

Keep funding Angola war despite Senate vote

Ford, Pentagon say, 'We're above the law!'

N.Y. Angola rally set for Jan. 17

NEW YORK, Dec. 29—A march and indoor rally Saturday, January 17, at 1 p.m. in protest of U.S. involvement in Angola is attracting widening support, a spokesperson for Youth Against War & Fascism (YAWF) said here today.

Sponsored by YAWF, the march will begin at 34th Street and Broadway and will be followed by a rally at the Marc Ballroom, 27 Union Square West.

"We have called these activities to demand U.S. hands off Angola and to show our solidarity with the People's Republic of Angola, under the leadership of the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA)," Nick Frankel, an organizer of the demonstration, told *Workers World*.

"It is especially important that we demonstrate at this time when the newly-founded republic is under siege from reactionary and racist invasionary forces supplied and engineered clandestinely by the U.S. government."

Already the demonstration is receiving a broad range of support. Co-sponsors include the MPLA Solidarity Committee, Third World Newsreel, Committee in Solidarity with the Korean People, People's Democratic Association, Timor Defense Committee, Workers World Party, Puerto Rican Socialist Party, Friends of Indochina, Iranian Students Association (member of World Confederation), Carlos Feliciano, Organization of Arab Students, and Dennis Serette, President of the New York Coalition of Black Trade Unionists and vice-president of the Communications Workers of America. Other groups and individuals are rapidly adding their names to the list.

"At this crucial stage it is the duty of all progressive people in this country to give their utmost support to the MPLA and newly-founded People's Republic of Angola and demand that the U.S. and all its puppets and reactionary allies get out," Frankel emphasized.

The White House, the Pentagon, and the Central Intelligence Agency have let Congress know exactly who wields the real power in this country.

As his predecessor used to say, Ford has made himself perfectly clear on this point by defying two laws recently passed on Capitol Hill ordering him to end his military backing of counter-revolutionary armies in Angola and to stop the continuing U.S. arms build-up at a major naval-air station south of India.

According to a United Press International dispatch filed from Bangkok, Thailand, on December 25, "Though the United States Congress has ordered a halt to further expansion of the controversial naval base on Diego Garcia Island in the Indian Ocean, construction work still goes on and air activities have steadily increased."

Having already spent \$63.5 million on this war-complex servicing B-52 nuclear bombers, Polaris missile submarines, U-2 spy planes and other lethal weapons aimed at the socialist countries, the Pentagon Strangeloves and their backers in the ruling class are determined to continue militarizing the island, notwithstanding the clear congressional ban.

Similarly, despite a Senate vote of 54 to 22 forbidding any more support to reactionary forces invading the People's Republic of Angola, Ford is keeping the dollars, guns, and mercenaries flowing to prop up the reactionaries there.

"'We are going to keep it up,' an official said of the covert arms supply that has already cost \$32-million," reported the New York Times on December 29, adding that this official boasted that the U.S. military intervention in Angola would continue "despite the Senate vote."

All this, of course, shows the utter contempt with which the U.S. rulers hold their own so-called "democratic system," something which in real life they view as merely a slogan to be dragged out on July 4th and for Presidential inauguration speeches.

Isn't it interesting that there is always money and plenty of it, even against the will of Congress, for projects that promote imperialism and militarism—but when people need a little help to keep from losing schools, hospitals, or fire protection, as in New York and other big cities, both Congress and the President always claim there are little or no funds available.

If this is true, we know where it all went: to pay for imperial ventures like financing professional killers in Angola and building war bases in the Indian Ocean!

The amount of cash siphoned off by grafting city politicians is obviously small potatoes compared to what the White House, the intelligence agencies, and the Pentagon have secretly salted away. And most intolerable to the millions who are being constantly lectured to "work harder" and be "more productive," all that money was taken from the people in the first place, either in "legal" taxes or, as in the two examples mentioned above, through out-and-out fraud.

This daycare center is being axed — p. 3



THE STRUGGLE IN BRIEF

Seminoles fighting
78 years of robbery

By BRAD KANE
SEMINOLE TERRITORY, Okla., Dec. 18—American Indians from Seminole Territory are currently engaged in a struggle with the large railroad companies and federal police over the illegal use of Seminole land by the Santa Fe railroad.

Workers World has learned from the Traditional Seminoles that the Santa Fe has never honored an 1898 treaty which called on the railroad to pay the Seminoles \$217,000 for the use of their land. The Santa Fe railroad has used the land for over 75 years free of charge, and while Santa Fe has continuously made good profits over the years, the Seminoles have not received a cent.

Traditional Seminoles, along with their legal advisor Meredith Quinn, a Santee Sioux, are now bringing the 1898 treaty back into the spotlight and are gathering support to make Santa Fe honor the treaty and repay the Seminoles what is rightfully theirs.

At a press conference on December 11, the Seminoles issued an ultimatum to the railroad to either pay up the money owed to them for the use of their land (a sum considerably higher than the original \$217,000, taking into account interest and inflation) or suffer the consequences of being denied access to Seminole land.

The railroad officials, upon hearing the terms set by the Seminoles, contacted the Indians and set up a time and place for negotiations. However, when the Seminoles arrived at the pre-arranged site, representatives from Santa Fe were nowhere to be found.

Instead, the Seminoles found themselves staring into the rifle butts of National Guardsmen and FBI agents, whose presence was designed to intimidate the Seminoles and stifle their battle against Santa Fe.

However, the Seminoles are determined to win this all-important struggle, and the presence of federal agents will not make them forget the long history of deception and robbery by the railroads.

As of this writing, the battle now stands at a stalemate, though the situation is tense. Many trains have been cancelled by Santa Fe and those which are running in the area around Seminole Territory are carrying armed guards. National Guardsmen and FBI agents are currently perched outside the reservation with the intention of intervening on behalf

of the railroads if necessary. This is in clear violation of a 1943 U.S. Supreme Court decision which maintains that the U.S. has no business in the affair.

Funds and messages of support are urgently needed so that the Seminoles can continue to wage the fight against the railroads. They can be sent to: Box 71, Seminole, Oklahoma.

Union survival
key issue in strike
at Washington Post

By PADDY COLLIGAN
WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 30—Nineteen hundred workers from 11 unions at the Washington Post are now into their fourth month on strike. The issue remains the same—the survival of the unions. (See Workers World, Dec. 11.)

The Post claims to have smashed the unions and has begun hiring "permanent" replacements for the strikers. One of the special executives whom the Post hired to bust the strike and the unions has sent a letter to James Dugan, president of the striking pressmen's local, offering him a job—as his personal chauffeur!

But the struggle at the Post is far from over, and the Post management knows it. Production problems continue to hamper publication, as management finds that the pressmen's skills cannot be easily replaced by scabs and supervisors. The scab Post often has less than a dozen pages of news, much of which is stale due to early copy deadlines imposed by problems in the pressroom.

STRIKERS CALL
FOR BOYCOTT

The boycott by readers and advertisers is cutting sharply into Post profits. Advertising losses are estimated at well over \$10 million. Newspaper Guild workers who support the strike estimated that circulation in November was down about 20 percent (over 100,000 daily). The Washington Area Central Labor Council (AFL-CIO) has built the boycott around the slogan "No grapes, No lettuce, No Post."

Realizing the boycott will not work without community support, the Post has launched a demagogic campaign to split the strikers and the predominantly Black (80 percent) D.C. community. The Post has charged the pressmen with racism in brazen disregard of its own racist employment practices and news reporting. Even though seven of fourteen apprentice pressmen are Black and prominent Black trade unionists support the strike, many people are confused by these charges.

In fact, it is the Post which has kept these Black apprentices from moving into pressmen's jobs by cutting back on the number of pressmen positions. And it is the Post which tried to use Black high school students as cheap scabs. William Simons, the Black president of the Washington Teachers Union, quickly stopped this.

BLACK UNIONISTS
SUPPORT STRIKE

And William Lucy, national secretary-treasurer of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) and president of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, spoke at the rally to support the striking Post workers on December 13.

Eleven unions are involved in the

Post strike. Unity between them is essential and is being coordinated by the Post Unions United. The Post is trying hard to break this unity by wooing union leaders from unions other than the pressmen.

On December 23, the media was full of claims by the Post that one of the unions had signed a contract and gone back in. The claim was bogus, although a tentative contract was reached between the paperhandlers and the Post. Pressure on the weaker unions, especially those without a strike fund, has been severe, and some may go back in, as individuals or unions.

The unions at the Post have enough strength to resist being completely smashed by Post management at this time. However, unless their struggle becomes part of a more general struggle by workers in the D.C. area and throughout the country, the gains they have made over the years in wages and working conditions will vanish.

Norfolk protesters
demand: 'U.S.
out of Angola!'

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 20—Today some 25 members and friends of the Norfolk branch of Workers World Party held a spirited

demonstration in downtown Norfolk to denounce the "covert" and overt maneuvers of U.S. imperialism in Angola.

Chants of "U.S. out of Angola! Victory to the MPLA!" and "We won't fight Gulf Oil's wars!" rang out to hundreds of workers and their families in the shopping district. A leaflet was distributed, entitled "U.S. hands off Africa; No Vietnam war in Angola!" It explained how the current war in Angola is similar to Vietnam, a war "... between the Angolan people on one side and a U.S.-paid mercenary army, helped by white racist South Africa, on the other."

Norfolk, the site of NATO's military headquarters and a city with the largest concentration of U.S. military bases and installations in the world, has seen many past demonstrations against NATO's role in Africa and in support of the Portuguese revolution, organized by Workers World Party. The slogan of "No more Vietnam wars" drew particular attention from the large number of servicemen and women shopping downtown. Two active-duty Marines expressed their support of the action to one leafletter, genuinely glad to see an anti-war demonstration against this latest adventure of U.S. imperialism.

Victory to the MPLA! U.S. out of Angola!

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peoples in this capitalist society.

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Center costs low, services badly needed, still....

Racist Beame closes Topping Ave. daycare



Parents, children, workers, and supporters of the Topping Avenue Daycare Center protest the center's scheduled closing outside the Church St. offices of the Agency for Child Development in New York City on December 29.

WW photo: Gregory

By a daycare worker

NEW YORK, Dec. 27—The New York City government plans to close the Topping Avenue Daycare Center on January 1. This is just one example of the cruel attacks being waged against the children, parents, and staff in the daycare centers of New York.

In fact, the whole community around the Topping Avenue Center, which consists almost entirely of Black and Latin families, views this as an attack. They fought for the daycare center, the first in the area, and they're not going to give it up without a battle.

Aside from providing 5-day-a-week childcare services for 30 preschool children of working parents, the center also provides other essential community services. Each summer it distributes 500 free hot lunches to children in the neighborhood. Through the Youth Corps Program it has provided hundreds of jobs and has taken many school-age children on summer-time trips out of the city.

The city is planning to take this all away.

The reasons the city is giving for closing this center are an obvious ruse. One of the main excuses is "under-enrollment."

The daycare center has room for 55 children and a long waiting list. The city has refused to fund it for more than 30 children! As in many of the centers the city is planning to close, the expenses of operating Topping Avenue are very low. This is consistent with the pattern of closing a number of centers which require a minimum of funds but have a history of community struggle to build their programs.

Parents in the center are asking: Are they stopping our daycare program because our children are starting school with a firm grasp on the fundamentals of reading and writing? Is it because they are learning to build meaningful social relationships with the help of mature guidance instead of learning anything and everything on the streets? Is it because they don't want to see us get off welfare and improve our lives?

It is in the fighting spirit of this community to say: What have we got to lose? If we let them hold us down and destroy our lives, then we're lost. We've got to fight. Even if they close the center, it's still worth the battle.

Right now the struggle is to gain time in which to alert the whole community and build a campaign to save the center.

Pet food: staple for 900,000 poor in U.S.

By LESLIE FEINBERG

NEW YORK, Dec. 18—A medical sociologist, Professor Edward Peeples, Jr., today estimated that "pet foods constitute a significant part of the diet of at least 225,000 American households." This shocking admission reveals that the equivalent of the entire population of Baltimore—900,000 people—are living on pet food diets.

Peeples, an assistant professor at Virginia Community University, considers this figure "conservative."

The knowledge of widespread economic dependence on this substandard "food" in oppressed communities became somewhat publicized when the Senate Nutrition Committee hearings in 1974 reported that "one-third of the pet food purchased in slums is eaten by humans."

It's ironic that this information comes out at a time when the press here is full of news on the recent crop failures in the Soviet Union, which were caused by a severe

drought. The implication is that capitalism can somehow feed the people better than a workers' state. What is never pointed out is that, despite the agricultural problems of the USSR (which compares geographically to Canada, not the U.S.), the Soviet Union does provide cheap, plentiful food for all, even if it has to import food and subsidize the low prices. In the U.S., where agribusiness plows under whole crops, mass starvation is buried by the press in small articles, with plenty of statistics and no human feeling.

Professor Peeples suggests that rather than pour money into expensive studies on the poverty of diet in the U.S., the money should be spent to control the quality of pet food production and to accumulate scientific data on its nutritional value (or lack thereof) for humans.

But the hungry don't need "safe" pet food or scientific data. The food left to rot in the fields and on warehouse shelves should instead be distributed to all.



In the U.S., poor housing and malnutrition result from the greed of big business, not a lack of resources.

Xmas gift from Housing Authority: 25% rent increase for Buffalo

BUFFALO, N.Y., Dec. 6—In spite of earlier protests by public housing tenants against rent hikes, the Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority (MHA), in an unannounced, private meeting held here today, approved a 25 percent rent increase. The drastic rent hikes, effective January 1, range from \$20 to over \$50 for all of the 24 city projects, and affect mainly low-income families—those on fixed incomes, such as social security, welfare, or unemployment compensation.

At the same meeting at which the increases were first proposed, the MHA board simultaneously voted in a fat pay boost for its staff, averaging \$2,361 for each of the top ten officials, including raises over \$4,000. When protests by the tenants mounted, the Housing Authority agreed to hold "public hearings" on the rent increases, although it stated beforehand that it would not rescind them unless the hearings showed overwhelming opposition to the increases.

The tenants did take advantage of these hearings to protest the increases and to point out the poor upkeep at the projects where rats, roaches, poor heating, open elevator shafts, and a general lack of repairs are common problems. Yet, it was obvious when, after the hearings, the MHA voted to extend the 25 percent rent increase to cover all of the city's public housing projects, that the officials once again turned a deaf ear to the

poor and predominantly Black tenants.

POLICE BREAK UP TENANTS' MEETING

The executive director of the MHA, George E. Wyatt, further demonstrated the fraudulent nature of the MHA hearings when he tried to use city police to block a meeting of nearly 100 tenants of the Ellicott Housing Project, called to protest the rent hikes. Wyatt has proposed a \$28,500 salary for himself, and \$139,000 of the projected \$205,000 from the rent increases will go to pay for MHA staff raises, leaving very little for the long-overdue repairs that the tenants are demanding and are entitled to without any rent increases.

HOUSING WORST IN BLACK COMMUNITY

At one of the MHA's "public hearings," one woman was escorted from the room in tears after she yelled that Social Security had only "raised my mother's check \$12 this year, and now they (MHA) want to take that away—they don't want Black people to have anything." Others complained about the rent increases coming at a time when the unemployment rate in Buffalo's Black community is over 20 percent, and over 50 percent among Black youth.

City officials earlier this year recommended that the Ellicott Mall Housing Project be leased to a

private corporation, thus removing state limitations that keep the project for low-income families and elderly people. Under the guise of "rehabilitating" the projects, this plan would force many of the poor out on the streets. Many of the current residents of the Ellicott Mall were previously moved out of low-income housing at Dante Place in 1958, when that project became the privately-owned Marine Drive Apartments and the rents there drastically raised.

CONDITIONS "ALABAMA-STYLE"

While housing conditions at the Mall were recently compared by Dr. Ralph Abernathy, in a visit to Ellicott Mall, to the "worst parts of Alabama," the city has only dragged its heels on projects to build new low-income housing. A current federal HUD project to finance the construction of 90 new units of low-income housing in Buffalo threatens to be choked to death by official red tape. Because sites for the housing cannot be agreed upon between HUD and the local officials, \$33.5 million for low-income housing is being withheld from the city. Not one unit of low-income housing has been built here since 1970.

Safe, adequate, low-rent housing is a right, not a privilege. Buffalo workers are now denied this right, but when the day comes that the workers control their own lives—workplaces and government—no one will be left on the streets!

Gulf Oil reneges on debt to Luanda government

U.S. role in Angola escalating

By SHARON SHELTON.
NEW YORK, Dec. 27—As part of the growing U.S. offensive against the newly independent People's Republic of Angola, Gulf Oil Corporation announced December

22 it will not pay \$100 million in oil royalties it owes the besieged nation.

Gulf said State Department pressure had contributed to its decision to renege on the debt.

According to the December 21 New York Times, "Since September, the Gulf Corporation has conferred frequently at high levels in the State Department over what to do about its Cabinda fields and the payments to Luanda."

U.S. INVOLVEMENT GROWING

The Gulf announcement of this blatant economic assault on the Angolan people coincided with new disclosures of additional, ominous U.S. involvement. It is becoming a well-known fact that the CIA has been funnelling millions of dollars in sophisticated U.S. weaponry to its puppet Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire for the invasion of Angola. Also, the U.S. role in directing invasionary columns from Zaire and South Africa under cover of the pro-imperialist FNLA and UNITA against the Angolan people, led by the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA), has been well documented.

Now, however, according to a December 18 release by the MPLA Solidarity Committee, U.S. involvement has escalated. The release quotes Sean Gervasi, an adviser to the Center for Strategic Studies, as revealing that the U.S. Navy Carrier Independence—carrying Phantom jets, napalm, missiles, and anti-personnel

fragmentation bombs—has been placed on full alert in the Azores for action in Angola. Contingency plans, according to Gervasi, include flying tactical air support strikes over Angolan soil.

"In what is seen as a related development," the MPLA Solidarity Committee release points out, "U.S. spotter planes are now known to be flying missions over Angola from Zaire, from the same airfields as South African bombers." Also, U.S. cargo planes flown by U.S. pilots are air-dropping supplies to invading South African troops, and the CIA continues its open drive to recruit U.S. mercenaries at a \$2,000-a-month salary to join the invasionary forces. Already, according to CBS news on December 27, over 400 white U.S. mercenaries have gone into combat and many others are on their way to Angola.

Young Africa (Jeune Afrique), a French weekly, has reported that numerous U.S. military personnel have been seen at Kapolo military base near Silva Porto in the south of Angola. Other reports indicate that many of the mercenaries in Angola are members of the U.S. armed forces who have been given quick discharges for action against the African nation.

Meanwhile, a sizeable portion of



Imperialist-sponsored fascist Indonesia has launched an attack against the progressive country of East Timor because it feared the country would threaten its Indonesian archipelago.



Officer of a mercenary Rhodesian patrol scours village for signs of guerrilla activity. Picture comes from new magazine, Soldier of Fortune, which glorifies the business of murdering and repressing liberation fighters.

'Soldier of Fortune'

Hired killers go public in fascist magazine

By G. SCHMIDT
NEW YORK, Dec. 24—In this period, when pressure from the war-weary masses of workers makes the U.S. government reluctant to commit its armed forces for every "emergency" (national liberation struggle), the role of the hired killer or mercenary in carrying out the will of U.S. imperialism becomes ever more important.

With increased demand for the mercenaries' services, the traditional word-of-mouth recruitment methods cannot provide enough men quickly enough. From this need for a more sophisticated, efficient recruitment technique was born Soldier of Fortune magazine—"The Journal of Professional Adventurers." This extreme right-wing magazine, first published this past summer,

panders its subtle and blatant mixture of racism, sexism, national chauvinism, and super-patriotism under the guise of heroic adventure tales.

RECRUITING FOR RHODESIA

Jeff Cooper, former Lt. Colonel of Marines and SOF's combat pistol expert, writes a glowing report of his recent tour in Zimbabwe (the white settler state of Rhodesia)—"that embattled outpost of European Civilization," where 200,000 whites exploit and oppress several million Africans ("optional subjugation," in Cooper's words).

The gist of the article is to encourage emigration to Rhodesia of "young married people with skills" who "must be tough, cheerful, and undaunted by the

outpourings of the Left"—in other words, right-wing racists such as he.

Robert K. Brown, former Major of Special Forces and publisher of SOF, attempts in his article on Rhodesia to encourage Vietnam veterans to volunteer for service in the mercenary-staffed British South African Police—a paramilitary, killer elite—or in the regular Rhodesian Army African Rifles, which are both entirely officered by whites. Not only encouragement is to be found in the article, for it includes details of the application procedure, required credentials, and qualifications, addresses for the application forms, training programs, and starting pay.

PRELUDE TO ANGOLA INVASION

A third article, written this past spring, relates how veterans of a unit called 5 Commando (murderers of Patrice Lumumba and butchers of Stanleyville in the Congo in the early 1960s) began to organize for an invasion of Angola immediately after the Portuguese Armed Forces Movement had deposed the fascist Caetano regime in the spring of 1974. By October 1974, under the cover of organizing men with military experience into the exclusive "Wild Goose Club" (the "Wild Goose" had been the emblem of the 5 Commando), more than 1,000 mercenaries had been signed up at the "club headquarters" in Johannesburg, South Africa.

According to the article, Colonel Mike Hoare, Commanding Officer of 5 Commando in the Congo, needed only to find the right moneymen to finance the actual assembling and equipage of a revitalized mercenary unit. As a surprise to no one at all, he found willing subscribers among the wealthy Portuguese ex-landowners of Angola, who purchased the French-made Panhard armored

cars used by the invasion force which was launched from South African controlled Namibia. In addition, Hoare and his 5 Commando have been the recipients of covert CIA funding so widely exposed recently.

Soldiers of Fortune magazine epitomizes the degeneracy of U.S. imperialism and its allies, glorifying as it does the exploits of murderers and hired guns who operate behind the thinnest veil of an ideology called "fighting for freedom" but meaning fighting for suppression of the masses of ex-

the ruling class is becoming increasingly demoralized about U.S. involvement in Angola, especially since the invasionary forces have suffered significant defeats. The Angolan masses have shown their readiness to defend their new nation, and they have received material assistance from the Soviet Union and Cuba.

The Senate recently voted 54 to 22 for an amendment to the \$112-billion military appropriations bill to deny a request for additional millions of dollars to be used against the Angolan people. Following the Senate vote, President Gerald Ford angrily charged Congress with "tying our hands."

But there is no indication that the warmakers' hands are tied. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger responded to the news of the cutoff by pointing out that the CIA has additional funds and that the Ford administration was preparing to "make a major effort, both

exploited Asians, South Americans, and Africans.

But more than that, this journal of murder, rape, plunder, and mayhem is much more than a free-lance effort. An ad taken out by Radio Free Europe, a U.S. government-financed operation, is a tip-off to everyone that SOF, with its staff of "retired" military men, is yet another paramilitary adventure of the U.S. imperialist garrison state.

Philip Agee hits congressional committee cover-up of CIA

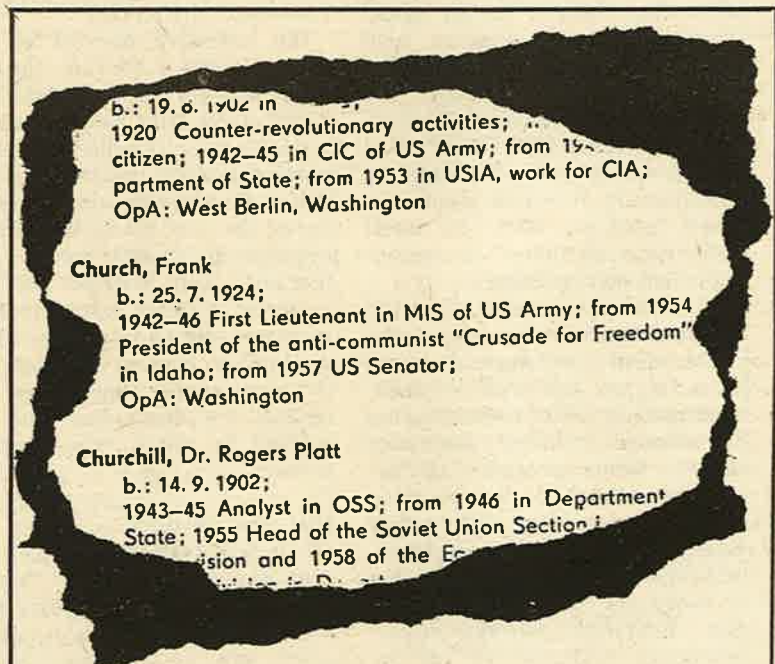
NEW YORK, Dec. 27—Philip Agee, a former CIA officer who exposed Latin American activities of the agency in his book Inside the Company: CIA Diary, has charged that if the congressional committees supposedly investigating the CIA "fail to focus on the CIA's support to political repression abroad, as appears likely, and if their recommendations for reform are restricted to control, domestic operations, appointment of Directors from outside the CIA, and similar measures, these reforms, positive as each may be, must be seen as covering up the real issues."

Agee made his charge in a letter from England explaining that he has decided not to return to the U.S. at this time—a move which could have subjected him to an immediate injunction not to say or

publish anything on the CIA.

Commenting further on the motives behind congressional investigations of CIA activity, Agee says that "... certain people inside and outside the government may want to concentrate the attention of the American people on past abuses, especially those committed inside the U.S., so that the CIA's intervention abroad can escape public scrutiny...."

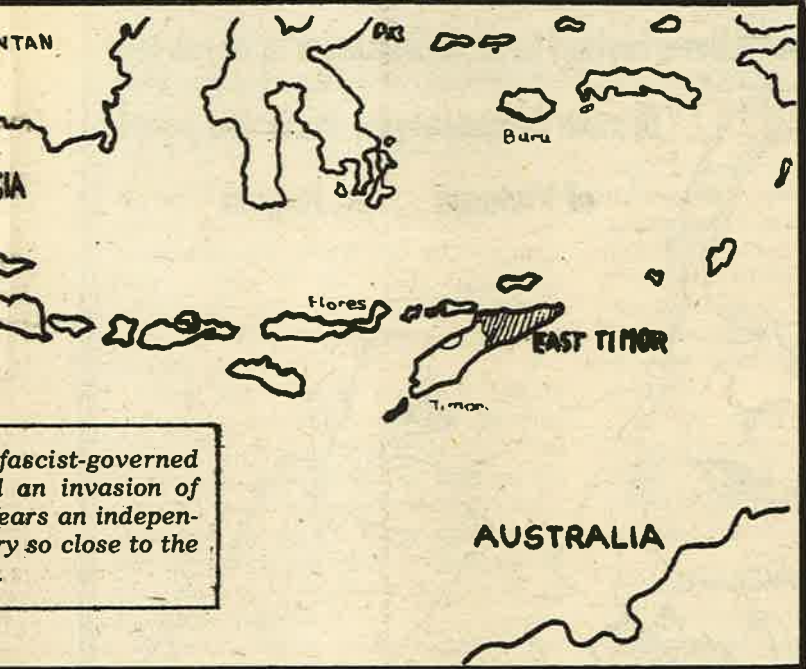
"Shellfish toxin, cobra venom, poison dart guns and illegal domestic operations are sensational and shocking. Damaging to the CIA as these revelations may be, however, they divert attention from the real victims of the CIA's operations: the millions of people who have been assassinated, tortured or imprisoned without trial after having organized to change conditions in their own countries."



Frank Church: CIA nightcrawler

Idaho Senator Frank Church, who is presently chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee which is conducting the investigations into the crimes of the CIA, needs a little investigating himself. Church is listed as an intelligence officer on page 102 of "Who's Who in the CIA," a book published in

East Germany in 1968 which has repeatedly shown itself to be a reliable reference. Also listed in the 1968 edition are Philip Agee, who has since left the CIA and is publicly exposing it, as well as Dan Mitrione and Richard Welsh, who have since been killed by guerrillas in Uruguay and Greece, respectively.



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Timor radio tells of mass slaughter

By DEIRDRE GRISWOLD

NEW YORK, Dec. 29—In a second wave of the invasion that began on December 7, 15,000 Indonesian troops landed in Timor this past week. According to information received here by the Timor Defense Committee and relayed from Darwin, Australia, these troops are already sweeping through the countryside, driving thousands of Timorese children, women, and old men before them and slaughtering those who fail to find safety.

south coast. This timing seems hardly coincidental. Most news agencies were on a skeleton crew that day, and did not cover the event. Perhaps even more significant, the UN had adjourned for the holiday season, after having passed a resolution only a week earlier calling on Indonesia to withdraw its troops from East Timor.

The Fretilin radio reports that Indonesia has committed some of its crack troops—red, orange, and black berets—in the hopes of a quick victory before the United Nations can send an observer mission to Dili, the capital.

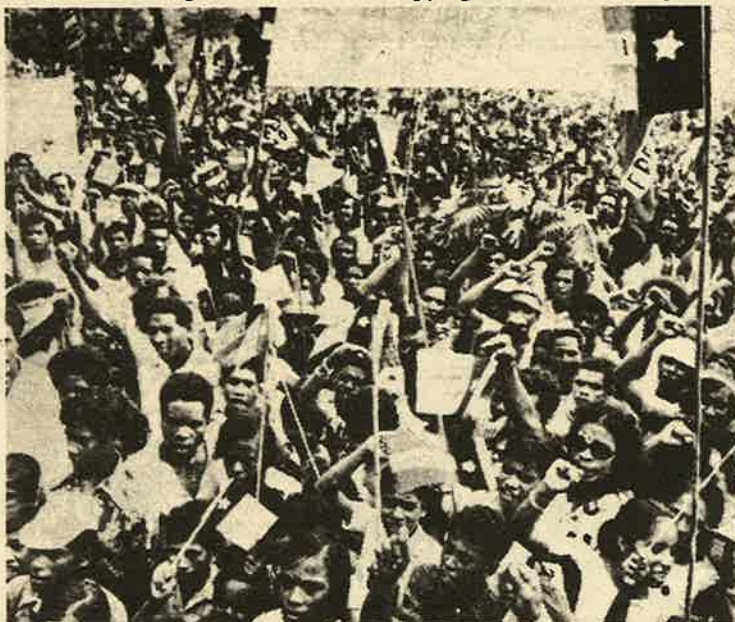
This massive invasion—nearly 20,000 Indonesians are now occupying East Timor—against a

small and impoverished country is certainly one of the most cynical displays of naked brute force in many years. It takes place with the collusion of the Australian and Portuguese governments, who certainly knew in advance of Indonesia's intentions but did nothing to stop them, and with the active support of the U.S. imperialists.

The first invasion took place just 12 hours after President Ford left Jakarta after meeting with the Indonesian president. And in the Christmas Day assault, as earlier, the Indonesian troops were well supplied with U.S.-made tanks, helicopters, and weapons; their officers have been largely trained in U.S. military schools.

CHRISTMAS DAY ATTACK

This new and much larger invasion took place at 9 a.m. on Christmas morning at Suai on the



Mass Fretilin demonstration in Dili, East Timor. Photo: LNS

FRETELIN INTACT

According to radio messages received in Darwin from the Fretilin command (Fretilin is the united front that led the independence struggle of East Timor against the Portuguese colonialists), the leadership of the newly established Democratic Republic of East Timor is still intact, but has moved to the mountains which dominate the interior of the island. From there, it is hoped that the independence fighters of Fretilin will be able to wage an effective guerrilla struggle against the Indonesian occupiers, since they were able to stash considerable supplies of weapons and food before the invasion.

Except for the radio reports received in Australia, East Timor has been cut off from the rest of the world since December 7. There are no foreign news reporters there and no representatives of the International Red Cross have been allowed in. Roger East, the only foreign reporter to remain in Dili, has been reported missing. (Three Australian and two British journalists were killed in the town of Balibo in October, it is believed while fighting an earlier Indonesian attack. Australian longshoremen have kept up a boycott of Indonesian shipping in protest.)

Tanks, troops, and armored cars were reported moving on Aileu, which had served as the Fretilin command until a few days ago, and helicopters and warships have been making the coastal towns uninhabitable.

Meanwhile, Indonesia continues to employ the fiction that it has been invited into East Timor by a "provisional government"—really only the remnants of several small reactionary groups which fled to Indonesia after having failed in a coup attempt last August.

WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT

The Timorese Minister for Internal Affairs, Alarico Fernandes, has described the situation as acute in an SOS received in Darwin, and it was learned by the defense committee here today that Fretilin is seeking the evacuation of the uprooted civilian population, several thousand of whom have already been slaughtered.

Nevertheless, Minister for External Relations Jose Ramos Horta said on Saturday in Lisbon, "Fretilin troops have moved their military command into the mountain region near Aileu and will continue fighting for the independence of East Timor."

For more information, contact the Timor Defense Committee, care of Tapol, P.O. Box 609, Montclair, N.J. 07042.

diplomatically and on the ground, to make do with what we have"! Both Ford and Kissinger are twisting arms to get the House to strike down the amendment when Congress reconvenes January 12.

The Gulf refusal to pay its debt to the People's Republic of Angola is an attempt to cripple the young nation financially. Gulf, owned by the powerful Paul Mellon family, has reaped superprofits from the millions of barrels of oil it has pumped out of Angola daily for a number of years. Now, the huge multi-national corporation—which never withheld royalties to the Portuguese during the period of brutal colonial rule—claims that the MPLA-led government does not have "support of the population" and hasn't been recognized by "the world community."

WHAT GULF WOULD PREFER TO FORGET

Of course, the Gulf spokespeople do not mention the joyous mass

celebrations that accompanied the declaration of the People's Republic of Angola last November or the immediate, popular mobilization of the Angolan masses recently to halt the U.S.-sponsored invasions. Gulf conveniently neglects the fact that the MPLA-led government has been recognized by 14 nations in Africa alone and 35 countries worldwide, while the pro-imperialist FNLA and UNITA "capital" hasn't been recognized by a single country.

Most of all, Gulf would like to cover up its own high stake in continued exploitation of the rich oil reserves in the Cabinda enclave, where the company's investment is \$225 million. According to a recent article in The Sunday Times of London, "Gulf is currently producing 120 to 140 thousand barrels of crude oil a day from the offshore rigs and it is part of the CIA's intention to protect these interests by channelling aid to Zaire."

In coordinated attack

U.S., England try to stifle support for IRA

By MOLLY CHARBONEAU

NEW YORK, Dec. 23—This past week a coordinated campaign was launched by the governments of the U.S. and England to discredit the Irish Republican Army (IRA), its thousands of Irish-American supporters, and the Irish liberation struggle as a whole.

A front-page article in the December 16 New York Times stepped off the campaign by accusing the Irish Northern Aid Committee (Noraid), headquartered here, of providing "thousands of weapons for the IRA's terror campaign" through its fund-raising activities in the U.S.

These accusations were echoed on December 17 when Prime Minister Harold Wilson spoke at an Association of American Correspondents dinner in London, urging American journalists to "strip away the romantic legends, the myths of 1916 and all that, to which the IRA still so calculatingly cling."

BRITISH IMPERIALISM THE REAL TERRORIST

What both U.S. and English officials consistently fail to mention is that England has had an occupying army in Ireland for over 200 years.

This army has brutalized the Irish people for two centuries; while British imperialism has reaped the profits of Irish national resources and human labor. Jailings without trial, murder, and torture are a daily practice by British troops victimizing men, women, and children alike

throughout occupied northern Ireland.

The U.S. government, long the supporter of fascist and repressive regimes the world over—from south Korea, to Indonesia, to Spain—has full sympathy with British imperialism's role in

Ireland. After all, didn't the U.S., until its defeat, play the same role in Vietnam?

For either of these imperialist governments to criticize Irish freedom fighters and their supporters, struggling to rid their homeland of political terror and

economic oppression, can only be an attempt to shift their own crimes onto the shoulders of their victims.

SPIRIT OF EASTER RISING ALIVE TODAY

The accusers of Noraid, themselves the biggest weapons procurers in the world, have been unable to show any factual basis for their charges alleging a connection between Noraid fund-raising for the families of imprisoned IRA fighters and use of the funds to purchase weapons for the IRA.

However, Noraid leader Matthew Higgins answered the accusation stating, "We have no objections to it if they have money to spare. They've (the IRA) got to get them somewhere. If the overall kitty is big enough to buy weapons, that's their business. We were formed for the purpose of supporting the Irish freedom movement. We still support the Provisional IRA, no if's, and's, or but's about that."

U.S. and English attempts to discredit the struggle of the Irish people and the progressives who support that struggle are nothing new.

The Easter Rising of 1916 was neither a "myth" nor a "romantic legend," as Harold Wilson would have us believe, but was in fact a revolutionary high-water mark in the Irish people's struggle to free their homeland of imperialist occupation and exploitation. This valiant struggle deserves the support of people everywhere, and especially now, in light of the U.S. and England's current attacks.



Attempts to discredit IRA supporters as "romantic" ignore the very unromantic fact of an armed British occupation in northern Ireland. Photo: The Battle of the Bogside

EDITORIAL

Corrupt judges...

In what is already being called "New York's Watergate," a political scandal of huge proportions was precipitated this week when Governor Hugh Carey suddenly fired Special Prosecutor Maurice Nadjari, the sole prosecutor in the country whose job is to uncover corruption among judges, cops, and politicians. Since his appointment 3 years ago following the Knapp Commission's revelations concerning the narcotics peddling, bribe taking, and general criminality that saturate the New York Police Department, Nadjari's office has indicted 296 venal government officials, 76 of whom have been convicted, ranging from a district attorney to a tax commissioner.

Like a doctor who lances a boil only to find an even deeper abscess underneath, the Special Prosecutor's office now has over 500 investigations under way, principally centered on the sale of judgeships by grasping politicians to wealthy and power-hungry men eager to "wear the robes of honor." Five judges have been indicted so far.

And this has been Nadjari's undoing. Fearing exposure as the criminals they are, judges recently began to attack Nadjari's probe as "illegal," "pernicious," "tyrannical," and "shocking."

Nadjari's office retaliated by letting it be known it had plenty of information proving that not only did these judges *buy* their way into office but, once on the bench, they commonly *sold* "not guilty" verdicts to rich businessmen, crime syndicate bosses, and crooked politicians brought before them for trial.

Judge John Murtagh, the man assigned to try the cases Nadjari brings into court, has in recent weeks simply been dismissing all charges and letting the big shots off completely before a jury could even hear the evidence. Not surprising when one remembers that Murtagh, the fanatical persecutor of the Panther 21 frame-up victims, was himself arrested for failing to report graft and corruption in the Police Department when he was Commissioner of Investigation! Of course his charges were dropped, and today he naturally feels that other officials on the take should receive the same courtesy.

Carey's illegal decision to purge Nadjari came when he learned that his own closest associates were about to be arrested. He has announced that Nadjari's replacement will be District Attorney Robert Morgenthau. Morgenthau, who has stated that he will fire Nadjari's entire staff, absurdly claims that he sees "no conflict of interest at all" in taking over a job which includes *investigating his own acts as district attorney*.

The struggle between Nadjari and Carey is totally unprincipled on all sides. Carey wants to save his own hide while Nadjari, far from being a crusader against evil men in high places as he pretends, is largely motivated by a desire to cripple the Democratic Party by unmasking *their* dirt and thus advancing the fortunes of the Republicans, his own political clique.

Nevertheless, the massive indictments and Carey's attempted cover-up have exposed the entire so-called system of justice as a fraud where wealthy criminals not only get off, but often become judges themselves, while the 200,000 poor people who are dragged before the bench in New York City each year are routinely sent to prison for acts far less serious than the crimes of the judges who sentence them.

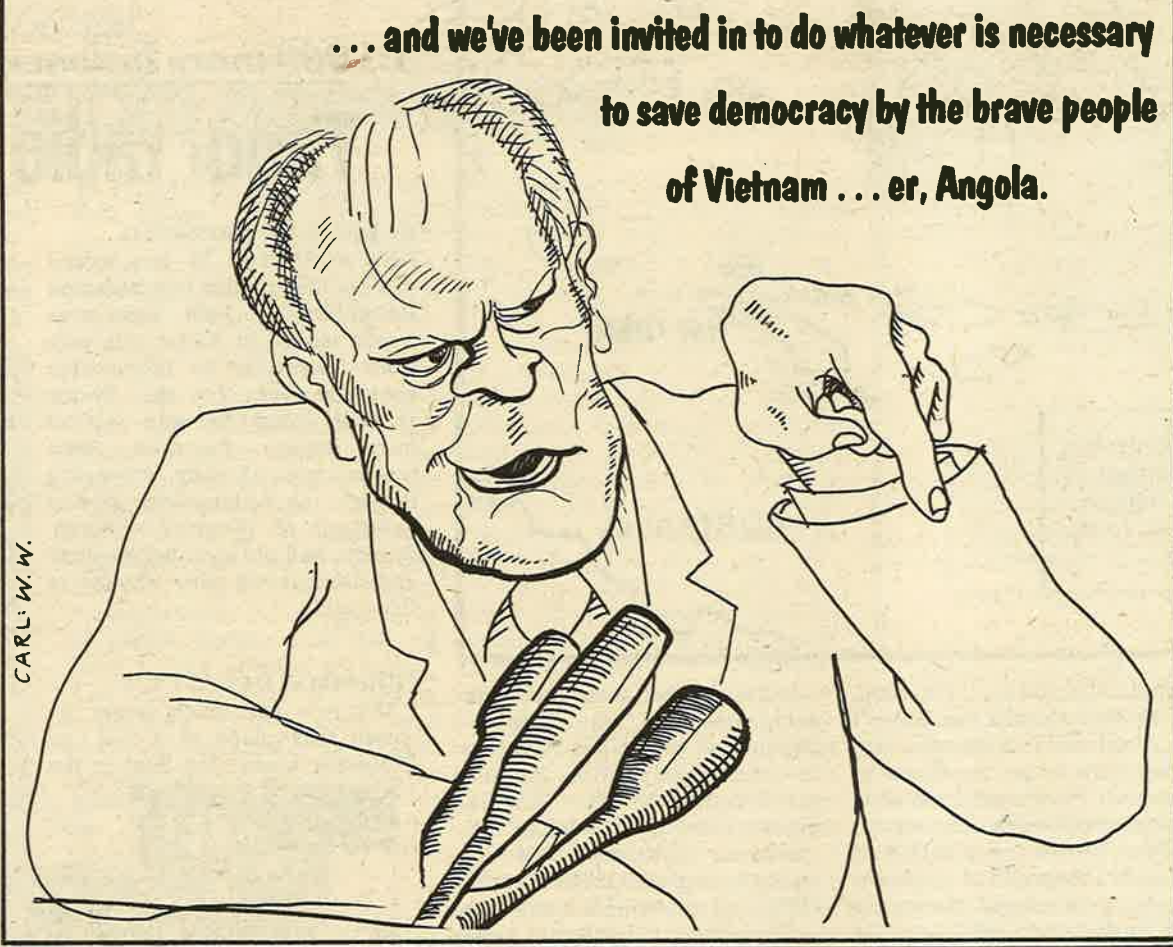
Here is a perfect replica of the entire capitalist system, which gives all the power to the scum at the top while offering only oppression and exploitation to the vast majority.

...serve big business

Workers striking the Miami-based National Airlines, now entering the fifth month of their walkout, were recently the object of an unusual attempt at judicial strike-breaking. Judge C. Clyde Atkins of Federal District Court, at the behest of the struck airline, has ordered officials of the strikers' union, the Association of Flight Attendants, to resubmit to their membership for vote a company contract offer that had *already been rejected* by the union!

This corporate interference in the internal affairs of the flight attendants' union, through the agency of the federal judiciary, is an intolerable and unprecedented invasion into the conduct of a strike. Its right name is judicial strike-breaking, and this is an especially revealing instance of the daily collusion between the boss class and the government, to which working people and the trade union movement should be alerted.

... and we've been invited in to do whatever is necessary
to save democracy by the brave people
of Vietnam ... er, Angola.



Bosses strategy forum

Plotting a profitable new year

By ROBERT DOBROW

NEW YORK, Dec. 28—How are the bosses preparing for the new year? A recent release from an organization called "The Conference Board" shows that what is foremost on their minds is what their workers are doing!

The Conference Board is a sophisticated "think-tank" which offers its services for various woes of huge multi-millionaire corporations. It recently formed a Labor Relations Forum which "meets annually to examine the nation's labor outlook." Its most recent "findings" were reprinted almost verbatim in the New York Times financial page of December 17.

PREDICTS HEATED BARGAINING

The Forum report is most concerned about industries such as rubber, trucking, auto, and electric machinery, where "major contracts covering nearly 5 million workers will expire in 1976 and where heated negotiations are anticipated."

The report weighs such influences on the labor movement as inflation, unemployment, what it considers a better financial situation in the country, cost of living clauses, and pensions—all from the side of the bosses. It anticipates that "public employee unions will have to settle for smaller wages as the great bull market is apparently over for the public sector, except for certain areas like police and protective services."

Translate this to read: more money for cops, less for daycare and teachers!

The Forum warns its members that "with more labor contracts running out this year, the number of work stoppages will rise. While '76 promises to be a more stormy labor year than '75, most strikes will be relatively short." It is especially worried about the rubber industry where contracts expire in April. "Even after the companies and the United Rubber Workers reach agreement, there is a possibility that contracts will be rejected by the rank-and-file."

The Labor Relations Forum

includes a manager of Exxon Corp., a lawyer, the national labor correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor, and a provost of Carnegie-Mellon University. Hardly an impartial list, but very well suited to advise bosses on what shrewd strategies to use in squeezing every ounce of profit out of the workers.

WHAT ABOUT A FORUM ON HOW TO FIGHT BOSSES?

What is of direct interest to workers in this assortment of mental big-wigs for the establishment is the presence in the Forum of the director of research of the United Steel Workers of America, Otis Brubaker—a perfect example of how the top labor mis-leaders actually work with the bosses to mute and contain the workers.

What these \$60,000-a-year bureaucrats could be doing if they had an ounce of class feeling in their fingertips is to organize a forum of workers' leaders and other sympathetic individuals to solve problems like how the workers in New York City can fight back or how the pressmen in Washington, D.C., can win their strike not collaborate with the very exploiters of those whom they're supposed to represent!

But eventually these characters will show their true colors to the ranks and when that happens the workers will replace them with genuine leaders who'll really fight in their interests. And when the workers show their real muscle, no think-tank will be able to solve the bosses' problems then!

UAW leaders wilt under racist pressure

By a member of UAW, Local 212
DETROIT, Dec. 23—Douglas Fraser, United Auto Workers (UAW) Vice President, recently announced that the UAW was considering changing its position on busing. Up until now the UAW has supported busing for racial integration.

In addition, the UAW has been steadily abandoning its campaign against the leader of the racist, anti-labor forces, George Wallace. UAW Local 861, a Ford local in Louisville, has gone so far as to endorse and provide funds for anti-busing demonstrations at which Black children and their parents were attacked.

This racist backsliding on the part of the UAW leadership is nothing but sheer opportunism. Instead of standing up and fighting for the civil rights of Black workers, which is in the best interests of all workers, the UAW is considering turning tail and running as soon as the fighting gets tough and comes closer to home—Detroit.

The racists in Boston have just renewed their offensive with the bombings of the NAACP

headquarters and the homes of Black community leaders. In New York a white man was killed while defending a 12-year-old Black girl from a racist white gang. And in Detroit a Black family is being persecuted by the KKK for moving into a white neighborhood. The man in this family is a UAW member.

At the same time, the UAW is discussing the possibility of giving in to this white racist fever, which has been whipped up by the bosses to divide the workers against each other. By this act the UAW is pretending it doesn't realize that the busing opposition is a diversionary tactic used by the ruling class to distract workers from the serious problems that face them, such as unemployment and spiraling inflation.

All conscientious UAW workers should alert the rank and file in their locals to the UAW officials' plans to turn their backs on all the Black children of the country. If anti-racist resolutions are passed in many UAW locals, we may be able to stop Doug Fraser's capitulation to the KKK.

POLITICAL PRISONERS



ATTICA COVERUP

By BRAD KANE

BUFFALO, Dec. 26—A special investigation into charges of a cover-up of police crimes by the Attica prosecution has turned out to be a deepening of the very cover-up supposedly under investigation.

A partially released report on the investigation, headed by ex-State Supreme Court Justice Bernhard S. Meyer (who incidentally received \$150 an hour for his role on the committee), makes this point clear from the outset. Meyer states in the first sentence of the report, "There was no intentional cover-up in the conduct of the Attica investigation."

Meyer's report also opposed unconditional amnesty for those accused of Attica-related charges, a demand of the Attica Brothers and their supporters which has won widespread support.

REPORT A SLAP ON THE WRIST

As a whole, the Meyer report is, as was expected, a liberal wrist slap of the Attica prosecution and of the State Police who carried out the brutal assault in September of 1971 which left 32 inmates and 11 guards dead and hundreds of inmates wounded. The report cites such violations of decorum on the part of the State Police during the takeover as the failure of State Police to account for which trooper used which weapon during the takeover, the failure to mark locations of bodies precisely, etc.

At no point does the report condemn the indiscriminate shooting and beating of the inmates, nor does it ever mention any of the wretched conditions in the prisons which have forced the Attica inmates and inmates from prisons throughout the country to rebel.

To any open-minded individual, the question of whether or not there was a

cover-up is clearly answered by looking at the record of the Attica prosecution. To date, 62 inmates have been charged with 43 indictments, many of which carry life sentences if sustained. (Many of these indictments have been dropped for lack of evidence, other trials have ended in acquittals, and only two Brothers have been convicted—on completely fabricated charges which are currently being appealed.)

On the other hand, only one State Trooper has been charged to date—with a minor violation, despite the fact that 40 of the 43 killed at Attica were gunned down by State Police bullets.

PROSECUTION CONTINUES

This selective prosecution continued on December 20 when six state officials were no-billed by the two grand juries investigating the rebellion. The "no-bill" designation means that the grand jurors considered charging the officials but then decided against it for one reason or another. One state official who was being considered for indictment was Major John Monahan of the New York State Police, who designed the state's assault plan to retake the prison.

Trials of the Attica Brothers continue to be called before the courts despite the widespread support for amnesty. On January 5, 11 Attica Brothers will go to trial on kidnapping charges and supporters of the Brothers are urged to be in court throughout the trial. For more information, contact Attica Now, 1528 Jefferson, Buffalo, N.Y. 14208. Phone: (716) 882-0254.

SOSTRE IS FREE!

NEW YORK, Dec. 28—On December 25, New York Gov. Hugh Carey granted Christmas clemency to Martin Sostre, a Puerto Rican nationalist and long-time fighter for the rights of all the oppressed.

However, credit for Sostre's release does not belong to Carey but to all those who formed defense committees and for so many years fought to free Sostre.

The person most responsible for Sostre's freedom is Martin Sostre himself, for under the very worst forms of prison torture, he stood up for his rights and the rights of his brother prisoners.

BLACK POLITICAL ACTIVIST

Sostre is 52 years old and has spent 23 years in jail, one-third of that time in solitary. He was framed up during the Black rebellions in Buffalo in 1967 because he ran the Afro-Asian Bookstore, which was a center for Black and anti-war activism. The local ruling class wanted this meeting place for political people closed at almost any cost.

Sostre was originally charged with arson and inciting to riot, but when the State couldn't make these charges stick, they convicted him of selling \$15 worth of heroin in his bookstore. The trial, for which he had no counsel, lasted half a day. He was



Martin Sostre

found guilty by an all-white jury and given a 30-41-year sentence.

The chief prosecution witness against Sostre recanted his testimony in 1974, but Mr. Sostre was denied a new trial. The key police officer in the case was later dismissed from the force in connection with the disappearance of \$10,000 in heroin from a police evidence locker, but still Sostre remained incarcerated.

While in jail, Sostre fought the repression of the prison system. He studied law, and used it to benefit the prisoners. His lawsuits include Sostre v. McGinnis in 1962, Sostre v. Rockefeller in 1970, Sostre v. Otis in 1971, and Sostre v. Preiser, which is still pending.

He won the right to the free exercise of his Muslim religion, was awarded \$13,000 in damages for illegal confinement in solitary (which was confiscated for court costs), established the right of prisoners to receive revolutionary literature, and challenged the legality of an all-white parole board and of rectal searches. Not a young man, he was severely beaten several times for refusing the humiliation of a rectal search.

Buffalo authorities tried hard to stop the clemency move. State Supreme Court Justice Frederick M. Marshall, the trial judge in Sostre's frame-up conviction, wrote Carey that Sostre was "a real danger to our society." Sheriff Michael A. Amico, chief of the Buffalo Police Narcotics Bureau when Sostre was framed on the drug charge, joined the campaign against Sostre's freedom with a publicized letter to Carey saying, "I hopefully plead and pray that Sostre not be freed." And Buffalo's only evening paper, the Buffalo Evening News, added its editorial voice to the chorus.

Obviously these bastions of bourgeois property consider one Black militant more "dangerous" than all the hitmen, pimps, and racketeers of the crime business.

"For me it is a continuous struggle whether I am on the outside or the inside," said Sostre in an interview before his clemency announcement. "If the battlefield changes, my struggle never changes."

James Earl Ray threatens 'to tell all'

New evidence points to King murder conspiracy

By ELIZABETH ROSS

NEW YORK, Dec. 27—James Earl Ray is going "to tell all—everything I knew about people and events leading up to and after King's murder in Memphis" if he loses his appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, the man convicted of the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., told a reporter for the Pacific News Service recently.

Despite the political nature of the assassination, and despite Ray's own statements in court that there was a conspiracy, the U.S. and Tennessee authorities who imprisoned Ray have done everything to prevent any investigation into who was behind the King assassination. Since the sensational stories of recent months concerning FBI attempts to discredit King, however, several people have been motivated to speak out.

One of them is Arthur Murtagh, a retired FBI agent who headed a "labyrinthine underground of Black informers" in Atlanta, King's headquarters.

"My superiors—both in the Atlanta bureau and Washington—washed out leads suggesting a right-wing conspiracy," Murtagh told PNS reporter Wayne Chastain, Jr., last week. "Had a more thorough investigation been conducted by the FBI, I believe links would have been established between the King assassination and the Kennedy murders—both those of JFK and RFK."

It is well known that J. Edgar Hoover had King's phones tapped.

According to Murtagh, "Dr. King could not wriggle his ears without the FBI knowing about it."

Now James Early Ray has told reporter Chastain, in an exclusive interview, that he was informed of King's intentions to be in Memphis 3 days before that information was made public.

"I got my moving orders to go to Memphis on March 28 (1968) in Birmingham, Alabama. I was told to drive no more than three hours a day and not to arrive in Memphis before April 3. At that time those orders could only have come from either someone in King's camp or some high Justice Department

official having access to information gained from wiretaps on King's telephones in Atlanta."

Ray claims he was a "patsy"—that he was set up with a rifle and address near the killing to be blamed as the murderer. Whether he really was a fall guy or was involved in the conspiracy, the

evidence of a conspiracy is overwhelming. Ray knew before anyone else what King's plans were. And someone gave Ray plenty of money after the shooting so that he was able to travel throughout Europe for 2 months before he was finally picked up in London.

Watergate Hunt lifts veil on CIA death squad

By ANDY STAPP

NEW YORK, Dec. 26—The U.S. Central Intelligence Agency has for many years maintained a special unit whose sole function is the assassination (or "neutralization," as the agency prefers to call it) of persons who the CIA wishes to murder. This death squad was, until his death, headed by Boris T. Pash, a former U.S. army colonel.

Information about these CIA hit men was recently provided by E. Howard Hunt, former paymaster for the Bay of Pigs invasion and a CIA officer for over 20 years. Hunt, who is currently being held at Eglin Air Force Base (!) in Florida, is serving an 8-year sentence for his role in the Watergate burglary. Two years ago his wife, who was also a CIA employee, was killed in a suspicious plane crash enroute to Chicago after she had warned officials in the Nixon White House that hush money payments to the families of the Watergate burglars

had better be increased or she would release information about the CIA and the President "that would blow the lid off everything."

Subsequently a federal investigation disclosed that doses of cyanide were found in the bodies of the pilot and co-pilot of the United Air Lines plane carrying Mrs. Hunt. The case was then quietly dropped.

CIA-MURDER INC.

Hunt told the New York Times in an interview published on December 25 that Pash's CIA executioners would kill their victims by using methods that made the death appear "natural." Pash's lethal operations "were a kind of a joke" among CIA top officers, Hunt said, inadvertently revealing the gangster mentality reigning in that 200,000-member secret political police force.

But "it was a wary joke," Hunt added, as well it must have been since a number of the targets of this execution unit were CIA

employees themselves who had somehow offended the agency.

As part of its cover-up of CIA murders, the Senate committee headed by Senator Church never called Hunt to testify. Only a small amount of information concerning CIA murder plots against heads of state was released in the committee's report. The routine day-to-day killings were not considered worthy of attention.

An earlier report by columnist Jack Anderson, however, reported that the CIA had murdered one victim right in the middle of New York City by throwing him off the Brooklyn Bridge in the dead of night!

The Times article referred to above also noted that the Senate committee had information of CIA killings of its own agents in Latin America as well as of "the involvement of an agency official in a New Orleans murder disguised as a hit-and-run accident."

Two years ago Colonel Fletcher Prouty (ret.), who from 1955 to 1963 was the focal point officer for contacts between the CIA and the Pentagon on matters concerning military support for "special operations," wrote in his book *The Secret Team*.

"Whether or not the Secret Team (the U.S. intelligence agencies) had anything 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, but what is known is that the power of the team is enhanced by the 'cult of the gun' and by sometimes brutal and always arbitrary anti-communist flagwaving."

Howard Hunt's recent admission concerning the CIA assassination bureau shows, however, that many of the more revolting secrets of the "Secret Team" are being unmasked long before Prouty had thought possible.

Martin Sostre, a Puerto Rican nationalist and long-time fighter for the oppressed, was granted clemency over Christmas after an 8-year struggle for his release. Page 7.

Millions of potential victims

Allied Chemical poisons Hopewell workers

By JESSE LEE
NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 18—"If I had knowingly given my husband ant poison over the past 14 months, they'd get me for murder." So said the wife of a chemical worker whose life has been knowingly endangered by the giant Allied Chemical Co. When Allied Chemical's subsidiary Life Science Products hired this woman's husband for production on the insecticide Kepone, they poisoned him and 148 other workers, with millions of people left potential victims. And Allied will not be held legally responsible.

Allied set up Life Science Products to produce Kepone in Hopewell, Va., because, as in so many Southern cities, the non-union labor there is cheap, the regulations are few, and the laws are made to keep it that way. Kepone is an insecticide more potent than DDT; it won't biodegrade for thousands of years. It is used in this country in a less potent form for ant and roach poison. But Allied was making 100 percent pure Kepone in Hopewell to send to Latin America for banana insects.

In the Latin American countries under U.S. domination, companies like United Brands (formerly United Fruit Co.) use Kepone regularly without regard to the workers' safety.

WORKERS NOT TOLD OF DANGER

The same is true in this country. The Hopewell workers were never told of the potential hazards of Kepone, even though Allied did a study in 1961 that concluded that Kepone was highly toxic and dangerous to work around.

The 149 workers at Life Science Products were given no protective gear. The waste products were dumped uncontrolled into the James River. An air pollution

control monitor set up by the federal Environmental Protection Agency revealed that when the Kepone was being produced at least 50 percent of Hopewell's air dust was Kepone.

Virginia ordered the Hopewell plant closed down in early August, after 29 workers were hospitalized. There has been almost no coverage of this in the local press. One worker had been sent to prison. His symptoms—violent shakes and eye twitches—had been diagnosed as chronic alcoholism. A worker at the Hopewell sewage treatment

plant 1.5 miles away received hospitalization for Kepone poisoning last August.

MOST OF 149 WILL DIE

The symptoms of Kepone poisoning include tremors, liver and brain damage, sterility, weight loss, and visual defects. All of the Hopewell workers are now unable to perform the simplest tasks. Informed sources say most of them will die within a year or two.

By carrying home the dust on their clothes, these workers have

infected their families. Their children may also be sterile, unable to ever have children of their own.

All of the 25,000 residents of Hopewell have breathed in Kepone dust, and significant Kepone levels have been found as far as 40 miles from the plant, most notably in river water in Richmond and Petersburg.

The poison has also contaminated the James River which flows into the Hampton Roads area with a population of over one million. Yesterday the governor of

Virginia banned all fishing on the James from Richmond to the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries—a decision that will drastically affect one of the state's major industries. Last week, the state shut down the James River shellfish industry which supplies oysters for Campbells Soups and other foods.

The banana workers in Brazil are being killed by the continued use of this insecticide. And it comes back to us in the bananas. The list of ways this poison will reach millions goes on.

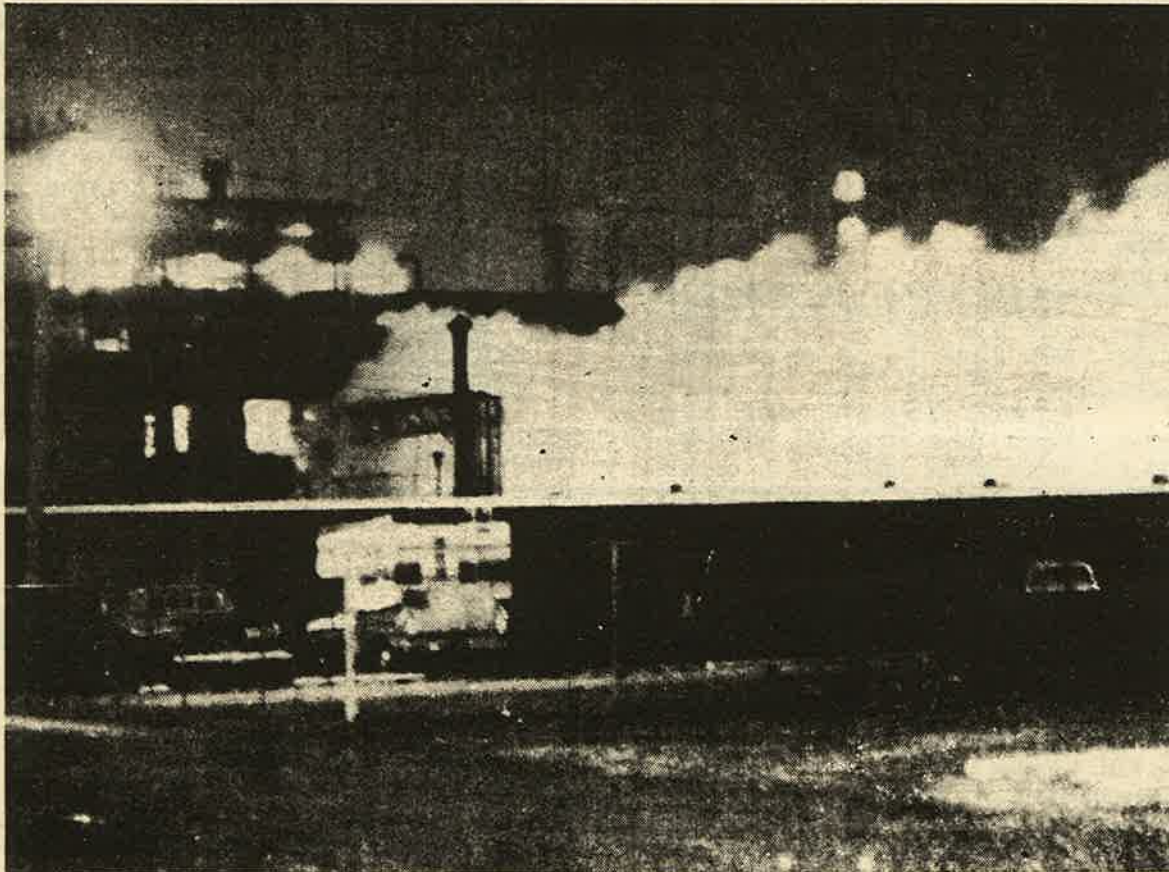
And Kepone does not go away. It is one of those poisons that merges with your blood cells and your body cannot get rid of it. It will stay in the bodies of all these people; some will reach the toxic level and die; thousands will be severely handicapped; millions will get only minor symptoms that doctors may never diagnose correctly.

BOSSSES UNPUNISHED

We might assume that whoever was responsible for such a cruel crime, committed with thorough foreknowledge of the consequences (Allied knew it 15 years ago) would surely be tried for murder. At least the victims should receive some compensation from the millions of dollars of profits in Allied's coffers.

But this is not the case. The laws are written to protect the businesses, not the people. A worker cannot sue his or her employer for negligence. The Hopewell workers will receive compensation from the state (80 percent of their average salary, not to exceed \$149 a week for 10 years) and the standard sub-standard health benefits. Nothing else is available.

Only in a capitalist country could such a crime be committed. Only in the pursuit of profits could anyone ever think of poisoning millions.



Injuries from this toxic gas explosion at the Niagara Falls, N.Y., Hooker Chemicals & Plastics plant extended to people as far as 3 miles away. Chemical poisons are a deadly threat to all forms of life. Corporate negligence and greed are bringing this silent killer into the homes of more and more people.

What can you expect from a 200-year-old crook?

Uncle Sam subsidizes slums through HUD

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NEW YORK, Dec. 22—It is a cruel contradiction that at the height of a national shortage of housing for working people and the poor, the federal government has opened up its treasury to provide money for the real estate industry and not for homes.

At first glance, the government seems concerned about solving the housing crisis. In the last 4 years, the government has purchased enough boarded-up buildings to provide housing for 260,000 people. However, the property remains abandoned and unused.

After this massive accumulation of property through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the government claimed to put it back on the market to provide low-income housing. A federal guarantee was

extended to finance companies and real estate speculators that if a low-income family mortgage was foreclosed, the money lender would be guaranteed payment by the government. While assuring the bankers and speculators payment no-matter-what, Washington opened the door to manipulation of low-income housing for profit.

POOR ARE VICTIMS

A swarm of speculators descended on the large oppressed communities in such cities as Chicago, Philadelphia, Detroit, New York, Miami, Wilmington, and Mattapan, Mass. These money lenders had one thing in mind: to inflate the appraisal value of the houses they want to sell. The appraisals, sometimes made while driving past the property in a car,

are often four or five times the real value of the house.

In the inner cities, where banks have refused loans (termed "poor risk"), federal guarantee programs (HUD, FHA) are the only funds available for low-income mortgages. Often the eager agent (with the gleam of federally guaranteed profit in his eye), will lend the family the \$200 down payment, while anxiously hurrying the family past faulty wiring, weak floors and beams, and heating and plumbing problems. When the family realizes they can't afford the major repairs, they are forced to move out and the government hands the lender the super-inflated appraisal value.

While politicians and bureaucrats have promised reform, they have been unable to provide any solutions. Ms. C. Hills,

secretary of HUD, told a recent Chicago meeting that she had ordered regulations to end housing abuse. But according to recent Congressional data, her department owns 65,000 boarded-up and abandoned houses. In a local example of callousness, a family in her South Side Chicago District is about to be evicted over a \$6 mistake in rent.

Sluggish Congressional and Justice Department committees have been long on investigation of swindle but short on prosecution.

A DECENT HOME

Outraged by wasted property and promises, multi-racial committees demonstrated on October 8 simultaneously in 11 cities demanding decent housing, punishment of swindlers, and an end to government complicity in

real estate fraud.

In 1948, Congress announced the National Housing Goal as "a decent home and a suitable living environment for every American family." But the government has not brought the American people any closer to this goal in 1975 than it was in 1948.

In truth the philosophy of the capitalist government is never to compete or interfere with private industry, and to subsidize that private industry wherever possible. This real goal of the government becomes crystal clear in the light of the severe housing shortage. The government should be using massive funding to build public housing, available to all; to fix up existing property and rent it cheaply. Instead, the coffers are opened to subsidize an industry that is already fat.