

MPLA scores victory in key city

Angola determined not to become U.S. neo-colony



Bulletin: Co-op rent strikers occupy Carey's NYC office

NEW YORK, Jan. 7—One hundred striking Co-op City tenants ended a 6-hour occupation of the offices of New York State Gov. Hugh Carey here yesterday after the state agreed to consider a tenant proposal aimed at cutting carrying costs.

Tenants of the huge apartment complex had tried unsuccessfully to meet with Carey on their plan for over 6 months.

Earlier in the day, over 300 residents of the 300-acre complex demonstrated in front of the governor's office demanding an end to the 25 percent rent increase

that prompted the strike last June.

The tenant proposal calls for completion of a power plant at the project that could produce electricity at significantly lower rates than the \$3 million a year residents now pay Consolidated Edison. The power plant to date has cost \$30 million and supplies only hot water.

In response to recent threats by the state to evict striking tenants, strike leader Charles Rosen told reporters yesterday, "I dare them to try to evict us. They will need to call out an army to kick 60,000 people out of their homes!"

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Victory to the People's Republic



March and rally in New York to support MPLA — See centerfold

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THE STRUGGLE IN BRIEF

CETA workers
occupy federal
offices over layoffs

By BILL DEL VECCHIO
NEW YORK, Dec. 31—Refusing to be thrown out of their jobs without a fight, 60 Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) workers and their supporters took over the New York office of the Federal Department of Labor and held them for 11 hours yesterday.

As the result of a rotten deal between Mayor Abraham Beame and labor misleader Victor Gotbaum, 14,000 CETA workers are scheduled to be laid off and replaced by laid off city workers, despite the fact that the CETA workers' contract guaranteed them a job for 1 year.

The demonstration, which was called by the CETA Workers Action Committee (CWAC), picketed the office building for an hour and then burned an effigy of Mayor Beame. No sooner had the Mayor's ashes settled than the group was on its way up to the Labor Department's 37th floor office, catching the federal bureaucrats completely off guard.

"We just want to make one thing clear," a young woman whose CETA job is about to be axed yelled at the Labor Department officials. "We are 100 percent in support of all civil servants. We don't want anyone to lose their jobs. Everybody's entitled to have a job and a decent place to live. Why don't you take that \$50 million you're

wasting in Angola and use it for jobs for us?"

WIN PLEDGE OF
NO LAYOFFS NOW

The bureaucrats' first responses were "What layoffs?" and "We don't have any authority to stop this." But they quickly changed their tune when they saw that the demonstrators were prepared to hold the office until their demands to stop the layoffs were met.

Finally the officials announced that no one would be laid off for 30 days, and during that time they pledged to find money to continue the jobs. This concession meant (thousands of workers scheduled to be laid off on January 2 kept their jobs.

But the workers demanded a signed statement from the Labor Department promising that no one would be laid off until they finished their 1-year service. The bureaucrats refused to promise to live up to their own contract, so the occupation continued.

The workers were finally forced out of the building by 50 helmeted cops from the Tactical Squad. The cops shoved everyone to the elevators with their night sticks, arbitrarily picking out four for arrest.

Their spirits still high after 11 hours, the demonstrators then marched in the rain over to the precinct where the four were being held and stayed there until their comrades were released on bench warrants.

News of the takeover and the layoff postponement will undoubtedly raise the spirits of everyone fighting the budget cuts and inspire further militant resistance.



A picket line in downtown Buffalo on January 3, called by Youth Against War & Fascism and Workers World Party, demanded an end to U.S. involvement in Angola. This was the first demonstration on Angola in the Buffalo area, and chants of "Jobs at home, not wars abroad," "U.S. out of Angola" got a friendly response from passers-by. WW photo

100 in Texas hit
death sentences
of Iranian leftists

By JOANNE GAVIN

HOUSTON, Jan. 2—The planned execution of prisoners of war by the repressive regime of the Shah of Iran was protested here today by Iranian students from all over Texas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma and by local friends. The marchers, numbering about 100, demonstrated at the Iranian Consulate, marched through downtown at lunchtime, picketed the Federal Building, and held a rally in City Hall park. Leaflets were distributed during the entire demonstration.

The demonstration, called by the

Houston chapter of the Confederation of Iranian Students, was intended to call the attention of the American people to the barbaric repression against the freedom movement of the Iranian people by the government of the CIA-backed Shah. Over 50,000 political prisoners are held in Iran, many of them under unbelievably cruel torture. Captured guerrillas are tried by a military court, but given death sentences, as if they were convicted of murder by a civilian court.

In the latest episode, ten guerrillas were sentenced to death for the killing of three American military officers and five members of the Shah's secret police (Savak), including its chief. In addition, one woman was sentenced to 15 years in solitary confinement!

Get in the struggle with
Youth Against War & Fascism
and Workers World Party!

Workers World Party and Youth Against War & Fascism are organizing and responsible for many of the struggles you read about in the pages of this paper. These groups are made up of women and men, Black, white, Latin, Asian and Native American, young and old, straight and gay, working, students, and unemployed, who fight on all the issues that face the working class and oppressed

peoples in this capitalist society.

If you would like to find out more about Workers World and YAWF, or if you would like to join them in their struggles, contact the branch nearest you from the list below.

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DECLINE AND FALL

WITH LIBERTY &
JUSTICE FOR ALL

New York Times Magazine, Dec. 28:

"A California judge, in imposing sentence on a teen-aged Mexican-American who had been convicted for incest, made the following statement: 'Mexican people, after 13 years of age, it's perfectly all right to go out and act like an animal. . . . You ought to commit suicide. . . . You are lower than animals and haven't the right to live in organized society—just miserable, lousy, rotten people. . . . Maybe Hitler was right. The animals in our society ought to be destroyed. . . .'"

WHEN THEY HUNG SANTA

Daily News, Dec. 23:

"Longwood, Fla.—An effigy of Santa Claus is hanging with a noose around its neck on the front lawn of a home near here,

and the neighbors are angry.

"But Brenda Cutcher, 21, and her husband, Allan, 25, say they won't take it down and may even string up the Easter Bunny.

"Whether you call them fantasies or myths, they are all lies," Mrs. Cutcher said. "Santa Claus is a lie and it's wrong to lie."

"The Cutchers stuffed a Santa and hung it on the front lawn.

"Trouble has brewed ever since. Someone threw a flower pot through the Cutcher's front window. There were nasty phone calls.

"Nobody has pulled a gun on me," Cutcher said, "but they've driven by and shouted 'Hey, you might get your house burned down.'"

"We have an ordinance that says if eight people sign a complaint we can arrest someone for a display for disturbing the peace," said Council Chairman J. R. Grant.

"We had 15 or 20 signatures on this one. But we couldn't get Cutcher because he lives outside town."

PRISONERS SKINNED—
SUPER STUFFS

Jack Anderson's Column, Dec. 22.

"We reported recently on the degrading conditions at upstate New York's ancient Clinton Prison. The state controller's audit confirms some of our findings.

"For example, the commissary wound up with a surplus of \$73,360, which shows the inmates were overcharged.

"In contrast, the 71-year-old superintendent was eating in style. The audit report charges that 'expenditures for the superintendent's rations appeared to be excessive, amounting to \$7,864, or about \$151 weekly.'"

AT HOME ABROAD

Personal Business, Dec. 15

"The capital city of Taipei (in Taiwan) is now a bustling metropolis, complete with

inflation and motorcycle cowboys, but it is still a pleasurable place to do business—as most of the 1,000 American businessmen living there will point out.

"There is no shortage of Western-style accommodations—the 20-story Taipei Hilton (Taiwan's tallest building), the President, and the Ambassador are all good hotels in the central business district. But the best hostelry in the country is the famous Grand, which is an Oriental palace on a hill overlooking the city. Its interior is rich in native marble, parquet floors of acacia and furnishings of teak. It's 10 minutes from downtown and a few dollars more than the other hotels (a twin is about \$40 per night) but well worth it.

"Taiwan is still, in Oriental custom, a 'man's paradise.' Nightlife in Taipei is mainly for the unreconstructed male chauvinist, flourishing with dance halls and hostess clubs such as the Bunny Club, the Paris Club, and the Butterfly."

And best of all, sweatshop labor costs only about 10 cents an hour.

1199 organizing in Rochester

Nursing home strikers illegally arrested—again!

By DEBORAH JOHNSON

ROCHESTER, N.Y., Dec. 27—Six people were arrested today at a strike support rally at the Seneca Nursing Home in Waterloo, N.Y. Members of Local 1199, National Union of Hospital and Health Care Employees, are on strike against Seneca and three other homes in the Rochester area.

The 100 people at the rally included strikers from all four nursing homes and supporters from other unions and from the Center for United Labor Action (CULA). Practically the entire county Sheriff Department also showed up, to "protect" the home and the scabs.

As soon as the first scab car pulled through the picket line, the sheriffs arrested Lawrence Fox, the Area Director of Local 1199, for yelling at the driver. The five arrests which followed were equally groundless. But these arrests didn't succeed in scaring the picketers.

Two militant picket lines, one at each entrance, remained solid for 2 hours. When the rally was over, everyone gathered in front of the county Sheriff's Office where those arrested were being held. They vowed to stay until everyone was released, and quickly won their demand.

A week before, another rally had been held at the Hurlbut Nursing Home in Rochester. There was a confrontation early in the rally when the cops attacked a large group of picketers. They attempted to put out a fire in a barrel, which the strikers had going to provide some warmth in the freezing weather. The fire was restarted immediately. It was kept going throughout the rally, while over 100 picketers taught the scabs lessons in why it isn't a good idea to cross a picket line.

BLACK COMMUNITY AND 1199 JOIN FORCES

On December 23, a very significant news conference was



As striking workers rally in front of the Seneca Nursing Home in Waterloo, N.Y. on December 27, members of the sheriff's department stand ready to help scabs cross picket lines. WW photo: Bob C.

called by Lawrence Fox of Local 1199 and Minister Raymond Scott of the Black Community Coalition. The Coalition was brought together recently to fight police brutality after a cop shot and killed Denise Hawkins, an 18-year-old Black woman. Both Fox and Scott have recently been attacked by the police. After the formation of the Black Community Coalition, Scott was arrested on a phony 6-month-old bad check charge. On December 16, Fox was attacked and dragged from his home by police in the middle of the night

(see Workers World, Dec. 26).

At the news conference, Scott and Fox denounced police attacks against both the Black community and the strikers. They plan to join forces against their common enemy, and Minister Scott announced that members of his organization would be joining the strike picket lines.

OWNERS FORCED TO NEGOTIATE

Confronted with these actions, four strong strikes, and pressure from many community, religious,

and labor leaders, the owners of the nursing homes have finally begun to negotiate. On December 24, they tentatively agreed to a contract for the 260 strikers at the Lakeshore Nursing Home, who have been on strike since November 3.

This contract proposal was overwhelmingly accepted by the strikers. Besides including substantial wage increases and benefits, it recognized a union shop. This is especially important since strikers at all four homes are fighting for union recognition and their first contract. But the owners have agreed to the contract only if New York State pays for it by increasing their Medicaid reimbursement rates.

The workers know that the owners could well afford to pay for the contract out of their own pockets. One of the owners of Lakeshore, Robert Hurlbut, also owns the other three struck nursing homes as well as many more both locally and nationally. He has built a fortune by paying workers minimum wages, charging patients huge monthly fees, and ripping off taxpayers through Medicaid. (A study last year of six of his homes found that he had overcharged Medicaid some \$316,000.)

The strikers have made their position clear. Hurlbut and his friends can well afford a cut in their profits, but the workers can't and won't live on minimum wages.

State fines reach \$500,000

Co-op city still rent-strike city

By SHARON SHELTON

NEW YORK, Jan. 5—A tenant leader at Co-op City has vowed to go to jail rather than call off a 7-month-long rent strike in the face of a series of massive, daily accumulating fines.

The fines came as a result of three separate suits by the State Housing Division demanding strike leaders end the strike and turn over \$17 million in rents held in escrow.

After refusing to meet a court-set deadline for handing over the funds, Charles Rosen, head of the Co-op City strike steering committee, told the New York Times last week that strikers "won't pay a dime" to the Housing Division "until they agree to sit down and negotiate with us."

The Housing Division, which currently operates Co-op City, has stubbornly refused to make any serious offers to the tenants since they began their strike last June in response to a 25 percent increase in carrying charges retroactive to April. About 85 percent of Co-op City's 15,000 residents have par-

ticipated in the rent-withholding action.

FINES PILE UP, STRIKERS STAY FIRM

Over the past 3 weeks, fines against the strikers have mounted to well over half a million dollars. The fines range from \$5,000 a day slapped against individual steering committee members to a lump sum of \$250,000 against the steering committee as a whole.

The fines have become so ridiculous that Rosen remarked to the press recently, "If we had that kind of money we would not have gone on a tenants' strike!"

Seeing that these exorbitant penalties have not ended tenant resistance, Housing Division lawyers have been meeting on "what to do next" to try to crush the militancy of the strike. Among the state's options are jailing strike leaders, garnisheeing their wages, or evicting the almost 12,000 tenants withholding rents.

HOUSING DIVISION LIES

The Housing Division is trying to make it seem as though the tenants' demand for housing they

can afford is unreasonable and amounts to a demand for "subsidies from their fellow taxpayers."

This is an absolute lie and an attempt to undermine public support for the strike. Although the State Housing Division is operating Co-op City, the huge living complex is not exactly the nonprofit venture Housing Division press statements would have it seem. Someone is making money off of Co-op City, and a lot of it.

The real powers who have been busily scheming to force the tenants into higher and higher rents are such bondholders of Co-op City as First National City and other banks and insurance companies, who want to make sure they get their outrageous interest payments, even if it means that the tenants will suffer.

It is the business interests holding the bonds that are making a pile off of Co-op City. These banks and insurance companies are the largest landlords in the city and they know that they must crush the determination of the Co-op City strikers or tenants everywhere will learn from their militant example.

Hard Times Conference set to meet in Chicago Jan. 30

NEW YORK, Jan. 7—A national Hard Times Conference will take place in Chicago at the end of this month that is expected to bring activists from around the country to the Midwest to plan an action program to combat the economic crisis.

Scheduled for the weekend of January 30 to February 1, the conference is being sponsored by welfare, community, student, Third World, labor, and progressive organizations around the country. These include the Prairie Fire Organizing Committee, United Black Workers, Youth Against War & Fascism, Fight Back, the Puerto Rican Socialist Party, CASA, the American Indian Movement, and some 70 other groups.

The conference has been called to focus national attention on the wide variety of local struggles that are going on daily across the country but are too often isolated. It hopes to arrive at a common action program that can mobilize national campaigns aimed at winning jobs, rolling back prices,

stopping massive service cuts, and defending victims of special oppression.

The Hard Times Conference is seen as a step toward building a national movement that can shift the burden of the current economic crisis off the backs of the workers and poor and lay it on big business, which bears responsibility for the crisis in the first place.

At the conference, a "Bill of Rights for the Hard Times" will be discussed which will outline the needs and demands of working and poor people.

Next week's Workers World will carry more detailed information on the Hard Times Conference.

Copies of a newspaper describing the aims of the conference are available at the National Office of the Hard Times Conference: 53 W. Jackson, Rm. 1601, Chicago, Ill. 60604, phone (312) 341-0539; or at the New York office: 156 5th Ave., Rm. 411, New York, N.Y. 10010, phone (212) 691-9281.

Topping daycare center shut

Heartless politicians deny parents' plea

By J. STOLL
NEW YORK, Dec. 31—Daring and determined to continue fighting a stonehearted city bureaucracy, a score of parents, staff, and children from a small Bronx daycare center, together with supporters from Women United for Action, gathered in the damp cold on the steps of City Hall today. They had come to demand that the Mayor's office rescind an order that would close their school at 5:00 this afternoon.

On December 1, the Topping Avenue Day Care Center in the South Bronx received word that the doors of their school would be closed forever on December 31. For weeks they had tried to find out why that order had been given, and by whom. They were given vague and evasive answers referring to the city's financial woes and the small size of their center. One bureaucrat passed the buck to another. Apparently none of them thought such a small center would have the resources to continue fighting for very long.

In mid-December, the center was informed that 25 out of its 30 children no longer qualified for child care services under Title XX because their Income Eligibility applications were "incomplete." Since only five children could remain in the center, the center would have to be closed because of "under-utilization."

CENTER IS SORELY NEEDED

Every one of the 25 children found ineligible by the Agency for Child Development (ACD) is actually financially eligible under the regulations of Title XX. Furthermore, the center is located in an area sorely in need of child care service, has 200 children currently on its waiting list, and there are no other centers for 15 blocks in any direction.

The center is fully licensed, has adequate space and kitchen facilities and spends \$65 per child per week, an amount now considered "efficient" under New

York's new crisis budget.

A few weeks ago, the center was told that Commissioner Betti Whaley of the ACD was the only one who could rescind the closing order, but that she was on vacation and would not return to her office until January 5, 6 days after the closing date.

Entitled by law to a "Fair Hearing" to plead their case, the parents and staff of Topping Avenue Day Care Center then attempted to find someone who could halt the closing order until a hearing could be held.

After several attempts to make themselves heard, including a demonstration at ACD, 14 adults and six children arrived at City Hall on New Year's Eve to insist that the Mayor keep their school open. While the center's director, Esther West, attempted to negotiate with guards and secretaries, the adults and children were forced to wait outside on the cold steps. When the children held up signs explaining their plight to passers-by, the police gruffly informed their parents that signs and demonstrations are illegal on the steps of City Hall.

The children and parents finally found warmth by simply sitting down in a vestibule at the back door of City Hall, much to the dismay of a security guard who blurted out, "But we can't have children running around City Hall!" Though the inside doors were locked and bolted against this onslaught, the persistent presence of the determined group was felt inside the marble and carpeted halls of government.

PARENTS VOW TO RETURN

And so by late afternoon, the group was at last allowed to meet with Deputy Mayor Gibson, who finally gave them the official reasons for the school's closing: "no license," "under-utilization," "inefficient budget," "ineligibility of the majority of families." He also cited the city's desperate need

inevitability of operator layoffs if the rate hike went through. The city of Cincinnati was cited, where Ohio Bell began charging for directory assistance 3 years ago. When thousands could no longer afford the service, the company laid off 80 percent of the operators, raising profits considerably.

Since 1974, 100,000 jobs have been lost in New York City; a large number of these were operators' jobs. In 1970, 22,000 operators worked in the New York City area; today there are about 10,000.

Operators with 10 years seniority or under have been forced on a 4-day week. Workers with 5 years and under are either scheduled for or are already on a 3-day week.

Directory assistance was never really free in the first place. The cost of this service was always reflected in our bills. The recent statement about losses is intended to justify yet another rate hike, to be passed along to customers who don't even use directory assistance!



At a Christmas week demonstration, Topping Avenue kids tell the Agency for Child Development that they want their center kept open. WW photo: Gregory

to economize.

He did promise that the school's furniture would not be removed this afternoon as scheduled and that the center would have an appointment with Commissioner Whaley the day she returns from vacation. But the parents warned him that if they could not keep their center open and serving the

community, they would be back, with the children, and the next time they would stay.

It is the city's financial crisis which has brought about severe budget cuts in child care services and the order to close Topping Avenue and nearly 30 other daycare centers.

But it is the greed of the parasitic

bankers, and not the children, who have brought about this crisis, and the families of Topping Avenue refuse to bear this "punishment" silently. Though their center is small, they have had the courage to fight and to make themselves heard, and they won't stop fighting until they've won what is rightfully theirs.

Bigoted court takes away her child only because she is gay

By JOYCE BETRIES

NEW YORK, Dec. 27—On December 23, in Dallas, Texas, Mary Jo Richer had her 9-year-old son Richard taken from her against her will and given into the custody of his father. As the jury foreman read the ten to two verdict in favor of her husband, Mrs. Richer began to sob hysterically and was taken to a court anteroom, where she remained for 45 minutes before she was able to leave the court. At no time was Richard, the child involved, allowed to enter the court.

What was the reason for all this anguish?

Mary Jo Richer is openly living in a sexual relationship with

another woman.

Depriving a mother of her child because she is a lesbian is certainly one of the most malicious attacks possible against gay people. What does the fact that a woman expresses herself sexually with another woman have to do with how wisely and lovingly she, as a mother, assists the growth and development of her son? Mary Jo Richer's only offense, in the eyes of the court, is her love for Ann Foreman, which she has said means to her "more than anything else in the world."

Of all people suffering oppression, the gay mother is certainly one of the most vulnerable. Not only is she oppressed as a gay

person, as a woman, and more often than not, as a worker, but as Mary Jo's case demonstrates, she must live in constant fear that her children may be taken from her no matter how good a mother she really is.

In addition to what was done to Mary Jo and her son, the names of the two dissenting jurors who thought that Richard should remain with his mother were published, so that everybody would know who they were. This is nothing more than gay baiting, and is meant to intimidate everyone who feels that one's choice of sexual partner is one's own business, and that gay people are unfairly treated.



Thousands of telephone workers were laid off when Bell Tel began charging for directory assistance. Now the company is claiming it needs a new rate hike and further layoffs because customers had reduced their use of this service.

NY Tel never satisfied, weeps again about 'losses'

By LESLIE FEINBERG

NEW YORK, Jan. 2—The New York Telephone Company claims to be losing money on its new system of charging customers 10 cents for directory assistance. The Public Service Commission (PSC) announced that the reason for the losses is that "fewer and fewer people are calling directory assistance." According to the PSC, almost 70 percent of the residential customers made three or fewer calls for directory assistance in September and were therefore credited up to 30 cents on their bills.

Lest anyone feel too sorry for N.Y. Tel., it is a wholly owned subsidiary of AT&T, the largest corporation in the world. AT&T's profits were over \$3.1 billion in 1974.

When the charge for directory assistance was first proposed 2 years ago, N.Y. Telephone workers, especially operators, Local 1106 of the Communication Workers of America (CWA), and the Center for United Labor Action (CULA) protested at the PSC hearing here. They warned of the

Ex-arms control official says of SALT treaty:

'Right-wing claims aren't true, and Ford knows it'

By T. MITCHELL

NEW YORK, Jan. 1—The prospects for a new strategic arms limitation (SALT) agreement between the U.S. and the USSR to limit nuclear weapons systems are being undermined by the right-wing militarist opponents of detente in the U.S.

Charges by the right wing that the Soviet Union has not abided by the 1972 agreement limiting defensive missiles have passed unchallenged, even though these charges are known by those at the highest levels of the U.S. government to be complete lies and fabrications.

William C. Foster, director of the federal Arms Control and Disarmament Agency from 1961 to 1969, a man in a position to have indisputable evidence, has called upon Ford to rebut accusations that the USSR has violated the 1972 agreements (New York Times, Dec. 30, 1975).

Foster is also concerned that the position taken by the U.S. in current negotiations calls for increasing the limit of 2,400 offensive missiles and bombers for each country agreed to in 1974 at Vladivostok. Townsend Hoopes, Under Secretary of the Air Force from 1967 to 1969, has also revealed that the latest proposal made by the U.S. last September calls for increasing the ceiling to allow the U.S. to develop an entirely new weapons system—unmanned jet-powered drones carrying nuclear warheads (New York Times, Dec. 30, 1975, op-ed page).

The USSR has properly rejected the U.S. proposal which can only be seen as an effort by the U.S. to subvert any new agreement, especially since the Soviet Union has already made the important concession of allowing the U.S. to exclude from the SALT agreements the thousands of NATO nuclear weapons in Europe targeted for the Soviet Union.

The truth is that the USSR has not violated the arms limitation agreements, but that the U.S. is pressing to break the 1974 agreement that Ford promised the American people would be a "cap" on weapons development.

UNCERTAIN FUTURE OF DETENTE

The section of the U.S. ruling class that is opposing any new SALT agreement is currently orchestrating a general propaganda campaign against the policy of detente with the Soviet Union, threatening a return to the most aggressive provocations and confrontations of the Cold War.

The public debate of the issue is a result of a deep split in the U.S. leadership over how to advance their fortunes at a time in world history when national liberation struggles of the oppressed people

have made great advances and when the imperialist economic system is in a period of stagnation and decline.

As rebellion breeds within the U.S. itself among the workers and poor who are bearing the hardships of the prolonged economic crisis, the militarists are once again gearing up the war machine propaganda and slanders against the

most economically developed socialist country, the USSR.

Those among the U.S. ruling class who are hoping to subvert the socialist system through economic penetration want detente to continue. Hoopes spoke for them when he declared: "Ford lacks the clarity and firmness to overrule the militarist elements within his administration."

In the midst of the insiders dispute in the U.S. ruling circles, ordinary people have no interest with either faction, since both groupings are concerned with maintaining a system which breeds poverty, unemployment, racism, and war. We do best to keep uppermost in mind Lenin's famous remark that peace in the modern capitalist world is only an

interlude between imperialist wars.

The only real alternative to imperialist war lies in the revolutionary struggle for world socialism. Nowhere is the need for building the revolutionary party of the working class greater than here in the nuclear-armed bastion of U.S. imperialism.

Army tries to rewrite history

Whitewashing Wounded Knee

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 3—On December 29, 1890, at Wounded Knee, South Dakota, U.S. Army troops opened fire on a peaceful group of Sioux Indians who were trying to leave a life of hunger on the barren Pine Ridge reservation. The Sioux men, women, and children were attempting to move back to their native hunting grounds which had been stolen from them by the U.S. government.

The Indians tried to defend themselves with knives or whatever else they could find, but their makeshift weapons were no match for the barrage of rifle and artillery fire laid down by the well-trained troops. When the shooting was over, some 300 Indians lay dead or wounded, many of them unarmed women or children.

Today, 85 years later, in an incredible whitewash, the U.S. Army has issued a report denying that the massacre even happened. It says that the killings at Wounded Knee, which remain a symbol for Native American people of their oppression at the hands of the U.S. government, were part of an "overheated battle" with "excesses" by both sides.

This obscene report came in response to a proposed bill by Senator James Abourezk of South Dakota that would give reparations to the descendants of the victims at Wounded Knee. This belated attempt at reparations is clearly in response to the recent struggles of the Indian people of South Dakota.

There was a time when the gunmen for imperialism bragged of how many "natives" they had killed—whether in South Dakota or South America. Now on the defensive because of the rising liberation struggles everywhere, they are rewriting history to try and obliterate their bloodiest exploits.

But no phony army report can erase the truth from the memory of Native American people—especially when the memory is reinforced every day by the living examples of further oppression by the U.S. government and the capitalist class it serves.



In December 1890, these U.S. Army troops posed proudly over the bodies of the 300 Sioux people they had slaughtered at Wounded Knee. Today the U.S. government is denying that any such massacre ever took place.

The truth about 'illegal aliens'

By JOAN MARQUARDT

BUFFALO, N.Y., Jan. 3—Workers will receive in the coming year far less in services and benefits than they've paid for in taxes. But no section of workers receives less on their dollars than the Black, Latin, and Asian foreign-born workers who are without immigration documents.

Compelled to emigrate to the U.S. by the lack of job opportunities in their homeland (a result of forced underdevelopment imposed by U.S. multi-national corporations), yet denied "legal"

status by the racist immigration quotas of the U.S. government, these foreign-born workers have come under a propaganda attack of lies in the press here.

For example, it has been charged that these foreign-born workers, or "illegal aliens" as they are slanderously called in the boss press, are a tax burden on the country. It is alleged that these workers are collecting the benefits of government tax receipts without contributing their share. This lie should be laid to rest for all time by a report released last November

by the U.S. Department of Labor.

"The involvement of illegals in taxpaying is much more pronounced," the government agency found, "than their use of tax-supported systems..." In fact, more than three-fourths of these foreign-born workers pay Social Security and federal income taxes. (The billion-dollar Penn Central hasn't paid federal taxes in years.)

And further, while official unemployment figures show 10 percent and above of urban workers jobless, only 4 percent of the foreign-born workers without immigration documents ever collected unemployment compensation.

The Labor Department report goes on to show that only a little more than 1 percent of these workers obtained food stamps in the past year, and that one-half of 1 percent received welfare benefits. Yet there is no doubt that these workers are among the most poorly paid, and generally without the benefits of a union contract.

Because they are without immigration documents, these workers are unprotected by the law and often at the mercy of chiseling bosses and landlords. According to the Labor Department, 44 percent of these workers paid into hospitalization funds while only 28 percent ever utilized either hospitals or clinics.



Warning: the government is hazardous to your health

Cancer is rapidly becoming a national epidemic. Last year alone the death rate from this slow, tragic disease increased 5.2 percent. But instead of trying to stem this frightening trend, the federal government is actually subsidizing it.

More money is spent by the federal government to insure that tobacco growers like the billionaire Duke family make a profit than is spent on cancer research.

The Flue-Cured Tobacco Price Stabilization Corporation,

based in Richmond, distributes \$40 million in federal money to "stabilize tobacco production and support the price," according to the December 27 New York Times.

The federal government only spends \$34 million on cancer research.

As long as there is a buck to be made, politicians and the businessmen they represent aren't going to bat an eyelash as our friends, relatives, and possibly even ourselves become the victims of this dreaded disease.

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Guerrilla armies hit arsenal, police stations, army compound

'Ominous trend' for Argentine rulers

By ROBERT DOBROW
NEW YORK, Jan. 4—On Wednesday, December 24, less than 48 hours after the abortive right-wing military coup in Argentina, over 500 leftist guerrillas simultaneously attacked an army arsenal, police stations, and an army regimental compound at points around Buenos Aires. The assault was a joint effort of the Marxist-People's Revolutionary Army (ERP) and the Montoneros, the extreme left-wing of what remains of the Peronist movement.

The following Saturday saw another raid launched on an army communications base.

Although the attacks were eventually put down by over 4,000 government troops using tanks, helicopters, and bomber jets, leaving serious casualties among the revolutionaries, the scope and the coordination of the assaults were the most serious challenge to the ruling establishment in Argentina for decades.

U.S. RULERS SEE "OMINOUS" TREND

The U.S. ruling class, which has millions of dollars at stake in Argentina—from Pepsi to Stan-

dard Oil to Goodyear—was quick to recognize this fact. The attack was "ominous . . . considering it (was) a joint effort by the ERP and the Montoneros" (editorial, New York Times, December 29, our emphasis). This joint effort is the product of the strategy that the ERP has employed in conducting propaganda within the left wing of the Peronist movement—primarily trade union militants and students—to win over the most conscious elements to a revolutionary socialist perspective.

Since the guerrilla assaults President Isabel Peron has moved to bolster her discredited position in the government. On December 30, she stripped her former close adviser Jose Lopez Rega of his rank of special ambassador and issued an arrest order for him. Rega is the ex-Minister of Social Welfare living in Spain who was ousted from Argentina following a 3-day general strike last summer. He was responsible for organizing the fascist Argentine Anti-Communist Alliance (AAA) which has assassinated hundreds of its political opponents.

The next day a federal judge cleared Mrs. Peron of a major corruption charge accusing her of

depositing a \$700,000 check from a Peronist-controlled charity to an estate owned by her ex-husband. The timing strongly suggested a deal had been made over Lopez Rega's dismissal.

The current struggle going on between the right-wing Peronists and the right-wing military has temporarily obscured the fundamental struggle of the workers against their domestic and foreign exploiters.

WHAT IS PERONISM?

The Peronist movement of today is the residue of a broad-based movement of the late 1940s and 1950s under the leadership of Juan Peron that was fundamentally bourgeois nationalist in character but balanced between the class forces in Argentina. Opposed to U.S. imperialism, it had strong support in the trade union movement. Peron was ousted by the bourgeois military in 1955 and the U.S. was allowed back into the country in full force.

Juan Peron's return to Argentina in 1973 was on the basis of an agreement between the military and the bourgeoisie with the O.K. of U.S. imperialism. His role was to contain the then-growing

class struggle, decapitate the left-wing of the Peronist movement, and keep the country in imperialism's grip.

But this was only a temporary stopgap solution to the country's worsening economic woes, as shown by the growing class polarization since his death and the ascendancy of his wife to office.

What is now most perplexing for the Argentine rulers and their overlords in Washington is the threat of provoking the highly class-conscious, 6-million-strong working class. This was undoubtedly why the military uprising 2 weeks ago didn't amass greater support in the ruling class. "A military takeover of government could easily ignite large-scale civil strife" (New York Times editorial, Dec. 29), and the "generals did not want to risk the kind of coup that might radicalize the Peronist movement" (Newsweek, Jan. 5), was the response of the capitalist media here.

The only solution for the crisis is for the workers to intervene on their own behalf and struggle to take over society in their own interests.

An MPLA delegation at UN press on Nov. 11, 1975.

Jan. 17 demonstrators

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By DEIRDRE GRISWOLD

NEW YORK, Jan. 7—Widespread support here for the Angolan people in their brave struggle against U.S. and South African intervention is focusing on a march through midtown Manhattan and rally to be held January 17.

"Hopefully this rally will be the start of a nationwide campaign to educate the public to the realities of Angola, particularly to expose the truth about why the U.S. is there," wrote Charlotte 3 defendant Jim Grant this week in a letter to Youth Against War & Fascism (YAWF) explaining his decision to endorse the January 17 action.

The demonstration supporting the People's Republic of Angola, led by the MPLA, was originally called by YAWF, and was quickly supported by a broad spectrum of progressive organizations. Groups adding their endorsement this week have included the Southern Africa Committee, the Venceremos Brigade, Attica Now, the Guardian, Prairie Fire Organizing Committee, Progressive Greek Students, Eritreans for Liberation, the New York City Hard Times Committee, and Black journalist Joe Walker.

"The January 17 activities here in support of the true independence forces in Angola will be particularly important given the extremely biased character of the reporting on Angola in most of the media," explained Walker, who is the New York editor of Bilalia News (formerly Muhammad Speaks). He pointed out, however, that there are notable exceptions in the Black press. He particularly mentioned Bilalia News, the Amsterdam News, and the Baltimore Afro-American as having strongly opposed the U.S. intervention in Angola.

"I intend to participate in the demonstration as a concerned individual as well as a journalist," Walker concluded.

Ann Spiranesi of the National Committee of the Venceremos Brigade explained her organization's concern over the Angolan question: "Because of the blatant U.S. government and CIA aggression in Angola, because of the admitted recruitment of U.S. mercenaries to fight alongside South African racists there, and because of the massive media distortion of the true events, it is important to bring the real issue before the U.S. people: that in Angola as in Vietnam, the U.S. is

In Atlanta, New Orleans, Houston

Chilean woman tells of junta dungeons

By TOM GARDNER

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 28—Maria Stella Dabancens, a member of the Chilean Resistance, has just completed a tour of three major Southern cities in the U.S. where support is being organized for the fight against the military dictatorship in Chile.

Maria Stella was imprisoned three times in Chile before being exiled by the junta of right-wing generals after a CIA-backed coup overthrew the elected socialist President, Salvador Allende, and instituted a reign of terror against the people. Imprisoned along with her husband Miguel and Laura Allende, sister of the fallen President, Maria Stella was tortured, like many others, with electric shocks, as part of a massive and brutal repression which took the lives of thousands of Chileans.

RESISTANCE TO FASCIST JUNTA

The fascist junta which now runs Chile in the interests of foreign (mostly U.S.) corporations has recently been condemned for gross violations of human rights by the United Nations and the Vatican Council. But more importantly it has met firm resistance by the Chilean people and has felt the effects of international solidarity with that resistance movement.

In a response to a call from the Chilean Resistance, workers in countries all over the world have refused to unload or handle Chilean products. Governments and companies are under intense pressure from their own working class not to trade with the fascist junta. And millions of people around the world have joined in the campaign to free Chilean political prisoners.

It was as a result of that international solidarity campaign that Maria Stella, Laura Allende, and many others were released from Chile's dungeons. The purpose of Maria Stella's tour was to

deepen and expand that solidarity here in the U.S.

TOUR REACHES THOUSANDS

The tour was most certainly a success. In the three cities, Atlanta, New Orleans, and Houston, several hundred thousand people were reached in a combination of public appearances, TV, newspaper, and radio interviews, and meetings with groups of women, churchgoers, students, third-world groups, and some trade unionists.

The Atlanta segment of the tour included a packed 2-week speaking schedule and was arranged by the Latin American Solidarity Group, which has sponsored educational programs in support of Latin American struggles for the past 2 years in Atlanta. Maria Stella's eloquent exposure of the dictatorship, the U.S.-CIA role in setting up the fascist junta, and her explanation of the Resistance movement in Chile was warmly received by those attending the programs, and many people were moved to volunteer their help in the effort here to support the Resistance.

Her presentation was complimented by an effective film recently produced by the Resistance, *To The People of the World*. The film, narrated by Laura Allende and Carmen Castillo, particularly focuses on the repressive nature of the reactionary junta and appeals for aid for the more than 10,000 political prisoners inside Chile. Part of the film was aired on TV for the first time in this country on a local prime-time interview show called "Ebony Beat Journal."

The New Orleans engagement on December 20 was sponsored by the newly formed Latin America Liberation Support Committee. The committee had distributed thousands of bilingual leaflets, many in New Orleans' sizeable Latin community. The result was an overflow crowd of close to a



Maria Stella Dabancens, Chilean resistance fighter and former prisoner of the junta, speaks to Atlanta audience during 2-week U.S. tour to raise support for the Resistance. WW photo: Tom G.

hundred people, including many from the Spanish-speaking community.

CHICANO SUPPORT FOR RESISTANCE

The following night in Houston, the program was met by a warm and enthusiastic response, and a strong show of international solidarity. The program was co-sponsored by Youth Against War & Fascism, La Raza Unida Party, and the Iranian Students Association. The spokesman from La Raza Unida, Eddie Canales, announced that the Executive Board of his organization, which is an important and broadly-based organization in the Chicano liberation struggle, had voted to give its full support to the campaign to free Chilean political prisoners and expressed its solidarity with the Chilean Resistance. The spokesperson of the Iranian Students Association expressed the ISA's full support for the Chilean Resistance and the

armed struggle in Latin America.

In all three cities, Atlanta, New Orleans, and Houston, the struggle against U.S. imperialist intervention in Latin America and the work to build solidarity here with the Chilean Resistance and the continental struggles of the Latin American people was moved giant steps forward by the visit of Maria Stella Dabancens. It is the hope of Workers World, that the bonds of friendship strengthened by her tour will be forged into unbreakable chains of workers' internationalist solidarity, chains that will bring down not only the Chilean dictatorship but also its major client and sponsor, the U.S. capitalist ruling class which keeps millions, at home and abroad, in poverty and misery.

(Coming in the next issue of WW: an interview with Maria Stella Dabancens on the current status of the Resistance and the possibility of a U.S.-backed face-changing operation toward a supposed "third force" in Chile.)



Press conference shortly after Angola's declaration of independence
WW photo: Julio

ers to demand:

Hands off Angola!

waging a war against a legitimate government and the true representative of the Angolan people, the MPLA.

"This demonstration will contribute to this effort."

"U.S. HANDS OFF!"

The main theme of the march and rally is summed up in the central slogan, "U.S. hands off Angola!" The marchers will be assembling at 34th Street and Broadway, a busy shopping area, at 1 p.m. on Saturday, the 17th, and moving from there down to Union Square, where an indoor rally will be held at the Marc Ballroom, 27 Union Square West, at 2:30 p.m.

The new sponsors of the demonstration mentioned above added their names to an already impressive list of organizations and individuals which included the Organization of Arab Students, Workers World Party, Liberation

Support Movement, Puerto Rican Nationalist Carlos Feliciano, the MPLA Solidarity Committee, the Puerto Rican Socialist Party, Union of Vietnamese in the U.S., Friends of Indochina, Iranian Student Association (member of World Confederation), Committee to Support the PFLO, Third World Newsreel, Peoples Democratic Association, Committee in Solidarity with the Korean People, and Dennis Serette (Pres. of N.Y. Coalition of Black Trade Unionists).

Nick Frankel of Youth Against War & Fascism, a coordinator of the demonstration, pointing to the continued threat that U.S. imperialism may intervene even more directly against this African liberation struggle, concluded, "Now is the crucial time for all progressive people to come out and show their support for the just struggle of the MPLA."

MPLA liberation of Uige victory for Angolan People

By ANDY STAPP

NEW YORK, Jan. 6—Armed forces under the command of the People's Republic of Angola today scored a major victory with their capture of Uige, the northern "capital" of the pro-imperialist National Front for the Liberation of Angola (FNLA).

Uige was liberated by the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) troops representing the People's Republic after a bitter weekend battle which ended with the freedom fighters entering Uige from three sides as the puppet soldiers fled in disorder.

STRONG AFRICAN SUPPORT FOR MPLA

The MPLA victory in this key area is expected to strongly bolster their position at the upcoming emergency summit meeting of African heads of state called by the Organization of African Unity to discuss the Angolan crisis on January 10.

The People's Republic of Angola is already recognized by over 40 countries around the world, including the African nations of Burundi, Ghana, Mali, Mozambique, Madagascar, Benin (Dahomey), Nigeria, Sudan, Tanzania, Somalia, Sao Tome and Principe, Cape Verde Islands, Guinea-Bissau, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea, the Congo (Brazzaville), and Algeria. The two counter-revolutionary rump groups, the FNLA and UNITA, are recognized by no one, not even by their U.S. masters!

PENTAGON TRAINS MERCENARIES

This does not mean, however, that the U.S. government is in any

way abandoning its stooges in Angola.

An article appearing in the Christian Science Monitor on January 2 stated that "contacts with senior mercenary officers familiar with the situation both in Angola and the United States" had produced hard information that 150 mercenaries, including numerous officers given "indefinite leave" from the Army Special Forces (Green Berets), were undergoing refresher courses at Fort Benning, Ga., in preparation for combat in Angola.

According to Monitor reporter David Anable, the 150 mercenaries are part of a larger group of 300 "ready to go as soon as the CIA can obtain further funds," which should not be hard to get since Kissinger has persuaded Saudi Arabia to funnel \$50 million to UNITA and FNLA.

In Angola these bought-and-paid-for CIA killers would join the many U.S. troops already engaged in the fighting.

David Bufkin, a Fresno, Calif., mercenary recruiter, last week stated that he has already sent "400 Americans to the African front," according to the San Diego Tribune. Bufkin told the Tribune that money for the operation "passed through three hands," but "came originally from the CIA."

Extensive CIA buying of combatants for the Angolan war is also taking place in Miami among reactionary Cubans.

STARVATION IN OCCUPIED ZONES

In Angola itself, the right-wing armies have tried to compensate for their notable lack of success on the battlefield by stepping up their repression of the unarmed people

in the areas they control.

According to Time magazine of January 12, "UNITA battle claims are often embarrassing when not ludicrous. As for the FNLA, its military is so oblivious to civilian suffering that starvation has become widespread. One mercenary who has been to Ambriz, FNLA leader Holden Roberto's operations capital of the moment, reported that civilians were evacuated from the town and then simply dumped in the bush and left to their own devices."

Writing in the January 6 New York Times, Tom Wicker, bemoaning the total erosion of U.S. credibility in Africa brought about by "the stubborn American support of the Salazar-Caetano regimes in Portugal when these regimes were fighting a lengthy colonial war to retain the possession of Angola," also joins Time magazine in complaining that "just as it was true of the South Vietnamese army, they (FNLA and UNITA) are callous and contemptuous of the rights and property of the civilians for whose support they are supposedly contending."

But what does Wicker expect from Quisling forces who have invited the racist South African army to invade their country with 6,000 heavily armed troops in hopes of crushing the MPLA!

It is in response to this gang-up against the People's Republic of Angola that Cuba, the Soviet Union, and a number of progressive African states have extended aid, remembering only too well how U.S. imperialism strangled the young government of the Congo in 1960, murdering its heroic Premier, Patrice Lumumba, in the process.

THE SMELL OF MONEY

What motivated the imperialists to commit their crimes in the Congo 15 years ago is the same force that drives them to attack Angola today: that is their mad profit lust, the greedy desire to secure full control over the country's fabulously rich natural resources.

As the New York Times put it on December 28, "Jets flying over parts of this area often have their instruments affected by electromagnetic pulls emanating from huge, untapped concentrations of valuable minerals." Truly a thought to set even the most jaded capitalist's heart to fluttering!

If, however, today's capture of Uige by the MPLA, a victory which bagged the liberation movement hundreds of tons of modern U.S. weaponry, including armored cars and trucks, is any sign of the future, it will not be the Wall Street slavemasters who gain control of those riches.

They will go to the Angolan people themselves. And the vast natural wealth, which must have seemed for so long to be their country's curse, bringing as it did the brutal Portuguese colonialists who oppressed and murdered the people for 4 centuries, followed now by the U.S.-South African invaders, these riches can be used to build schools, hospitals, good housing, and all the other things the long-suffering Angolan people have been denied.



MPLA soldiers examine captured U.S. supplies. Funds for militant equipment and the recruitment of mercenaries to fight against liberation forces in Angola "came originally from the CIA."

EDITORIAL

Chile in India

It was only a passing reference in most U.S. papers. Most people hardly even noticed it. But India's Prime Minister this week accused the U.S. government of having tried to engineer her overthrow a la Chile.

When you consider what is now commonly understood about the regime of butchers boosted into power in Chile by the U.S., this accusation should have received front-page headlines. Another Chile—in India, a country of 600 million! The implications of this should horrify humanity.

The takeover by the Chilean fascists was more than just a turn to the right. It was more than a putsch or a palace coup. It meant the systematic extermination of the left and all working class and popular organizations. It meant the rooting out of the opposition through massive executions, wholesale arrests, the torture and murder of prisoners, repeated police sweeps through the poorest neighborhoods, pogroms in every place of work and study—the use of terror on top of terror.

To install a pro-Washington regime in India today, that is what would have to be done. And, according to the Indian head of state, that is what the U.S. has tried to do.

NO WILD ACCUSATION

The imperialist opinion-makers here are shrugging this off as a wild accusation. But coming from a head of state, it cannot be dismissed. Such an accusation would be a serious international provocation if it were not true and couldn't be proved.

Nor should Gandhi's charge be dismissed by leftists merely because she is a bourgeois politician herself—and a repressive one at that. It is of course absolutely true that since the proclamation of the emergency decrees last year, many leftists and many workers and trade union leaders have been jailed, as have extreme rightists.

But the fact remains that U.S. imperialism is fiercely hostile to the present Indian government, despite its bourgeois character. It should be remembered that less than a fortnight before the declaration of emergency, the New York Times had predicted jubilantly that Gandhi's "days were numbered."

FALSE ISSUE OF DEMOCRACY

Since then there has been a constant clamor in the imperialist press here that "democracy" has been destroyed in India—as if this brutal, aggressive, law-flouting gang of billionaires running U.S. affairs gave a fig about democracy for the Indian millions! The last thing they want is a truly democratic India—one where the Indian masses themselves are armed, organized, and make the decisions about their economic and political affairs. No, these champions of "democracy" want nothing less than a U.S. puppet in India—in the style of south Korea, Indonesia, Chile, and their former "glorious" allies in Indochina.

No wonder that at the Congress Party convention in New Delhi this week there was a "torrent of anti-American speeches"!

Since their humiliating defeat in Indochina, the U.S. imperialists have been actively seeking other ways to advance their drive to dominate the world in the search for super-profits. There are some who say it can be done "without war." We must ask: Is this what they mean? Is a Chile-style takeover how they mean to change the "balance of power" in Asia?

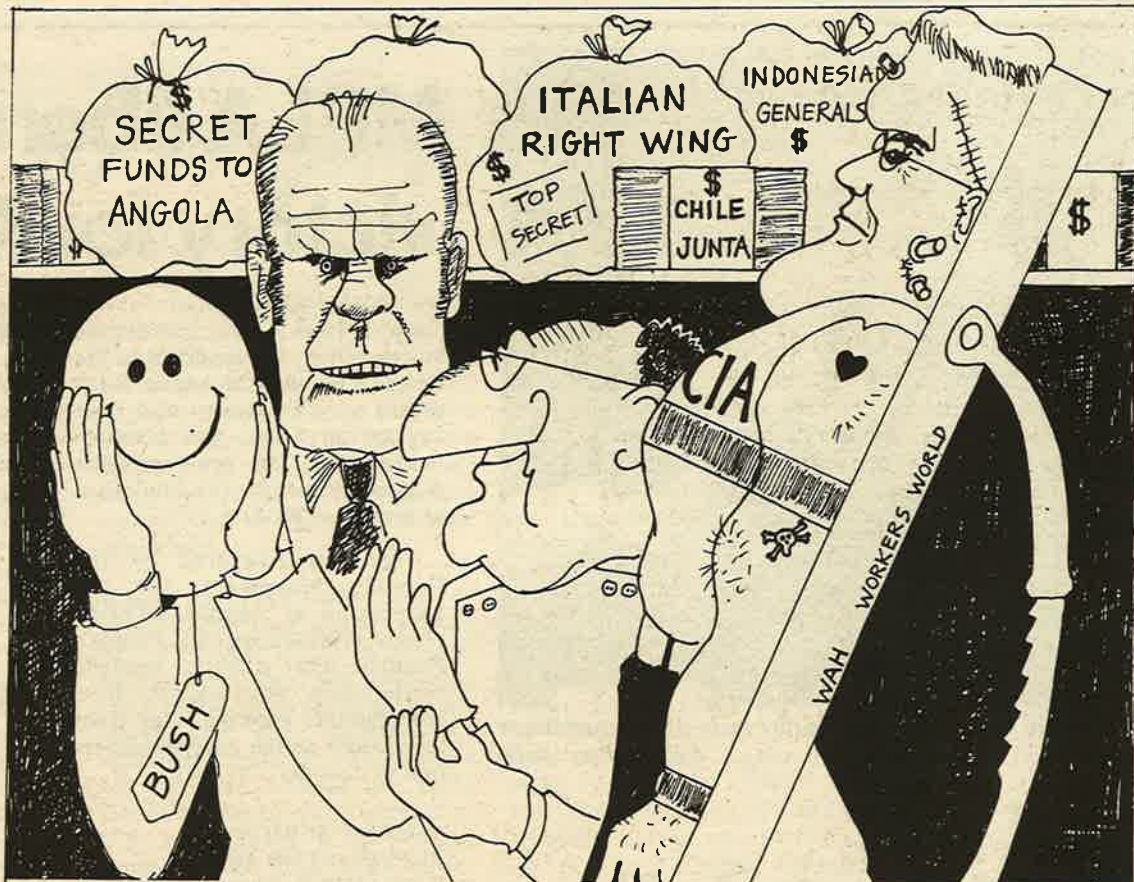
U.S. imperialism advances many strategies, often simultaneously, against the emerging countries, but they all lead to the same thing: the total control of the national economy and the reduction of the people to neocolonial wage slaves. The only way out is the road of revolutionary armed struggle so heroically followed by the Indochinese people.

And speaking of democracy

The Socialist Workers Party (SWP) has worked hard in recent years to receive the liberal bourgeoisie's seal of approval as the "democratic socialist" party in the U.S. committed to "peaceful," "legal" activity—no matter how violent or illegal the behavior of the ruling class.

Some might be surprised, then, to learn that 20 members of that party recently resorted to physical force to prevent two individuals from distributing Workers World newspaper in a public hallway at the University of Wisconsin Student Union. (See article on this page.)

The truth is that the SWP's respect for "democracy" is strongest when it is dealing with right-wing and reactionary elements. A case in point is its attitude toward the racist "geneticist" William Shockley who has been touring the country over the past few years peddling his pseudo-scientific theory



'We'll give him a new look, and it's back to business as usual.'

SWP members forcibly disrupt Workers World distribution

MILWAUKEE, Wisc., Dec. 29—The free distribution of Workers World newspapers at a rally for Socialist Workers Party (SWP) Presidential candidates Peter Camejo and Willie Mae Reid was disrupted tonight when 20 members of the SWP pushed and shoved the two distributors, knocking their papers to the ground.

The distribution was taking place in a public hallway of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Student Union, where the National Young Socialist Alliance (YSA) convention is taking place this week. The YSA had earlier decided not to allow

Youth Against War & Fascism (YAWF) a table to sell and distribute literature.

The break-up of the distribution came just prior to the beginning of a publicly advertised rally. The distributors, after being shaken up, were forced to move downstairs where they finished passing out the papers.

After the incident Jim Miller, Chairperson of Milwaukee YAWF, issued a statement on the incident in which he commented, "This action by the Socialist Workers Party was totally unwarranted and was a violation of simple democratic rights. It is quite ironic

that an organization which stands so insistently for the right to free speech of such groups as the Nazis and the Klan and defended a racist like Shockley when militant Black students drowned him out would deny another movement organization the right to distribute their literature in a public building.

"The fact that only two people were distributing shows we had no intention of disrupting their meeting. In fact, we would be the first to defend the meeting if someone like the Nazis had attacked it.

"I can only conclude that they feared the ideas that Workers World contains."

LETTERS

Salute to a murdered brother

Revolutionary Love Comrades,

It will be a year January 9th since our comrade was barbarically and maliciously murdered by the Klan-Administration of this Kamp (Missouri State Penitentiary).

So in commemoration to our deceased—Righteous Comrade,

s.n. Jessie Lang, African-Liberated name is Obwonna, we write this letter to express our respect and extolment of our Fallen Comrade. As it is, wherever the Black man or woman is, the battlefield is. And because of this Brotha's resolute militant-resistance to the inhuman, repressive conditions and racist-Fascist attacks against Blacks here and beyond these walls, this brotha met a brutal, malicious death at the hands of these

sadistic-racist pigs' hands.

Now our basic aim here is not to attempt to write a eulogy; because we feel you all know what stature of a man a Comrade is. But it is merely our deepest hope that you all would at least print a line or two in your organ (paper). So as to help cast this Brotha's name and deeds to the revolutionary winds, as a homage to him from us, his bereaved and determined Comrades.

From those who have crawled back from the grave.
Liberation or Death
All Power to the People

If you would like to get an in-depth view of the magnitude of this Brotha, you can write: The Institute of the Black World, 87 Chestnut Street S.W., Atlanta, Ga. 30314. Ask for Inside by Jessie Lang.

T.X.M.
Missouri State Penitentiary

Down to his last billion

Recently Congress granted a \$3.125 raise to Nelson Rockefeller. Taxpayers can be grateful that the bighearted Congress has at last provided a decent salary to Rockefeller, who might otherwise be forced to dig into his life-long savings.

After Pentagon dropped 4 million tons of bombs on them

Vietnamese people confront war devastation

(Reprinted from U.S.-Indochina Report)

During the last decade the U.S. government spent, at a conservative estimate, \$150 billion in prosecuting the Indochina War. These funds financed the more than four million tons of bombs, 18 million gallons of chemical defoliants, and nearly 400,000 tons of napalm used against the people and environment of Viet Nam alone.

CASAULTIES

By the close of 1972, one out of every eight Vietnamese had been wounded, one out of every 14 killed. This would be equivalent to killing the entire populations of Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas, and wounding everyone living in California.

Congressional sources calculate—conservatively—that for South Viet Nam alone 80,000 amputees require artificial limbs. According to Hanoi's Bach Mai Hospital, more than one third of the children of Viet Nam have suffered hearing impairment caused by exploding bombs.

Furthermore, Vietnamese are still being wounded by U.S. armaments. Earl Martin, a Mennonite volunteer with several years' experience in Viet Nam, estimates that between two and five million bombs, mines, shells, and grenades remain unexploded—until set off by a peasant's hoe, the hoof of a buffalo, or a small child. Martin found deaths and injuries from unexploded ordnance "too common to talk about" in many communities.

ECOCIDE

The U.S. "war against nature" radically altered the Vietnamese environment. Rome ploughs—a two-ton, armor-plate super bulldozer—leveled dense jungle at the rate of an acre an hour until an area as large as Rhode Island was totally denuded. (South Viet Nam is about the size of Florida.) The U.S. Forest Service helped incinerate 100,000 acres of Viet Nam's finest woodlands.

Operation Ranch Hand, the U.S. chemical defoliation program, destroyed two-thirds of the 400,000 acre U Minh mangrove forest in the extreme south, removing an important source of cooking charcoal, destroying fish breeding areas, and eroding shorelines and riverbeds. These defoliation operations contributed significantly to disastrous flooding in 1972. Chemical poisons washed into the sea have produced such high toxic residues in fish that Japan has banned imports of Vietnamese seafood.

WAR ON THE ECONOMY

Equally destructive have been the effects on the country's productive base. Egbert Pfeiffer, Professor of Zoology at the University of Montana, noted in 1974 that the bombing of coastal dikes in Central Viet Nam had flooded ricefields with salt water. Restoring these areas to cultivation will require flushing with fresh water for several years. Agricultural land, especially in the narrow center of the country, has been broken up by the more than 21 million bomb craters, representing a combined area the size of Connecticut. Fifty percent of the water buffaloes—the main energy

source—were killed off between 1963 and 1973.

Industrial production has also been deeply cut back. In the north most aboveground industrial installations were destroyed once during the 1965-68 Johnson bombings, then hit again in the 1972-73 Nixon bombings. In the south, largely undamaged factories now stand idle due to shortages of raw materials from the devastated countryside.

The social effects of the war also demand solutions. Inflation and displacement from the land forced hundreds of thousands of women into prostitution. Now, they, like former Thieu soldiers and police, must be retrained for productive work. Saigon's V.D. clinic treats 10,000 people a month; drug addicts also require care and reintegration into the economy. Urban and rural housing, and schools and hospitals from Quang Tri north

must be rebuilt. Refugees who fled the bombing for the cities must be resettled in the countryside.

RECONSTRUCTION

The Indochina War represents the most concentrated human assault on both society and the environment that history has yet produced. Nevertheless, Viet Nam today is not in despair, but is resolutely confronting its enormous problems. Recent visitors to Viet Nam, such as Robert Miller of the Mennonite Central Committee, report enthusiasm for reunification and rebuilding the country.

By the close of 1975, 800,000 people will have left Saigon to resume rice farming. More than 1,000 miles of the north-south railway have been rebuilt. As many of Saigon's industries as possible have resumed production, and an afforestation program has begun. . . .

On anniversary of defeat of U.S.

Vietnam to be reunified after 30 years

By NAOMI COHEN

NEW YORK, Jan. 4—The liberation of Vietnam from U.S. imperialist invasion and from the U.S.-installed Thieu regime almost seems to be a non-event in the bourgeois press these days. And, no doubt, the Ford Administration wishes that the tiny nation of Vietnam, which so thoroughly defeated the U.S., were a non-country.

Not only has Vietnam been liberated, however, but it has recently announced that the two sections of the country, divided by imperialism for almost 30 years, are to be reunited at last.

The announcement came over Hanoi radio at the end of December, indicating that both the north and south would hold elections this spring to a joint national assembly. A new constitution is also to be drawn up. The resolutions on reunification were approved during a 3-day People's Representative Congress held in Saigon December 20-23. Reunification is expected to take place April 30, 1976, the first an-

niversary of the defeat of the U.S.

A VICTORY FOR WORLD SOCIALISM

The reunification of Vietnam after 30 years of separation represents a tremendous victory for the Vietnamese nation as a whole, considering the fact that for so long the population in the south was subjected to a barrage of anti-communist propaganda. In fact, the announcement came much sooner than most bourgeois commentators in this country had expected and is an indication of how rapidly the Provisional Revolutionary Government was able to rally the people of the south behind it.

The reuniting of Vietnam is also an enormous victory for the world socialist revolution. It means not only the beginning of building a socialist society in the long-exploited south, but also stands as an inspiration to all the other national liberation movements fighting imperialism. Nevertheless, the terrible heritage that U.S. imperialism left in Vietnam,



After decades of war, Vietnamese workers and farmers are still being killed and maimed by unexploded bombs, mines, and grenades. Photo: U.S.-Indochina Report

particularly in the south, no doubt continues to leave serious problems.

It is for this reason that the campaign to win reparations for Vietnam from the U.S. government for its war crimes against the people and the demand for aid to rebuild a country it devastated by relentless bombing takes on so much significance now.

Friendshipment sends Vietnam aid

NEW YORK, Dec. 27—A coalition of anti-war and church organizations called Friendshipment has been working in the United States to raise money to buy medical supplies, food, clothing, and agricultural equipment for the people of Vietnam as a gesture of people-to-people friendship. The campaign is also aimed at pressuring the U.S. government to live up to its agreement in the Paris accords to aid Vietnam after the war.

On December 22, Friend-

shipment held a press conference to announce that the first major shipment of aid from the United States was being sent by plane and ship. In all, 25 tons of medical aid and clothing left New York City that week, in what is just the beginning of the campaign to raise money for Vietnam.

Members of Friendshipment who had been to Vietnam and are in touch with the Vietnamese government emphasized that the problems of health in the south are enormous as a result of the U.S. occupation. Of particular concern is a virtual epidemic of venereal disease, the heritage left by the U.S. occupation army. Friendshipment is therefore bending every effort to raise money for penicillin and medical kits to screen for VD to help the Vietnamese wipe out this plague, which is estimated to affect more than 300,000 women in southern Vietnam alone.

Funds for Friendshipment can be sent to 235 E. 49th St., New York, N.Y. 10017.



With the liberation and reunification of Vietnam comes the revolutionary task of reconstructing a country devastated by war. Here, workers in liberated South Vietnam build new roads. Photo: LNS

POLITICAL PRISONERS



FREE THE ATTICA BROS!

By BRAD KANE

BUFFALO, Jan. 2—In the aftermath of the release of the Meyer report whitewashing the Attica prosecution, 11 Attica Brothers have been scheduled to appear in the State Supreme courthouse here January 5 on kidnaping charges stemming from the 1971 Attica prison rebellion.

Meanwhile, the cover-up of crimes committed by State officials during the rebellion continues. Only one State Trooper has been indicted for "recklessly discharging a shotgun." This is despite the fact that State Police were directly responsible for the indiscriminate murders of 30 inmates and 10 guards and the countless beatings of inmates during the retaking of the prison.

NEW TRIAL SET

Indictment 5 originally charged 19 inmates with 34 counts of kidnaping each for allegedly holding guards as hostages during the 5 days of the rebellion. Three of these Brothers are now dead, one murdered in prison and two killed on the outside by police. After a motion by the prosecution, the remaining 16 defendants were divided into two groups: 11 were charged with acts of kidnaping on September 13, 1971, and five allegedly committed kidnaping on the 9th through the 12th. The first group are to be in court January 5.

Including these charges, a total of 14 indictments involving 30 Attica Brothers are still pending. Most of these cases have not been brought up in court for over a year, yet the prosecution has not dismissed them. In addition, two Attica Brothers were convicted and eight others pleaded guilty to reduced charges.

One Brother, Dacajeweah (aka John Hill), is currently serving a 20-years-to-life sentence after being convicted of murder in a rigged trial last April. Other Attica Brothers have been acquitted or have had their charges dropped due to lack of evidence and growing public support for the Brothers.

THE MEYER COVER-UP

The Meyer report was ordered by Governor Hugh Carey last April following charges by former special Attica prosecutor Malcolm Bell that the State had selectively prosecuted inmates while covering up crimes committed by police and guards. The report, which served as a smokescreen for state officials' criminal acts during the rebellion, insists "there was no intentional cover-up in the conduct of the Attica investigation" headed by Anthony G. Simonetti. (Simonetti was so pleased with the report that he later thanked Meyer for "clearing my name and reputation.")

The report also opposes any amnesty for the Attica Brothers, although it does admit, "Clearly the state has dealt unfairly with the inmates and affirmative action is necessary to correct the situation." This "affirmative action" is to be yet another investigation to determine whether indictments should be brought against State officials involved in the armed assault on the prison.

SETTING UP YET

ANOTHER WHITEWASH

This new investigation is to be conducted by Alfred J. Scotti, former chief Assistant District

Attorney of New York City. Scotti was responsible for the frame-up indictments of the Harlem 6, the Panther 21, and the Tombs rebellion defendants.

The appointment of a hardened racist prosecutor to head this investigation makes it clear that

the state has no intention of placing the blame for the Attica massacre on the backs of Rockefeller and his State Police who ordered and carried out the brutal assault.

Back in September 1971, the inmates demanded amnesty, knowing what future plans the State had for these heroic Brothers. The justification of this demand has been proven since by the coercion and torture of wit-



Dessie X. Woods WW photos



Cheryl S. Todd WW photos

WOODS-TODD FRAMEUP

By DIANNE MATHIOWETZ

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 2—Although victories have been gained, the fundamental right of women to defend themselves against sexual assault, particularly when non-white women are attacked by white men, has not been totally secured. A case in point is that of Dessie X. Woods and Cheryl S. Todd.

Joining Joann Little of North Carolina and Inez Garcia of California, these two Atlanta Black women are being prosecuted because they dared to resist and fight back against their attackers under frightening and dangerous conditions. On Monday, January 19, the state of Georgia will bring Dessie X. Woods and Cheryl S. Todd to trial on murder charges arising from their successful defense against the sexual assault of a white insurance man.

The circumstances of the case are that Dessie and Cheryl had travelled to Reidsville prison to see Cheryl's brother, who had written protesting the lack of medical treatment. Cheryl became ill upon arriving at the prison and fainted. The guards, rather than coming to her assistance, kicked at the fallen Black woman and struck Dessie when she came to her friend's defense. The two women were arrested and jailed for 3 days.

When they were released, without money or friends in this section of rural southeast Georgia, they were forced to hitchhike back to Atlanta.

These were the events that preceded their meeting with Ronnie Horne, a white insurance man, who, posing as a detective, offered to give them a ride to Atlanta. Horne, whose car was equipped with a two-way radio and who kept a gun in a holster on the front seat, drove the two women into a forested area off the road and threatened them sexually. In the struggle that ensued, Horne was shot with his own gun.

VICTIMS CHARGED AS CRIMINALS

In a move all too like the Joann Little case, the State of Georgia has relentlessly decided to prosecute the victims of this racist and sexist assault. Cheryl and Dessie are being charged with

first-degree murder and robbery, which will mean the death penalty if they are convicted. The trial will be held in Alamo, Ga., a rural area where discriminatory attitudes against Black people and women are even more prevalent than in Beaufort County, N.C., the rejected site of the Joann Little trial.

The Dessie X. Woods-Cheryl S. Todd Defense Committee is planning a rally in Atlanta on Saturday, January 17, and encourages progressive people all over the country to hold support activities in their area on that day. Efforts are being made to ensure a packed courtroom on Monday, January 19, the opening day of the trial. The lives of sisters Dessie and Cheryl depend upon strong support from the people to free them from these racist and sexist-inspired charges.

For more information, contact the Dessie X. Woods-Cheryl S. Todd Defense Committee, 94 Griffin St., S.E., Atlanta, Ga. 30314. Telephone (404) 688-1130.

GARCIA WINS NEW TRIAL

On December 29, the California Court of Appeals overturned the murder conviction of Inez Garcia because of judicial error. A new trial will be held.

Inez Garcia is a farmworker who was living and working in Soledad, Calif., while she waited for her husband to be released from Soledad Prison. She is 31 years old and has an 11-year-old son.

In March 1974, she was raped and beaten. After receiving a taunting phone call from the two men who had attacked her, Mrs. Garcia loaded a .22 rifle, tracked down the men, and shot to death the 300-pound man who had held her down.

In October, her conviction outraged progressive people all over the country. She pleaded self-defense, but was convicted of second-degree murder. Not once was her rape considered in the deliberations. When she was sentenced to a term of 5 years to life, the judge referred to her as having been "on the prowl as a huntress." It was clear that, once

nesses against the inmates, the cover-up of culpability of the State, whitewashing committees, etc.

Many liberals have recently come out for amnesty for both inmates and State officials in order to "close the book" on Attica and avoid further embarrassment for the State government.

Amnesty must be granted to the Attica Brothers, but those state officials responsible for the Attica deaths and the conditions that brought them about must still be held accountable for their actions.

No special committee, or for that matter, no section of the ruling class, whether liberal or reactionary, has the ability or the will to combat the state forces of repression which exist to protect their profits and privileges. Only the workers and oppressed, in and out of prisons, will act to bring about the complete freedom of the Attica Brothers and tear down the inhumane capitalist prisons and the parasitic system they serve.

For more information on the Attica trials, contact: Attica Now, 1528 Jefferson, Buffalo, N.Y. 14208. Phone (716) 882-0254.

N.C. WOMEN PRISONERS

By BROOKE E. WHITING and VERONICA GOLOS

RALEIGH, N.C., Dec. 31—The prisoners at the North Carolina Correctional Center for Women here are asking people to come to court on January 16 when they are bringing a suit for damages of \$25 million against Governor James Holshouser and the entire women's prison administration.

The suit originates out of a June 15, 1975 protest by about 150 women who refused to be locked in their cells at the usual lock-up time of 8:00 p.m. Gathering on the grounds, they announced a work stoppage and presented demands concerning conditions in the prison. The demands the women struggled so hard for included the abolition of the laundry (where inmates did work for other institutions for pennies an hour), improvement of medical conditions, and educational training.

"A SMALL ATTICA"

They were met by 450 male guards called in from Central Prison and armed with billy clubs, tear gas, pepper gas, dogs, and riot gear. There were also 150 state highway patrolmen, 50 city policemen, and an undetermined amount of National Guardsmen on stand-by. After 5 days of a "small-sized Attica," the women were subdued physically by the police.

In an effort to silence the women and break their bonds of unity, 34 inmates were transferred to Morgantown, a North Carolina all-male facility, and kept there for 49 days. In August and September they were gradually brought back to the women's prison, handcuffed together, and placed in segregation, where many of them

remain today.

In "segregation" (Dorm C), prisoners are housed four (4) to a small poorly lit poorly ventilated cell. Only cold water is available for all hygienic purposes. Lock-up is 23½ hours a day. One-half hour yard exercise is allowed, with very little warm clothing.

In addition, women were placed in the "hole" for 10 to 15 days on charges of profanity after singing the hymn, "We Shall Overcome"! For 5 days they were not permitted showers, were not given toothbrushes, face cloths, sheets, combs, or other personal items.

Two of the women were physically injured when they were dragged by guards from their Dorm C cell to the hole, although they did not resist. They received no medical attention from a physician for at least 48 hours despite the severity of their injuries: a dislocated shoulder and a sprained ankle. Disciplinary hearings on the events were not held until October, many days after the punishment had begun.

Some of the women say their paroles have been turned down because "we participated in the protest."

WHAT IMPROVEMENT?

When asked if any of the conditions have improved, one sister said, "The superintendent says that the laundry has improved. Well, it hasn't. You know what the women get paid? Anywhere from 40 cents to \$1.00 a day. Don't ask me how they determine the rate, but it's slave labor. And they just started paying us at all in 1975! This place makes money off our backs. They treat us like animals."

The medical conditions haven't changed either. When Superintendent Powell was asked about the medical care, he stated that there were 11 doctors and a full-time nursing staff. Yet the women say that the doctor, Dr. Broughton, has had charges brought against him because a woman died, that his fingernails are black with dirt, and that a woman had to have a colostomy because she wasn't taken to the hospital in time. Thorazine is given to the women as part of a "behavior modification" program.

In spite of all the harassment, the women remain strong. "They try to break our unity here on C Dorm, but they can't. Black and white, it's beautiful!"

When asked about their hopes in terms of the suit, one of the women stated: "It's really the struggle on the outside and our own that will free us. We can't depend too much on the state. Why, Governor Holshouser is no better than Rockefeller. His aide told us in June that our demands would be met. Well, they were met by guards with tear gas!"

The women have been receiving support from all over. The most active help is from Action for

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Inez Garcia

again, an oppressed woman was given no chance to receive justice from the courts.

Credit for the reversal of Mrs. Garcia's conviction must be given to the people who fought to free her and not to the courts.

Her case and that of Joann Little, a Black woman acquitted of murder after having defended herself during attempted rape by her white jailer, aroused the interest and support of millions across the country.

5-year campaign ends in victory

Run-away plants organized in South

By TOM GARDNER

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 30—On November 20, 1975, in the second NLRB election in a 5-year campaign, workers at the General Electric turbine plant in Charleston, S.C., voted in the United Electrical, Radio, and Machine Workers of America (UE) as their union. This is the second UE victory in organizing the run-away Southern turbine plants of GE and Westinghouse, and represents a significant gain for all workers, North and South.

The "run-away" plant is a well-known problem to workers and the unemployed in the depressed cities of the North. Major companies, even whole industries, have time after time, with heartless greed, moved their operations to the lower-wage, non-union areas of the South and Southwest, as well as to super-exploited countries around the world.

General Electric is one of the most notorious run-away companies. Whether it is paying \$3.26 per hour for TV assemblers in Portsmouth, Va., \$3.45 per hour for skilled welders in Charleston, S.C., or 10 cents per hour for strenuous electronic assembly work in Singapore or Taiwan, GE always fights ruthlessly against the organization of its workers.

PLANTS ON WHEELS

GE uses its constant threat to run away as a bludgeon against the progress of all workers. Whether it's trying to chisel down union workers' demands in Lester, Pa., or trying to intimidate workers organizing in Portsmouth, Va., or maneuvering against new wage-benefit improvement laws for Mexican workers, GE's ever-ready cry is, "We'll move!"

Usually it's just a threat (though it's heard so often that one GE worker suggested building new

plants on wheels)—but sometimes they do move.

GE and its junior "competitor" Westinghouse have moved the bulk of their heavy turbine industry into the U.S. South over the past 10 years. When GE moved to Charleston and Greenville, S.C., and when Westinghouse moved to Tampa, Charlotte, and Winston-

Salem, they were counting on a work force divided by racial antagonism (fostered and encouraged by the companies themselves), unorganized, anti-union, and willing to work twice as hard as their union counterparts in the North for half the pay. The big boys at the top were confident of a continuing source of cheap labor to

maximize their profits.

Too many of the timid and unimaginative officials in the AFL-CIO's top councils were willing to concede and to write off the new Southern plants to the unchallenged domain of the corporate giants. But as any thoughtful rank and filer could see, the run-aways would undermine gains made in the union shops. Fortunately, however, there was one union farsighted enough to take on the mammoth task of organizing the heavy electrical industry in the South. The UE, a progressive union with a militant history, stretched its limited resources in a determined effort to catch the run-aways, protect their members' gains, and bring the benefits of unionism to the workers in the new Southern turbine industry.

The Westinghouse turbine plant in Tampa, Fla., was the first to go union. They voted in the UE in mid-winter, 3 years ago, and were then forced to fight company delaying tactics for over a year to finally

gain a strong and certified local and a contract.

RUN-AWAYS CAUGHT AFTER 5 YEARS

The victory was an inspiration to the long-enduring organization committee members in Charleston. Just as with the recent Charleston victory, the Westinghouse campaign had been a 5-year struggle. Both victories have shown that with a patient and deliberate organizing approach, the goliath companies, that use every dirty, anti-union trick in the book (and then some) can be nailed-down by workers determined to win their rights. Carnell Gathers, a welder at GE Charleston who was fired and regained his job as a result of the united effort of his fellow workers during the campaign, summed it up: "We have fought and we have won!"

The long and hard-fought victories of the UE organizing committees in Charleston and Tampa, as well as the battle of the Farah slacks workers in the Southwest, the self-organizing efforts of Black and white woodcutters in the deep South, the courageous struggles of the migrant farm workers, and countless other examples, should all send a clear message to the big companies.

Southern workers, Black, Brown, and white, men and women, are uniting and organizing, and are willing to fight long and hard for a decent life. And perhaps another message will register with those union leaders whose eyes and ears are still open:

Take the lead in the fight against racism and sexism; fight for unity by defending all workers; live up to the slogan emerging from the ranks to organize the unorganized. Give to the workers of the South a dynamic and long-lasting commitment to gain a better life for all workers and oppressed, and the tools to win.

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Republican leadership had been secretly helping the former slaveholders to regain their former political power in the South—first of all by allowing them to beat down the Black people.

LEGAL COUNTER-REVOLUTION

The election deal which promised the Southern ruling class a free hand in the South was thus only the parliamentary side of the bloody counter-revolution that the Democratic Southern ruling class had already carried out. Its consummation set the seal of legality, Republican consent, and finality to the armed suppression of Black Freedom.

On the other hand, the fact that the maneuvering could continue all those months with a "peaceful" outcome for the ruling class, showed that if the Democrats had won instead of the Republicans, the only difference to the masses would have been the different faces of the spoilsmen in Congress.

The Republicans won. But progressive Republicanism was now forever dead. The Northern Democrats for their part began to make faint demagogic noises against the Northern capitalists, without, however, breaking from the Southern lynchings.

Both Republican and Democratic parties were from then on the exclusive parties of U.S. big business with no other significance (besides the enrichment of professional bourgeois politicians) than to continue the rule of big business with one or another reformist or reactionary method.



The deep poverty of Southern workers has always made the South an inviting haven for runaway Northern plants. But this source of cheap labor is beginning to dry up as Southern workers unionize. Photo: Al Clayton

Facing massive cutbacks

Welfare group plans march

By JIM McMAHAN

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan 1—Faced with massive cutbacks affecting 120,000 Georgia welfare recipients, the Atlanta Welfare Rights Organization is planning a march on the State Capitol on January 13, the opening day of the legislature.

These cutbacks are part of a growing attack on the poor in Georgia. Some 6,700 families were completely cut off welfare in September; it is increasingly more difficult to receive food stamps; and there have been drastic cutbacks in the Medicaid program.

This past year the Georgia legislature made it illegal for anyone under the Aid to Families with Dependent Children welfare program to receive more than \$32 a month from the state. This means that the most an individual may

receive from welfare is \$38 a month including federal funds. A family of four can now receive only \$148 a month.

This is despite the fact that the bare minimum poverty level for a family of four is \$228 a month. By the state welfare director's own admission, Georgia is only paying recipients 65 percent of what they need to live on. On top of this, the inflation of the past several years has cut the welfare dollar, and everybody else's dollar, in half.

The cutbacks in the welfare program are being accompanied by huge reductions in the Medicaid program which provides vitally needed health services to the poor. Those on Medicaid are now being assessed \$2 for every doctor's visit. And if they can't afford it, the state denies medical treatment. Many

nursing home directors have threatened to close down and throw the elderly onto the streets, since they will be receiving reduced Medicaid payments.

All these criminal cutbacks are being made despite the fact that the state welfare program has a surplus of \$5.4 million in its budget.

The Welfare Rights Organization has had a number of demonstrations against these cutbacks recently. Also Welfare Rights organized more than 300 Black school-age children to demonstrate against President Ford here in November, in a protest called by Workers World Party. The march on January 13 at the Georgia State Capitol is part of their continuing effort to stop the cutbacks and put an end to the added poverty enforced upon them by the state of Georgia.

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Forgotten Women, a Durham-based group which is organizing for the court hearing on January 16. The women have received letters from all over the country as well as from other political prisoners, notably Asata Shakur.

The women inside and the Action for Forgotten Women are asking people to pack the courtroom in Raleigh January 16 and come to a demonstration at 10 a.m. As one sister said, "Supporters from the outside would make us feel that we are not alone, would make us feel that there's a chance!"

The Federal Courthouse is on Newburne Avenue in Raleigh. For more information, get in touch with Action for Forgotten Women, 1601 Sedgefield St., Durham, N.C. 27705.