than a quarter of a century ago.

MCCARTHY ERA RECALLED

2. The second thing to note is that it is the first instance in which the rightwing and the CIA have been called to account on any scale comparable to the McCarthy hearings two decades ago. And this is why:

The crime was committed directly against the other leading faction of their own class.

This recalls Senator Joseph McCarthy's last rightwing onslaught, the one in which he went "too far"—accusing the multimillionaire Secretary of the Army of being "soft on Communism." (All McCarthy's destruction of lesser figures, of trade unionists, middle class liberals with socialist sympathies or alleged socialist sympathies, etc., went virtually unchallenged by the "big liberals," the Democratic Party, etc.)

Full-blown fascism can, of course, single out and victimize individual members of the ruling class itself and get away with it, because of the support of the rest of the ruling class in the crisis. But the U.S. rulers finally pulled themselves up during the McCarthy witchhunt because they needed the stability of the "democratic process" more than they needed the complete and ruthless suppression of it.

3. The people leading the expose of the chief agents in the bugging of the Democratic Party campaign headquarters are thus not doing so because of any love of democracy or loyalty to the United States Constitution, as such.

Furthermore, they are not nearly as sure as their group was in 1954 that they can dispense with the rightwing, not to mention the indispensable CIA. Aside from the objective necessity of "restoring confidence," they are doing what they are doing mainly for factional reasons, in spite of the so-to-speak superfactional crisis that now exists.

That is, they represent that faction of the ruling class that wishes to rule the world with different methods and different personalities than does the imperialist rightwing at this time. In addition, however, there are several individuals in the President's own party and even in his own faction of the party (like Goldwater) who are entirely in agreement on using such methods as were used at Watergate, but now

have dissociated themselves from Nixon and even joined the attack on him.

LIMITED OBJECTIVE

4. It is to be further noted that the hearings have the very limited objective of establishing the illegality and unconstitutionality of the administration's electronic eavesdropping (bugging) on the Democratic Party. And even if they succeed in discrediting Nixon so completely that he is impeached or resigns, their intention is to replace him with someone more amiable to their own line of ruling the U.S. and as much of the world as they can the way they deem proper.

5. It should be asked of the Congressional investigators: If you are so much for the Constitution, why have you conducted no hearings on the continual lynchings and outrageous denial of constitutional rights in the U.S. courts? Why can't those who cannot get up bail, or hire expensive lawyers, or afford appeals to higher courts, etc.—why can't they get constitutional justice?



L. Patrick Gray and J. Edgar Hoover

Our government of laws is endangered not only by the out-and-out lawbreakers. Just as insidious are the "good citizens" who, almost invisibly, weaken our society.

The officeholder who occasionally compromises principle or public trust for a gift or favor. The businessman who pads his expense account. The workingman who patronizes neighborhood bookmakers. The corporation president who conspires to break anti-trust laws to assure profit. Anyone who buys merchandise at prices and under circumstances that clearly suggest it is stolen. Each of these would be aghast at being called a criminal. Yet each is attacking the society of law from within.

Just as our physical environment is being destroyed by carelessness, we can destroy our social environment by failing to appreciate the indivisibility of freedom and law. To be "law-abiding" is no sometime thing.

From a speech by L. Patrick Gray, who had to resign as Acting Director of the FBI because he burned papers implicating the White House in the Watergate crimes.

The Constitution is flouted a thousand times a day in at least a hundred big cities of the United States—on street corners, in police stations, in sweatshops, as well as in the small villages and bayous of the South.

The present "constitutional crisis" has nothing to do with this in the minds of any of its protagonists. But some of the most ruthless enemies of the masses are being mercilessly, even though accidentally, exposed to view.

6. In part, it is the old case of the capitalist democrats against the capitalist fascists. Do we support one against the other?

The former want to kill us with slow poison and the latter want to shoot us on the spot or slit our throats.

Naturally we must get rid of the most immediate enemy first. And if our slow poisoners actually help us do this, so much the better—for the moment.

But for that very reason, we must remind ourselves of the true nature of these slow poisoners, particularly if we seem to be blocking with them in any way—as we may block with them in words and epithets—against the thugs and gunmen of the rightwing.

We, as representatives of the oppressed,

are the mortal enemies rather than the mere factional opponents of the CIA and its employers. We do not consider the matter a joke as some of the "investigating" Senators at the hearings obviously do.

LIBERALS NOT DEPENDABLE

7. Still further to be noted is the fact that the supposedly most injured party in the Watergate bugging, George McGovern, although apparently closer to the concept of democracy than the monstrous Mr. Nixon, folded up like the proverbial accordion on

every big issue that he himself had originally raised—busing, welfare, women's rights, the Vietnam war.

This underlined the undependability and the duplicity of the imperialist liberals in general even more than it revealed George McGovern's personal character in particular.

As one of his motives for getting out of Vietnam, for example, he brought up the

etc.), they have never really attacked it, much less repudiated it.

And even now, there is little evidence that this gigantic worldwide subverter of democracy, overthrower of governments, briber of political parties (abroad), and military invader of Cuba, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Indonesia, Guatemala, etc., etc., is about to be liquidated.

9. "Executive clemency" may very well become the issue upon which Nixon could become impaled and destroyed (and no one in the world except for his immediate family will shed any tears at that!). But it should be noted again that Nixon's "executive clemency" for Lt. Calley occasioned no such outburst from the Senate at this. And Calley's crime against the people of Vietnam was far more brutal and directly murderous than James McCord's—at least the particular crime of McCord's that is now being brought to light.

THE PEOPLE'S ROLE

10. In sum, there is a constitutional crisis, indeed. But at present, it is still a crisis within the ruling class. It is a crisis over how to rule.

But it is a crisis that, unlike many similar ones, broke out into the open. And while much is still being covered up, the rulers were compelled, such is their system still, to appeal, in a sense, to the masses and call upon them for approbation, even if everything is staged and most punches are pulled.

It is a crisis that can lead to further crises, and with the help of other events could even hasten the downfall of the whole system. This is already indicated by the stock market collapse and the rush of uncertain paper currency to take refuge in solid gold.

The ruling class is in disarray. But who is to take advantage of this disarray? That is the question.

The right course now would be for the masses themselves to raise their heads! The opening is there, even if the mass leadership is not. Let them demand that Nixon and Agnew detail their involvement in the CIA as well as Watergate. Let them demand a full investigation of the CIA itself, and of all the big contributors to both capitalist parties. Let the oppressed peoples—Black, Latin, and Native American—have counsel at the hearings! Let the rank-and-file GIs have representatives there. And then let's see if the liberal cabal can explain to the rightwing cabal how the Constitution authorizes Nixon to reduce or take away workers' wage gains already negotiated and granted by their bosses.

Let us by all means welcome the fact that such hearings are being held at all. But at the same time let us demand that they be open to the full participation and full rights and authority of those who are the ultimate victims of the sinister forces behind Watergate.

These victims are not the U.S. Constitution, whose few guarantees of real freedom have long been torn to shreds by liberals as well as rightwingers. They are not the "democratic process" and the four-year voting plebiscite of the USA, which was long ago turned into a multimillion-dollar TV-radio-newspaper masquerade, even when it was "honest."

The victims are the moneyless, weaponless, voiceless masses of the United States and half the world.

But these victims, on the other hand, are the forces that will revive the true electoral process and whatever is democratic and just for the people in the U.S. Constitution. These are the forces which the Watergate investigators are trying to deceive, much more than to enlighten.

It is our task to seize upon the hearings to do our own enlightening and further the organization of the oppressed toward the exposure and ouster of the whole nest of racist, imperialist, antilabor crooks in Washington.

Born same day, fought same enemy

Malcolm and Ho on capitalism, racism



Ho Chi Minh

By JIM KOWALSKI

On May 19, progressive people the world over celebrated the birth of two revolutionaries whose lives shine as beacons. Both led their people to battle for basic human rights and dignity, for survival against attacks by the genocidal profit machines of the millionaires.

Ho Chi Minh and Malcolm X. These names are indelibly inscribed on the hearts of millions of poor and oppressed people.

Both these leaders came from and represented oppressed nations. But while they fought for the liberation of their people, they saw that the struggle was international, against the system of monopoly capital that oppresses whole nations—as well as its own working class—in its relentless appetite for profits.

In 1924, Ho Chi Minh visited the United

States, working here as a dishwasher. He observed the vicious and systematic oppression of the Black people and saw the similarities to the colonialists' treatment of the people of Indochina.

He wrote a report on lynching for the Communist International (Comintern).

HO CHI MINH:

It is well known that the Black race is the most oppressed and most exploited of the human family. It is well known that the spread of capitalism and the discovery of the New World had as an immediate result the rebirth of slavery which was, for centuries, a scourge for the Negroes and a bitter disgrace for mankind. What everyone does not perhaps know, is that after 65 years of so-called emancipation, American Negroes still endure atrocious moral and material sufferings, of which the most cruel and horrible is the custom of lynching.

The word lynching comes from Lynch. Lynch was the name of a planter in Virginia, a landlord and judge. Availing himself of the troubles of the War of Independence, he took the control of the whole district into his hands. He inflicted the most savage punishment, without trial or process of law. Thanks to the slave-traders, the Ku-Klux-Klan and other secret societies, the illegal and barbarous practice of lynching is spreading and continuing widely in the United States. It has become inhuman since the emancipation of the Blacks, and is especially directed at the latter.

From 1889 to 1919, 2,600 Blacks were lynched, including 51 women and girls and

ten former Great War soldiers. In 1920, there were 50 lynchings, and in 1923, 28.

These crimes were all motivated by economic jealousy. Either the Negroes in the place were more prosperous than the Whites, or the Black workers would not let themselves be exploited thoroughly. In all cases, the principal culprits were never troubled, for the simple reason that they were always incited, encouraged, spurred on, then protected, by, the politicians, financiers and authorities, and above all by the reactionary press.

It is not only the Blacks, but also the Whites who dare to defend them such as Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe—author of Uncle Tom's Cabin—who are ill-treated. Elijah Lovejoy was killed. John Brown was hanged. Thomas Beach and Stephen Foster were persecuted, attacked and imprisoned.

In 30 years, 708 whites, including 11 women, have been lynched. Some for having organized strikes, others for having espoused the cause of the Blacks.

Among the collection of the crimes of American "civilization," lynching has a place of honor.

MALCOLM X:

It is incorrect to classify the revolt of the Negro as simply a racial conflict of black against white, or as purely an American problem. Rather we are today seeing a global rebellion of the oppressed against the oppressor, the exploited against the exploiter.

It is impossible for capitalism to survive, primarily because the system of

capitalism needs some blood to suck. Capitalism used to be like an eagle, but now it's more like a vulture. It used to be strong enough to go and suck anybody's blood whether they were strong or not. But now it has become more cowardly, like the vulture, and it can only suck the blood of the helpless. As the nations of the world free themselves, then capitalism has less victims, less to suck, and it becomes weaker and weaker. It's only a matter of time in my opinion before it will collapse completely.

All of the countries that are emerging from under the shackles of colonialism are turning toward socialism. I don't think it's an accident. Most of the countries that were colonial powers were capitalist countries, and the last bulwark of capitalism today is America. It's impossible for a white person today to believe in capitalism and not believe in racism.

Revolutions overturn systems. And there is no system on this earth which has proven itself more corrupt, more criminal, than this system that in 1964, still colonizes 22 million African-Americans, still enslaves 22 million Afro-Americans.



Malcolm X

Union leaders must be one or the other

Radicals or racketeers

By VINCENT COPELAND

Young revolutionaries who are approaching the labor movement for the first time are often struck with the terrible contrast of present reality to the labor history they have read in books or heard from the old timers who struggled and suffered to build the present unions.

The steelworkers' union was organized by radicals. Ten people were killed in the infamous Chicago Memorial Day Massacre of 1937 during the Republic Steel strike. And that was only a small part of the great sacrifices that were made to bring human conditions to the steel mills.

But that union is now run by I. W. Abel, who, although perhaps not a racket man in the technical sense, is about as opposite to the heroic organizers of the steel industry as you can get.

The Teamsters Union, which is allegedly riddled with the conventional types of racketeers (probably no worse than Abel from the point of view of fighting the bosses, but still racketeers), was also organized by radicals and self-sacrificing fighters, particularly in the Midwest and the West.

DEBS YESTERDAY, GREY FLANNEL SUITS TODAY

The railroad unions, which are led by the most conservative grey-flannel-suit types today, were born in the pitched battles of 1877, wherein many were shot down in the streets of Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Baltimore, Reading, and St. Louis.

They were reborn in the great Pullman strike of 1892 and were organized and led by militant socialists who supported the flaming "Red" of the time, Eugene V. Debs, the President of the American Railway Union.

The Mine, Mill, and Smelter Workers Union, now taken over lock, stock, and barrel by the conservative-led Steelworkers Union, was organized by communists, as were the Fur Workers, the Electrical Workers, and several other unions.

Even the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, with the most house-broken

leadership in New York City, was once led by more or less militant socialists and communists. But today it takes the lead in making sweetheart contracts and special deals with the bosses.

In union after union, there are actual racketeers, minions of organized crime, who take shakedowns and are thoroughly cynical about the workers.

In hardly a single case, with the possible exception of those unions which are still engaged in big organizing campaigns, can it be said that the leaders are really honest

2,000% war profits 'not excessive'

It is clear to all working and oppressed people that times are getting tougher in this country, what with the wage freeze and galloping inflation. But what isn't clear at all, what is obscured and covered up at every turn, is why.

Productivity has been rising tremendously in this age of automation and computers, and the workers all know that they're not getting very much for their labors. Life in the cities keeps deteriorating, and only a pitiful amount of the national product goes for social services or public works of any kind. What is happening to all the wealth?

One part of the answer is that a tremendous portion of the wealth produced by U.S. workers is drained off by parasitic industries, which consume vast resources, but produce nothing useful for people. The biggest of these, of course, is the war industry and the huge military machine it outfits.

Some figures recently revealed by Senator Proxmire about the profits of so-called defense contractors give an idea how these parasites are able to soak up millions of dollars just through their connections with the military.

Proxmire released on May 15 the names of 131 "defense" contractors who were found to have made "excessive" profits in 1972 and were required to refund these

with the workers.

On one hand, the radicals have been replaced with the racketeers. On the other, they have themselves become renegades and legal racketeers by accommodating themselves to the bosses.

IS UNION CORRUPTION REVERSIBLE?

What accounts for this strange contrast, and does it represent an irreversible process? Is it an inevitable law of growth that everything honest must become dishonest and everything militant, cowardly?

The source of the degeneration is mainly to be found in the massive corrupting power of capitalism itself.

The papers are now full of explanations

profits to the government.

This sounds as through there is some kind of control exercised over their greediness, after all. But these companies were allowed to retain up to 2,000 percent profit after deducting the "excess!"

Only four of the 131 contractors made profits of less than 25 percent of their net worth. Another four made profits of over 500 percent! The remaining 125 made profits averaging around 100 percent of net worth.

And these profits were not considered excessive by the Renegotiation Board of the federal government!

One of the Senator's aides said it took "a long struggle to make this information public." The Renegotiation Board, which is supposed to be working for the public as a check on these companies, took five years to release the data.

These fabulous profits come from the sweat and strain of workers all over the U.S.—and around the world, too. These profits are derived not only from the exploitation of the specific workers in the industries involved, but come also from the government treasury which pays the military-industrial complex out of the workers' tax money.

Thus, the capitalists who are "fortunate" enough to get Pentagon contracts are sucking their profits from every area of life in this country. Think about it when you look over your next paycheck.

of Watergate, replete with analogies to the fall of Rome. But it cannot be denied that in a system of profits and superprofits for the "legitimate" billionaires, the illegitimate millionaires are going to get theirs, too.

In this atmosphere, every single policeman shares the corruption. And every labor leader who supports the capitalist system has the same compulsion to be crooked, and generally speaking, the same or even better opportunities.

It is important to remember that the old radicals did not all sell out, by any means. Those who were not killed or crippled were hounded and witchhunted out of the plants and the unions.

It is only the committed radical, the serious revolutionary, who can be a consistent fighter in the day-to-day struggle of labor. That is, it takes a revolutionary to be a consistent "reformist." For anybody less than a revolutionary, it does not make sense to work hard and not "get ahead."

Naturally, there are stewards and organizers who fight the company without being conscious radicals. But generally speaking, they will have to evolve in one direction or another. They tend to degenerate into racketeers if they do not develop into radicals.

Naturally, the conservative bureaucracy and even the racketeers can fight the company on occasion, too. And a young revolutionary has to understand that it is not possible to take on these conservative elements without first showing an ability to do better than they can do against the company. And today, this is a pretty large order.

Even under the racketeers, the labor unions are generally still class instruments of the workers against the bosses, or at least capable of being such. That's why workers stay in these unions, even when they know they're being taken for everything the racketeers can squeeze out of the union. A revolutionary worker can understand this contradiction, but utilizing this understanding takes a lot of experience.

The task is still what it always was—the organization of labor by the radicals. Only the task is now more difficult and requires much more sophistication, because we have to contend not only with the companies, but with the racketeers, too.

'Liberal' lies on Cambodian war...

The New York Times is being given quite a bit of credit for "liberalism" these days because of its coverage of the Watergate scandal. A lot of people probably think this means the Times is a true foe of reaction, warmongering, and the "military-industrial complex."

But the lines drawn within the ruling class are much narrower than that. A huge capitalist institution like the Times has always been for imperialist skullduggery when it worked. A perfect example of this is a recent (May 16) editorial column by James Reston, Vice President of The New York Times.

The column was about the forthcoming discussions between Henry Kissinger and Le Duc Tho. In the number one, Reston says that Kissinger's "objective in the Paris talks is to persuade Le Duc Tho to abide by Article 20 of the Vietnam peace agreement. This required all foreign armed forces to withdraw from Laos and Cambodia and to refrain from using the territory of these two countries to enroach on the sovereignty and security of other countries. This article has been openly violated by Hanoi and President Nixon has kept up the bombing there to try to compel compliance."

Just a few days after this column, a senior CIA agent resigned, stating that U.S. claims that the war in Cambodia is being largely fought by Vietnamese is a lie and that it is a genuine civil war. The Times, of course, knew this all along and had cited "sources" in the U.S. staff in Cambodia itself saying the same thing.

Reston knows, just as Nixon does, that the bombing in Cambodia is intended to pulverize the Cambodian revolution with

U.S. airpower because there are no ground troops—either U.S. or Cambodian—that can do the job.

REAL OBJECTIVE IS COUNTERREVOLUTION

This lie, however, is used to justify Reston's purpose in the column: to appeal to the Senate not to pass the Case-Church amendment cutting off funds for the bombing of Cambodia. (Strange—didn't you think the Times was for the amendment?)

He cites testimony of then Secretary of Defense Elliot Richardson to the Senate Appropriations Committee admitting that cutting off the U.S. bombing could

"precipitate the collapse of the Cambodian Government."

Says Reston, "Well, Congress has heard all this before, and since the Watergate, its confidence in the judgment and good faith of the Administration has been seriously impaired; but this does not mean that the Case-Church amendment has to be rushed through in the next few days."

"Mr. Kissinger has very few cards to play. He has established a good relationship with Le Duc Tho, but he is no longer able to threaten retaliation or promise economic aid...."

"In this situation, Congress could at

least give Mr. Kissinger a few days' grace. He has enough troubles these days without being humiliated on Capitol Hill." (Gentle reader, please fight back your tears and read on.)

So this arch-representative of "liberalism" is telling the Senate, don't stand in the way of Kissinger's attempt to "threaten retaliation" against the Vietnamese people. The Senate took his advice the next day and postponed the vote until after the Paris talks. Of course, if this doesn't work (and the Vietnamese have been telling U.S. imperialism for many years that they're not going to be intimidated), then the Times may turn quite dovish again.

Such is the flexibility of imperialist liberalism.



...exposed by CIA agent!

A top-ranking U.S. Central Intelligence operative has exposed the Nixon-Pentagon lie that the backbone of the Cambodian liberation forces fighting against the isolated regime of Lon Nol are "North Vietnamese troops."

Samuel Adams, a ten-year official of the CIA who resigned from the agency on May 17, has been deeply involved in guiding the U.S. policy of aggression against the Cambodian people ever since the overthrow of the neutralist Sihanouk government in 1970. The rightwing coup against Sihanouk was itself a CIA operation carried out under the code name of operation "Parasol Switchback."

In his last act as a CIA official, Adams submitted to the intelligence agency, at its request, an evaluation of the relative size and make-up of the revolutionary and counterrevolutionary forces engaging one another in Cambodia. His long report dealt extensively with the history of the struggle of rebel and pro-imperialist forces in that country.

Adams wrote that "the Cambodian insurgents (the Cambodian People's National Liberation Armed Forces-ed.) are virtually independent of Hanoi," and that "they number 200,000, of whom 100,000 are organized into regular units."

Adams further wrote, "there are no more than 2,000 North Vietnamese with the insurgents," and that they were "specialists" not involved in combat.

Adam's report was found to be totally unsatisfactory to the Nixon administration, which has made wild claims that there are 35,000 troops from the Democratic Republic of Vietnam fighting in Cambodia and that local Cambodian anti-imperialist troops number only 35,000.

THE BIG LIE

For instance, in his State of the World Message, Nixon repeated over and over again the charge of "Hanoi's aggression in

Cambodia," hoping that by constant repetition of this phrase he would convince the people, who are sick of news of bombing and war in Indochina, he could justify the continuing B-52 raids over Cambodia. Using the big lie, a technique invented by Hitler (if the lie is large enough and stated often enough, people will believe it), Nixon tried to use the issue of civil war in Cambodia to claim that the DRV and the PRG were "not living up to the Paris treaty accords." Of course, it is Nixon himself who is violating the accords inasmuch as neither Sihanouk's National Unification Front nor the Cambodian rebel army ever signed an agreement in Paris binding them to a ceasefire with the mercenary army of the Wall Street Lon Nol puppet clique.

Before the cabinet purges that shuffled him to the Attorney Generalship, Eliot Richardson stated in his capacity as Secretary of Defense that the U.S. "Might have to resume the bombing of North Vietnam," if the fighting in Cambodia didn't come to a halt. Behind his blustering threat was the fear that the stooge Lon Nol regime would collapse. Though the fascist

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Murder in defense of property

By CHARLOTTE FLOUNDERS

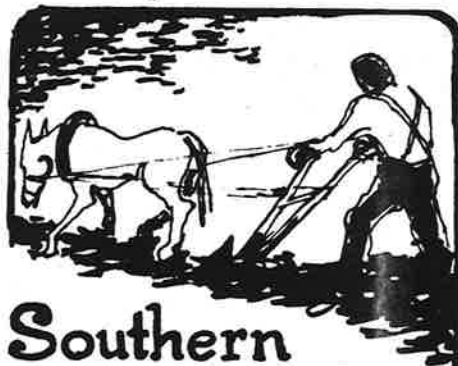
WILMINGTON, Dela. (PSC) — It is apparent that the U.S. courts dispense at least two brands of justice — one for the oppressed and another for the oppressors and their hirelings. The Prisoners Solidarity Committee in this state has consistently pointed out this fact by demonstrating the institutional racism and class bias pervasive throughout the entire judicial system. Recent events have validated this analysis in a most unfortunate, yet entirely predictable manner.

Six weeks ago, a Black youth of 20, Mwami El Shabazz, was sentenced to two years at Smyrna Prison for allegedly attempting to shoplift a jacket. Last week, a security guard shot a youth who allegedly shoplifted a ten-dollar pair of sneakers. Immediately, a deal was struck and the guard was allowed to plead no contest to a reduced charge on some variety of assault and battery. A presentence investigation is being conducted. Does anyone want to bet what the results will be?

The law is very clear that the commission of a misdemeanor does not allow the use of deadly force, especially by private security guards. But the PSC knows very

well that the "full majesty of the law" will never descend on the security guard.

Murder, or near murder, in the defense of property is nearly always sanctioned by the courts. But whenever someone tries to take back from the rip-off corporations, even an infinitesimal fraction of the millions that they steal from the poor and working people, day in and day out, a bullet or two years in a concentration camp is deemed not too heavy a punishment. The PSC condemns such brutal and cynical acts of barbarism and we will redouble our efforts to eradicate the system that breeds such injustices.



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YAWF leader wins \$4,000 in suit against police

WILMINGTON, Dela., May 18—Through a determined and well-organized effort, Youth Against War & Fascism has won a civil suit here against the city police force and was awarded \$4,000 for damages. Just about two years ago, when Delaware YAWF was first established here, YAWF members held a successful demonstration against the U.S. invasion of Laos, drawing over 200 militants into the streets. In a fascist-like raid, police subsequently broke

into the apartment of a leading YAWF member, Kermit Liebensperger, and arrested him without a warrant.

YAWF immediately called a press conference and eventually forced a public apology out of the city officials. Two years later, YAWF finally won a civil suit against the state of Delaware, and the \$4,000 will certainly come to good use in building this growing YAWF chapter.



"Girl for sale"—in old China children were sold to save them and their families from starvation.



Today, healthy and well-nourished youth defend the Revolution in the People's Militia. photo from China! Inside the Peoples Republic

The U.S.-USSR wheat deal and the bosses' motivation

By VINCE COPELAND

The Soviet Union, like the People's Republic of China, has every right to trade with the imperialist United States of America. And all true supporters of the socialist countries not only support this right to trade, but will do battle with imperialism to make it trade with these countries as long as the latter need that trade.

But the Daily World is currently pushing the U.S.-Soviet wheat deal and other interchanges as of inestimable benefit to the U.S. workers, rather than as a necessity to the still relatively beleaguered Soviet Union.

The DW is recounting the number of jobs provided for U.S. workers in making freight cars to carry the wheat, making machinery to make the freight cars, etc.

For the individual workers involved, it is of course worth impressing upon them that they owe their jobs to the recognition of and trade with socialist countries.

But somehow the DW gives the impression that a new progressive alliance is being built this way between U.S. workers and the Soviet Union and that somehow the capitalists themselves deserve some credit from revolutionaries for the deal.

This is a serious error.

In the present economic situation, the gain of the individual workers is easily counterbalanced, if not completely outweighed, by the great advantage the U.S. capitalists gain in rectifying the balance of trade and the balance of payments, which have been going against them.

It is important to remember in this connection that the U.S. is a capitalist country, and the capitalists (the rightwing capitalists, at that) made the deal with the Soviet Union.

(If they had been forced to make the deal by the revolutionary pressure of millions of unemployed workers demanding it, this would have created a much more favorable political situation, even though it helped capitalist economic recovery. But this was not remotely the case.)

It should never be forgotten that the Soviets had a trade pact as well as a nonaggression pact with imperialist Germany in 1939-41. And this pact also may have been necessary for the Soviet Union, and to that extent should have been supported by the workers.

But it was all the more necessary to expose the tentative and transitory nature of German capital's "detente" that made the trade pact possible.

No doubt many German workers got jobs and overtime in producing things for the Soviet Union at that time. It may have been a good idea to inculcate friendship for the Soviet Union in these workers. But the main task certainly should have been to explain that their bosses owned the German imperialist government and were inevitably bent on imperialist war.

When Hitler attacked the Soviet Union on June 22, 1941, he never even said "thank you" for the pact he shattered. And many of the German workers thought their jobs were due to the strength of German capitalism, rather than the purchases of Soviet communism.

The fact that they supported their own imperialist government was due to other things beside the trade pact. But it is important to note that the CPs in Germany and the Soviet Union were not so strong for the overthrow of Hitler during the pact as they had been before it and were after it.

Boycott worked, admits Agri. Dep't

The April meat boycott is going to help bring down prices after all, according to the Department of Agriculture.

The meat companies were so anxious that prices be kept up during the boycott in order to discredit that mass consumers' action that they withheld many animals from being slaughtered. It's expensive to hold animals off the market, says the publication *Livestock and Meat Situation*, and they will be slaughtered in the next few months, "putting a downward pressure on livestock prices."

The booklet put out by the government is directed to meat producers and normally receives little attention outside the industry. The official position of the big meat producers, of course, is that the boycott had "no effect" on prices.

This information from the Agriculture Department also refutes the agribusiness claim that meat prices are high because supply has been sharply curtailed in relation to demand. Despite bad weather at the end of the winter, the report says that 5 percent more cattle are now being fed for slaughter than a year ago, and at the same time "consumers remain reluctant to increase their meat purchases to former levels."

What this shows is that the meat boycott, by drastically reducing demand, is now having a limited effect on meat prices. But that effect has been delayed by the deliberate efforts of the big meat producers, and meat prices in general are way up because of their exorbitant demand for profits.

Food—an unbeatable argument for socialism

By MARK DORAN

One of the starkest comparisons between socialism and capitalism today is to be seen in the gap between India and China. Both countries have similarities on the surface. India and China are both agrarian countries with hundreds of millions of people. Both have been victims of foreign imperialism.

But there is one crucial difference: China had a socialist revolution and India didn't. Just in food intake alone, one can see the differences that have developed over the past 25 years.

India is constantly threatened with mass famine. According to World Health Organization statistics, 2,000,000 people in India starved to death between 1965 and 1970. Indira Ghandi's dog has a higher caloric intake than the average Indian.

Some experts have pointed to "overpopulation" as the problem. But the real reason is capitalistic grain hoarding and speculation. In India one-fourth of the grain rots in the warehouses, while another fourth is eaten by rats.

China, on the other hand, has virtually solved the problem of feeding its people.

Bread, noodles, wheat, soybeans, tomatoes, squash, pork, and chicken are in plentiful supply. Countless Americans and other foreigners who have visited China in recent years have commented on the abundance of nourishing food, in the cities and in the countryside, and have noted the obvious good health of the people.

This has partially been accomplished by rational farming methods, terracing, diversion of rivers, and land reclamation on a massive scale. But the most striking achievement of new China has been in the distribution of food: there are no landlords or speculators to impose scarcity.

China before the Revolution was much like India is today. Millions died in a massive famine that lasted from 1941 to 1943. People ate anything they could get their hands on: bark from trees, the feces of silkworms, and even other human beings.

Earlier, in prewar Shanghai, corpses filled the streets and alleys.

The startling comparison between China and India today is made even more significant when you consider that India was barely touched by World War II. It was China that was subjected to the "kill all, burn all, destroy all" policy of the Japanese imperialists. Then followed four more years of civil war. One would think China, not India, would be impoverished today.

Then there is the matter of "aid." India receives millions of dollars from the West, while China is economically independent. But it is precisely the ties with the imperialist powers that keep India enslaved. The Western powers, especially the U.S., keep India in a state of dependency through unequal tariffs and outright plunder.

China, on the other hand, broke its bonds to imperialism in 1949.

Oil baron gets a million a week!

By BOB McCUBBIN

Oil! The billionaire class of the United States drools at the very mention of it. Their undisguised rapture has little to do with the wide array of uses that petroleum has in contemporary society, however. It is based, rather, on the staggering profits that have been made by the U.S. oil monopolies on the basis of an ever-increasing worldwide need for oil.

The oil billionaires have built an empire of exploitation which far surpasses the naked plunder of the conquistadores, and it is all more or less "legal." They have never let pieces of paper like the various antitrust laws (beginning with the Sherman Anti-Trust Act of 1890) get in their way. From the days of John D. Rockefeller on, ways have been found to "legally" circumvent these laws against monopoly. The process of concentrating wealth and power into a few hands continues today with eight of the largest oil companies having disappeared since 1960 through merger or outright acquisition by even larger companies.

FROM WELL TO GAS TANK

In 1970, Standard Oil of New Jersey, Mobil, Texaco, and Gulf accounted for 55.4 percent of all petroleum sales. These companies have subsidiaries that control oil production and distribution from well to gas tank. Free enterprise, that "noble ideal" of such scoundrels as Andrew Carnegie and J. P. Morgan, has been a myth for a long time, even at the gas station end of the oil business. "Independent" gas stations are in reality owned by the parent oil company and/or banks and are totally subservient to the monopolies with regard to prices and products.

The oil companies do not engage in price competition. For example, franchise gas station operators who attempt to lower their prices to attract more business find themselves out of business in short order. There is no "quality" competition either. Stanley Learned, an official of Phillips Petroleum, admitted at a Federal Trade Commission hearing that the major oil companies actually exchange gasoline with each other on occasion and, on the subject of fuel additives, stated, "We have an additive that allows us to advertise. I don't know whether it does anything for gasoline."

As with the other industrial empires under the system of monopoly capitalism, the oil bosses conspire together to set prices, destroy small-fry competition, and manipulate the politicians. According to the Chicago Tribune, Richard "Watergate" Nixon received reelection contributions totaling \$2 million from 12 of the largest oil magnates. Three months after his reelection, Nixon "decided" to end federal regulation of natural gas prices. One government expert has estimated that resulting price increases will add \$300 billion to the value of domestic gas reserves. The oil monopolies who own the gas reserves can scarcely contain their greedy glee.

THEY OWN URANIUM, TOO

The oil monopolies also control substantial amounts of other energy sources. Almost half of all known U.S. uranium reserves are owned by oil companies. In the last ten years, four of the largest independent coal companies have been purchased by large oil companies. In addition, Exxon, Kerr-McGee, Atlantic Rich-

field, Shell, and Sun Oil all own huge coal reserves. Six of the ten largest oil companies are involved in all four major domestic fuels—oil, gas, coal, and uranium.

All this monopoly adds up to profit with a capital P. The income of oil billionaire H. L. Hunt was estimated in 1957 to be roughly \$1 million per week. Oilman J. Paul Getty's income is estimated at \$300,000 per day. The 1971 corporate profits of the five largest oil companies varied from \$2.7 billion to \$9 billion. Yet both Hunt and Getty pay only a few thousand dollars per year in taxes. The tax rates of the five largest oil companies average about 5.0 percent. Check your latest wage receipt and you'll find quite a different rate of taxation for us working people. But then, we can't afford to buy and sell Presidents and Congressmen.

The low taxes which the oil monopolies pay are, of course, perfectly "legal." They are based on three major tax loopholes. The oil depletion allowance exempts oil companies from paying taxes on 22 percent of their gross income. The intangible drilling costs write-off exempts from taxation a further percentage of income and, in some cases, exempts the company from any taxation whatsoever. The foreign tax credit is a loophole whereby a U.S.-based company with foreign holdings can subtract, dollar for dollar, any payment made to a foreign government from the amount of U.S.-owed taxes. Could it be any clearer who the federal lawmakers work for? They have saved the oil magnates an estimated \$140 billion since these tax laws went into effect.

Some of the more "reasonable" members of the capitalist class get a little nervous and sometimes even a trifle embarrassed by such barefaced and un-

mitigated greed as that exhibited by the oil barons. They argue that their class brothers should be content with a little bit less, in the interests of not provoking the masses who are, in fact, footing the bill. They argue for greed with honor.

WANTS TO GO BACKWARD

Then there are the petty-bourgeois dreamers like former Senator Fred Harris who advocate a return to "free enterprise" where the monopolies would be broken down into smaller companies and would be forced to compete with each other (he doesn't say who would do the breaking up or the forcing). Government subsidies and monopolistic conspiracy would be ended. It would be sink or swim with success or failure based on the law of supply and demand.

The "greed with honor" position has proved to be helpful to the capitalists from time to time but it is a stopgap measure. It attempts to restrain the excesses of capitalism while ignoring the real problem which is the capitalist system itself. Under the capitalist system, production is for profit rather than social need. Whether the profits are "moderate" or "extreme" is really beside the point in the long run. As for the "free enterprisers," it is hard to take their argument seriously. Monopoly capitalism, whatever it might mean in terms of increasing the wealth and power of the ruling class, is a more advanced stage in the organization of production than the earlier forms of capitalism that Fred Harris would wish us back to. In fact, it is on the basis of the increasing centralization and planning of production under monopoly capitalism that the working class will, in the not too distant future, be able to take over and run the productive apparatus with relatively little effort. That act, by the way, will be the real solution to the problem of the oil monopolies.

Vietnam war, U.S. military occupation protested in W. Germany

Ken Oxtoby is a member of High School YAWF. He recently spent several weeks in Germany, including West and East Berlin. While there, he talked to students, workers, and U.S. troops.

By KEN OXTOBY

There is great solidarity in Germany with the Vietnamese in their struggle against the U.S. imperialists. The Bundesrepublik (West Germany) and particularly West Berlin, which is still occupied by the French, British, and American imperialists, is controlled by the United States. The U.S. presence is the largest and most felt in West Berlin, despite its "three-power" division. Thus, many West Germans feel the Vietnamese victory as their own.

Morale among U.S. troops in West Berlin, supposedly a showcase of Western "democracy," is low. In West Germany itself, it is even lower. Officers arrogantly abuse the troops, racism is strong, and the result has been riots in the barracks and



German workers and students pour into the streets of Bonn in a demonstration against U.S.- puppet Thieu.

cases of fragging.

There are a large number of Arab immigrants in West Germany. In West Berlin, a majority of these people are Turkish, and there are many Palestinians. In West Berlin, they do a majority of the low-status manual labor, such as garbage collection, street cleaning, and some construction. They are referred to as "Auslanders"—literally outsiders—which is the German term for all non-Germans.

These workers are the worst treated. The last hired and first fired, they live in the worst housing in Berlin, which is referred to the way a rich American would refer to Harlem. In fact, the Arab communities are fast becoming slums, and the people living there are treated with outright discrimination, just the way Black people have been treated here.

At the Free University, there is a strong sentiment of solidarity with the East European countries, with Vietnam,

Palestine, and Arab liberation, and with the American anti-war movements within the U.S. itself and in the army.

Here, the more vocal protests and demonstration take place. The Berlin Headquarters of the U.S. Army is near the main buildings of the university, and the students frequently march to the American compound to protest the continued U.S. presence in Germany.

The U.S. military has planted spies among the university students. These imperialist agents immediately relay any information on radical activities to the security forces at U.S. Army Headquarters, which then notify the Berlin police. The police "deal" with the demonstrations with clubs, water hoses, dogs, and in some cases gas.

In early April, students and workers filled the streets of Bonn to protest the visit of Saigon puppet President Thieu. They were so outraged at his presence that they

seized the Rathaus, or city hall. When the police tried to remove them, the people retaliated by defending themselves and attacking the police back. Because of these police attacks, demonstrations and protests were still being held two weeks later.

The German people are showing they don't want the U.S. military in their country.

Last December, part of a non-commissioned officers' club was blown apart. Also two bombs were discovered outside an officers' club, which was full of the military backbone of U.S. imperialism at the time.

There are many revolutionary Germans who want the U.S. troops and the stranglehold of imperialism not only out of their own country, but also out of Vietnam, Palestine, Africa, South America, and all other parts of the world.

Lang lieb den Sieg den Volkskrieg!
Long live the victory of the people's war!

political prisoners

VENCEREMOS

The trial of ANDREA and DOUG BURT in San Bernadino, California, for murder, assault with a deadly weapon, and freeing a prisoner has been shown to be based entirely on the desperate testimony of an escaped prisoner now trying to save his skin.

On October 6, 1972, Ronald Beaty escaped from the Chino prison when the car transporting him to a cancelled court appearance was ambushed by two other cars. On December 11, Beaty was captured in the company of JEAN HOBSON, who, along with ROBERT SEABOCK, is facing similar charges in a separate case.

Hobson, Seabock, and the Burts are all leading members of Venceremos, a revolutionary organization that has actively and effectively supported prisoners' rights in California.

The prosecution and the press have attempted to create an atmosphere of hysteria because Venceremos, which believes in a popular revolution made by the broad masses of people, also believes that an armed insurrection will be necessary to remove the big bankers and industrialists from power.

Despite the fact that the Burts voluntarily surrendered in order to prove their innocence in court, the state has constructed a special courtroom with a bulletproof shield separating the spectators and four closed-circuit TV monitors to intimidate supporters and to convince the jury that the Burts are dangerous fanatics.

But the prosecution has been able to produce only two witnesses, a cop and Beaty. The cop, who was driving the car

when it was ambushed, could not identify either of the defendants, even after "hypnosis" treatment. Beaty has told a tale that compares with the most fantastic detective magazine fiction, and already he has been caught up in several lies.

Defense lawyer Charles Garry has brought the jury's attention to the story Beaty told after an earlier unsuccessful escape on November 1, 1970. At that time he said the passengers in the car he commandeered were actually accomplices and that the guard in the car had been bribed through the assistance of George Jackson and the Black Panther Party.

In each case, Garry pointed out, Beaty first tried to ingratiate himself with people who believed in armed revolution and then tried to implicate them in his escape.

In return for his scum testimony, Beaty has had pending escape charges dropped and will be eligible for parole sooner than if he had never escaped! But the state is not so much concerned with rewarding Beaty as it is with framing up Venceremos.

At the outset of the trial it was revealed that the DA first destroyed a five-page summary report prepared by an eyewitness cop and then claimed that no such report existed. They'd rather have no evidence than evidence that doesn't support the false charges. Judge William Haldorsen also said he would consider the matter after the trial, just as he has ruled admissible identifications made by people who first "recognized" the defendants from illegally conducted lineups and photographs.

Andrea and Doug Burt are innocent. They are on trial for defending the victims of California's fascist prison system. Justice demands that the trial be stopped and the DA put on trial for the deliberately trumped-up charges.



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Carlos Feliciano at one of many rallies held in his defense.

CARLOS FELICIANO

On June 6, after three years of constant harassment, threats, and court delays, CARLOS FELICIANO is in court to face the same bombing conspiracy charges he was acquitted of in the Bronx!

The case of this militant Puerto Rican Nationalist Party member has been strengthened through the ongoing work of

the Carlos Feliciano Defense Committee as well as by a tremendous response from the Puerto Rican and progressive movements.

Meanwhile, DA Frank Hogan's case is in a shambles, more so since the prosecution's main witness, detective Gutierrez, has been convicted of bribery charges in connection with drug dealers and consequently has been removed from the police force! Hogan knows he has no case and he has been delaying the trial at every opportunity, hoping to drain the strength of Carlos' defense movement.

Carlos Feliciano is innocent! At a time when the decolonization of Puerto Rico is taking on increasing importance, Carlos' case can be seen as a test aimed at repressing the Puerto Rican movement for independence.

On June 6, at 10 a.m., outside 100 Centre Street, there will be a demonstration demanding that DA Hogan and the racist courts stop the frameup and drop all charges immediately! Free Carlos Feliciano!

For further information, contact the Carlos Feliciano Defense Committee at the St. Marks Church in the Bowery, New York City; telephone (212) OR4-6377.

RUSSO, ELLSBERG

On May 11, Judge William Byrne dismissed all charges against DANIEL ELLSBERG and ANTHONY RUSSO in the Pentagon Papers case.

The charges were dismissed on the grounds of "improper government conduct," referring to the prosecution's refusal to turn over wiretap transcripts and then the Watergate-related revelations that Byrne

Prisoners' letterbox

MIND CONTROLS

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—Neo-nazicratic, fascist experimental mind-thought control are springing up all across the federal and state penal colonies. The programs consist of total isolation from all emotional ties, mind-destroying amounts of drugs, withholding and destruction of mail, physical assaults, etc. These monstrous, fascist, genocidal tactics appear to be Amerikkka's final recourse in dealing with those who dare to oppose the system.

I am in the START Program in the "Medical-Psychiatric" Center in this prison. We revolutionary prisoners have fought and struggled hard against the START ever since it was begun in September, 1972. We are still protesting by non-cooperation, no work, no shaving, destruction of government property, and litigation.

We are doing our part inside. Will you cadres outside do your part? Please send letters in our defense to Norman Carlson, Director U.S. Bureau of Prisons, Washington, D.C. 20537. Also, Warden Ciccone here at Springfield; Congressmen Bernie Sisk, John Conyers, and Charles Rangel at the U.S. House of Represen-

tatives, Washington, D.C.; U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri, where the START Brothers have filed petitions.

All Power to the People
A Revolutionary Political Prisoner of War

PACIFICATION—NEW TACTIC

A new kind of warfare and terror is being waged against the prisoners in state and federal prisons across the country. It is also a threat for those outside.

The authorities used to control the prisons by racist divide-and-conquer techniques, but that does not work any more. At one time I threw all my troubles on my fellow prisoners because of their color and never knew where it really belonged.

Now prisoners are increasingly aware and awake to what is meant by "unity is strength," and are able to answer many questions that they never used to even ask themselves. Now Black, Chicano, Indian, whites, and Orientals stand united.

When the unity came, the authorities began to change tactics to "pacification," in which the administration tried to buy submission with "goodies," such as record

players, popcorn, and so on. In exchange for these, the authorities wanted the prisoners to sell their souls, turn their backs on prisoners in solitary for months and even years, or young kids thrown in with older prisoners who were victims of their environment and would frequently act to the sadistic delight of the officials.

When pacification failed, the officials resorted to mind-control horrors along with tranquilizing drugs in vast quantities, electric shock "treatment" and lobotomies as punishment for non-submissive prisoners.

So you must, not only for us but for yourselves as well, stop this monstrosity in its bud. The government will do all in its power to curb the ever-growing social revolution and awareness of the common people.

We have been fighting this program from its beginning. In 1972, we had a 65-day food strike. We now have, since February 1, a strike of total non-cooperation.

The officials are doing everything they can to drive us to psychosis or break our spirits. We have been put in chains, assaulted with tranquilizing drugs, half-rations of food, been daily harassed, and physically assaulted by guards. We have been denied the minimum requirements for prisoners in the "hole" according to the courts and the Bureau of Prisons Policy

Statement 7400.5B.

But we realize that this program is not only dangerous to us and other prisoners, but also to our beloved cadres presently outside. So we cannot submit and support this program in any way.

In Solidarity, I am yours in the Struggle,
A Chicano Prisoner

INMATE DIES OF HEART ATTACK

COMSTOCK, N.Y.—At this racist-repressive prison we are trying to make the public aware of the blatant indignities and vicious deprivations of human rights by the prison authorities.

Our legal correspondence is deliberately harassed and the prison administration will definitely visit savage and violent reprisals against us for trying to send this urgent appeal.

We have among our ranks knowledgeable brothers who will serve as our representatives in order to reveal explicitly the multiplying injustices and other unscrupulous acts surrounding our totally imprisoned atmosphere. The stench of dehumanizing terror grows more menacing daily, and we urge all people with concern for humanity to give us their immediate attention and assistance.

A confrontation is materializing here, mainly because the administration is using

—Vets' march

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revolutionaries," Smith began, "the American Servicemen's Union is fighting a progressive fight against repression within the military. The U.S. military is a counter-revolutionary armed force struggling against all progressive countries. You've

had the guts to speak out against the genocidal war in Indochina, and even today Nixon is carrying out a racist war in Cambodia.

"You know, I asked Nixon in a letter to be released from prison and be put in an apartment like Lt. Calley. Of course Nixon didn't do it for me, but then Calley was a white racist officer who murdered 22 Asians while I was a Black enlisted man accused of killing two white racist officers.

"Nixon says that fat POWs were tortured. You could see by their appearance that this was a lie. Those officer bombers killed more babies than all the GIs put together. They are the real war criminals and should be tried for war crimes along with Nixon. We can beat them if we stick together. The brothers at Ft. Ord burned down my courtroom five times to stop the trial.

"And I would like to thank the American

Servicemen's Union for setting up a revolutionary movement to help political prisoners and to help in the fight against the government moving in a fascist direction. Unity is the key. Power to the People!"

The ASU march on Washington was just the first step in building a mass veterans' campaign to fight for vets' rights and against the increasing repression of the state.

had been offered the position of chief of the FBI and that the office of Ellsberg's psychiatrist had been burglarized.

But this victory against repression on the grounds of "national security" goes only half way. By his decision, Judge Byrne avoided ruling on the issue itself and prevented the jury from reaching a verdict.

When Judge Byrne said: "The conduct of the Government has placed the case in such a posture that it precludes the fair, dispassionate resolution of these issues by a jury," he was admitting that the jury would have voted for acquittal and a complete victory for the defendants.

CAMDEN 28

On May 20, a jury returned not guilty verdicts for 17 of the CAMDEN 28, a group of antiwar pacifists who were caught as they broke into the federal building to destroy draft records in Camden, N.J. And the prosecutor has agreed to drop charges against the others.

The 28 had found FBI agents waiting for them because the whole operation was organized and led by a government agent, Robert W. Hardy. But Hardy turned against his former paymasters, describing his role as a provocateur and calling for the acquittal of the 28.

The government continued to press charges in spite of Hardy's testimony that when the 28 abandoned their plans, the FBI instructed Hardy to get them ladders and show them how to drill through the window and spring the lock.

Because it was clear that in fact the government committed the crime, Judge Clarkson S. Fischer was forced to instruct the jury that "overreaching Government participation" was grounds for acquittal.

The jury explained their verdict afterwards as a judgment against the criminal war and the government's police-state operation.

Now all imprisoned and exiled war resisters must be freed!

rhetoric without action, and shows no concern for our legitimate demands and grievances. If the authorities continue to give the population empty promises or keep stalling in the hope that we will abandon our cause, there is no stopping a full-fledged rebellion.

One more thing. About two weeks ago an inmate died of a heart attack after being thrown off sick call because they said he was "faking."

Yours in Struggle,
A Puerto Rican Brother

GUARDS USE AXE-HANDLES

CLINTON PRISON, N.Y.—Please be advised of the following incidents which transpired up here in Unit 14.

On Thursday, March 22, inmates Louie Cutolo and Sylvester Cholmondeley were tear-gassed, maced, and beaten with wooden nightsticks and axe-handles by some 12 to 15 guards led by Sherman Rabideau. Then Cholmondeley and another inmate, Joe Labasco, were transferred to the new maxi-maxi Rx Program in Dannemora.

Cutolo was dragged out of his cell, and remains in extreme pain in another cell. The next day, the whole Unit 14 was gassed to unconsciousness.

Sincerely,
A Prisoner

—Cambodia

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dictator of Phnom Penh "commands" an army of 200,000 troops, backed by battalions of Thai mercenaries and massive U.S. terror bombings, the National Unification Front of the rebels controls 80 percent of the country and has cut every road into the capital. There, Lon Nol is hiding with his



Courtroom sketch

H. RAP BROWN

NEW YORK, May 9—Black activist H. RAP BROWN was sentenced to 5 to 15 years today on counts of armed robbery and attempted murder carrying a maximum of 25 years, even though new developments in the case threatened to tear the frameup apart. Arthur Young and Levi Valentine, convicted along with Brown for the holdup of the Red Carpet Lounge in 1971, each got sentences of 5 to 20 years.

Brown's lawyer, William Kunstler, revealed just before sentencing that he had received a sworn affidavit from a man already imprisoned admitting responsibility for the holdup. But Judge Arnold G. Fraiman went right along with the sentencing anyway.

The fourth man convicted in the case, Samuel Petty, gained a two-week delay after it was revealed that a watch the cops said was stolen in the robbery actually belonged to Petty.

The courtroom could hold only 84

onlookers, and dozens of supporters were forced to wait outside in the hall for word of the final decision in the proceedings, which lasted more than six hours.

Imamu Baraka, a nationally recognized leader of Blacks in Newark, N.J., spoke in Rap Brown's defense, declaring: "The reason he is here is because he represents the people in their struggle for self-determination. We know he is fighting for the people. Who does the court represent? Who does the jury represent?"

Ed Brown, Rap's older brother, also stood up, speaking in praise of him: "While many people talk about the injustices of the system, how many people went about trying to correct those injustices?"

And William Kunstler summed up by saying that Brown was there being sentenced because in 1967 the "government made a policy decision that he is to be destroyed."

Rap Brown himself spoke briefly and simply: "Truth crushed into the earth will rise again."

Free Rap Brown!

M. M. JEFFERSON, J. E. WASHINGTON

On December 1, 1972, in a Powhatan County, Va., courthouse, MALCOLM M. JEFFERSON was sentenced to die in the electric chair. The sentence was to be carried out this month.

Because he was a prisoner, convicted of killing a guard, the death sentence was automatic in Jefferson's case. The recent Supreme Court ruling against the death penalty will have no effect on Jefferson's execution, because the sentence was not at the discretion of the jury.

Jefferson and another Black prisoner, JAMES E. WASHINGTON, were accused of murder following the shooting death of a State Farm guard in November 1971. The guard was killed during an alleged scuffle between guards and the two prisoners in the Powhatan County courthouse.

Washington, too, faces the death penalty

if he is convicted. His trial has been continued indefinitely pending psychiatric examinations.

The facts about the case show that it is another in a long line of racist lynchings of Black people in Virginia:

+There is no proof, from ballistics tests or from eyewitnesses, about who killed the guard. Under Virginia law, a prisoner has only to be involved in any kind of incident in which a guard is killed to be guilty of murder and automatically sentenced to death. It doesn't matter if it is another guard who commits the killing, or if the death is accidental. If racist guards attack a prisoner, and one guard accidentally kills another, the prisoner gets the electric chair for murder!

+The judge refused to move the trial to a different county and refused to choose a jury from another county. The case got a lot of publicity in the county, and there was a lot of hostility and prejudice from local white residents.

+The prosecutor also put on a demonstration in court with a pair of handcuffs to show how easy it was for Jefferson to free his hands and attack the guards. But under questioning, the prosecutor admitted the cuffs used in the demonstration were a special pair from his office, rigged to open more easily!

The case of Washington and Jefferson provides a clear example of what is in store if Nixon and other reactionaries succeed in reintroducing the death penalty for certain "crimes."

The death sentence has always been used primarily against Black people and other oppressed nationalities. It has been a weapon, not only against the individual victim, but also against the entire Black community, and especially against those Black people who are active in the struggle for justice and self-determination.

For more information on the struggle to save Malcolm Jefferson and James Washington from the electric chair, contact: Prisoners Solidarity Committee, Box 7032, Norfolk, Va. 23509, or 1103 Floyd Avenue, Richmond, Va. 23220.

PSYCHOSURGERY USED

DANNEMORA PRISON, N.Y.—Throughout the years, Dannemora State "Hospital," and the adjoining Clinton State Prison have been known as the "last stops" and "death traps" of the New York State prison system.

J.E. LaVallee, beast-warden of Clinton has conducted a reign of terror throughout this slave camp, making many of our brothers submit out of fear for their lives.

The state has created a program called euphemistically the "Prescription Program," only one of the programs under the heading of "Adirondack Correctional Training and Educational Center" (ACTEC).

Anyone who has spent any amount of time in New York camps must know at least one person who was sent here for punishment, and returned with the mind of a vegetable or moron if he returned at all. That the ACTEC has been set up here is very meaningful, both symbolically and literally.

The "box" (solitary) is jam-packed since February, on the pretext of phony "conspiracies," of which only the Head Beast has any knowledge.

Many of us have been notified of our "selection" to the Rx Program, and the goons have been kidnapping us two or three a day. In fact, one of our brothers, named Messiah, made a valiant but futile stand by

astrologers and CIA advisers.

Because they think that the war is already lost for the imperialists in Cambodia, both the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives have recently voted to cut off funds to pay for the B-52 raids. And now the revelations of a ranking CIA officer like Adams about the indigenous nature of the insurgent movement in that country can only further weaken the position of Nixon and other fanatical militarists in their attempt to enforce an imperialist peace on the Cambodian people.

refusing to leave his cell and accompany the beasts across the wall to Dannemora.

The goons used this as a pretext to gas the brother into submission and gas the entire box, which they did with unconcealed pleasure and jest. When the brother had been rendered helpless the beasts then took him away.

What is necessary is a coordinated effort to inform the public to pull the cover off New York's Vacaville, and expose them once and for all. Let us make everyone aware of Dannemora's death and destruction.

Yours in struggle: As-Allah Chester Gibson, Isaac (Duke) Richards, Felix Huerta, F. Bloeth, Che Avada, Wise God Allah, Juke Elmore, Makau-Chuh Champagne

"DIM-MAK" DEFENSE

MAY 16—A legal defense committee has been formed for DIM-MAK (Essex Ray), who is presently incarcerated in Clinton Correctional Facility. Mr. Ray has a criminal indictment pending for an alleged assault against seven correctional officers, which occurred in the segregation unit of Clinton on July 11, 1971.

In Mr. Ray's words:

"I came from Auburn to Clinton June 1,

1971 (after the Auburn rebellion) and was placed in segregation illegally, as I had violated no prison rules . . . shortly after, I was let out of my cell (to empty my waste bucket) when I was viciously assaulted by approximately 15 to 20 correctional officers . . . Naturally I had to fight them in order to prevent them from killing me right then and there. In doing so, I've been indicted for assault in the second degree (seven counts) for defending myself. . . ."

At present, Mr. Ray's attorney, Jesse Berman, is requesting a change of venue from Clinton County, where the jury would be drawn from people employed by the prison or connected with the correctional department and who would most likely be prejudiced in a case of this type.

The purpose of the Dim-Mak Legal Defense Committee is to raise urgently needed funds for bail and other legal expenses incurred during and after his trial. ("Dim-Mak" is the Swahili name by which Essex Ray prefers to be known.)

Support is needed to assure that justice will be done, as his case represents the conditions existing in prisons that led to riots in Auburn, Attica, and other penal institutions around the country.

All concerned persons please contact: Dim-Mak Legal Defense Committee, c/o Jesse Berman, Esq., 351 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10013.

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WRITINGS FROM BEHIND THE WALLS OF AUBURN CONCENTRATION CAMP

Bajo Plan Ceiba Cuba moderniza sus fincas

CUBA, 28 de marzo—Este artículo ha sido escrito en Cuba revolucionaria, donde la lucha del pueblo cubano continúa avanzando.

Más de 100 norteamericanos están trabajando en construcción como miembros del sexto contingente de la Brigada Venceremos. Llegaron a mediados de marzo y estarán trabajando por seis semanas antes de hacer un "tour" de la isla.

Los norteamericanos, quienes representan numerosas organizaciones revolucionarias y progresistas de todo Estados Unidos, están trabajando con cubanos miembros de las Brigadas Venceremos, construyendo casas y apartamentos en el nuevo pueblo Los Naranjos, como a 30 millas fuera de la Habana. Cuando esté terminado, Los Naranjos tendrá 400 casas, varios edificios de apartamentos, un hospital, una escuela primaria, un centro de cuidado de niños y otras facilidades de servicios y recreación. Ha sido construido para los trabajadores lecheros quienes componen parte de un gran plan agrícola para la provincia de la Habana—Plan Ceiba.

Plan Ceiba es parte de la lucha del pueblo cubano para aumentar y diversificar la producción agrícola—un prerequisite para el desarrollo industrial y socialista.

Económicamente es un plan para aumentar las frutas cítricas y el ganado. Los cubanos sienten que un plan centralizado en torno a cosechas específicas hace mejor uso del terreno, lluvia, etc. Muchos acres del mejor terreno es usado para árboles de frutas cítricas de todas clases, mientras que el terreno más pobre (donde la mecanización tiene menos uso) se usa para criar ganado.

Plan Ceiba comenzó a fines del 1968. Antes de su implementación fue totalmente discutido con los agricultores locales. Mientras que 65 por ciento del terreno tiene dueños privados, 100 por ciento de los agricultores acordaron integrar sus fincas al plan. Ellos acordaron sembrar las cosechas acordadas en el plan y el estado provee equipo técnico, abonos, ayuda laboral, servicios sociales, y en las primeras etapas cuando hay poca o ninguna producción

un salario basado en las necesidades. De esta forma las fincas propiedad del estado igual que las privadas (limitadas por ley a 3 caballerías) son ahora parte de un mismo plan económico.

Los árboles de citrus, que se sembraron por primera vez en el 1969, ahora es que están comenzando a

producir. Para el próximo año proveerán para toda la provincia de la Habana. El proyecto de la cría de ganado se está desarrollando más lentamente ya que hay que sembrar la pastura y la maquinaria necesaria no estará disponible en uno o dos años. Cuando el plan esté completo se espera que halla 20,000 hectáreas de citrus en

producción un aumento de 500 por ciento desde la Revolución, y será una llave de exportación como la azúcar.

Plan Ceiba también llama para la construcción de nuevos centros de trabajo, carreteras, sistema de riego, escuelas y pueblos completamente nuevos. En dicho plan el pueblo más grande tendrá 5,600 habitantes. Será para los trabajadores, campesinos y maestros en la región Ceiba e incluirá todos los servicios y conveniencias disponibles en ciudades más establecidas en Cuba.

Otro aspecto importante de planes agrícolas similares al Plan Ceiba el el programa "Escuela Superior en el Campo". Plan Ceiba tendrá 12 escuelas secundarias muy modernas con un promedio de 500 estudiantes cada una, localizadas en el área de la producción de citrus. Estas son escuelas de pupilos en la que los estudiantes dedican cuatro horas al estudio, cuatro horas trabajando en el campo y varias horas discutiendo eventos políticos o en actividades sociales. Mientras planean para su futura vocación estos estudiantes están contribuyendo directamente a la economía socialista. El estudio y el trabajo son practicados como actividades complementarias, no aisladas una de otra como en los países capitalistas.

Plan Ceiba es uno de los muchos ejemplos de como la planeada economía socialista está mejor preparada para hacer más eficiente y productivo el uso de los recursos económicos y el potencial humano de una sociedad. Debe enfatizarse que mientras el plan es centralmente organizado las decisiones sobre sus metas y métodos son hechas por los trabajadores y campesinos en él.

Los norteamericanos en la Brigada Venceremos de este año está muy excitados con el Plan Ceiba y se sienten honrados de poder contribuir a su desarrollo. Ambos, ellos y sus huéspedes cubanos saben que cada paso en el desarrollo de la economía socialista de Cuba es un golpe a su enemigo común—el imperialismo de E.E.U.U.



Members of Venceremos Brigade built houses in Cuba in solidarity with the efforts of the Cuban people in socialist reconstruction. Above, Lee Robinson of Youth Against War & Fascism pours cement for prefabricated housing forms.

Welcome back, Venceremos Brigade!



Brazilian fascists torture leftists

The letter reprinted below, was sent from Fortaleza, capital of the state of Ceará in Brazil, by Brazilians for the Defense of the Life of Jose Duarte. It was delivered to the American Friends of Brazil (AFB), with headquarters in Berkeley, California. The letter was translated from Portuguese by members of the AFB.

The latest act of barbarism by the fascist "gorillas" of the Medici regime in Brasilia, as described in this letter, is part of a nationwide gestapo-style campaign throughout Brazil to destroy all opposition to the military dictatorship, regardless of how moderate, in order to make Brazil "safe" for U.S. monopolies and big Brazilian capitalists.

Fortaleza, April 20—We report that the citizen Jose Duarte, arrested at the beginning of April 1973, has been brutally tortured by the Brazilian federal police.

Jose Duarte, who is a citizen of advanced years, is in danger of dying at any moment at the hands of the torturers of the Brazilian police, who up to now forced him to undergo the most inhuman acts of torture in the jails of the states of Bahia, Ceara, and Sao Paulo.

The repressive government of Brazil has denied the arrest of Jose Duarte, and stated that he is being sought, but the truth is that other political prisoners have seen him in the jails.

This kind of allegation has been repeatedly used by the Brazilian federal police as a device for liquidating Brazilian citizens who it judges to be "highly subversive," as it has done previously to other political prisoners.

We ask that you publicize by all available means this additional act of violence against defenseless citizens. Such publicity may save the life of Jose Duarte.

Another citizen, Vicente Walmick Vieira, a University professor in Fortaleza, Ceara, has just been arrested and is presently suffering barbarous torture.

His wife was also tortured and raped in his presence by the representatives of the Brazilian military dictatorship.

Weekly donor of blood dies

BOGOTA, Colombia, May 12—Marco Aurelio Cardona Pineda, 22, who was out of work and had been selling his blood for weeks to support his wife and daughter, died of pernicious anemia, authorities said Friday.

Police said Mr. Cardona died in the shabby room he shared with his wife Fanny, and daughter, Gloria, 5. Police said he sold his blood every week since April 16 at five dollars a pint to feed his family. He had been jobless since March.

Mr. Cardona turned himself in to the San Juaned Dios Hospital May 7 because of extreme weakness. But he could not afford the medicine prescribed and went to bed at home. He never got out of it again.

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