

**Tried to get 500% profit hike!**

## Gas company lobbyists 'blitzed' Washington

An army descended on Washington, D.C., this month—an army of lobbyists for the oil and gas monopolies.

One member of the House of Representatives counted 22 private planes belonging to natural gas and oil companies that landed at just one of Washington's three major airports on Feb. 1, 2, and 3—the days the House considered removing all federal regulation of natural gas prices (*Congressional Record*, Feb. 19, H1188).

In a raw display of corporate power and greed, the big oil companies have been marshaling their lawyers, their lobbyists, and their billions of dollars for a major push to force the deregulation of all natural gas prices in the U.S. In the debate in the House of Representatives on Feb. 3, the following startling facts all came to light.

Total deregulation would cost consumers in this country \$75 billion over the next decade, according to the General Accounting Office, or, in terms easier to comprehend, it would mean that the average family would be paying \$400 dollars more a year in higher prices. This mindboggling transfer of wealth out of the pockets of the people and into the coffers of the 10 largest oil companies, which control 80 percent of the natural gas reserves, would create such a decline in purchasing power that other businesses, unable to sell their goods, would begin mass layoffs. It is estimated that approximately 3 million more workers would

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## Meany orders arrest of 26 Post strikers!

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WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 20—Twenty-six striking pressmen from the Washington Post today took over the eighth floor offices of George Meany, President of the AFL-CIO, protesting the virtual silence of the bureaucracy of the top labor organization in this country toward the bitter Post strike going on right under their noses.

Meany's response was to order the 26 members of Local 6, Newspaper and Graphic Communications Union, arrested on charges of "unlawful entry."

"THEY HAVE TO TAKE A STAND!"

Reached by phone inside the building, the pressmen declared, "For once they are going to have to listen to us. They are going to have to take a stand." The strikers refused to leave the building until Meany and the AFL-CIO, meeting in Florida at the time, issued a statement dealing with the 4½-month-old strike against the Post. (It has been reported that finally, at the end of their meeting

in Bal Harbour, Fla., the AFL-CIO Executive Committee did pass a resolution calling on the Post to engage in collective bargaining with the union.)

On entering the luxurious AFL-CIO headquarters here, the pressmen had tried to get past security guards, who then shut off the elevators. The strikers, among them a 67-year-old pressman, then ran up the stairs to the eighth floor, where they succeeded in reaching Meany's office after forcing open a locked stairwell door and overcoming security guards waiting on the inside. Built with the money collected from the mass of organized workers throughout the country, women and men, Black, white, and Latin, this building was organized like a fortress against the members themselves.

MEANY REFUSES TO TALK TO STRIKERS

Meany refused to talk to the strikers when they called him from inside the building. Also in Florida at the same meeting with Meany was the international president of the pressmen's union, who was

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**South African students face death**

## 'Free the Saso 9!'

By RICHARD FERGUSON

NEW YORK, Feb. 21—Today over 100 angry demonstrators rallied at the Harlem State Office Building for two-and-a-half hours, then regrouped downtown at the South African Airlines for another 2-hour rally demanding the U.S. get out of Africa and calling for the release of the "SASO 9," seven Black and two Indian students sentenced to death in South Africa for allegedly

violating the government's vicious Terrorist Act.

Back in September 1974, after the government of South Africa had ordered a ban on any activities supporting the Frelimo revolutionaries in Mozambique, these nine students voiced their views at rallies in support of Frelimo. For this they were arrested and held for over a year before a kangaroo court handed

down the death sentences. Under the repressive Terrorist Act of South Africa, anyone criticizing the racist white minority government can be arrested without charges and held indefinitely.

Today's militant demonstration in Harlem, which was overwhelmingly Black, including many African students, was sponsored by the Pan African Student

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## THE STRUGGLE IN BRIEF

### Food workers, students halt cutback

BOSTON, Feb. 12—Food service workers at Harvard University won an important victory yesterday, as a proposed cutback was defeated following a vigorous campaign by Local 26 (Hotel, Restaurant, and Institutional Employees, AFL-CIO). The proposed cutback would have eliminated full breakfasts in 8 of the 13 university dining halls. According to an official memo, the proposal would have saved the University about \$100,000 a year, almost entirely in labor costs."

Members of Local 26 first learned of the proposal to the Committee on Housing and Undergraduate Life (CHUL) from a student source. When Chief Shop Steward Alan Balsam questioned the Director of Food Services about the impact of the proposed

cutback, he was told that it was "not a union concern."

On Jan. 28, Local 26 issued an open letter to all Harvard students warning of the impact of the proposed cutback on students, including added inconvenience, overcrowding, and little savings. In addition, the open letter explained that although the proposal called for no layoffs, "workers will be transferred and shifted around; and what of those workers who have worked the same shift for years and because of family responsibilities cannot move to another shift?"

During the next two weeks, petitions were developed against the cutback in many of the dormitories. In one dormitory, a mass meeting of workers and students unanimously rejected the proposal.

### Pa. rally: 'Stop murders by police!'

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 16—A militant demonstration demanding an end to police murders of Black people drew attention and wide support today from a lunchtime crowd at City Hall here.

Organized by the Citywide Ad Hoc Committee Against Political Repression and Police Brutality, the mostly Black picket line raised the demand for a citizen review board and a boycott of the Bicentennial.

Surrounded by members of the "civil disobedience squad," a special police unit whose job it is to spy on and intimidate demonstrators, the men, women, and young children forcefully chanted, "Philly is a police state, what do we have to celebrate?" and "Stop racist police terror, stop the war against Black America," receiving nods of agreement from observers who had gathered nearby.

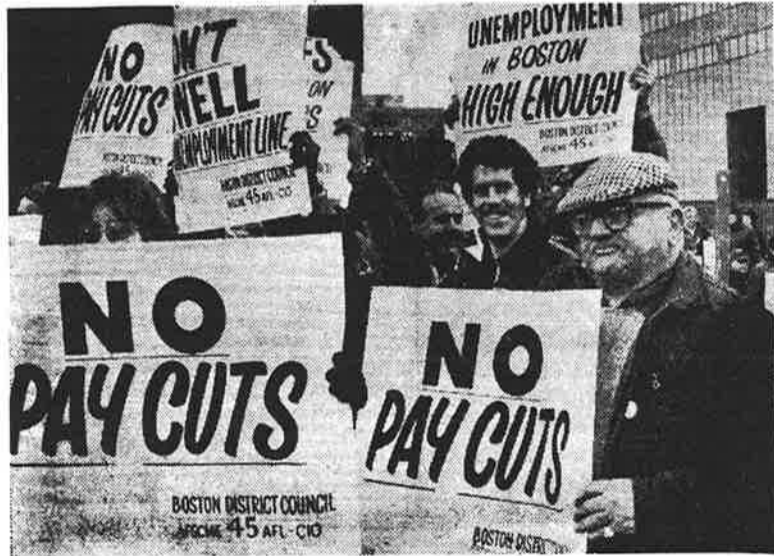
A spokesperson addressing the crowd of some 25 people and numerous passersby stated, "The police in this city will kill when they get ready."

In an unexpected twist of fate, this statement had already been proven true only the night before with the shooting death of a 16-year-old Black youth in Germantown, a northwest section of the city. According to police, the youngster was walking down the street carrying a television set and when approached by an officer threw the set at him. For this alleged act he was shot in the head three times! No weapon was found on the dead youth's body, although police also claim that he reached into his back pocket for "something."

Between 1973 and the summer of

last year, Philadelphia cops killed over 75 of some 180 civilians they shot. In none of these cases, however, was any cop prosecuted, suspended, or punished in any way. Under the direction of Mayor and ex-officio police chief Frank Rizzo, the city plans to hire 8,000 more cops to maintain "law 'n' order" during the Bicentennial.

The rally exposed this expansion of the police force with its blood-stained tactics as part of a nationwide drive by the U.S. government to crush Black protest against unemployment, racism, and cuts in badly needed social services. The committee's spokesperson declared, "We are going to continue to raise the question (of police terror) during the Bicentennial year because we have nothing to celebrate in this police state city."



Boston workers march on City Hall Plaza in protest of city's layoff scheme.

### Shah's navy training in U.S. opposed

Special to WORKERS WORLD NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 20—The Shah of Iran has been seeking to establish an Iranian Naval Training Unit (INTU) in the U.S., but the "King of Kings" has found that it takes more than a clap of his hands to get his way despite his strong support from the U.S. government.

Several well-known universities such as Berkeley and the University of Southern California have already been forced to turn down the Shah's lucrative offer. Leading the fight against the INTU has been the Iranian Student Association (ISA).

The Shah figured he would find no opposition in Norfolk, the center for the largest naval complex in the world, so as a last resort he approached Old Dominion University (ODU). But he found that no matter what corner of the world he crawls into, he will be exposed and opposed.

Two rallies have been organized by the ISA at ODU. Each numbered more than 200 people. ISA speakers have exposed the brutality of the Shah's regime. They have pointed out that right now, the Iranian navy is being used in a war of genocide against the people of Oman in the Arabian Gulf.

The ISA has also detailed some

of the reasons the Shah wants the INTU built in the U.S.

First, even though it would be cheaper to build the facilities, maintain them, and hire instructors in Iran (and would provide much-needed jobs), the monarchy-dictatorship is facing growing resistance from the Iranian people.

Secondly, "training" is not the sole purpose of the INTU. Without U.S. help, the Shah would tumble, by establishing the INTU in the U.S., it will aid in supporting the Shah's regime, and more importantly, prepare for U.S. military intervention in the Arabian Gulf area.

Despite the opposition that has been demonstrated at ODU, the university board of directors has approved the INTU. "The internal policies of Iran are not our concern," the chairman of the board callously commented.

The struggle to stop the establishment of this barbarous institution will continue. In a declaration supporting ISA activities, the Norfolk branch of Youth Against War & Fascism stated: "It is the duty of all anti-imperialist students and progressives in Norfolk to unite and oppose this attempt to expand the U.S. empire through training of the Shah's navy."

### 3,000 hit Boston city layoff plan

By C.C. MYERS

BOSTON, Feb. 19—Today 3,000 city workers and supporters filled City Hall Plaza to demonstrate their determination to stop the layoffs of 600 workers scheduled for March 1. The rally was called by the two unions which together represent over 9,000 city employees: the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) and Service Employees Local 285.

Mayor Kevin White issued a statement before the rally saying, "I deeply regret having had to make a decision to lay off some 600 employees in the face of a projected \$33 million deficit. But something must be done, and done quickly, to save this city from financial chaos."

The something, apparently, does not include any trimming of the face-lifting being done on the Boston Common in time for the Bicentennial celebration. Nor has the mayor ordered any cuts in the swollen ranks of School Department administrative personnel (1,000 of them, while San Francisco, with a similar size system, has only 400).

Yet this week four drug rehabilitation centers were closed, and plans are under way to reduce even further the already inadequate level of services at Boston City Hospital.

Although members of the two city unions supported White's reelection campaign last fall, they are beginning to realize how expendable they are in the face of a drop in Boston's credit rating, while the banks are raising the interest demanded for city bonds.

Workers left today's rally shouting, "Strike! Strike!"

## DECLINE AND FALL

### HONOR AMONG THIEVES

Newsweek, Feb. 23:

"... To some businessmen the most distasteful feature of the Lockheed scandals was the exaggerated scale of the payoffs. 'They overpaid,' says a California aerospace executive with extensive experience. 'They could have gotten by for maybe \$100,000. There was no need to pay a million bucks to anyone. It reflects their lack of expertise.'"

"Perhaps even worse, Lockheed spilled too many beans and embarrassed too many old friends when it got caught. 'As a result of Lockheed,' says a major Japanese executive, 'businessmen have lost their trust in the honor of these big American companies

who will squeal on their partners and agents.'"

### BUTCHERING THE PAYROLL IN BRITAIN

Automotive News, Jan. 5 (an interview with Alex Park, chief executive of British Leyland, Ltd.—automotive manufacturers):

"Thanks to our de-hiring programs, our personnel has been reduced from 211,000 to 181,000 people. We have not replaced those who left us. We offer bonuses to those who depart voluntarily.

"I have already gone through similar surgical operations in the past. In one of my companies they even called me 'the butcher.' I am not ruthless. I am fair. . . . It is well understood that we must be an international commercially viable company, not an annex to the Salvation Army.'"

### ... BUT FIRING CROOKED COPS? "COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE"

New York Daily News, Feb. 5:

"Police Commissioner Michael J. Codd ruled yesterday that five admitted members of a disbanded sergeant's shakedown club can keep their jobs even though they agreed to retire in exchange for guilty pleas at a Police Department trial.

"The decision, written by trials commissioner Philip R. Michael, concerns 17 members of the sergeants' club, which flourished for five years out of the Astoria Blvd. station house in Queens.

"The majority of those involved in the 114th Precinct Sergeants' Club were not immoral men," Commissioner Michael wrote. "They would have willingly exchanged their illicit income for the satisfaction of belonging to a corruption-free department." Asserting that hundreds of

men still within the department may have been involved in similar operations, he said it would be counterproductive to purge them all."

### WHY NOT ASK ANY PRISONER?

The New York Times, Feb. 3:

"Raleigh, N.C.—The State Department of Corrections has awarded a \$26,650 grant to North Carolina State University to find out what makes prison inmates decide to escape."

### EVEN THE WHITE HOUSE KNOWS WIN IS A TOTAL LOSS

U.S. News & World Report, Feb. 2:

"Insiders report that the White House has no more funds to pay for WIN—the Ford 'Whip Inflation Now' campaign—and still owes \$2,500 to the firm that designed WIN buttons."

So nobody bit the bullet, but WIN sure bit the dust!

**ROAR goons get police escort****Organized racist attacks on the rise in Boston**

By DAVID OSBORNE

BOSTON, Feb. 21—Boston is currently experiencing a resurgence of racist violence led and organized by the fascist group ROAR. This resurgence has included additional gang violence, against Black families in predominantly white communities, riots in South Boston last Sunday that sent over 70 police to the hospital, and the disruptions of meetings in the Black community by thugs based in by ROAR from South Boston, with police escort.

**VIOLENCE AGAINST BLACK FAMILY**

In the last week of January, racist gangs threw rocks and bricks at an apartment then occupied by the Bradley family. The stated goal of the attackers was to drive the family from that Dorchester neighborhood. Countless calls to the police brought no assistance, and on Jan. 30 the gangs forced the Bradleys to move out. A similar assault was launched on another Black family two blocks away.

A press conference denouncing these attacks was held by State Representative Mel King, and the Church Task Force on Education denounced the attacks on television. The landlord of the building the Bradleys were driven from has brought charges against

two of the youths.

**DISRUPT COMMUNITY MEETINGS**

On Feb. 3, ROAR disrupted community meetings in South Boston and East Boston held by the Citywide Coordinating Council. The CCC was appointed by Federal Judge Garrity to oversee the desegregation process. The hearings were to gather community testimony on further steps in the process.

On Feb. 13 ROAR led two busloads of thugs to the hearings at English High School on the edge of the Black community. They disrupted the hearing and brought it to a complete halt while police sat by. Community people were forced to leave the hall while the disrupters vandalized it.

On Feb. 15 ROAR staged a so-called "Father's Day March Against Forced Busing" in South Boston. The mob was armed with bats, clubs, bricks, and even tear gas canisters, which they hurled at police surrounding South Boston High. Over 70 police were sent to the hospital, their names and injuries printed in a casualty list in the Boston Globe. Rioting broke out on subsequent days, and ROAR plans another large demonstration on Sunday, Feb. 20.

A number of Black families have demanded a federal investigation of ROAR, but the Federal Attorney

is dragging his feet.

In related developments, four police were suspended for their roles in the Rabbit Inn affair of October 1974. They were found to have used excessive force in breaking up a disturbance at the Rabbit Inn, a bar in South Boston frequented by ROAR members. Even though these police raids are a dime a dozen in city bars, ROAR made this incident a case for a full-blown media attack on police violation of "white civil rights." The suspension of these officers is a racist slap in the face to hundreds of Black families across the country (such as that of Clarence Morgan in Virginia) whose loved ones have been gunned down by

bloodthirsty cops, with no action taken.

Also recently 13 ROAR parents were found guilty of violating the truancy laws by having their children boycott schools. Their decision to appeal to individual jury trials has caused public officials to complain that action against all the violators will be impossible for the courts to handle.

In one positive recent development, Judge Garrity granted a motion by Hispanic students to have their bilingual program shifted out of South Boston High. All 25 students, in three different grades, had been forced to study all their subjects with the same teacher in the same room all day

long, and they had not been allowed to speak Spanish among themselves.

There is a new and more dangerous upsurge of the racist, anti-busing campaign. Demonstrations like the two against Wallace, and actions like those of East Boston parents who voted down Pixie Palladino and ROAR at a recent community school meeting, are a help in building a counter-thrust to the racists. Growing support for eight East Boston anti-racists who defended Black homes against racist attacks is also important. Pretrial hearings in this case have now been rescheduled for Friday, Feb. 27.

**Cut higher education in Jersey? 6,000 invade Trenton, say 'No way'**

Six thousand students surround the State Building in Trenton, N.J., protesting cutbacks, tuition hikes, and faculty layoffs.

**Protesters counter Wallace for second time in Boston**

By JOHN IVERSON

SOMERVILLE, Mass., Feb. 18—Tonight George Wallace was confronted by over 200 anti-racists at a campaign rally in this working class city bordering Boston.

Demonstrators held a spirited march from the city hall-high school complex to the armory, where Wallace was about to spew his anti-working class, racist rhetoric. Despite rain and drizzle, a militant picket line was set up in front of the armory with chants of "We say no to racism," "No more Wallace, no more Hicks, no more racist rocks and bricks," and "Stop the war against Black

America."

Many passersby shouted encouragement, clenched their fists, and honked their car horns in support of the march and picket line.

People from Somerville Tenants Union, Youth Against War & Fascism, Prairie Fire, and New American Movement united to show Wallace that he cannot expect to launch his racist drive for the Presidency without opposition in the Boston area. Marchers vowed to hold anti-racist demonstrations whenever Wallace appears and appealed to their sisters and brothers in other primary states to do the same.

Young Black children carried signs and chanted "Smash imperialism!" Demonstrators held this militant line at the airline office for another two hours.

The sweeping victories of the Angolan people in liberating their land from U.S. and South African repression that for years robbed Angolan land and enslaved Angolan people make it easy to see why the fascist government of South Africa is now shaking in its boots and trying to repress the Black people of South Africa ever more with stepped-up imprisonment and murder.

This poem, introduced as evidence against the SASO 9, conveys the new spirit and hope rising among the long-oppressed majority in South Africa:

"I am black, I am proud,  
I am insulted every day,  
My people are scorned every moment.

But the day will come  
When I'll be free of the yoke of  
the white man.

Black man, black nation,  
Arise, arise from the slumber,  
Prepare yourself for the war  
We are about to start."

**—SASO 9**

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Organization and supported by Youth Against War & Fascism. Demonstrators chanted, "Smash Apartheid, free the SASO 9!" "Coca-Cola, IBM, out of South Africa," "Africa will be free, drive imperialists to the sea," and "Zimbabwe yes, Rhodesia no!"

There were banners demanding the release of the nine students and also flags reading "Victory to the MPLA," connecting the heroic victories of our brave Angolan sisters and brothers to the liberation of all oppressed African people. The demonstrators remained at the Harlem State Office Building for two-and-a-half hours with continuous chanting and a very militant line.

At 2:00 p.m. the demo moved to the South African Airlines, where white supporters joined the line. Several passersby stopped to give support and find out more about the SASO 9 and the repressive government of South Africa.

By BARBARA RYAN

TRENTON, N.J., Feb. 10—In a rally and demonstration cosponsored by the New Jersey Student Association (NJSA) and the American Federation of Teachers (AFT), over 6,000 angry students and teachers assembled today outside the State Building in Trenton to demand no cutbacks, no tuition hike, and no faculty layoffs.

Under the state's proposed budget for the 1977 fiscal year the outlay for higher education would be slashed by \$19.5 million. This massive cut means that over 500 teachers would be fired, the teaching load for the remaining teachers would be increased by 25 to 30 percent, and there would be 5,000 fewer students in the state college system. In addition, students in the state colleges, Rutgers University, and New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) would face a tuition increase of \$300 or approximately 50 percent while students at the College of Medicine and Dentistry would face an increase of \$3,250 or almost 300 percent!

Speakers at the rally included the president of the AFT, several union officials, including the head of New Jersey's AFL-CIO, and student and faculty representatives from the eight state colleges, Rutgers, NJIT, and the College of Medicine and Dentistry.

Most of the speakers stressed the need for student-faculty unity in the fight against the budget cuts.

A few speakers who suggested that New Jersey's fiscal crisis would be solved by some form of state income tax were greeted with boos, while those who spoke in favor of taxing the rich and the corporations were greeted with cheers. It was obvious to many people at the rally that the income tax is just another way to make the working people of New Jersey pay more for essential social services while the corporations contribute almost nothing.

**GOVERNOR IGNORES PROTEST**

At one point in the demonstration, it was announced that Gov. Brendan Byrne was meeting inside with the student leaders. The president of William Paterson College's Student Government Association told the crowd that the governor was trying to separate the student leaders from the masses of students. The crowd demanded that Byrne come out and speak to all the students. The chants of "We want Byrne" continued for almost an hour.

As it became increasingly clear that Byrne would not be coming out to speak, many students broke down the police barricades and

stormed the State Building. Although the State Police prevented the students from getting inside the building, the students, many of them Third World students who will be most affected by the proposed cuts, threatened to stay on the steps of the State Building until Byrne came out. They chanted, "The people united will never be defeated." There were some scuffles with the police—20 students and police were sent to the hospital and five students were arrested. Finally, police dogs were brought in to disperse the crowd.

This demonstration was perhaps the most militant confrontation in New Jersey since the Vietnam war. There are those who charge that the militant nature was due to the presence of "outside agitators." But can over 6,000 people be labelled outside agitators?

This demonstration served notice on Governor Byrne, Chancellor of Higher Education Ralph Dungan, and the state legislators that the students and faculty of New Jersey will not sit idly by as the system of higher education in New Jersey is destroyed. Over 6,000 people in Trenton on Thursday told the state that education is our right, not a privilege.

## 'Right to work' against workers' rights

# California court hits union shop

By KENNY PETERSON

NEW YORK, Feb. 21—A U.S. district court judge in California has ruled in favor of a suit brought by the so-called National Right to Work Committee that would place severe restrictions on the union shop. Trumpeted as "a stunning victory" by the management-oriented Business Week magazine, the ruling certainly has the potential of doing great damage to the union movement and the cause of working people.

In the California suit, which was brought against the Brotherhood of Railway & Airline Clerks (BRAC), U.S. District Court Judge Leland C. Nielsen ruled that money collected from workers who object to paying dues under either a union shop or agency shop contract cannot be spent by the union for anything other than the direct costs of collective bargaining. Specifically ruled out by the court were the use of agency shop dues for organizing, publishing membership newspapers, holding conventions, and paying per capita dues to the AFL-CIO.

(An agency shop agreement requires all workers, union members and non-members, to pay union dues. A union shop is one in which all the workers are required to join the union.)

This decision "in effect abolishes the union shop," said Joseph L. Rauh, Jr., the attorney for BRAC. At the very least, the ruling will necessitate an intricate and cumbersome accounting procedure. It is also a tempting springboard for the corporations to seek further judicial attacks on the rights of union members and workers generally.

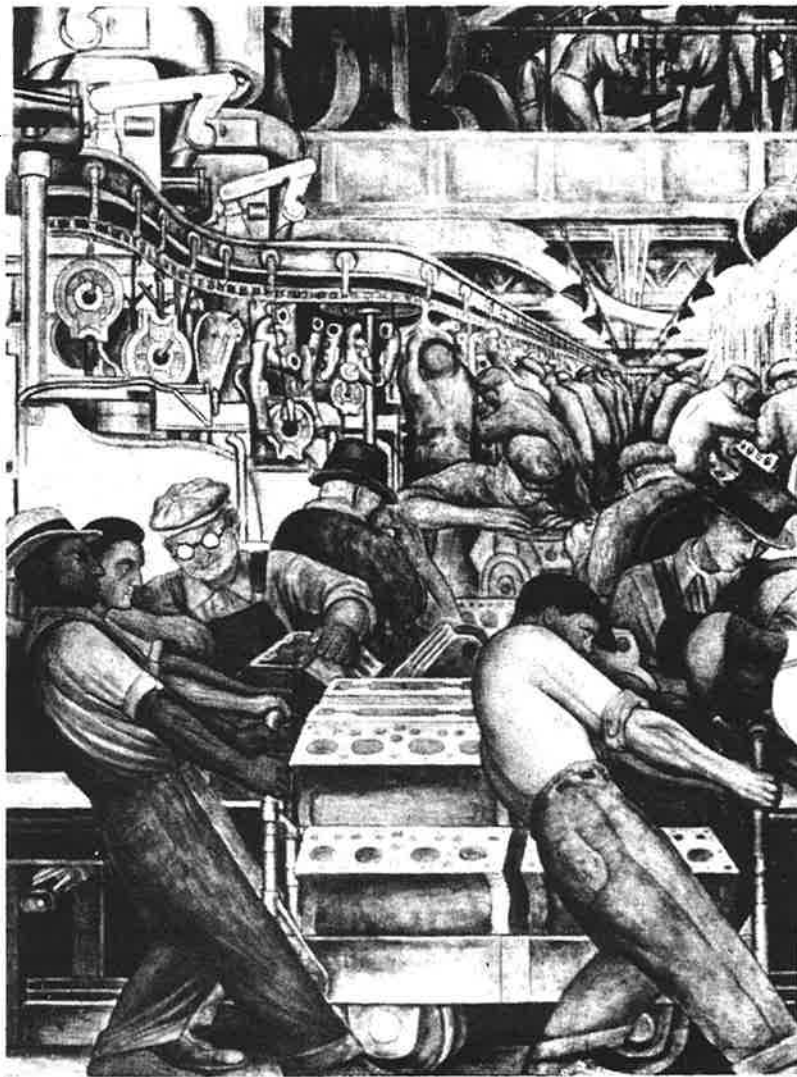
The so-called Right to Work Committee deserves mention as an example of how the bosses can use words to mean the very opposite of what they seem to say. This committee, as well as the "right-to-work" laws that are on the books in 19 states, has as its purpose the outlawing of the union shop. Rather than the "right to work," the committee is really interested in the right of bosses to deny work to unionists and deny unions to workers.

The phrase "right to work" is like the terms "open shop" and "closed shop," which were also invented by the bosses to confuse the public and put unions on the defensive. The bosses' ideal of the "open shop," which is supposed to sound so right, is of course a shop very much closed to unions, closed

to dignity for the workers, and closed to decent wages and conditions—while the sinister-sounding "closed shop" is in reality only closed to the bosses' ability to exploit and oppress the workers without challenge.

As far as the latest victory of the Right to Work Committee in California over the union shop goes, it remains to be seen how effective this decision is in rolling back the working class movement. In the 200 years of struggle between the classes in the U.S., the courts have consistently, with few exceptions, attempted to steal back from the workers the victories they won on the picket line. At times, the courts even tried to steal the picket line too.

While there is no doubt that the bosses and their courts have often imposed setbacks on the working class movement, the ability of the workers to regain lost positions and make tremendous strides forward has been proven time and again. Courts, judges, and repressive laws have never been the decisive force in history. It is the struggle of working and oppressed people which is the vital factor in society.



A Diego Rivera mural.

## 1,000 strikers show union solidarity

# Forge company threatens runaway

By BRAD KANE

BUFFALO, Feb. 19—Over 1,000 production and maintenance workers at two Buffalo Forge Co. plants here are being threatened with the loss of their jobs as their strike enters the 21st week.

Negotiations between the company and Locals 1874 and 3732 of the United Steel Workers (USW) were last held December 30 and there is no sign of them resuming. Since then, the company has cancelled a \$500,000 expansion of one of its local plants, raising much publicized speculation that it is planning to shut down all its local operations. This threat is being used as an instrument to force the strikers back to work.

The Buffalo Forge Co. is notorious for its anti-labor practices and low wages. It recently carried out a vicious union-busting campaign aimed at 370 clerical and

technical employees, who were on strike for over a year trying to get a decent union contract.

### STRIKE SOLIDARITY

The strikers, mainly women, conducted very militant picket lines and sustained over 30 arrests in the many months they were out. In April of last year, the members of AFSCME, TWUA, Operating Engineers, IBEW, and many USW locals and other union people rallied together with the strikers in a tremendous display of worker solidarity, and then joined their picket line.

Throughout the strike, the police sided with the company, and their response to this picket was no different. As the orderly picket of over 100 workers was ending, the police charged them, and proceeded to jump three. Arrested were Bill Covington, a taxi driver,

Tom Comar, a member of IBEW, and USW staff representative Joe Benbenek, all of whom were beaten and roughed up.

Both Bill and Tom are scheduled to go to trial March 9 on charges of disorderly conduct, obstructing governmental administration, and resisting arrest. Many activities and fund-raisers have already been held in support of these two brothers and a full courthouse of supporters is expected for the trial.

### COMPANY BREAKS STRIKE

Meanwhile, the company replaced many of the white collar workers who had joined the union. After the 1-year period required by law had passed and no contract had been negotiated, a decertification vote was called for by the company and the union was defeated by a narrow margin.

The company has continued

these anti-labor practices against the present strike of the production workers. Issues in the strike revolve around working conditions, pension plan improvements, cost of living increases, and wages. Buffalo Forge workers are paid considerably less than other workers with the same skills in area plants and as a result are asking for hefty wage increases to bring them up to par. These demands have been called "intolerable and unreasonable" by Buffalo Forge President David R. Newcomb.

What is really "intolerable" about the entire Buffalo Forge situation is that the company's earnings have more than tripled in the 1975 fiscal year despite a lower than normal production level. The company can well afford to pay the strikers' demands.

However, the company is only concerned with its rate of profit, and it is now attempting, as it did with the office workers, to break the union or possibly move to the South where lack of unionization results in considerably lower wages.

Plant closings, union-bustings, and runaway plants have severely affected the lives of thousands of workers and their families in the Buffalo area, where the unemployment rate is now "officially" over 13 percent but is actually much higher.

In the past five years, 39 major industrial plants have placed the closed sign on their doors, leaving over 10,000 workers jobless, and in the past month Grant's department stores and the Western Electric plant have added their employees (over 3,500) to unemployment lines.

If the Buffalo Forge Co. decides to move its plant elsewhere or transfer its local operations to one of its plants in Virginia or Mexico, it will add yet another 1,000 workers to the already unbearable jobless toll here.

## Real right to work

In the socialist countries, the "right to work" is just that, the right to work. It is no demagogic slogan by the bosses to drive down the wages of working people as it is in the U.S. The right to work in the socialist countries is very real, just like the right to free medical care and free education.

There is no unemployment in the Soviet Union, in People's China, in Cuba, Vietnam, and the other socialist countries. And the right to work also means the right to work with union representation, decent wages, paid vacations, on-the-job health care and childcare, and all the other things that the so-called "right to work" forces in the U.S. are so very much opposed to.

## 4 arrested protesting while

# Prestigious university honors prestigious pusher

BALTIMORE, Feb. 22—One of America's most prestigious universities had its humanitarian mask ripped away today as more than 60 Iranian students and their American supporters protested and disrupted the awarding of an honorary doctorate of law degree by Johns Hopkins University to Ashraf Pahlavi, twin sister of the infamous Shah of Iran.

Iran is one of the most repressive, brutal regimes in the world, rivaling Chile, south Korea, and South Africa. There are more than 40,000 political prisoners rotting away in the Shah's dungeons and concentration camps. Torture and summary execution are commonplace occurrences. All democratic and social rights are denied the Iranian

people, who suffer all the economic ravages of a classic colony.

Savak agents (Iranian secret police) terrorize not only those Iranians living at home, but others throughout the entire world. Risking deportations, which would be certain death, members of the Iranian Student Association (ISA) displayed remarkable dedication, courage, and determination in their effort to expose the brutal, fascist dictator.

While 60 demonstrators held a spirited picket line denouncing the Shah as a fascist butcher, two Iranian students plus five North American friends disrupted the shameful awards program from within.

Unfurling banners, they began shouting that the university was

disgracing itself by awarding a doctorate of law degree to an international heroin pusher. They pointed out that the "princess" was arrested in 1965 in Switzerland for trying to smuggle in a suitcase of heroin. They cited as documentation a report from the International Federation of Narcotics Education.

But university security personnel and Baltimore police acting in conjunction with the Savak, moved to silence the protesters. All seven were forcibly evicted and five were arrested on disorderly conduct charges. Those arrested were Mahmood Farazdaghi, activist and leader in the ISA, Charlotte Flounders, YAWF, Michael Pione, YAWF, Michael Hoffhimer, YAWF, and Jack

Sinnigen of the Baltimore Marxist Group.

Both the arrests and the demonstration received much TV and press coverage. Two major TV stations featured it as their top local story. If the Shah and his CIA mentors had hoped that Johns Hopkins University could confer a veneer of respectability on the hated regime, then today's events came as a rude shock. They succeeded only in exposing to tens of thousands of American people the murderous nature of the Shah's regime and the ignominious role of a supposed institution of higher learning.

Down with the Shah!

Long live the resistance of the Iranian people!

# Redlining: Banks plan neighborhood decay

By G. SCHMIDT

NEW YORK, Feb. 21—During this past week, New York's Governor Hugh Carey, aware of the growing anger among New York City tenants, has been pretending concern over the widespread deterioration of Black, Latin, and poor white neighborhoods.

He has been trying to give himself a populist cover by attacking the banks' long-standing practice of "redlining"; that is, the practice whereby the banks and other lending institutions decide to make no more mortgage loans on real estate in certain neighborhoods, no matter how good the credit of the borrower or the merits of the properties. The South Bronx, Bedford-Stuyvesant in Brooklyn, and Lower East Side in Manhattan are typical of neighborhoods that have been redlined for years.

How does redlining work, and will Carey's "remedy" make any difference?

Under capitalism, in a typical income-producing real estate property, the developer, or builder, puts as little of his own money, or equity, into the initial land purchase and construction costs as he can get away with. The difference between the total development cost and the developer's equity has to be financed through a mortgage loan from a bank or other lending institution.

## FINANCING STRUCTURED AROUND PROFITS

Through the years following the property's development, the rents paid by the tenants are used by the developer, now landlord, to pay the taxes, insurance premiums, and operating maintenance expenses for the property. After all these expenses are paid, most of the rest of the collected rents are supposed to go toward paying off the mortgage. Whatever is left from the rents goes to the landlord as profit.

The typical landlord sells the property after holding it for 10 to 12 years because that is about the time that his income tax advantages run out. The buyer has to arrange for a new mortgage loan from the banks to meet the purchase price. Most of the purchase money is then used to repay the outstanding amount of the old mortgage, with the rest going to the landlord-developer as return of his original equity and additional profit.

If the real estate market has gone into a slump, as is now the case, there probably isn't a ready buyer for the property. The landlord, who still wants to extract his original equity and the additional profit, goes back to the bank holding the mortgage and tries to refinance, or restructure, the loan so that the landlord comes away with cash in hand, yet still owns the property.

## CODE PHRASES SPREAD THE WORD

When the leading banks and institutions make their decisions to redline certain neighborhoods, those decisions are reported on the real estate and financial pages of the daily and trade papers, disguised as stories of "problem loans" or "ethnic population shifts" or "high crime and vandalism rates." (Apparently, the bankers figure that no one outside the financial field ever reads these stories, since they have one and all denied Carey's accusations of redlining.) Virtually everyone in the real estate field understands the code phrases, so that, in very short order, all the other banks and

institutions have joined the redlining.

The banks, past masters along with other major corporations at the practice of "last hired-first fired" regarding the oppressed nationalities, as a means to foment working class disunity, have fallen prey to their own racism by basing their decisions to redline on the numbers of Black and Latin people who are moving into neighborhoods in search of decent housing. Now the banks fear that their own racist hiring practices will cause the income potential of properties within these neighborhoods to become unstable, thereby imperiling their mortgages. This is probably another reason Hugh Carey is now "concerned" about redlining.

## END PRODUCT: DECAY

The landlords in these neighborhoods, upon learning that they

have been redlined, know that there will no longer be willing buyers nor further possibilities for refinancing the properties. With only profit for their motivation in the first place, they then begin to intensify the bleeding of the property by no longer paying the taxes (it now takes New York City three to four years to get around to legally proceed against a tax-delinquent property) nor making repairs of any kind. In a relatively short time, the plaster walls are crumbling, the roof leaks so the ceilings cave in, the heating system works one day out of three, and the plumbing rusts out. The cockroaches and rats swarm because the landlord doesn't call the exterminator anymore.

When this process happens to all the buildings in a neighborhood, the people who can afford to move out do so; the rest are forced to stay. The number of totally

destructive fires in the neighborhood escalates, because the landlords figure that they haven't been paying the insurance premiums all those years for nothing. With city cutbacks in the fire department concentrated in the redlined neighborhoods, those fires become increasingly fatal.

Eventually, the city gets around to taking over the tax-delinquent properties, but there is no improvement in the tenants' condition, because the city has also been redlined by the same banks who are demanding cutbacks in every social service in the name of "fiscal responsibility."

## POLITICIANS, BANKERS HAVE THE ANSWER

Governor Carey envisions a "mortgage pool," made up of contributions from the state-chartered banks, for investment in

the redlined areas. A bill containing this provision had already been defeated last year in the banker-controlled New York Legislature. Even if such a "mortgage pool" were to be enacted, however, it would be a mere token of the profits totaling billions that the banks have extracted for decades from these very neighborhoods through exorbitant rents working people have to pay.

But there is an answer. Working people must counter redlining with a "Red Revolution" that will for all time break the power of the banks and convert the profits of banks and other corporations to the benefit of living conditions. Then, no longer will landlords torch a building with sleeping tenants, for there will be no landlords and worker-tenants will control their own buildings without the profit motive.



Jobless youth at unemployment office in Jersey City. They "make us go through this kind of humiliation just to stay alive."

## For catching the flu

# Unemployment office fines worker \$90

By BILL DEL VECCHIO

JERSEY CITY, N.J., Feb. 23—What happens if you're sick on the day you're supposed to report to the unemployment office?

I found out the hard way. Having been stricken with the latest flu virus on the day I was supposed to report, I called up the office and asked what I should do. They told me not to worry about it, and just come in as soon as I could and report to line "1" instead of my regular line.

My first thoughts were, "Here it comes, they're going to try to cut me off." I was sure line "1" was the interrogation line, just like the famous line "0" I was always sent to when I collected my benefits in New York two years ago.

I call unemployment office interviews interrogations because whenever I was "interviewed" it reminded me of the way Sergeant Joe Friday "interviewed" suspects on Dragnet.

But nothing happened when I finally got to line "1". They just asked he how long I had been sick,

gave me my check, and told me I had to report in two weeks to the information desk on the second floor.

## HURRY UP AND WAIT

Two weeks later I discovered that the purpose of the information desk on the second floor is to get information, not give information.

My appointment was on the day after Washington's birthday, and the office was overflowing with people. I waited for 10 minutes on one line that was under a sign that said information until I found out it was the extended extended benefits line.

I walked around the second floor for about another 20 minutes before I found the information desk hidden by four extended extended benefits lines.

I handed the staffer my appointment slip and asked what I should do. She just took it without saying a word and dropped it in a basket on her desk. Again I asked what I should do, since I was standing in the middle of a line and

there was no other place to wait. She told me to wait somewhere and my name would be called.

Standing in between lines, against the walls, and on the stairs were about 35 people just like me, waiting for an interviewer to call our names. We didn't know what direction they would be coming from, whether they would keep calling our names if we didn't hear it, or what the interview was for.

For three hours I stood with a group of about 15 other "problem cases" (better known as human beings) before one of us was called.

While I was waiting, an older Black woman clerk on her way out for lunch, passed by me, stared at the 200 unemployed people stuffed into the second floor, and muttered, "Oh my god."

## CATCH 22

After four hours, in the middle of a daydream, I imagined someone had called my name. I snapped out of it and rushed into the middle of

the line, and saw an interviewer motioning to me.

The interview was the usual. "Are you available for work? Where have you applied? If I called right now would they have your application on file?" Then she handed me a paper with her version of my answers, and asked me to sign it. Then she told me they would have to hold back \$90 because I was sick and unavailable for work for one week. I tried to argue but it didn't do much good.

It isn't my fault that I was laid off. It isn't my fault that most of the companies I've applied at are having a hiring freeze, and the rest of the companies are looking for someone with 10 years' experience. (I've been out of high school only 5 years.)

But in Jersey the State treats you like you're some kind of criminal if you're out of work.

But I think the real criminals are the people who throw us out of work and make us go through this kind of humiliation just to stay alive.

## Nixon promised billions to Vietnam

# U.S. refuses to pay reparations

By LESLIE FEINBERG

NEW YORK, Feb. 21—Leaders of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam have revealed that in a heretofore secret section of the Paris agreements ending the war, former President Nixon signed a promise to pay \$3.25 billion in reparations for war damage to the DRV. Although the U.S. had let it be known that it pledged "to contribute to healing the wounds of war and to postwar reconstruction of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and throughout Indochina," no specific amounts had been made public until now.

The Vietnamese released the details of the agreement on reparations to visiting members of the U.S. Congress. The

congressional representatives were shown the final document of the Joint Economic Committee, which had been intended to carry out the terms of the agreement on postwar reconstruction. They were also read a memorandum sent from President Nixon to Vietnamese Premier Pham Van Dong.

The members of the U.S. Congress registered "shock" on learning that the previously unpublished document of the Joint Economic Committee confirmed in detail the pledge in the Nixon memorandum sent to Premier Pham Van Dong. Not only did this document confirm the amount, but it itemized the aid as so many tractors, bags of cement, etc.

The imperialist U.S. government

spent hundreds of billions of dollars in the war against the Vietnamese people, expending millions of tons of explosives, napalm, poisonous gases, phosphorus, chemical defoliants, and other horrible instruments of destruction. It has so far spent not one cent in the reconstruction of the country.

Recently a successful demonstration was held in New York on January 27 to commemorate the third anniversary of the peace accords. Organized by the New York City Friendship Committee, the demonstrators demanded the U.S. pay its debts to the country it tried to conquer and destroy.

## Wealthy Vietnamese in U.S.

# Used orphans as slaves

By CONNIE HARRIS

NEW YORK, Feb. 20—As the Vietnamese people continue to forge ahead with the socialist reconstruction of their country, those Vietnamese who fled their country to come to the U.S. are finding life here difficult.

We are not referring to the wealthy Vietnamese, whose profits from the hated dictatorship of South Vietnam enabled them to resettle comfortably, but rather to those workers and peasants who, frightened by U.S.-circulated stories of the bloodbath which would begin "when the Communists took over," panicked and fled. And, as is becoming increasingly documented, many thousands left involuntarily and even at gunpoint. Nevertheless, their flight has been used as a propaganda weapon by the U.S. capitalists to show the world how terrible communism must be if people would come halfway around the world to escape it.

Recently, however, reports have indicated that the treatment of these "refugees" borders on the inhumane. A Marine Corps general, former commander at Camp Pendleton, where more than 50,000 South Vietnamese evacuees were kept between April 29 and Oct. 31, issued a report which stated that at that camp orphans of war and children separated from their parents were being used as slaves by the wealthier Vietnamese families! Although this accusation that the children were forced to do menial work was



disputed by the public relations director of the Vietnamese Alliance Association, an organization of exiles, county welfare officials in San Diego County, where nearly 10,000 Vietnamese have settled, reported similar stories (New York Times, Feb. 1).

### MANY VIETNAMESE WISH TO RETURN

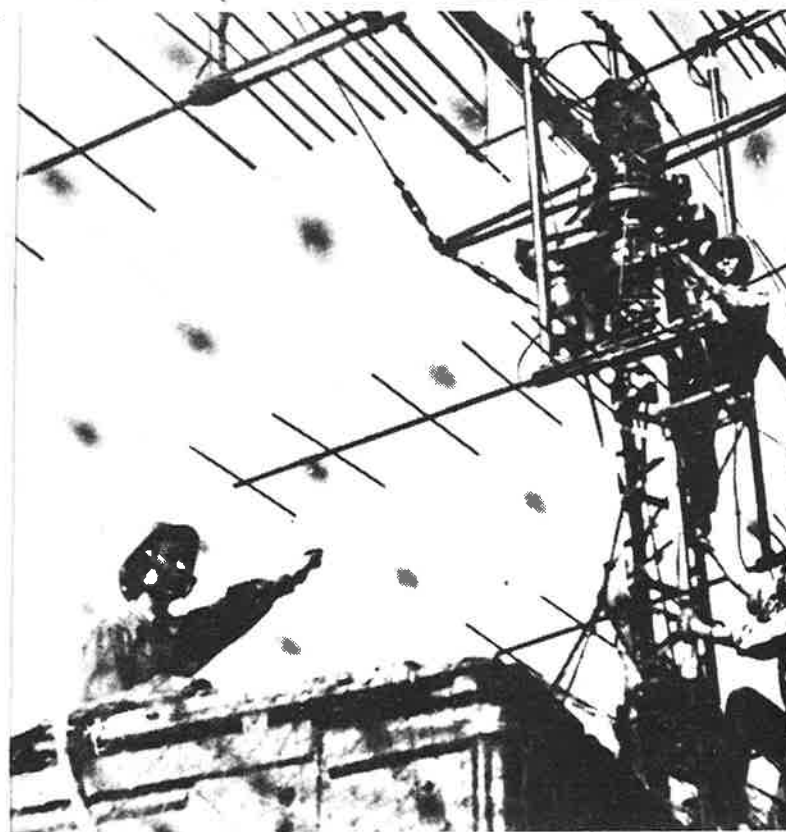
Not surprisingly, many of those Vietnamese who fled their country now want to return to it. The Provisional Revolutionary

Government of South Vietnam (PRG), through the High Commission of Refugees of the UN, has informed those who want to return that they must submit applications to the PRG, which will review each case individually. This is necessary in order to sort out those who genuinely wish to participate in the rebuilding of their country from those who might be sent back as U.S. spies or agents of counter-revolution.

Last October, in flagrant violation of this procedure, the U.S. loaded 1,500 Vietnamese from camps on Guam and elsewhere on a ship bound for South Vietnam, and then disavowed responsibility for them. The U.S. government hoped that the PRG would refuse to let the freighter "Thuong Tin" land, thus providing fresh material for a new wave of propaganda against the PRG as "heartlessly bureaucratic and totalitarian."

The PRG, however, while denouncing the U.S. move, allowed the ship to land, saying that "most of the Vietnamese refugees were either deceived or forced to leave for the United States..."

Thus, just as the U.S. underestimated the indomitable courage and resistance of the Vietnamese people, so it failed to correctly assess their humanity. It is the Vietnamese bourgeois exiles who enslave children, not the socialist liberators of South Vietnam; and it has been the United States who, for the sake of anti-communist propaganda, has mistreated and exploited the helpless refugees.



The U.S. promised billions in aid to Vietnam in the 1972 Paris Peace Accords, yet been sent. Here, units of telecommunication are being set up in the struggle to rebuild their homeland.

## In Argentina

# Coup looms as Peronist

By P. MEISNER

NEW YORK, Feb. 22—The days of the government of Isabel Martinez de Peron appear to be numbered. A devastating political and economic crisis has left Peron's regime with little support, and the possibility of an ultra-rightist military coup looms more and more as a probability. Yesterday, an irrevocable split in Peron's Justicialist National Council emerged as six loyal supporters of Isabel Peron resigned from the council while the remaining ten (mostly labor leaders) called for an entirely new cabinet.

### OPPOSITION FROM LEFT AND RIGHT

The Peron government has just about alienated the entire labor movement (including the most reactionary bureaucrats) by allowing an inflation rate of 335 percent during 1975 and by promoting a witchhunt of progressive trade unionists, radical parties, and other militant sectors of the population.

However, the greatest opposition to Peron right now is apparently coming from the right and ultra-right wing of Argentina's capitalist class, which includes the military brass. The leading capitalist business association in Argentina staged a one-day lockout last Monday claiming the government had given "exorbitant" wage increases to workers. While sometimes as high as 40 percent, these "increases," however, are actually a pay cut under the 335 percent rate of inflation! Also, the right-wing bourgeois opposition drove Isabel Peron to close a special congressional session last week when her ouster from the presidency became the primary issue.

### MINISTRY OF WELFARE A FASCIST FRONT

The Peron regime has also been plagued by a mini-version of CIA-style revelations. It was disclosed last week that the Ministry of Social Welfare helped finance the fascist terror organization known as the Argentine Anti-Communist Alliance (AAA). A congressional investigation in Buenos Aires revealed that former Social Welfare Minister Jose Lopez Rega had organized the AAA himself

back in 1973. Lopez Rega, also Peron's right hand in the government until last June, was ousted from all posts following mass workers' demonstrations protesting his ultra-right-wing policies. The AAA has carried out several hundred political assassinations of progressive Argentines with the covert support of the Peron government.

The revolutionary working class forces, however, struck back at the AAA on Feb. 5 in Buenos Aires by executing Jose Miguel Tarquini, the director of public relations for the Social Welfare Ministry. The public relations office provided the cover for the AAA's assassination operations.

The Montoneros, the leading left Peronist organization, which has

# Massive

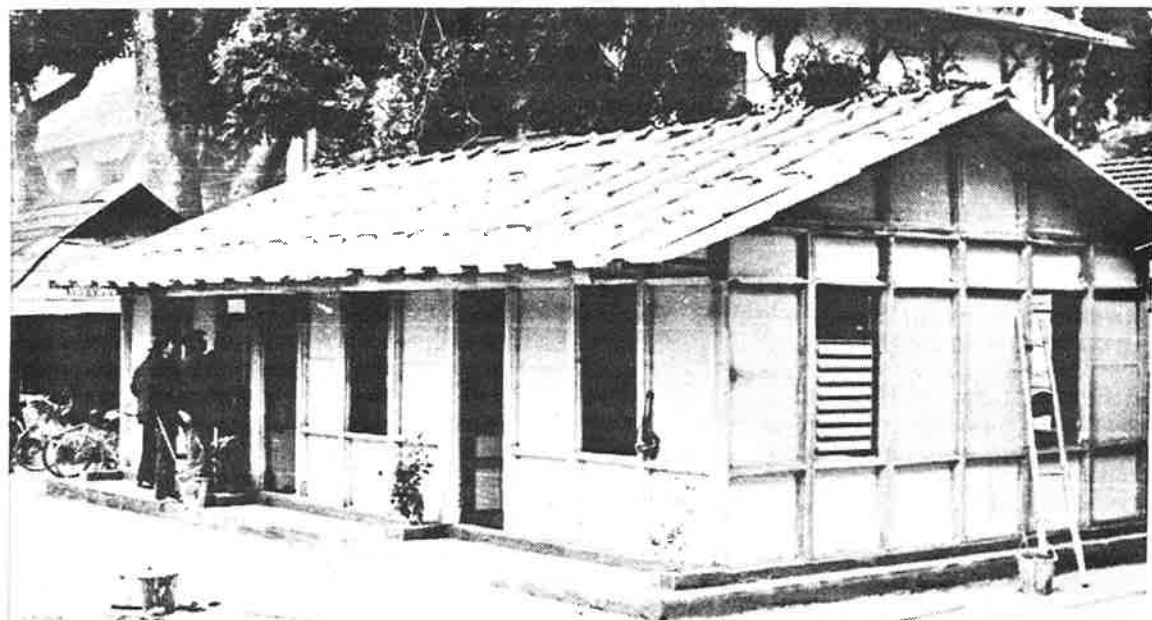
By ELIZABETH ROSS

NEW YORK, Feb. 21—The brutal, counter-revolutionary junta in Chile has received \$2 billion in foreign credits in the two-and-a-half years since it murdered President Salvador Allende and seized power.

Allende's legitimate, moderate, pacifist, "socialist" government couldn't get credit from any bank or corporation in the Western world.

Liberal leaders in the U.S. and Europe deplored the bloody manner of the junta's coming to power, but hypocritically shook their heads and clucked their tongues over what they called Allende's "mismanagement" of the Chilean economy. Was there not mounting inflation, they say, and a huge external debt that the Allende government could not or would not pay?

Did not housewives, by the tens of thousands, gather in the public boulevards of Santiago, banging their pots and pans to protest the ever-rising cost of food? Was there not support for the junta in spite of its less than legal actions in ending the Allende debacle? Many liberals hinted broadly then that the junta



Prefabricated housing is being constructed throughout Vietnam for many people the U.S. imperialists left homeless. Photo: Vietnam News Agency

# 'Power to people,' new Angola's rallying cry

By SHARON SHELTON  
NEW YORK, Feb. 24—Last November when the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) announced the formation of the People's Republic of Angola, the new nation's president, Agostinho Neto promised that the government's first priority would be to drive back "the mercenaries from Zaire, South Africa, and the Portuguese fascists fighting with them" and to unite the whole of Angola.

Neto, speaking before hundreds of thousands of joyous Luanda residents celebrating the Nov. 11 independence from Portuguese colonialism, was referring to two invader columns of pro-imperialist troops from South Africa and Zaire fighting under cover of the phony liberation movements, UNITA and FNLA. At that time, the invading forces, financed and directed by the U.S., had advanced deep into Angola.

## THREE MONTHS LATER: PUPPETS DRIVEN OUT

Today, three months later, the armed forces of the People's Republic, with Soviet aid and Cuban volunteers, have totally smashed the UNITA and FNLA forces.

By now, the MPLA-led government that was established last November has been recognized by more than 70 countries, including France, England, and finally Portugal. Even Zaire and Zambia, countries through which the U.S. channeled aid for the invasions, are reportedly reconsidering their earlier refusal to come to terms with the MPLA victory.

Currently, only a 50-mile-wide strip of Angolan land bordering Namibia remains in the hands of the arch-reactionary apartheid regime of South Africa, whose racist rulers fear the implications of Angolan liberation inside South Africa, in bordering, white-settler-ruled Rhodesia, and in Namibia,

which is illegally occupied by South African troops.

## CRUELTY OF OCCUPYING TROOPS BARED

In the wake of the recent MPLA sweep through southern Angola, liberating city after city, news of horrible atrocities committed by the pro-U.S. forces who occupied the area have surfaced.

In the Feb. 15 Manchester Guardian, a newspaper published in England, writer Jon Blair reports that the FNLA had mutilated bodies of prisoners it captured, explaining he personally has photographs "showing prisoners with genitalia removed and hearts cut out."

As a visitor in Luanda last June, Blair attests to having seen "evidence of the FNLA torturing their prisoners by means of injecting water into their testicles."

"At this time," he writes, "there was fear for the fate of approximately 150 MPLA prisoners held by the FNLA in a fortress just outside of Luanda. When this fortress was eventually captured the prisoners were never found."

Blair says he had seen a room in the back of a captured FNLA delegation house which the MPLA explained had been a torture chamber. The writer affirms he saw with his own eyes an armchair

with electric cords for the use of electric shocks.

He also relates seeing two shallow graves in another room which was said to have contained the mutilated bodies of MPLA sympathizers.

Other reports from Angola maintain that UNITA in its frantic scramble out of areas it held committed many of the same horrors. When the forces of the People's Republic arrived in Silva Porto, for example, they are reported to have found the prisons empty of MPLA prisoners.

About 100 mutilated bodies of MPLA cadres were later found clubbed to death and buried in shallow graves. According to the Feb. 17 Washington Star, several of the dead had had their eyes gouged out. Sinks inside the prison were covered with blood, apparently from UNITA jailors washing their hands before their hasty retreat.

The same grisly scene was repeated in Huambo.

(While the Western press pretends shock and dismay, it should be remembered that similar brutalities are being carried out by imperialist puppets in other countries too. It is the imperialists who train and finance the troops of FNLA and UNITA, and put racist mercenaries in as their officers, who are really responsible for the atrocities.)

Also in the wake of the spectacular defeat suffered by pro-U.S. troops, Gulf Oil and Boeing have done a rapid turnaround on the \$100 million in owed oil concessions and \$18 million in aircraft, respectively, that they stole from the Angolan people at a crucial point in the fighting.

The sudden eagerness of these huge corporations to accommodate themselves to the People's Republic attests to the complete lack of confidence of the U.S. ruling class that their puppet groups can ever be revived, despite UNITA leader Jonas Savimbi's almost comical pronouncements of beginning "guerrilla warfare."

## 'POWER TO THE PEOPLE'

Meanwhile, inside the vast areas freed by the forces of the People's Republic of Angola, according to the March 1 issue of Newsweek magazine, the "chief rallying cry" has been "Power to the People!"

What this means is beginning the arduous task of rebuilding after the destruction brought about by the months of fighting. The Angolan people are developing health and educational programs, neighborhood committees, and establishing workers' control in businesses abandoned by the Portuguese settlers who fled Angola last November.

## split widens

already declared war on Isabel Peron's government, issued a communique declaring that it had carried out the killing of Tarquini. It was also reported that a top counter-insurgency officer, Colonel Rafael Reyes, was executed on Feb. 11 in Mar del Plata by the Workers' Power Red Brigades.

While the Argentine capitalist class tries to solve its deep social crisis, the progressive trade union movement and guerrilla organizations, such as the Revolutionary Army of the People (ERP) and the Montoneros, are "recruiting new members eight times as fast as they had been a year earlier," according to private remarks recently made by right-wing military officers.

## credit to junta, Chile still 'unstable'

was a necessary evil in order to stabilize the country.

## ALL A LIE

The economic facts of the Allende period were in stark contrast to those assumptions. The regime inherited a near-bankrupt economy; under its leadership the rate of inflation was slowed down. Even without the desperately needed foreign credits, and in spite of the worst efforts of ITT and the CIA, the Allende regime put jobless people to work, raised wages of the lowest-paid majority of the workers, nationalized mines and some of the vast estates in the countryside.

All of those modest reforms were ruthlessly wiped out by the junta. "Chile is currently in the grip of the worst depression since the 1930s. Last year it suffered a 22 to 25 percent drop in industrial production, unemployment of more than 16 percent, an inflation of 340 percent and an increase in the foreign debt to \$4.4 billion, up \$900 million since the fall of the Allende government," says the New York Times of Feb. 20.

## LOANS AND MORE LOANS

But the financial giants do not

talk of "mismanagement" now.

The World Bank approved a \$33 million loan to the Chilean copper industry (although 41 percent of its voting stockholders were against it); the International Monetary Fund along with other international organizations gave \$729 million in aid; Brazil, Argentina, and of course the U.S. together invested \$295 in bilateral aid; private banks loaned \$550 million more in 1974 and "more recently a consortium of American and Canadian banks, including the Bank of America, extended \$150 million in credits to Chile," continues the same article.

Other banks determined to keep the junta going are the First National of Boston, Manufacturers Hanover Trust, Banco do Brasil, the Bank of Tokyo, and the First National City Bank of New York.

Although the junta paid \$349 million to Kennecott Copper, Anaconda, and the Cerro Corporation to ease their wounds after "their" property had been nationalized, those corporations are now claiming that they should have been paid over \$2 billion.

Twenty-three oil companies have been invited to bid for rights to explore for oil and natural gas, and

as a final proof that the U.S. establishment trusts the junta, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation is expected to announce soon that it will resume insuring private American investments in Chile. (And this in face of strong protests from religious groups, the United Nations Human Rights Commission, Amnesty International, and the International Labor Organization.)

This is all being extended on the assumption that the investments will return dividends; that the junta, through mass terror and repression, will whip the workers and poor into line so that "business as usual"—that is, the extraction of Chile's natural resources and exploitation of its labor by U.S. multi-nationals—can be resumed.

But the continued agonies of the economy are an indication that capitalist normality is no longer possible in Chile, even with the infusion of vast amounts of foreign capital. The objective conditions for socialist revolution continue to deepen, and the brave fighters of the Resistance are working to rebuild a stronger, more revolutionary working class party from the ashes of the 1973 defeat.

## Free health care and paid vacations? A constitutional right!

By JULIO GHIGLIOTTY

NEW YORK, Feb. 23—Just imagine that, in this "Buycentennial" year, a new Constitution were to be drawn up. And that, unlike the Constitution of 1787, it specified concrete rights for every member of society.

Imagine a Constitution that guaranteed the right to work, the 8-

hour day, yearly paid vacations, paid maternity leave, full equality for women in every aspect of life, the rights of children, free education for all, free medical care, and adequate low-cost housing.

And imagine that first this Constitution had been discussed extensively by the people to cover every possible need. Suppose it was so constructed that it was completely open to expansion, revision, and if necessary, to rewriting for it to be truly representative of the needs of the people.

Utopian, you say? Yes, in the United States of America in 1976.

But not in Cuba. Such a Constitution was adopted in Cuba on Feb. 15 by the overwhelming vote of the people and after their thorough and widespread participation in drafting it.

The U.S. Constitution was drawn up behind closed doors by large landowners, merchants, and lawyers most of them slave owners.

Not one rank-and-file soldier who fought in the Revolution had a say about what went into that Constitution. The amendments comprising the Bill of Rights, the only section guaranteeing any liberties to ordinary citizens, were not adopted until two years later, and then only after protests and popular rebellions such as Shays' Rebellion in 1787.

## MASS PARTICIPATION

But the new Constitution of revolutionary, socialist Cuba was discussed for a year in draft form at every level of society, especially at the local levels of mass organizations. A final draft version, incorporating all the revisions and amendments agreed to at the local level, was then put to

a popular referendum vote. The Cuban people, most of whom had already had a hand in drafting the Constitution through their membership in the local Committees for the Defense of the Revolution, trade unions, women's organizations, and so on, passed the finished product with a 97 percent affirmative vote.

This has set the imperialist press howling about "lack of democracy" in Cuba once again. Especially galling to the ruling class here is the section of the Constitution in which the Cuban people reaffirm their dedication to proletarian internationalism, as exemplified by Cuba's outstanding support of the Angolan people's liberation struggle.

This legal expression of the goals of the Cuban people and the rights they are entitled to was made possible because they fought a Revolution that broke the power of the old ruling class and its terrorist state instrument, headed by the dictator Batista.

When the army of the 26th of July Movement drove out Batista's police torturers and disarmed his soldiers, they also broke the political and economic power of the North American monopolies that had regarded Cuba as a place to make money and have fun.

Now that revolutionary victory is embodied in a Constitution that forbids the exploitation of the working class by abolishing private ownership of the means of production.

Today, 17 years after the Cuban Revolution came to power, people throughout Latin America can see the great economic and social advances that have been made in a country where there is a government, to paraphrase the words of Lincoln, of the working class, by the working class, and for the working class.

## EDITORIAL

## —Gas lobbyists

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join the ranks of the unemployed if deregulation passes.

The big oil companies, which own major shares of the country's gas, coal, uranium, and other energy resources as well, easily won over President Ford and the Federal Power Commission to their side in this huge swindle. Lusting after the 500 percent increase in profits they anticipate from higher gas prices, the petroleum giants have opened a two-pronged offensive.

First, they have mounted a vicious scare campaign, threatening to create a heating shortage by limiting production—shutting off wells—if they don't get their way. Second, they have laid siege to Congress to bully and bribe it into passing the necessary legislation.

The Senate quickly caved in and ordered deregulation.

The House of Representatives was targeted next. One congressperson complained bitterly that "it appears that there is no shortage of energy to fly gas and oil company planes to Washington to 'blitz' the Congress on deregulation of higher profits."

While the House finally voted to abolish price ceilings only for the smaller "independent" producers and not the big monopolies, the battle is far from over. Exxon and the others will be back, and soon.

All this raises an interesting question: if super-rich companies are able to descend on Congress like a horde of locusts in order to get their way, why can't the 15 million unemployed go down to D.C. one fine day, surround the Capitol building, and get some justice for themselves? After all, they need relief a lot more than the big oil barons do.

## Garment lockout

In a vicious attack on the most basic rights of working people, the New York State Department of Labor has refused to pay unemployment insurance to the more than 30,000 workers, mostly women, who have been locked out by New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut clothing manufacturers.

The plight of these locked-out women workers, most of whom are Black, Latin, and Asian, is compounded by the failure of the class collaborationist International Ladies Garment Workers Union (ILGWU) officials to provide any union benefits since the bosses closed their shops nine days ago.

The 30,000 layoffs began shortly after the ILGWU negotiated a new contract with 200 dress jobbers, where most of the women's clothes produced by the garment industry in the New York area are cut, designed, and marketed. Although the union got an agreement from the jobbers to increase the workers' pay (which averaged only \$104.76 per week under the old contract) by 23 percent over the next 40 months, the contractors, whose workers assemble and sew the garments for the jobbers, rejected the settlement and ordered the lockout.

Caught in this profit dispute between jobbers and contractors, the working women were told by New York State that they would have to wait 49 days for unemployment insurance because they were involved in "an industrial dispute."

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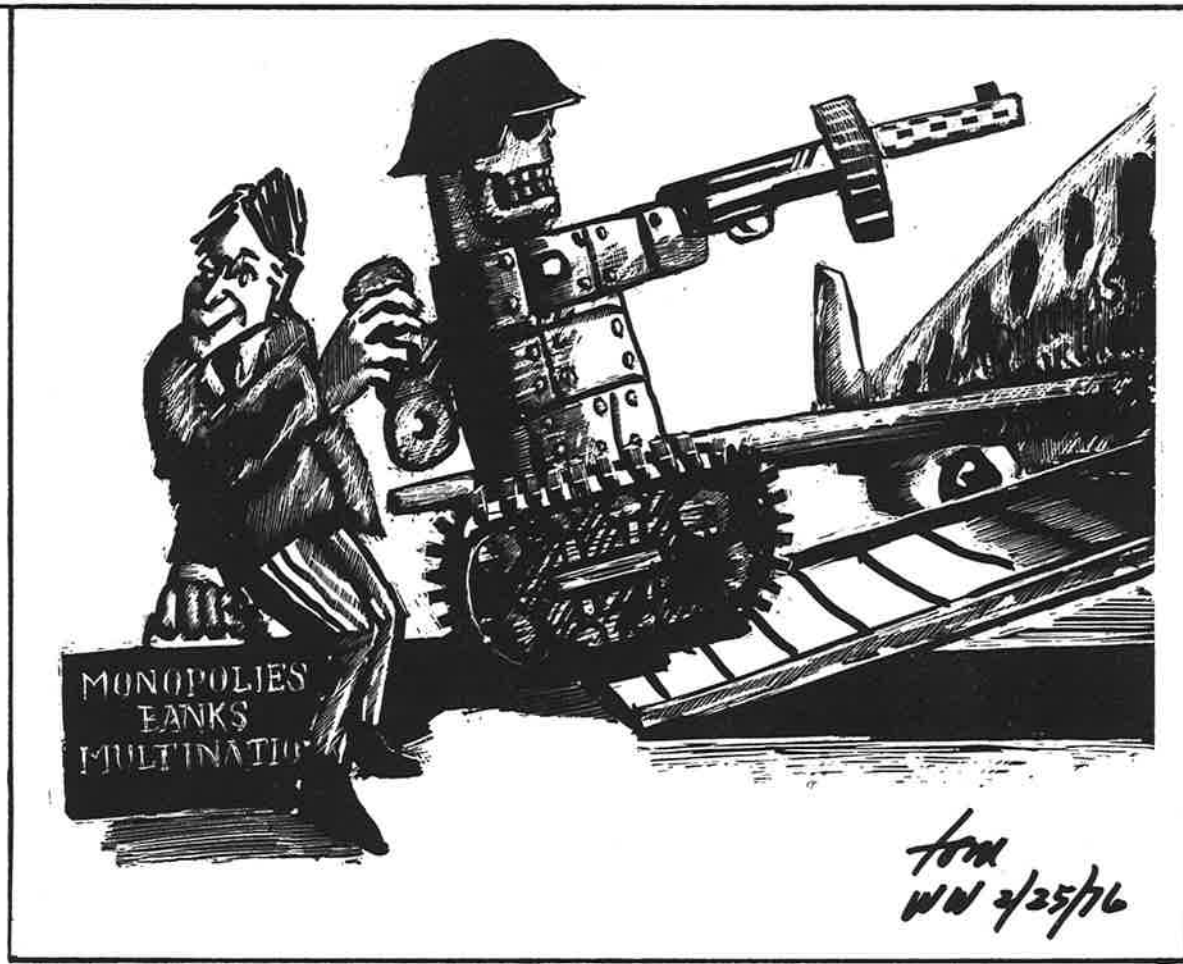
The refusal of the State to provide jobless benefits for these 30,000 locked-out workers is part and parcel of the attack launched last spring by the big New York banks and businessmen against the city's municipal workforce. *Workers World* newspaper at that time warned that if the bankers' assault against city employees went unchallenged, bosses in private industry would be emboldened to mount an anti-labor campaign against all the working people.

And with the assistance of the State Department of Labor, this is exactly what is happening to the clothing workers.

The New York Times has as much as admitted that Mayor Beame's and Governor Carey's union-busting war against municipal labor unions is really a dry run for a nationwide offensive by the bosses against workers in general. On Feb. 21 it ran a large column opposite its editorial page stating, "Whether or not the promise of social and economic entitlements of the 1960s can be rolled back to a lower order of magnitude without social upheaval is being tested in New York City."

The Times article looked hopefully for a future when "the vocal chords of the nation's leading liberal city will be severed," viewing "the collapse of union leverage" as critical to this goal.

The recent lockout of the garment workers proves again that what the bosses have obtained so far has merely whetted their appetite and that only a massive and militant counterattack by a united working class can decisively reverse the situation.



## Reformists cheer CIA 'liberator' of Kurds, condemn MPLA freedom fighters in Angola

By ANDY STAPP

NEW YORK, Feb. 23—The recently published findings of the House Select Committee on Intelligence, while hardly a full expose of the crimes of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, did shed some new light on various overseas projects of this vast secret police force.

Three areas in particular were explored in the report: the funneling of millions of dollars to extreme rightist politicians in Italy, clandestine aid to the neo-colonialist UNITA and FNLA groups in Angola, and a 3-year program of military and financial support to a Kurdish rebellion against the government of Iraq.

The Kurds are an oppressed nation, mostly concentrated into an area that embraces eastern Turkey, northern Iraq, and northwestern Iran. For many years they have fought for their national rights, striving to win justice for their people in lands that have been their home for thousands of years.

But why should the CIA, an organization hated by all the world's oppressed, suddenly become the friend of the Kurdish people?

The House report states bluntly that "a CIA memo of March 22, 1974, characterizes the ethnic group (the Kurds) as 'a uniquely useful tool for weakening Iraq's potential for international adventurism.'"

Translated into plain English, the CIA viewed a Kurdish rebellion as a way to keep Iraq off balance, severely restricting that country's ability to aid other Arab states fighting U.S.-Israeli aggression. Also the Baghdad government's nationalization of U.S. oil monopolies, its hostility to the fascist Shah in neighboring Iran, and its friendship treaty with the Soviet Union automatically put Iraq on the CIA's enemy list.

According to the House Select Committee, the Kurdish leader Gen. Barzani who got \$16 million from the CIA went far beyond just accepting cash from the U.S. government.

## "THE 51ST STATE"

"He made," says a Jan. 16, 1975 cable from the CIA chief of station

in Iran to the Director of Central Intelligence in Washington, "frequent statements that he trusted no other major power and asserted that if his cause was successful he was 'ready to become the 51st state.'"

"His admiration for Dr. Kissinger was expressed on two occasions when he sent a gift of three rugs and later on the occasion of Dr. Kissinger's marriage, a gold and pearl necklace," adds the congressional report.

One can be sure that Barzani kept his scheme to make his nation the "51st state" a secret from the Kurdish people just as Kissinger kept his expensive (and illegal) "gifts" from Barzani a secret from Congress and the people here.

After all, the Kurds would scarcely consider being reduced to an appendage of U.S. imperialism an exercise in their right to self-determination!

Because Barzani led the Kurdish people into the trap of playing the role of CIA puppets, they ultimately met disaster. The U.S. government, deciding they were no longer "useful," cut off the secret funds. So totally had Barzani come to rely on the CIA that in a very short period after the agency dumped him, the whole Kurdish movement in Iraq collapsed. And most tragically, all of this might possibly have been avoided.

In the words of the House committee document, "It appears that, had the U.S. not reinforced our ally's (Iran) prodding, the insurgents may have reached an accommodation with the central government (of Iraq), thus gaining at least a measure of autonomy while avoiding further casualties and 200,000 refugees."

"SOCIALISTS"  
FOR BARZANI?

This affair is a painful embarrassment for those "leftist" parties in the U.S. who have let anti-communism turn their conception of the national question into the opposite of what Marx and Lenin taught on the subject.

Of course all Marxist-Leninists support the right of oppressed nations to self-determination, including the right of separatism if

they so choose. But this does not mean endorsing willy-nilly any person who claims to speak for the oppressed, and it certainly does not include painting a rosy picture of someone like Barzani who subordinated the just demands of the Kurdish people to the needs of U.S. global strategy.

Nevertheless, the Socialist Workers Party (SWP), to take one example, fell all over itself in praising Barzani.

"Barzani has been in the forefront of the struggle against oppression," wrote Dave Frankel in the SWP newspaper, the Militant, last May 16. That same issue of the SWP paper ran a picture captioned, "Barzani: Kurdish leader slandered by the Stalinists as imperialist agent," which, as we know, is exactly what he was.

Later, in early November when the New York Times began to expose Barzani's CIA connection, the SWP started to backpeddle somewhat.

"The question of who is leading the struggle, or what other forces may seek to reap profit from it, is secondary," wrote David Frankel in the November 28 Militant. Still he persisted in saying that Barzani's movement "deserves the unconditional support of all revolutionists."

Since the Congressional report unmasked him as a complete stooge of the CIA, the SWP has had nothing more to say about Barzani.

ON THE WRONG SIDE  
IN ANGOLA, TOO

At the same time, the SWP withholds support for the People's Republic of Angola. The most recent issue of the Militant (Feb. 27) attacks supposed MPLA "efforts to stifle dissent and bring the population under control" while claiming "massive" support among the Angolan people for the counter-revolutionary UNITA, an imperialist puppet group that has so little actual support (outside of the South African fascist army) that it has virtually ceased to exist!

There are still "three rival liberation movements" in Angola, the SWP insists, despite the fact

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*Are the U.S. rulers opposed to his mission?*

# Behind the Nixon trip to China

By SAM MARCY

**FEBRUARY 24**—It is utterly impossible to assess the meaning of Nixon's current visit to Peking unless we first take into account the position of the U.S. ruling class. Merely focusing on the internal struggle in China is not enough, even assuming it is accurately presented, which is subject to grave doubt, to say the least. At best it could provide one aspect of the situation.

Is it correct, then, to state that the capitalist establishment here was opposed to Nixon accepting the invitation from the People's Republic of China? Absolutely not. This point must be brought home vigorously in order to clear away the fog and confusion created by the press and the media. Notwithstanding all the editorials in the leading capitalist papers of the United States, Wall Street, the

the helm of a world power seeking world hegemony and domination.

Ford is not unlike the Truman of 1946. The U.S. ruling class at the time needed a different, more credible figure, one of greater stature, to launch its worldwide anti-communist crusade. No American politician was yet ready to do it; even those willing lacked the credibility needed for such an adventure. Even the Republican Right had not yet attained the hysterical pitch needed to set off the Cold War which reached its climax with McCarthy.

And so it was that the capitalist establishment here, lacking a national political figure, 30 years ago arranged for Winston Churchill to come to Fulton, Missouri, the home town of Truman, to launch his infamous "Iron Curtain" speech and set the tone as well as the stage for what would

bourgeois press ever since Nixon's visit to China in 1972. Thus even in a Feb. 24 editorial of the New York Times which brands Nixon as the illegitimate spokesman for the U.S., the Times nevertheless goes on to praise him "for his admirable initiative which continues to be so crucial to the national interest and to world peace."

## NIXON'S "CONTRIBUTION"

In reality, Nixon's contribution has nothing whatever to do with friendly relations with China or world peace. If one is to understand imperialist diplomacy, all this is irrelevant. Nixon's "contribution" is that he was able to open the connection with China without according full diplomatic relations to the People's Republic of China—a quarter of a century after the Revolution—and without returning the province of Taiwan to the PRC.

That's a great contribution, in the eyes of the imperialist bourgeoisie.

Almost four years after his trip to China, the Shanghai communique which he signed with the PRC is virtually a dead letter. Nixon's "greatest" contribution was that he was able to forge a limited understanding with the Chinese leadership vis-a-vis the USSR. Whether this understanding connotes a secret alliance against the USSR or merely some vague and limited promise of cooperation against the USSR, only the future can tell. Suffice it to say that Nixon was privy to this understanding and that the Chinese leadership was, and still seems to be, very amenable to the general idea.

It is no wonder, then, that the entire capitalist establishment in the U.S. applauded Nixon's "contribution" to what they call "the opening of China." Some of the capitalist politicians as well as the media were simply delirious at the accomplishment. Others were envious. In the meantime, the relations between the USSR and China kept steadily deteriorating and this tended to harden U.S. diplomacy against living up to any of the promises contained in the Shanghai communique.

## U.S. HAD CEDED NOTHING TO CHINA

China gained nothing from the U.S. that it had not already won in struggle of both a military and a diplomatic character, including China's seat in the UN, which was won over the objection of the U.S.; it should not be forgotten. The UN vote to seat the PRC and oust the Chiang clique came precisely at a time when Kissinger was in China. On his way back from Peking he was asked by U.S. reporters what he thought of the vote. "It was humiliating," he confessed. The vote was won in spite of the steamroller tactics employed by Nixon's delegation at the UN.

If we view the developing relations between the PRC and the U.S. since the Shanghai communique from the point of view of the interests of China, nothing has been gained by the relationship thus far. The U.S. has accorded neither diplomatic relations to the PRC nor returned Taiwan. Small wonder the touchstone of U.S. international policy is to envenom and exploit the split between China and the USSR.

And that has gone on splendidly,

to the delight of all the imperialist countries.

Of course, it will immediately be said that in the interests of fighting "the more dangerous superpower," the Chinese leadership has had to accommodate itself to the new situation and develop an informal (or perhaps formal) understanding with the U.S. But the theory of the "greater superpower danger" is precisely what is at issue. It is the validity of this thesis, drummed in day in and day out by the Chinese press, which has yet to be demonstrated. We are told that there are radicals and moderates in the inner conflict of the Chinese leadership, that the conflict concerns a whole range of issues, from philosophy to education to agriculture and more. (We'll reserve an analysis of this for a later issue of Workers World.) Be that as it may, this is not what the U.S. is most deeply concerned with vis-a-vis China. This is not what Nixon is going to China to learn about. This is not his mission.

## THE PURPOSE OF NIXON'S MISSION

He and the capitalist establishment are concerned about the central problem of the relationship with China: namely, the Chinese position on the USSR. Have the recent changes or alleged changes in the leadership in China affected

"Soviet expansionism" thesis would have more validity if the Soviet Union were shipping planes and tanks and guns in alliance with the Vorster regime of South Africa. But this is precisely not what is happening, and all the world knows it.

It is just impossible that this is not an issue in China.

The struggle against revisionism as it was understood and fought by the Chinese CP in the late fifties and early sixties is one thing. An alliance with the imperialist U.S. to fight the revisionist Soviet bureaucracy is quite another matter.

## NEEDS OF THE STRUGGLE FOR SOCIALIST REVOLUTION

The Nixon invitation comes at a time of a slowly emerging tidal wave of anti-Sovietism. Before the election campaign of 1976 is over, if indeed it does take place, the candidates will be running more against detente and the USSR than against each other.

Official Washington cannot, under the circumstances, be too closely associated with this ugly spectacle. Nor is it in a position to open a worldwide anti-communist crusade the way it was done in 1946. Those days are gone forever. But the sentiment in the ruling class is still there. The humiliation of seeing Angola free itself, with

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What the angry editorials and attacks against Nixon are all about is not Nixon's mission to the PRC. The anger is that it is Nixon who has to execute this crucial mission on behalf of American finance capital. The demagoguery of the capitalist press and media deliberately confuses the attacks against Nixon with the mission itself, which the ruling class favors. The bourgeoisie finds itself in the uncomfortable position where its own outcast, Nixon, is at the moment the only one who can carry out this diplomatic chore.

(Of course, Nixon sees the trip as a means of rehabilitating his career, and China's leaders are obliging him in this.)

The confusion is compounded because the bourgeois media, not to speak of the liberal politicians, employ sanctimonious "democratic" arguments together with the vilest anti-Soviet propaganda, all mixed in to give the appearance of a leftist attack against Nixon, when that is not at all the case. In truth, however, all the luminaries of the capitalist establishment are as much angry with Nixon as they are with themselves, with each other, and with their sad plight.

This is so because the ruling class is in utter disarray, reeling from the recent defeats in Vietnam and Angola and other areas of the world, and in full retreat on the world arena.

## FORD'S POSITION COMPARED TO TRUMAN'S

In some ways the dissension in the ruling class is similar to what prevailed in 1946 when Truman, in office only a short time, was regarded as a provincial politician, a product of the Prendergast machine, an accidental figure at

become decades of U.S. imperialist aggression abroad and at home. It has by no means ended.

Only Churchill could have fulfilled this role. No one else in Europe or America at that time either aspired to nor sought the role. What made it possible for Churchill to accept this ignominious job was that he and his reactionary Tory Party had been cast out in an historic electoral sweep by the British Labor Party.

## NIXON AND CHURCHILL

What Churchill and Nixon have in common is that they both have served as symbols of violent anti-communism and blatant reaction.

In America Churchill has been built up as the great leader and warrior against the fascist powers. But among the British workers, especially the militant ones, he was the symbol of virulent hatred against the working class, the architect of anti-labor assaults and the enemy of labor's gains and progressive legislation.

Both Nixon and Churchill were in government for many years and both learned to adjust themselves to the "needs of the times" while being true to themselves—reactionary, racist, and anti-working class to the core! But Churchill was not an outcast from the capitalist establishment in Britain, as Nixon is here.

Nixon, however, "symbolizes the relationship between the U.S. and China," as Kissinger put it so well after the news of Nixon's acceptance of the invitation to China was first announced.

Just what does this relationship between the U.S. and China mean? To the ordinary person unacquainted with the wiles of imperialist diplomacy, it would connote a friendly relationship between two countries. This myth has been cultivated by the

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their reciprocal relations with the USSR?

Who, in the current struggle in China, holds what position on the USSR? That is what the Nixon trip is all about. It is the crux of the Sino-American relationship. It is impossible that, in the current struggle in China, all adhere to the "greater superpower danger" theory or estimate it the same way. It is impossible that they view so-called Soviet expansionism in the same light as does the U.S. There are enough revolutionaries in the Chinese leadership who can see the difference between "Soviet expansionism" and imperialist expansionism. The "Soviet expansionism" thesis would have validity if, for instance, those big shiny Soviet cargo planes were airlifting Chilean fascist soldiers and mercenaries from Santiago de Chile to fight against the MPLA and the People's Republic of Angola. Then the "Soviet expansionism" thesis would have flesh and blood, visible to all.

But what invalidates the "Soviet expansionism" thesis is that these big Soviet cargo planes airlifted revolutionary soldiers from the socialist Republic of Cuba to fight in the liberation of the Angolan people from imperialist enslavement. It is impossible that this should not be seen clearly by Chinese revolutionaries. The

the help of the USSR and Cuba, from imperialist domination and the speed with which so many governments are according Angola recognition make it doubly so.

No consistent revolutionary struggle can take place against right-wing elements in the Chinese leadership if it is combined with an alliance with imperialism against another socialist state or against the liberation movement.

This should hold equally true for the USSR as well as for China. Enough damage has been done to the cause of socialism by the deterioration of the ideological struggle between the Soviet and Chinese leaderships into a state-to-state struggle. It is time to call it to a halt and pursue the struggle against imperialism and for the socialist revolution.

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# Rigged elections, 1876-1976

## 1892—The gold Democrat, or the reformer's return

By V. COPELAND

With the new wave of protest only partly captured by the Populists, big business felt that the Democratic Party might well benefit from the swelling anger of the voters, so it switched its preponderant support back to the Democrats in 1892.

The voters, it will be recalled, had shown a majority of 100,000 for the Democrat Cleveland in 1888, but Harrison had won the Presidency because of the Constitutionally rigged Electoral College. With a general dissatisfaction about this and a rising popular anger at Harrison's all-out pillage of the public purse, the cool move was for business to go back to Grover Cleveland.

The Hangman President was at that time associated in the public mind not so much with hanging as with "honest government." (He hadn't yet sent U.S. troops against striking workers.) But he was associated in the capitalist mind with hard-boiled defense of big business. Furthermore, in his four years out of office, he had, unbeknownst to the general public, become a New York City lawyer, establishing connections with the Morgans as well as with his earlier associates, the Rockefellers.

### GOLD WAS THE ISSUE

He had an additional virtue that was even more important for the capitalists at this particular time than his "reform image," important as that was. He was what was called a "Gold Democrat."

There was a tremendous movement, sponsored mainly by the Populists, to demand the coinage of silver as a basis for the U.S. currency, with 16 ounces of silver commanded by the law to be equal to 1 ounce of gold. (The actual exchange was more like 20—or even more—to 1.)

The popular basis for the demand was the need for "cheap money." The many millions of people whose homes or little farms were mortgaged found that, because of falling prices, they had to pay the banks much more in the product of their labor than the worth of what they had originally borrowed.

Silver, as such, would not really have accomplished what the movement wanted. But there was no question that the slogan's thrust was aimed at the big banks, the credit institutions, and to a very real extent, against big business itself.

### THE SLUSH FUNDS WERE GOLDEN, TOO

Cleveland as a Democrat and a Gold Democrat at that was thus almost indispensable to big business at this stage of the cheap

money campaign. So in his third run for office, big capital united behind him as it had eight years earlier and brusquely discarded the Republican Harrison, even though the latter now had the gilt-edge New Yorker, Whitelaw Reid, as a running mate.

We have shown the published Republican and Democratic national slush funds of the time as a clue to the shifts of big business back and forth between the two parties during this period. Here is a further extension of the figures to 1892:

	REPUBLICAN	DEMOCRAT
1880	\$1,100,000	355,000
1884	1,300,000	1,400,000
1888	1,350,000	855,000
1892	1,850,000	2,350,000

(Compiled by Ferdinand Lundberg in America's 60 Families)

It will be recalled that Cleveland had some ideas on the tariff that were not to the liking of most of big business. He was persuaded to change these misguided notions. And he declared in his 1892 campaign:

"We wage no exterminating campaign against any American (i.e., capitalist) interests. We believe a readjustment can be accomplished in accordance with the principles we profess without disaster or demolition."

To come down from these lofty phrases to more mundane facts, the Sugar Trust gave \$200,000 to the 1892 national Democratic campaign fund, and therefore the tariff on sugar had to be regulated accordingly. This publicly admitted transaction, 80 years before Watergate, was undoubtedly only one of dozens like it.

### ROCKEFELLER WEDDING WITH TAMMANY HALL

William C. Whitney of the generally Republican Rockefeller empire was still the main fund-getter and organizer for Democratic Cleveland among the biggest capitalists.

When Cleveland, who was personally bluff and "independent," refused to "lower

himself to seek the support of super-corrupt Tammany Hall in New York, Whitney was enraged at him. New York was a crucial state and might easily swing the election. Whitney wrote Cleveland as follows (from Bourbon Leader by Horace Merrill, p. 166):

"If you think best not to even write a friendly letter to the Chairman of your State Committee (a crook on a somewhat more vulgar plane than Whitney—V.C.) who has come in and is acting in your interest to straighten out difficulties, I had better stop where I am." (That is, stop financing the campaign.)

Cleveland wrote the letter. And he met with Boss Croker and bosses Murphy and Sheehan, all of Tammany Hall, to "talk matters over."

Considering that Cleveland, when he was Governor of New York State, had attacked Croker for his corruption and had totally frozen out all Tammany's ward heelers from state jobs, it was very kind of Croker and his associates to help Cleveland now.

Their kindness had an interesting basis in hard cash, however. The above authority goes on to say:

"Whitney later helped matters, according to Croker, through such gestures as the inclusion of the Tammany boss in a betting pool that Whitney organized to change the odds from Harrison to Cleveland's favor. Whitney used his own money to put Croker in for \$100,000, and after the election, handed \$100,000 to Croker as his share of the pool."

It would be the height of naivete to think of being able to buy New York City's vote for \$100,000 in the year 1976 as it was bought in 1892, even allowing for inflation. Nevertheless, the general resemblance of those faraway politicians to those of today is not that of primeval monkeys to modern human beings, but of multi-millionaire bankers and bosses to their not-so-kissing cousins, the billionaire architects of Watergate and Dallas.

## —Washington Post

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furious over the action taken by the militant and determined strikers. Rumors of decertification of the local were initiated. The men were told to "Come back on Monday and we'll talk about it."

The strikers stood firm and refused to leave.

"We needed their support, but we never got it," said Eugene O'Sullivan, a spokesperson for the strikers. "(Washington Post editor Katherine) Graham forced us to go on strike in the first place. She

slandered us and called us animals. She brought in scabs by helicopter, and has tried to bust the unions at the Post from the word go.

"And all the while these people," he said, referring to the AFL-CIO officials, "never opened their mouths in our defense. They never used the vast resources available to them to tell people what the real issues are. This is why we are here, and this is why we are going to stay here until they either make a statement or carry us out."

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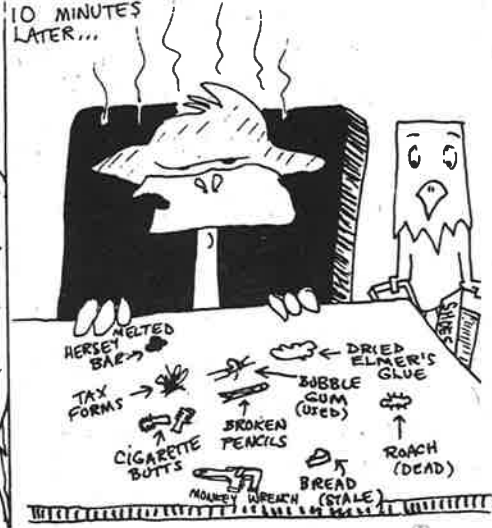
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# POLITICAL PRISONERS



## Innocent Chicana activist jailed in Colorado

NEW YORK, Feb. 21—Why is Veronica Vigil in jail? And what is the grand jury investigating?

On May 26 and 29, 1974, bombs exploded in two cars in Boulder, Colo., killing six people and

permanently injuring Antonio Alcantar. All were active in the Chicano movement.

Area Chicanos believe the bombings were the work of a third-party conspiracy to murder

Chicano activists. However, the Boulder police, using the excuse that the victims in both incidents may have been assembling a bomb that was detonated, opened the doors for a grand jury fishing expedition which, using the investigation of the bombings as an excuse, has been trying to collect as much information about activists in the Chicano community as possible.

On July 22, 1975, Veronica Vigil was served a subpoena compelling her to appear before a second federal grand jury investigating the May 1974 bombings. Without the aid of counsel and in secret session with the grand jury (none of whose members were Chicano), Attorney Terry Wiggins asked Veronica more than 50 questions concerning her past association with the six dead men, known as Los Seis de Boulder, as well as other matters. Veronica refused to answer any questions.

Later, upon request of the attorney general, Veronica was granted "use immunity" by the court. This was to compel her to testify with the promise that whatever she said could not be held against her. (However, she could still be indicted by the grand jury if some independent evidence, other than her own testimony, was relied upon for the indictment.) Veronica again appeared before the grand jury and again refused to testify.

Both times she appeared before the grand jury, she made personal appeals to the jurors to stop being pawns of the government, to end their investigation and drop her subpoena, and allow her to go home.

Veronica was jailed for contempt of court. She faces a possible 47 months in jail if a new grand jury is empaneled or if the life of the present grand jury is extended.

Veronica's refusal to cooperate with the United States government and its efforts to destroy the Chicano movement serves as an inspiration to all.

Veronica's case is currently on appeal before the Tenth Circuit Court. Much support is needed. To help free Veronica Vigil contact, Veronica Vigil Defense Committee, 1475 Folsom St., No. 264, Boulder, Colo., 80302.

## Fla. protest: 'Free Bob Canney!'

By BARBARA BREEN

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Feb. 14—Two hundred people rallied here today to demand freedom for political activist Bob Canney, who was recently imprisoned by the State of Florida on a charge stemming from an illegal arrest over five years ago.

On April 18, 1970, while addressing a statewide rally called to protest the war in Southeast Asia, poverty, racism, and a government indifferent to the needs of its people, Canney had used the phrase, "Let's bring the goddam war home and begin dealing seriously with the problems here."

When he sat down after speaking, he was jumped from behind by six police. Canney struggled against his attackers, who did not identify themselves as officers or inform him he was under arrest. Simultaneously, 200 riot troops swept through the peaceful assembly of almost 1,000 people, severely beating many and covering their deeds by smashing cameras and exposing film.

Canney was charged with "profanity" (later dropped as unconstitutional) and "resisting arrest with violence." At his trial, over 20 eyewitnesses were not allowed to testify in his defense on the technicality that their names were not registered 10 days in advance. The trial took place with no defense witnesses and Canney was sentenced to six months to two years on the "resisting arrest" charge.

This past November, after five years of appeals, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear his case and Canney was ordered to start serving his sentence immediately.

Today's rally was held in Straub Park, where Canney was busted in 1970, and included some of the speakers who had been prevented from speaking at that

rally six years ago after the police attack and Canney's arrest. Featured were Dr. Willard Uphaus of the World Fellowship of Faiths, Arthur Kinoy of the Mass Party, Winnie Foster of the American Civil Liberties Union, Ray Yazell, and Joe Waller of the African People's Socialist Party.

### CANNEY'S MESSAGE

The crowd listened intently as Canney's son Michael read a statement written to the rally by his father from behind the walls. Canney illustrated the racist and repressive nature of the state and how poor and Third World people are railroaded into prison where their labor and lives are used to benefit the ruling class. He called for solidarity in the struggle for freedom and justice, making special note of the struggles of women and oppressed nationalities in this country and around the world.

The widespread support for Bob Canney was also exhibited earlier in the day when President-candidate Gerald Ford came to St. Petersburg to pedal his political wares. Ford, having vetoed a jobs bill only a few days earlier, was in Florida to explain why the people are better off with huge military budgets and more racism and repression instead of jobs and improved social services.

But even before Ford could reach the podium to spew forth his "law and order" lies, he was confronted with a huge banner reading, "Free Bob Canney and All Political Prisoners," and resounding chants of "Free Bob Canney!"

The Canney Defense Committee is greatly in need of support. Funds can be sent to the committee at 330 8th St., North, St. Petersburg, Fla., and letters of support may be sent to Bob Canney, 027953, Room 5, Santa Fe C.C.C., Box 1202, Gainesville, Fla. 32601.



Dacajeweah

## Fight to free Attica bros. continues

By BRAD KANE

BUFFALO, Feb. 19—New York State Governor Hugh Carey, who in recent months has stated that he was considering granting amnesty to the Attica Brothers, now says that amnesty is not likely.

Meanwhile, State Supreme Court Justice Frank R. Bayger today granted a March 1 hearing in which motions for dismissal of charges against the Attica Brothers will be argued. The argument for dismissal will be based on the issues of selective prosecution, governmental misconduct, undue cruelty to the defendants, and others.

The argument for selective prosecution is based on the fact that although 41 of the 43 lives taken at Attica were indisputably at the hands of the State Police, only one officer has been charged with a minor misdemeanor while 62 former inmates have been named on 43 indictments, many of them felonies.

There are numerous examples of governmental misconduct including the use of an FBI informer in the Attica defense and widespread destruction of evidence by the State.

Judge Bayger also gave the prosecution until March 15 to make recommendations on whether to continue those Attica cases still outstanding. This includes a case currently at the jury selection stage, which charges ten Brothers with ten counts each of kidnapping.

The fight to free the Attica Brothers will not cease until amnesty is granted or until all the

defendants are cleared of charges. This is particularly true in the cases of American Indian Brothers Dacajeweah (aka John Hill) and Charley Joe Pernalice, convicted in connection with the death of guard William Quinn. Dacajeweah is currently serving a 20 years to life sentence and Pernalice is appealing his conviction on attempted assault.

### FIGHT FOR FREEDOM GOES ON

While the Attica Brothers and their true supporters have always worked for amnesty or a dismissal of all charges, it is only recently that many liberals, including some public office holders, have also called for amnesty. But many of them have come out for amnesty for both inmates and state officials in order to close the books on Attica and avoid further embarrassment for the State government, which is being incriminated more and more as the Attica cases proceed.

While the Brothers have generally welcomed this support, they are critical of those who also demand amnesty for the vicious murderers, from Rockefeller who ordered the assault, to the lowest-ranking trooper who took part in the brutal takeover of the prison, to those State officials who are criminally prosecuting the Attica defendants.

The State officials are clearly the real criminals who should be on trial rather than the Attica Brothers, who fought so heroically against the intolerable conditions in Attica and, in essence, every prison in the country.

## Wave of demonstrations demand self determination

# Catalonians greet Juan Carlos with City Hall takeover

By MOLLY CHARBONEAU

NEW YORK, Feb. 23—The militancy and resoluteness of the Catalan people in their struggle for national autonomy has forced the Madrid regime of King Juan Carlos to give in to certain reforms.

Huge, defiant demonstrations last week throughout Catalonia, an oppressed nation occupied by Spain, brought the message home to the Madrid regime: Catalan demands for self-determination and political amnesty would have to be reckoned with.

In response, head of state Juan Carlos began a tour of Catalonia. On Feb. 16 he was greeted in Barcelona by a 7,000-strong municipal workers' strike for higher wages. The city was shut tight as striking teachers, doctors, firefighters, nurses, clerical workers, and other city workers marched and occupied City Hall

where Juan Carlos was being received by the Mayor. This was a daring move in a country where strikes have been illegal for almost 40 years!

### SMALL REFORMS WON

For the first time since Juan Carlos took power, he called for a cabinet meeting to be held in Barcelona as a partial concession to Catalan demands. The regime then made what the Feb. 21 New York Times called "a cautious gesture toward home rule" by appointing "a commission to study the establishment of a special administration covering the four Catalan provinces of Barcelona, Lerida, Tarragona and Gerona."

A cautious gesture indeed! If anyone should study the establishment of a special government for Catalonia it should be the Catalans themselves and not the very regime which oppresses them!

While the cabinet decision is a concession won in the struggle, the study itself does nothing to genuinely guarantee self-determination to the Catalonians.

### RIGHT-WING PLOTS COUP

Another development this past week has been the attempt by fascist, ultra-right-wing forces in

Spain to pull together against what they feel is a "Marxist peril."

The struggles of the Basque and Catalan people and the recent strike wave among Spanish workers have sown anxiety in the fascist camp. The late Franco's top collaborators long for a return to naked terror against the workers

and oppressed and there have been reports of a possible coup plot on the part of ultra-rightists in the armed forces.

However, according to a Feb. 23 New York Times article, divisions between fascist generals in the armed forces and other officers who favor a Portuguese road run deep.

While Washington's hand in the Spanish regime's decisions is not being discussed in the press, it is certain that all imperialism's strategists, from Kissinger on down, are trying to contain the mighty working class movement there and the struggles of the oppressed nations within Spain's borders. The U.S. sees Spain as an important pillar against the workers' struggles and socialist countries in Europe, and last year signed a military pact with Spain in an attempt to bolster the fascist regime.



Franco and Hitler in 1940. Juan Carlos is Franco's hand-picked successor.

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Sam Marcy on the international significance of Nixon's trip to China. His mission? Neither "peace" nor "friendship." Page 9.

## Courts back up polluters of Lake Superior

# Drinking water poisoned by corporate greed

By SHARON SHELTON

NEW YORK, Feb. 23—"I push a lot of juice. I tell the kids if you're going to take a shower, take it fast. I worry about the kids getting drinks that might be unfiltered, and I've stopped making things like homemade soup. . . ."

Kathe Johnson is a mother of three young children. She is one of 100,000 residents of Duluth, Minn., who have been forced to live with the growing certainty that the tap water they have long used for bathing, cooking, and drinking is dangerous to their health and lives—all because of the insatiable greed of a single corporation polluting the waters of Lake Superior.

### DAILY DUMPING OF DANGEROUS POISON

The polluter is Reserve Mining Company, an iron ore processing corporation which has steadfastly refused to stop its daily practice of dumping 67,000 tons of potentially carcinogenic material into the lake which furnishes Duluth's as well as nearby smaller villages' water supplies.

The material being dumped is taconite tailings, finely ground rock particles resembling asbestos fibers. Medical reports have related inhalation of asbestos to a high incidence of cancer of the colon, lungs, and stomach.

The pollution danger first was officially reported in the summer of 1973, when the Environmental Protection Agency reported finding "high concentrations" of the fibers in Lake Superior and recommending "an alternate source of drinking water be found for very young children." Later this recommendation was altered to include residents of all ages.

### PROFITS MORE IMPORTANT THAN HUMAN LIFE

Still, Reserve Mining, spurred on by the \$60,000-a-day profits it clears, callously refused to stop its hazardous practice.

On April 20, 1974, after alarmed Duluth residents had protested the presence of the dangerous particles in their drinking water for several years, a judge for the Federal District Court in Minneapolis ruled that the plant had seven hours to cease operations entirely and devise another disposal system for the wastes.

Reserve Mining's response was to refuse to spend the additional dollars it would take to dispose of the taconite on land, thereby removing this horror from the lives of thousands and thousands of Minnesotans. Instead, the company turned to the courts to delay or reverse the ruling.

Only two days after the judge's ruling, a hastily convened panel of three judges issued a stay of the original order, allowing the company to continue polluting as usual. A subsequent appeal in July 1974 was almost unanimously turned down by the U.S. Supreme Court, once again showing the

court system's bias for its corporate friends.

### COMPANY PULLS STRINGS TO DUMP JUDGE

Last November, Judge Miles Lord—the same judge who had originally decided against the iron processing company—ruled that Reserve Mining had to deposit \$100,000 with the city of Duluth to

pay for water filtration.

For this action and for his earlier rulings against the company, the U.S. Court of Appeals by its own initiative ordered Judge Lord removed from the case, claiming he had shown "bias" against the profit-mad polluters. It was the first time in at least 20 years that an appellate court removed a district judge without a complaint

being officially brought by another party, according to the January 10 Liberation News Service release.

Obviously, the judges in the St. Louis-based Court of Appeals were more easily persuaded by Reserve Mining's string-pulling than the Duluth judge, since they don't have the bias of having to drink Duluth water.

Of course, it's no accident that

the courts have proved themselves such good friends of Reserve Mining—at the expense of Duluth residents. Behind Reserve Mining are two powerful joint owners, Armco Steel Company and Republic Steel Company.

### REPUBLIC'S BLOODSTAINED HANDS

Republic Steel long ago demonstrated its readiness for cruelty in defending its profits, when in 1937 it ordered police to fire point blank into a crowd of strikers and their families in Chicago in what is now known as the Memorial Day Massacre.

Both Armco and Republic were listed in the top 50 corporations in assets in Fortune Magazine's 1974 annual survey of the largest businesses in the U.S., and both have been exposed in the past for price fixing.

These are the powers responsible for endangering the many thousands of Duluth residents. If the U.S. court system really served the masses of people in this country and were something other than the willing tool of the rich, this case wouldn't be dragged out a day longer.

Instead, the criminals who sit on the board of directors of Reserve Mining, Armco, and Republic Steel would be prosecuted for their vicious assault on the health and lives of men, women, and children, many of whom will be suffering from cancer 20 years from now because of this revolting greed.



A single corporation, Reserve Mining Co., has dumped 67,000 tons of potentially carcinogenic material into Lake Superior threatening the surrounding area. Here, residents of Duluth, Minn., carry containers of filtered water for their homes.

# Threaten health care of Detroit's poor

By a Detroit hospital worker  
DETROIT, Feb. 10—Detroit General Hospital (DGH) is the sole source of medical care for thousands of poor people in Detroit. Because it is owned and operated by the city, it accepts patients for free care and is virtually the only hospital in the area which will accept patients without prior proof of ability to pay. Its emergency room is always crowded with many poor people who have nowhere else to turn.

Recently, DGH lost its accreditation, which could mean disaster for these many thousands who are forced to use its facilities as well as for its employees. The denial of accreditation is under appeal, but the decision still remains a severe blow to the already grossly inadequate health care provided by Detroit to its poorest and most oppressed citizens.

### QUESTION OF CONTROL

At first sight, it might appear that the denial of accreditation by the Joint Commission of Accreditation, a part of the American Medical Association (AMA), really just acknowledges the inadequacy of services DGH offers its patients.

There is much more involved in the issue, however.

Loss of accreditation could force the city to give up control of the hospital and make it a "public" corporation. Such a corporation would really bring final control to the doctors. There would no longer be any guarantee that free emergency care would be provided at DGH. Moreover, no longer would the employees be hired as civil service workers by the city and job security would be almost eliminated. No guarantee would be given that the union, AFSCME Local 457, would remain as the employees' bargaining agent.

It is certainly not coincidental that this attack comes at a time when the city is beset with a financial crisis so severe as to warrant threats of bankruptcy. Moreover, the city is constructing a new building for DGH at a site near Detroit's Medical Center so that patients can be spread, according to their ailments, among the various Medical Center facilities. As it stands, there is no assurance that the patients sent to other hospitals will be able to receive the same free care they can now get at DGH.

If the city loses control of the hospital, there may be no free care

of any type left at all. The newer, better facility would then be directly under the control of the doctors, who would not be under the same obligations that the city is now.

### AMA: GREED BEFORE NEED

The issue has not been resolved yet, but several things are already clear. The AMA and the doctors are not in the least concerned about providing decent care to Detroit's poor people, but are only maneuvering to their own best advantage. The city is hampered in its fight to retain control of the hospital by the severe capitalist

economic crisis raging in every department.

Besides, the corporate and financial bigwigs who control both the AMA and the city do not live in Detroit's poor communities and therefore do not depend on DGH for medical care. They do not have to go there and undoubtedly do not care if DGH is closed altogether if it is no longer profitable to them.

Only the workers and the poor and oppressed people who use it have a real interest in not only saving this health care center, but in seeing that its capabilities are expanded to provide decent health care for all.

while the others are collaborating with the imperialists.

The SWP's fundamental orientation is to applaud individuals like Barzani exactly because he is antagonistic to the socialist countries. Likewise, the logic of their anti-communism drives them to condemn the MPLA because of its alliance with Cuba, the USSR, and other workers' states.

In both the case of the Kurds and Angola the SWP doubtless hopes to make political hay with the bourgeois liberals who share their frightened world outlook.

## —CIA and the Kurds

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that 1) two of the so-called "liberation movements" have been begging the U.S. to send troops to save them, 2) both the FNLA and UNITA have invited the South African military to overrun Angola, and 3) only the MPLA is striking against the imperialists