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In New York City—

# Thousands march to stop cuts in daycare, schools

See centerfold

## Spain's king feted as 350 pickets agree he's a fascist

By JOYCE BETRIES

NEW YORK, June 6—On June 4, more than 350 Spaniards, Basques, Catalans, and Americans demonstrated here against the presence of Juan Carlos, fascist king of Spain.

The demonstration got off to a lively start. Juan Carlos' flag-decked limousine pulled into the Waldorf-Astoria hotel, where he was to be wine and dined by the U.S. bourgeoisie, just as the first contingent of demonstrators arrived. Banners were quickly unfurled, and a loud chant of "Fascism in Spain, made in USA" echoed down skyscraper-lined Park Avenue. Angry workers shaking their fists gathered around the fascist monarch's car, and Juan Carlos was visibly shaken.

The demonstration, called by Cambias (Committee of Americans for Basque Independence and Survival) and Youth Against War & Fascism, was planned to coincide with a dinner where Juan Carlos was the guest of such rich families as the Rockefellers, the Mellons, the Whitneys, and the Lodges. Spain's fascist king is presently on a tour of this country cementing his ties with the U.S. military and corporations in order to gain more aid for his fascist regime.

The demonstrators called for U.S. corporations and the Pentagon to get out of Spain. They demanded freedom for all political prisoners now and self-determination, including the right to separation, for Catalonia, the Basque, and Galicia. They declared their support for the struggles of the Spanish working class.

### BASQUES, CATALANS PARTICIPATE

A demonstrator from Catalonia, where 4 million people are denied their right to self-determination, said, "The democracy that the U.S. newspapers have been talking about in Spain is not there. In Catalonia the basic freedoms of the



"Fascism in Spain—made in USA!" More than 350 Spaniards, Basques, Catalans, and Americans protest U.S. visit of Juan Carlos of Spain. Here, Basque contingent wear masks in order to protect their families at home from repression. WW photo: Fabian

press and of association are still not granted. Recently there has been a lot of torture of political prisoners in Catalonia by Juan Carlos' government. In spite of this, in my country, for the first time in four years, the resistance has united. This is a great achievement. A lot of people are being politicized and organized."

A contingent of 50 Basques marched into the demonstration

about a half hour after it had begun. They entered chanting and carrying signs, some in the Basque language, demanding independence for the Basque nation. The entire demonstration stopped and applauded. Many Basques wore masks, concealing their identity in order to protect their families back home from repression.

Among the participants was a

contingent from the Abraham Lincoln Brigade who, 40 years ago, risked their lives in Spain fighting against Franco and fascism alongside the Spanish working class. Mo Fishman, member of the board of the Brigade, told this reporter, "We want to show in this demonstration our opposition to the treaty with Spain now reported upon favorably in the U.S. Senate," referring to the proposed renewal

of the Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation between Spain and the U.S. which was approved by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee last week. Fishman added, "King Carlos is a puppet of Franco, and Spain under him is as much a fascist country as under Franco. Our sources inside Spain tell us that torture, repression, and arrests this month have reached

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## THE STRUGGLE IN BRIEF

### No explanation in racist killing of Black man by Fla. state troopers

By VERONICA GOLOS  
NORFOLK, Va., June 4—On May 14, John Nimmo, Jr., a Black man, was shot to death by two Florida state patrolmen. The murder occurred in the 6th Street Federal Housing Project in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. People in this predominantly Black community have often been subjected to police attacks.

#### RIGHT TO KILL?

The State's Attorney claimed that the two policemen, John Fix and John Cox, were making a drug raid, although no evidence of drugs was found. "This is a calculated attempt to arouse racism in the white community of Fort Lauderdale," said James Nimmo, John's brother.

"Does a drug addict have the right to live? This is what I can't understand. What gives the police the right to shoot a man because of an alleged crime? What right do the police have to take my brother's life? Former President Nixon committed far more criminal acts than my brother. So did the Dade County Commissioner who received a \$10,000 fine and six months suspended sentence for possession of over \$4 million worth of marijuana."

#### FAMILY LEFT OUT OF INVESTIGATION

During the subsequent investigation by the Sheriff's Office of Broward County, no explanation was given for why two highway patrolmen, not assigned to narcotics, were investigating a so-called drug case. The highway patrolmen had neither a search warrant nor an arrest warrant. "They just took it upon themselves, because they wore a badge, and it ended with my brother being murdered," James Nimmo exclaimed.

No official reason or statement nor an apology or condolences has been offered Mrs. Lizzie Nimmo, the widow, by the Highway Patrol. None of the family has been informed of any part of the investigation of the two officers. Mrs. Nimmo told this reporter, "They are investigating for their own purposes but not for ours. They don't want to release any information to me."

James Nimmo told this reporter, "Everything we found out was through the newspapers and one witness. At first they said that he was shot through the door, but one of the witnesses said that the troopers kicked the door down and told everyone to freeze. When John turned around and put his hands

up, the policeman shot him."

According to the coroner's report, the shooting was at point-blank range, with approximately two feet, with a 12-gauge shotgun. John Nimmo, a husband and father of two little girls, was shot in the jugular vein and died instantly.

#### "JUST TWO GOOD COPS"

Mrs. Nimmo told Workers World that the two officers were suspended for three days, with pay, and then rehired before the grand jury even met! The head of the Highway Patrol told the press that he didn't think that the cops had done anything wrong, and why should he waste two good men? The two highway patrolmen have refused to cooperate with the sheriff's investigation, pleading the Fifth Amendment. James Nimmo, who was instrumental in exposing the murder of Clarence Morgan here in Virginia, commented, "At least in the past they had the 'decency' to wait till an all-white jury would acquit the police of killing a Black man. This time they just said, it's all right, anything you do is okay. They just kill you and that's all right."

#### FLORIDA PASSES SHOOT-TO-KILL BILL

To emphasize this point, Mr. Nimmo pointed out that the Florida Legislature just passed a "shoot-to-kill" bill, where any person has the right to shoot any other person seen running from a scene of a crime, a bill so broad and general that it is an open invitation to vigilante "justice" by whites against Black people. The Klan, very active in Florida, has just asked to have a float in the Fort Lauderdale Bicentennial Parade. The police department is known to be full of KKK members.

#### NIMMO FAMILY SUES\*

The Nimmo family is filing a suit, against the two officers, John Cox and John Fix, the Highway Patrol, and Broward County, where Fort Lauderdale is located, for one million dollars, charging wrongful death.

When asked what people could do, Mrs. Lizzie Nimmo said, "People should publicize this, they should expose the racism, and not allow them to just come and kill us. We should force Cox and Fix to be fired. I just feel that they took John, and the state should pay."



### 200 attend job rally in Baltimore, protest government attacks on poor

BALTIMORE, May 24—More than 200 people rallied in Hopkins Plaza in downtown Baltimore this past Saturday to demand that government at every level provide jobs for this industrial port city which has been hard hit by the economic recession.

The rally, initiated by Congressperson Parren Mitchell, was endorsed by many community groups and labor unions, including Welfare Rights Organization, Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union, the Center for United Labor Action, and AME Bethel Church.

Many groups brought colorful banners and placards, but the most prominent slogan was "\$112 billion for war—how about \$1 billion for Baltimore?" A "chicken" and a "cow" also joined the rally, carrying signs saying, "Chicken isn't cheap without a job" and "With beefed-up prices and no job—how can we afford cow?" The rally ended on a militant note with a vow to take the protests directly to the seat of government—to the

city council, Mayor Schaeffer, and Governor Marvin Mandel.

Many at the rally agreed with a demand that the mayor and the governor declare Baltimore a disaster area.

Certainly there is more than enough cause to do so. Baltimore's unemployment rate is higher than the national average. According to the Baltimore Sun, over 68,000 families in the city are living in dilapidated, substandard, and inadequate housing. In addition, child care centers are being forced to close due to lack of funds. Young people are forced off programs despite the fact that there are no jobs for them. Unemployment for Black teenage youth is higher than 40 percent. Welfare grants are being cut back. City workers are faced with layoffs and a 2 percent maximum pay raise. All the while the mayor is threatening to raise taxes.

It is no exaggeration that Baltimore is an economic disaster area.

### Vince Copeland talk on how to end billionaire rule slated in Baltimore

BALTIMORE, June 7—On Saturday, June 19, at 7 p.m., Vincent Copeland, contributing editor to Workers World newspaper, will speak in Baltimore. The talk, entitled "The Rich Get Richer as the Poor Get Poorer—How to Turn it Around," will discuss racism and the oppression of poor and working people under capitalism and how we can end the rule of the billionaire class.

Vince Copeland is a founding member of Workers World Party. As a steelworker in the post-war period, he fought against the rigid

segregation and racism that kept Black workers in the dirtiest, hardest jobs. He fought for and won the enforcement of plant-wide seniority which enabled Black workers to get better jobs. Because of his success in fighting workers' grievances, the bosses unleashed a vicious red-baiting campaign and fired him. In response, 17,000 co-workers walked off their jobs in protest at the firing.

The meeting will take place in the downtown Central YMCA at Cathedral and Franklin streets. Children are welcome; childcare will be provided.

Catalan, and Galician people are doubly oppressed."

A spokesperson for Cambias said, "The Basque nation is an occupied country suffering more repression today under Juan Carlos than under Franco. The same people who put Franco in power are manipulating the strings of Juan Carlos. . . . The Basque people are engaged in a struggle for survival. They are resisting a war of annihilation carried out by the heirs of Franco fascism. . . . We hope Americans can understand our heroic resistance. We identify with all oppressed people of the world."

The rally ended with the Basques leading the chant, "Juan Carlos, escucha, el pueblo esta en la lucha." (Juan Carlos, listen, the people are in struggle.)

### —King

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the same proportion as under Franco."

The demonstration ended in a rally across the street from the Waldorf. Gavrielle Gemma, a telephone worker, speaking for Youth Against War & Fascism, pointed out that the money used to buy guns and tanks for Spanish fascism should be given back to the poor people here. She said, "We solidify ourselves with the hundreds and thousands of workers struggling in Spain. Just as over here there is racism and oppressed nations, over there the Basque,

dolphins to carry monitoring devices into Havana harbor to measure the efficiency of Russian nuclear ships, says a scientist who claims he was involved in a secret project.

"The Navy-CIA researchers also tried to teach dolphins to kill enemy frogmen and to place monitors on mock-up enemy vessels, the scientist, Michael Greenwood, said.

"Many times we had the animals at Key West put their packages on ships out at sea where they were not supposed to," he said. "In using dolphins, the reliability factor will come back to haunt you."

Dolphins are pretty smart animals. Maybe they just won't work for American imperialism.

### BRITISH COP-PERSON BLAMES CRIME RISE ON WOMEN'S 'LIB'

Buffalo Courier-Express, May 1:  
"Women are committing crimes of

violence at a greater rate than men in countries where they have become 'liberated,' says Daphne Skillern, Britain's only woman police commander.

"It is in countries where women's emancipation is the greatest that women participate in crime. One has found this in America and Japan."

"One opinion is that owing to their improving status and their release from commitments at home and family, they are able to exercise latent greed and viciousness."

How come, then, that in the socialist countries, where women have achieved much greater release from "commitments at home and family," and a considerably greater degree of liberation, "crimes of violence" by women and men have decreased?

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### DECLINE AND FALL



#### DOES THIS DESCRIPTION FIT YOU?

Buffalo Evening News, April 28:

"The financial affairs of the typical American wage-earner are a mess.

"That fact, long suspected by many economic observers, may now be asserted with authority.

"Detroit Bank & Trust has drawn a financial portrait of the typical wage earner, based primarily on the thick dossier kept on him by federal government statisticians.

"The picture that emerges is that of a 38-year-old father of two who can't afford to die and who earns \$500 a year less than he needs to live.

"His financial position is inadequate,"

says B. James Theodoroff, executive vice-president. 'He's living hand-to-mouth. . . . He may have to change his life-style.'

"... When the average wage-earner was last heard of, he was earning \$13,847 a year and needed \$14,333 to maintain a moderate standard of living.

"A few days ago the Bureau of Labor Statistics announced that his cost of living had gone up another \$1200 to \$15,500, but failed to reveal the size of his raise—if any."

If this is the plight of the typical male wage earner, how many hundreds short each year is the typical working mother?

#### CIA FAILS AGAIN

Associated Press, April 28:  
"The Navy and the CIA tried to teach



# Black self-defense at stake in struggle of E. Boston defendants

By MARSHALL

BOSTON, June 4—The East Boston Black Defendants, six Black men who face felony charges because they defended their homes in the East Boston Housing Project against gangs of racists in four separate incidents, held a rally today at 3 p.m. in front of the State House to demand the charges against them be dropped. Afterwards, a picket line of 70 people marched in support of their demands.

The six defendants are, Robert Phifer, Gary Franklin, Vernard Hoge, Melvin Bean, David Brydie, and Brian Swan. Robert Phifer and Gary Franklin go on trial on June 11 in Suffolk Superior Court. They face several counts of assault and battery and firearms charges as a result of a racist attack on their homes last August 27.

On that night, according to Gary Franklin, he was assaulted while walking through the projects. When he returned to the home of Robert Phifer, his uncle, huge rocks were thrown through the windows. When they went outside to defend their home, they were assaulted. The police ignored the attackers and instead arrested Gary and Mr. Phifer.

Robert Phifer, who chaired the rally, called for support for the right of defense against racist attacks and said that he did what any other man would have done by defending his home and family.

Other speakers at the rally included Robert Lewis, the son of Anna Mae Lewis who was arrested last August while the racists were attacking her home; Mrs. Nannie Bell, whose son Sam has spent three months in jail as a result of defending his infant daughter against a racist attack; Susan Page, a Black woman whose home has been attacked in Hyde Park and who gave a moving salute of solidarity with the defendants; Melvin Bean; the mother of Brian Swan; Mary Moore, a white resident of the projects who is under attack for befriending the Blacks; Jane Kaatz, a white woman arrested in the home of Mrs. Lewis last August; and Reverend Ed Rodman, Missioner to Minority Communities for the Episcopal Diocese of Boston.

## "RACISTS ARE RUNNING WILD IN THIS CITY"

After the rally, a picket line was set up in front of the Attorney General's office while a delegation of 12 met with Acting Attorney General Scott Harschberger. At that meeting, arranged by Ellen Feingold, president of the Massachusetts Civil Liberties Union, Mr. Phifer read a statement drawn up by the six defendants.

"The racists are running wild in this city and have been for the past three years," said the statement. "Black people have been attacked not only in East Boston, but in Dorchester, Hyde Park, Charlestown, and even in Roxbury itself. Children have been stoned on the way to school and attacked on the streets.

"Yet," the statement continued, "with hundreds of innocent Blacks injured over the last two years, the Mayor and Governor finally discovered that there was violence in the city when one innocent white young man was injured.

"Louise Day Hicks and the other racist leaders of this city encourage and condone the racist violence which drove us from East Boston. Black people will not be able to live anywhere in Boston in peace and safety or go to the school

of their choice until this racist movement is stopped."

Over 25 Black and Hispanic families have been forced to move out of East Boston because the police would not give Third World people protection but instead arrested them for trying to protect their homes.

"We will continue to fight," Mr. Phifer said for all the defendants, "until we win justice by mobilizing people for our trials, raising money for our defense and every way we know. We call on all justice-loving people to support the right to live

anywhere in peace and safety, to support defense against racist attacks, and to demand that the charges against Robert Phifer, Gary Franklin, Vernard Hoge, Melvin Bean, David Brydie, and Brian Swan be dropped. Only a strong, broad movement against racism in Boston can insure victory."

The defendants also urge everyone to write letters to Attorney General Francis Bellotti, 1 Ashburton Place, Boston, Mass. to demand that all charges against them be dropped.

## Frame-up in Louisiana

# Gary Tyler vs. forces of racism

By KEY MARTIN

NEW ORLEANS, May 31—A national campaign to free Gary Tyler, the 17-year-old Black frame-up victim awaiting execution in a Louisiana death row, is gathering more and more supporters as the already flimsy "evidence" put together by the prosecutor's office proceeds to unravel. Gary Tyler, who is the youngest person now sitting on death row in America, was convicted of the fatal shooting of a 13-year-old white youth on October 7, 1974, in the Louisiana town of Destrehan, 40 miles north of here.

I met with Walter Collins, who is the Coordinator of the Gary Tyler Defense Committee here in New Orleans. Walter, who was formerly with the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF), and is now organizing the Gary Tyler defense effort, is a militant Black worker. "The Gary Tyler case," he explained, comes at a time of an "escalation of attacks against young Blacks," who have been seeking "jobs, quality education, an end to police harassment, and representation in government and institutions."

## RACISM IS THE ISSUE

Specifically, the Gary Tyler case stems from a racist mobilization in Destrehan against Black children who were being bused to Destrehan High School. "There had been racial fighting in the school, starting in the morning and continuing through lunch," explained Walter, speaking of the day that 13-year-old Timothy Weber was killed. "The principal decided to close the school. He called in the school buses that had brought the Black kids, and the parents of the white kids were called to come and pick them up."

By the time the Black children were ready to board the buses, "parents of the white students and

whites from the population at large, many of them armed, had gathered. The whites began to throw rocks and bottles at the buses as the Black children boarded. Several were struck."

While the Black children were on the bus, one of the racists fired a shot. Intended no doubt for one of the Black children, the bullet nevertheless struck Timothy Weber, killing him. The bullet was never recovered, nor was the weapon that fired it. The only "evidence" linking Gary Tyler to the shooting was the court-room testimony of 15-year-old Natalie Blanks, who has since retracted her testimony of seeing Tyler fire a .45 automatic pistol from the bus and has charged Louisiana Asst. Attorney General L.J. Hymel and St. Charles Parish Asst. D.A. Norman Pitre with coercing her into making the false accusation.

## BLACK STUDENTS BRUTALIZED

After the shooting, all the Black students were removed from the bus and both they and the bus were searched over a 2 hour period. No gun was found at this time. The bus driver, a 20-year veteran of the Army with combat experience, testified at the trial that no .45 caliber pistol was fired from the bus.

The Black students were forced to kneel for 2 hours on the concrete near the bus while it was searched. During this time, the police were pointing their loaded weapons at the heads of the Black youth. It was only after the bus had been in police custody for several hours that they managed to "find" any weapon. The gun they produced, a .45 automatic pistol, was traced to the police firing range, which until that time, had not reported it missing.

It was while the Black students were being brutalized by the police



In Boston, where mobs initiated by racist politicians have beaten Black people openly, the East Boston Black Defendants are fighting for the right to defend their homes and families.

that Gary Tyler was singled out. He had protested the treatment they were receiving from the racist cops.

Gary Tyler and most of the Black students were then taken to the police station. "The larger male students and those most vocal in protesting the racist action of the police were savagely beaten in an attempt to force them to say that they had killed Timothy Weber. Gary was one of the larger, if not the largest, Black students," Walter explained. "Sometime during the night, Gary Tyler was charged with the murder."

"The trial itself was a racist show of force in a parish which is more than 30 percent Black. The jury which tried and convicted Gary consisted only of white persons. The grand jury which had indicted him had only one Black member. Of the more than 100 students on the bus with Gary Tyler, only the 4 subpoenaed to testify against him were interviewed as to what had occurred on the bus on the day of the shooting."

## WHY GARY TYLER?

I asked Walter if there was any other reason why Gary Tyler was selected by the police and the D.A. to be the frame-up victim. "Gary had been one of the most vocal students speaking out against various racist practices at Destrehan High School, and he was well liked by almost all the Black students in school. He was considered by many of them to be their chief spokesperson."

I then asked if the Gary Tyler case is an isolated incident, or if there was much opposition from the whites to the struggle of Black people for justice, jobs, and so on. "There is a pattern," Walter Collins told me, "in St. Charles Parish and at most of the high schools which repeats itself on

weekends and after school." The whites, he explained, "mostly sons of Parish officials, shoot at, attempt to run over, and throw bricks and bottles at Black students. The police do not arrest these whites. When Black students respond to these attacks they are both suspended from school and arrested."

In the past year, Walter added, the police have arrested "nearly every person friendly with Gary and his brothers." The Ku Klux Klan has gotten involved in the case, attempting to terrorize the Tyler family and to suppress any support for Gary.

## SUPPORT FOR CASE

How successful has this campaign of intimidation been? "Almost all of the predominantly Black college campuses in the city of New Orleans have formed Gary Tyler defense committees. The New Orleans Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance has gone on record supporting a new trial for Gary Tyler and is in the process of raising funds for his defense."

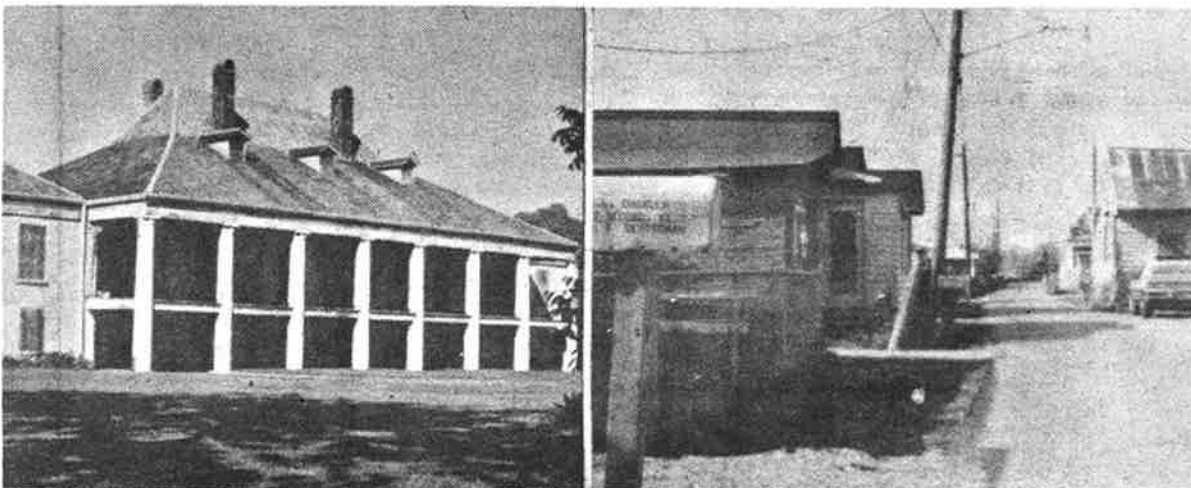
"All of the neighborhood centers which have survived the poverty program are actively involved in the Gary Tyler Defense Committee, and all of the major Black professional organizations are supporting Gary. Literally hundreds of thousands of young persons in this city have supported activities in the defense of Gary Tyler."

What is happening with the case now, and what can people do to help? are the last questions I asked Walter. "The case is pending before the Louisiana Supreme Court, and will most likely be heard in late September."

"The defense committee is planning a mass demonstration for July 24 in New Orleans and we ask people to attend or help others to attend. We also hope to initiate a call for a national demonstration to coincide with the beginning of the hearings before the Louisiana Supreme Court in late September. People can write the governor of Louisiana (Edwin Edwards, State Capitol Bldg., Baton Rouge, La.) expressing concern and demanding a new trial or a pardon for Gary Tyler."

"They can also set up Gary Tyler defense committees in their local areas, raise money for the defense, most specifically try to build demonstrations and fund raising events around the date of July 10, which is Gary Tyler's 18th birthday. Speakers and literature are available from the defense committee."

Write and send funds to: Walter Collins, coordinator, Gary Tyler Defense Committee, 1610 Basin St., New Orleans, La. (504) 522-2244.



In Destrehan, the effects of the plantation system can be seen. The old d'Estrehan Manor House [l.] stands in sharp contrast to houses in the Black community [r.].

Photo: Southern Patriot

**The militant response of Canadian workers to the capitalist offensive is more than the ruling class bargained for. Here, 35,000 workers at Parliament Hill in Ottawa on March 22. Photo: Tribune**



## NYC protest called for June 25

# Five sentenced to death in south Korea

By ANDY STAPP

NEW YORK, June 7—The U.S. out of Korea Committee of Youth Against War & Fascism has initiated a call for a demonstration against the U.S. military occupation of south Korea, setting the day for Friday, June 25, the 26th anniversary of the start of the Korean war. At presstime, sponsors for the action include the Guardian Committee to Support Korean Reunification, the Committee in Solidarity with the Korean People, the Puerto Rican Socialist Party, the Union of Democratic Filipinos, Asian Americans for Action, Friends of Indochina, Lower Eastside Mobilization for Peace Action, Neighbors for Peace, and the Vietnam Peace Parade Committee.

The demonstration will take place in front of the south Korean consulate at 57th St. and Park Ave. at 5 p.m.

This past month political repression reached new depths in south Korea as the kangaroo courts of the fascist dictator Pak Jung Hi ordered prisoner after prisoner to the gallows. The victims were students, arrested after anti-government demonstrations last fall. Of the 21 university students dragged before the dock in this latest mass show trial, five—Kim O Ja, Kim Jong Tae, Paek Ok Gwang, Kim Chol Hyon, and Kim Dal Nam—have been sentenced to death.

Meanwhile, at another star-chamber proceeding being staged in the Seoul District Criminal Court, a former south Korean resident, a former presidential candidate, and 16 others are charged with signing a "Declaration for National Democratic Survival" which denounced Pak for oppression and for selling out the nation's resources and labor to foreign imperialism.

Accused under a presidential decree with "attempting to overthrow the government," these 18 defendants face imprisonment for life.

U.S. GIVES OK  
TO S. KOREAN BUTCHER

The U.S. government gave its complete seal of approval to this newest round of suppression of

freedom in Korea on May 29 when Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld flew to Hawaii for a series of meetings with south Korean officials. Announcing that the U.S. is always prepared to "give prompt and effective assistance" to the satellite regime in Seoul, Rumsfeld emphasized that "there is no change in the policy" of using nuclear weapons against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (north Korea) in the event of renewed warfare on the peninsula.

Such an extremely bellicose policy is not a creation of the Ford administration alone, but has

substantial backing from a very powerful section of the big-business U.S. ruling class. This was recently demonstrated by the total failure of congressional liberals to cut off military aid to Pak Jung Hi despite his flagrant and ugly record of human rights violations.

In fact, it was no less a "liberal" than House Speaker Carl Albert who led the charge for the Pentagon and the multi-national corporations in getting more arms and cash for their Korean clients. On May 14 Albert stated both that "the presence of U.S. troops must be continued" in south Korea and

that "highly developed military equipment must be supplied in sufficient quantities" to Pak's armed forces.

All their pious talk about human rights didn't for a minute stop Congress from appropriating \$73 million more for the Korean puppet regime this year than last, including HH 13 helicopters, OB-10 scout planes, and Harpoon, TOW, and Nike Hercules missile systems.

DEMAND U.S. LEAVE KOREA!

It is particularly intolerable that such vast amounts of money should be lavished on the cruel quislings

in Seoul at a time when schools and hospitals are being shut down in the U.S. because of an alleged shortage of funds needed to keep them operating.

Moreover, such Pentagon aid, while useful to the U.S. monopoly firms in protecting their investments, only serves to further enslave the people of south Korea while simultaneously heating up the climate for a new and even more destructive Korean war.

All these maneuvers by the imperialist master class should underscore the importance of the June 25 demonstration and the need to say: "U.S. out of Korea!"

## Saber-rattling over Zimbabwe

# Racist Reagan: 'I'd send troops'

By P. MEISNER

NEW YORK, June 7—Gloom, hopelessness, and desperation are the mood within U.S. imperialist circles these days as the liberation struggle of the people of Zimbabwe becomes a greater and greater reality. And despite the neo-colonial schemes of U.S. Secretary of State Kissinger, which give the appearance of supporting Black majority rule, the imperialist warhawks would no doubt try a military adventure to save the white racist regime in Salisbury if they could get away with it.

How else can the June 7 cover story of Newsweek be interpreted except as an invitation for Western imperialist powers to "save" white Rhodesia? The Newsweek cover is headlined, "Can White Africa Survive?" A large map on the inside entitled "Fortress Rhodesia" shows the weakness of the fascist regime in military and logistic terms.

Only in this light can the Ronald Reagan remarks of June 2 be understood. A substantial, extreme right-wing section of the U.S. ruling class was behind presidential candidate Reagan when he told a Sacramento, California, press group "that if he were president he might send American troops into Rhodesia to prevent black guerrillas from harming supporters of the current white minority government," as reported by New York Post correspondent Robert Bazell in Sacramento.

FORD WON'T  
RULE OUT TROOPS

While Reagan has already tried to backtrack from this obviously much too unpopular, racist, and warmongering position, the entire world knows that Reagan was "shooting from the hip" and that he meant it. Even President Ford, although making political hay out of Reagan's blunder, did not categorically deny that the U.S. government would ever send troops to southern Africa. In fact, Ford openly denounced Reagan's remarks for being too open about one of U.S. imperialism's options. The day after Reagan's remarks, Ford said in Washington:

"Any indication that a President might send American troops to southern Africa, I think is irresponsible."

But the U.S. rulers are all too wary of the risks involved in a Rhodesian invasion, as the similarities with the early stages of the Vietnam war are very much

evident. The racist Rhodesian government has been herding rural Black people into "protected villages," much like the "strategic hamlets" of pre-1975 South Vietnam. But as Newsweek reports:

"The guerrillas' game plan, as Rhodesian intelligence officials see it, is to mount a steadily increasing

number of scattered attacks. Then, when the rainy season begins, the blacks will send their newly trained recruits into Rhodesia. From November to April, many of Rhodesia's dirt roads become impassable to army vehicles, which include a fleet of homemade armored cars. Planes and

helicopters are frequently grounded, and bands of guerrillas are almost impossible to spot in the thick bushland.

"I think all hell is going to break loose," says one U.S. official. "Didn't the Pentagon tell us that the Viet Cong could never fight the marines?"



Demonstrators protest racist policies of multi-millionaire Virginia Senator Harry F. Byrd, an outspoken supporter of the racist regimes of South Africa and Rhodesia. WW photo: Larry

## YA WF demonstrates against Byrd

By AL LONG

PORTSMOUTH, Va., May 31—Virginia Senator Harry F. Byrd, Jr., was greeted at his Memorial Day speech today by 25 Black, white, and Palestinian demonstrators condemning his racist policies at home and abroad.

The senator is the author of the Byrd Amendment which allows the U.S. to import chrome and other materials from the white racist regime of Rhodesia in violation of a UN boycott. He is one of the wealthiest individuals in the U.S. Congress, thanks to generations of exploitation of Virginia's working people by the Byrd family. Byrd makes millions each year from his huge Shenandoah Valley apple orchards, where Black and Chicano migrant workers toil for pennies a day.

Of course Byrd is also the head of the notorious "Byrd machine," which has dominated Virginia politics for generations with its policies of brutal racism, anti-unionism, and rabid militarism. Byrd is presently campaigning for re-election on a platform calling for opposition to busing and school integration, cutbacks in all social services coupled with huge spending for the Pentagon, and hysterical anti-Sovietism.

Today's demonstration, possibly the first ever against the Byrd oligarchy, was the first in several years in the city of Portsmouth, which has a widespread reputation for repression, racism, and police brutality and corruption. The demonstrators pointed out the link between Byrd's outspoken support

of the racist governments of South Africa and Rhodesia and his history of racist and anti-working class policies at home.

At the city's Memorial Day parade before the demonstration, Youth Against War & Fascism distributed over 1,500 leaflets explaining:

"Harry Byrd has consistently opposed all measures that would better the conditions of poor and working people; he has opposed all increases in federal aid to cities, housing, schools, and children. Byrd has said himself, 'The best way to help poor people is to reduce government spending.' While Byrd has opposed programs for the people, he has never been against any increase in military spending."

## Ford doth protest a bit too much

Gerald Ford has recently been trying to palm himself off as a peace candidate by criticizing Ronald Reagan's pro-war and racist idea of sending U.S. "occupation forces" to Africa to help the Rhodesian fascists combat the guerrillas struggling for majority rule.

"It is an irresponsible suggestion," said Ford on June 5. But last November wasn't it Ford who got the CIA to dispatch hundreds of "ex" U.S. soldiers to fight in Angola?

Three of these imperialist mercenaries, Gary Martin Acker from California, Daniel Gearhart from Maryland, and Gustavo Grillo from New Jersey, were captured by the Angolan freedom fighters and are soon to go on trial in the capital city of Luanda for their murderous crimes.

In light of these facts, Ford's mock dismay about Reagan's Rhodesia remarks must be seen for exactly what it is: the typical election hypocrisy of a cynical big business politician.



# Thousands march for daycare, vow unity with all NYC cut victims

By SHARON SHELTON  
NEW YORK, June 8—Carrying homemade signs reflecting their anger, children, parents, daycare workers, and other supporters of the right to childcare and education marched over 70 blocks today in protest of the latest wave of cuts in social services here.

Organizers of the demonstration, which was initiated by a coalition of groups called the June 8 Coordinating Committee, estimated the action drew at least 7,000 people.

Most of the participants were directly affected by last week's vicious closing of 49 daycare centers, the indefinite shutdown of the entire city university system, layoffs of 1,500 daycare workers, threatened termination of over 30 hospitals, or a planned massive layoff of hospital workers.

## "MAKE THE BANKS PAY"

"Working mothers need daycare and after-school centers. Fight cutbacks!" "Community, workers, unite and fight to keep our daycare centers!" "Daycare must stay, make the banks pay!" were some of the slogans appearing on signs and banners carried by the crowd, which was largely made up of Black, Latin, and Asian women and children.

As the march wound its way from City Hall in lower Manhattan to Gov. Hugh Carey's office in midtown, workers along the route waved and nodded in solidarity.

"It's plain that all of these people are working mothers who have children in daycare and are going to be forced onto welfare if the centers are closed," a middle-aged Black woman on the sidelines of the march told Workers World before hurrying back to work from her lunch break. "If they succeed in closing these centers, what's to

stop them from closing everything else?"

## DEMANDS OF THE MARCH

Demands of the march included keeping the centers open, renegotiation of the direct leases by which landlords milk the daycare funds, repeal of Title XX and expanded eligibility, full-time family counselors and teachers' aides, and improved child-staff ratio. Other demands concerned the public schools and colleges.

One participant in the march, Ammeris Diaz of Workers and Parents United, a group in the coalition, explained that although her center in the East Bronx has been shut, the city is continuing to pay the landlord a ripoff \$20,000 a year for the closed facility under the direct lease program. In this case, the lease runs for 20 years.

Another marcher expressed her anger at Title XX, legislation cutting federal daycare funds and lowering eligibility ceilings. "I don't have a job, nothing," said Dolly Hayes whose children were funded by the city in a private center until Title XX made them ineligible. "If I don't get some help, I'll have to take the children out, because I plain can't afford it."

A Black family counselor from Queens who suddenly found herself out of work due to last week's cuts told Workers World that while she needed her job, her main reason for demonstrating was the horror she felt that many of the children in her center would now be deprived of adequate daycare. "I'm fighting for the mothers and the children," she emphasized. "They have been deprived too long."

According to a Puerto Rican marcher who works in a center on the Lower East Side, the family counselors may be the first in a series of cuts in the staff. She

reports that she has been told that bookkeepers will be fired next, taking financing out of the hands of the community and leaving it to a centralized office, which can decide on the kinds of materials a center can use and what should be a priority in spending.

"If we lose control of the money," she pointed out, "they will be controlling everything."

A daycare worker and member of Women United for Action, a sponsor of the demonstration, explained the importance of the demand concerning the child-staff ratio. Speaking beneath a bright blue gingham banner reading "Daycare, education are our rights, make the banks pay," she said angrily, "The budget cuts are already having a terrible effect on the quality of care and education of the children. The new cuts being threatened will render our staffs inadequate."

At a brief rally which followed the two-hour march through Manhattan, Liz Gonzales, a coordinator of the June 8 Coalition and member of the Daycare Union Action Committee, said that the demonstration had shown that there is unity between those affected by the cuts in the colleges, the schools, and daycare. She added the march was an important first step in unifying all the people of New York who have been affected by the crisis.

Sponsors of the demonstration included the Center for United Labor Action, the Community Coalition to Save Hostos, the Daycare Council, Daycare Family Counsellors, the Daycare Union Action Committee, the District 3 School Board, Local 205 of District Council 1707, the Parent and Community Coalition of District 6, the Puerto Rican Socialist Party, the United Bronx Parents, Women United for Action, and Workers and Parents United for Daycare.

# June 19 conference will focus on struggle against sterilization abuse

By JUDY GREENSPAN  
NEW YORK, June 6—A conference will be held on June 19 to fight the genocidal practice of forced sterilization of poor and Third World women. The conference, sponsored by the newly formed Coalition Against Sterilization Abuse, comes in the wake of a suit by New York City Professors of Obstetrics and Gynecology (OBGYN) challenging the city's progressive sterilization regulations.

The regulations, effective Nov. 1, 1976, insure that women will not be railroaded by racist doctors and hospital administrations into unwanted sterilizations. The regulations were instituted by the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation after a massive struggle by rank-and-file hospital workers and community groups to end sterilization abuse.

## GUIDELINES PROTECT WOMEN

Under the guidelines, consent for sterilization may not be obtained during times of stress such as childbirth or abortion. There must be a 30-day waiting period between consent and procedure and consent

forms must be in the woman's native language.

But the doctors who have filed suit against the city are up in arms, saying their "freedom of speech" has been violated by the new procedures.

Black, Puerto Rican, Asian, and Native American women have been the guinea pigs for the whims of the white racist medical profession for many years. The acting director of OBGYN at a city municipal hospital boasted that it is common practice to use so-called elective hysterectomies to train resident doctors. He admitted that 99 percent of these training operations were performed on Black and Puerto Rican women.

Sterilization as a form of birth control has, of course, been freely chosen by many women who have definitely decided they want no more children. But this is very different from the kind of heavy pressure put on many poor and oppressed women by doctors and social workers.

Sterilization has been on the rise in oppressed communities across the country and around the world. And the medical profession has an ugly history of tricking millions of

oppressed women into being sterilized.

In Puerto Rico, one out of every three women has been the victim of forced sterilization. Here one out of every five married Black women under 40 has been sterilized. The majority of the one million sterilizations performed each year are done on Third World women.

The government through its Department of Health, Education, and Welfare is carrying on this war against poor women. HEW, which also funds child care and community health programs whose budgets have been virtually wiped out over the past year, has been able to appropriate more and more federal funds for its sterilization program.

The New York City Coalition Against Sterilization Abuse plans to actively fight the doctor's suit and expose the rampant racism within the city hospital system. The coalition is composed of women's and community groups who have been struggling to end sterilization abuse.

The June 19 conference will be taking place at the Trinity Lutheran Church on 164 W. 100th St., from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Over 7,000 parents, children, and workers march the 70 blocks decision to stop funds for 49 daycare centers and fire 1,500 workers plan for "austerity" among New Yorkers.

## June 16 protest of closings set

# NYC hospital work

By BILL DEL VECCHIO  
NEW YORK, June 7—Uncertainty clouds the future of thousands of New York City hospital workers. Layoffs, hospital closings, cutbacks, and benefit reductions are threatened at both municipal and private voluntary hospitals, and workers represented by both Local 420 of AFSCME and District 1199, National Union of Hospital and Health Care Employees, are awaiting the outcome of negotiations.

A strike by Local 420 members set for today was abruptly postponed when AFSCME Director Lillian Roberts announced that the Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC) and the union had agreed to submit the dispute to a three-person panel for nonbinding arbitration.

The HHC, under orders of the Emergency Financial Control Board, is attempting to close four municipal hospitals and lay off

3,200 workers in the already understaffed system. The decision by the HHC to go ahead and issue layoff notices prompted last week's strike call.

Under the agreement, both the strike and layoff notices were to be postponed until arbitrators announced their decision. But layoff notices were received at Sydenham, Gouverneur, Goldwater, and Kings County hospitals the very day the agreement was announced, according to workers at those institutions. The workers were notified their jobs will be terminated June 18.

A rally was held by Local 420 on Friday, June 4, at which the union leadership instructed those who had received pink slips (layoff notices) to tear them up, saying that they weren't valid until the arbitrators made their decision. This was denied by a spokesperson for the HHC, who restated that those workers who received

# CUNY's future held h

By BILL DEL VECCHIO  
NEW YORK, June 9—The gates of City University remain shut as the State Legislature continues to haggle over whether ending open admissions and free tuition which will eliminate tens of thousands of students, were really enough of a sacrifice. The City University of New York needs \$24 million from the state to be able to pay its faculty and staff and reopen to finish the spring semester.

The city university system, with 270,000 students and 30,000 teachers and staff, was shut down by Chancellor Kibbee on May 28 after the legislature shut the money off in order to force CUNY's administering Board of Higher Education to impose tuition at the same levels as the state university. CUNY had maintained a free tuition policy for 129 years.

Heavy pressure the week before

the shutdown caused the chairman of the BHE and three other members to resign rather than take the blame for imposing tuition. Former BHE Chairman Alfred Giordano earlier had no objections to limiting open admissions and closing certain campuses, actions which primarily affect Black and Puerto Rican students. Four new members were named to the board by Mayor Beame, all of whom stated their support for tuition even before the vote was taken.

Tuition will be charged next semester at the rate of \$750 for undergraduates and \$900 for graduate students—impossible sums for many of the present students. Tuition was imposed by the BHE in a 7 to 1 vote in a meeting June 1. One hundred and thirty-five million dollars will have to be raised through tuition fees for





ks from City Hall to Governor Carey's office. The disastrous  
orkers as part of a \$34 million cutback is another part of the  
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## Workers under assault

notices would be terminated June 18.

Adding further to the fear and uncertainty over the fate of New York's hospitals, the Health Systems Agency, a new committee which controls the flow of federal Medicaid money to all the city hospitals, announced that the closing of 30 voluntary hospitals is under discussion. Joseph Lynaugh of the agency claims that his staff had discovered empty beds in the 30 hospitals, a crime which can only be remedied by their closing, according to his thinking. But hospital workers point out that the empty beds reflect a shortage of staff to care for more patients, not a lack of patients needing care. (Workers World was informed today that at one Brooklyn hospital, a patient with double pneumonia has spent two days in the emergency room waiting for a bed.)

District 1199, which represents

the workers at the voluntary hospitals, is presently negotiating a new contract with the League of Voluntary Hospitals. The present contract runs out June 30. The league has taken a hard stand against the union, demanding benefit rollbacks and attempting to force the union to negotiate with each hospital separately.

The newly formed Coalition to Save the Municipal Hospitals has called for a protest march against the closings of Fordham, Morrisania, Belvis, Sydenham, and Gouverneur. The march will begin at Bryant Park, 42nd St. and 6th Ave., at 10 a.m. on June 16, and then proceed to the office of the Emergency Financial Control Board at 55th St. and 6th Ave. The coalition, made up of personnel from the four affected municipal hospitals and community residents, is demanding no budget cutbacks, no layoffs, no hospital closings, and no compromises.

## Hostage by politicians

the maintenance of the university, despite the heavy drop in enrollment.

### POLITICAL MANEUVERS IN ALBANY

State Senate Minority Leader Warren Anderson, a long-time associate of former Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, had blocked a plan that would allow CUNY to reopen and provide financing for next year. Now Anderson has stated he'll vote for \$24 million in immediate aid—but as an advance from next year's CUNY budget. The future of the 20-campus university will be left to dangle in the wind until a "blue ribbon" panel can develop a plan, according to Anderson.

Meanwhile Gov. Hugh Carey has publicly stated in his quarrel with Anderson that although the state will assume primary responsibility for CUNY's financing, its con-

tribution will not increase above last year's state contribution. This will mean a 50 percent reduction in financial aid since the city is dropping its financial support.

Of course, the people of New York City and New York State have not been consulted by the capitalist politicians to find out what they think should be done. Nor has even one legislator or elected official tried to raise funds for the university system by fighting to tax the banks and huge corporations who operate out of Wall Street and are showing record profits this year.

While Anderson and Carey haggle over which is the best way to dissect CUNY, the futures of 20,000 students awaiting graduation, 30,000 unpaid teachers and staff, and 230,000 students waiting for their grades are being held hostage.

## Billionaire banks to ax more jobs in attempt to bleed NYC dry

By ANDY STAPP

NEW YORK, June 7—New demands from the banker-dominated Emergency Financial Control Board (EFCB) that \$300 million more in jobs and services be amputated from the New York City budget horribly confirm earlier predictions that every concession made by the trade union leaders to the big money men, every retreat before the ultimatums of the so-called "financial community," every refusal to confront reality and prepare the workers for an arduous and militant fight-back campaign will only serve to whet the appetite of the rich and cruel rulers, only lead to more layoffs, more hospital and school closings, and to endless transfers of wealth from the pockets of the people into the vaults of the millionaires and billionaires.

### HAND WASHES HAND

Arrogantly boasting how the game works, Municipal Assistance Corporation (MAC) boss and Wall Street broker Felix Rohatyn told the New York Daily News last Sunday, "Our intent is not to make the city officials look bad. I just don't think they could have stood up to their constituencies (the voters) without our giving them the excuse to do it."

Not surprisingly, Mayor Abe Beame agrees that the relationship between City Hall, Albany, and the banks "has been very successful."

How true! But for whom?

The MAC-EFCB takeover which Beame praises has been an unrelieved disaster for almost everyone but the well-heeled few. While a privileged minority who soaked away astronomical sums in tax-free municipal bonds has gotten a handsome payoff—\$2 billion over the past 12 months—the cuts in daycare, education, and health services have made the

fabled Big Apple into a sour joke for the rest, who see a lifetime of labor being washed away, their dreams of a better future evaporating along with their imperiled pensions, schools, parks, hospitals, and libraries.

A sample of how the city bosses "negotiate" with the workers during this period of EFCB-MAC fiscal dictatorship can be seen in a statement made on June 5 by Anthony Russo, Beame's chief representative in new labor contracts covering 150,000 municipal employees.

"There are further layoffs in the offing," said Russo, adding, "We cannot guarantee that there will not be more layoffs no matter how much you give up."

If that's the case, then why give up anything?

### PEOPLE ANGERED BY NEW CUTS

The vast majority of people living in New York City are completely opposed to slashing additional jobs and services just to keep up with the extortionate interest payments being demanded by the bankers. Even an opinion poll taken by the anti-labor, racist, and ultra-reactionary New York Daily News shows that over two-thirds of all New Yorkers favor a public referendum in which voters can decide whether there should be more cutbacks. This poll also revealed that 94 percent are against firing any hospital workers, and well over 80 percent are opposed to laying off any fire fighters, sanitation workers, teachers, or transit workers.

### THE MONEY IS THERE

There is a growing understanding that ample wealth exists in this country to meet all the basic needs of the people. A few weeks ago UPI reported that oil

baron David Lyons paid \$14,200 for one bottle of old wine!

And there's no money for children's daycare?

MAC has announced plans to raise \$170 million for another convention center on 34th Street.

No cash to keep the city university system open?

This Monday when thousands of city workers were awaiting their pink dismissal slips, the New York Post described a party thrown at the grand ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria by David Rockefeller, Senator Jacob Javits, Cardinal Cooke, Mrs. John Drexel III, Mrs. William Buckley, "Mary" and "Tommy" Phipps, Henry Ford II, and other assorted moneybags "in tribute" to Spanish fascist King Juan Carlos.

Wrote the Post, "Among the dazzling gems at the formal dinner was the thumbnail-size diamond that hung casually from a delicate chain around Mrs. Rodman de Herren's throat."

"Mimi Herrera's magnificent sapphire and diamond earrings were set off by a dark gown. . . ."

No funds for hospitals, for the sick?

Gushing breathlessly over Juan Carlos and his bejeweled admirers does not, however, prevent the Post from editorializing (June 3) that the only "rational" solution to the fiscal crisis is to continue "acknowledging the supremacy of the Emergency Financial Control Board."

But if people learned anything from last week's savage assault by the bankers, carried out in total disregard of all previous promises not to axe any more municipal workers or desperately needed community services, it was that only by fighting and resisting the supremacy of these greedy hogs will it be truly possible for the majority to build any real security for themselves and their children.

## Rally to save CUNY

NEW YORK, June 9—Surrounded by over 5,000 students, teachers and staff members, City Hall today felt the massive movement that is building to reopen the City University of New York, closed by the Board of Higher Education under the pretense of lack of money. Furloughed without pay and denied their exams, grades, or diplomas, angry marchers rallied, vowing to build their struggle into a citywide mobilization against the massive cuts in social services, and attacks on the livelihoods and wellbeing of all New Yorkers. Banks hold the city in bondage with an extortionate debt service of \$2 billion. Cancellation of the debt service alone would free the city from its present crisis.

Another demonstration is planned by the teachers' union, the Professional Staff Congress, to confront 500 Democratic politicians on Monday, June 14. They will be feasting on a \$125-a-plate "picnic" at Rockefeller Center while CUNY remains closed for "lack of funds." Marchers will assemble at Manhattan Community College, 1633 Broadway at 50th Street at 5 p.m.



Some of the more than 7,000 supporters of the right to childcare and education at NYC rally.  
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## EDITORIAL

# No troops to Philly

Mayor Frank Rizzo's plan to have Philadelphia occupied by 15,000 federal troops on July 4 is a totally illegal and fascist violation of the people's constitutional right to assemble and demonstrate. Rizzo's latest act of blatant repression is aimed at stopping the mass demonstration called by the July 4 Coalition, a broad united front embracing over 200 progressive organizations.

Initiated by the Puerto Rican Socialist Party and the American Indian Movement, the July 4 Coalition's Philadelphia action will direct attention to the colonial status of Puerto Rico and to the terrible social, political, and economic oppression daily pressing down on the workers and poor here in the U.S.—particularly the Black, Brown, Asian, and Native American peoples.

That Rizzo (who is so deservedly hated by Philadelphians that 150,000 of them have now signed petitions demanding his recall from office) should ask the federal government to flood the city with soldiers at the very moment when the rich ruling class is using the bicentennial to portray the U.S. as a haven for free speech and the right to dissent is ironic to say the least. It is also a brutal reminder that two centuries after 1776, the Latin and Indian people and the descendants of Black slaves still face the threat of military mobilizations aimed at preventing them from exercising the most basic democratic rights.

Rizzo and the other racists should be enjoined from bringing troops out when none of the people have requested them. Whatever develops on the legal front, however, it has now become doubly important that as many groups and individuals as possible turn out for this very timely demonstration.

## Defend socialist Cuba

The U.S. government cannot evade its responsibility for last Sunday's terrorist bombing of the Cuban Mission to the UN. Gerald Ford's highly publicized and provocative characterization of Cuba as an "international outlaw" amounts to giving the green light for violent anti-Cuban attacks by rightists in the United States—many of whom are no more than paid agents of the U.S. government.

It is now coming to light that during the last few months, the most fanatical anti-communists among the Cuban exiles have unleashed a systematic wave of slaughter in Miami's Little Havana neighborhood, assassinating 12 people including a newspaper publisher who had advocated restoration of diplomatic ties with Cuba.

In addition, Cuban fishermen have been attacked and killed in international waters and Cuban diplomatic personnel slain in Portugal.

Enraged by their crushing defeat in Angola at the hands of MPLA freedom fighters aided by revolutionary Cuba, the U.S. imperialists have obviously embarked on a world-wide campaign of harassment, sabotage, and downright murder against the first socialist nation in the Western Hemisphere.

Fortunately, progressive people have an excellent opportunity to show their opposition to the enemies of Cuba by participating in the various activities planned around the country on July 26 to demand an end to the blockade imposed by U.S. imperialism on that heroic island republic.

## Ford upholds segregation

Gerald Ford's defense of racially segregated private schools on a television news interview last Sunday reveals just how far the U.S. ruling class and their political lap dogs have departed from even the pretense of guaranteeing quality for all.

"Individuals have rights" to attend Jim Crow schools, Ford said in support of the all-white academies that deny entrance to Black children. How is this statement different from the sick ravings of Klan front groups like the Rights of White People (ROWP) organization?

Ford also took the opportunity to declare that he would ask Congress to pass legislation "in the very near future" virtually forbidding busing for the purpose of ending segregation.

Is it any wonder that George Wallace now says he is "satisfied" because "everybody is saying what I started out saying in 1964?" By "everybody," Wallace means Jackson, Ford, Reagan and Carter. Hardly everybody.

The "anti-busing" rhetoric of the politicians is, of course, intended as a smokescreen to hide the decay of the capitalist system which is increasingly unable to provide jobs, decent schools, good housing, or health care to the people. Blaming the Black people, who are the primary victims of all this, is absurd in the extreme. After all, it is not the poor who wish to perpetuate this irrational system, but the wealthy few who benefit from it at the expense of everybody else.



## —Behind the Lebanon crisis

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Front—those who are for rejecting the Sinai step-by-step Kissinger diplomacy—and the acceptance Front—Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and the Gulf states—fear an independent revolutionary development in Lebanon even more than they fear Israeli aggression at this particular historic moment.

Syria has a formidable Communist Party with two members in the Cabinet. But the party, as an organization, is illegal. It can only exist as part of the Ba'athist-dominated Progressive National Front. It is devoid of any real independence and must hew to the line of Assad and his colleagues.

According to the Soviet news agency Tass (Daily World, June 5), "the Syrian comrades stressed the invariability of the Syrian CP's principled line of further strengthening and developing cooperation with the Ba'ath Party... within the framework of the Progressive National Front." Will it cooperate in the invasion of Lebanon? Or will it stand up to its historic duty?

If it does not collaborate it stands the chance of being dealt with the way Nimeiry dealt with the Sudanese CP. Therein lies the danger that class collaboration and subordination to bourgeois leadership always entail.

### SOVIET ATTITUDE

And what is the attitude of the USSR? Kosygin's meeting with Assad during the midst of this crisis in and of itself could be regarded as total insensitivity to the situation or a howling diplomatic blunder. There is, however, more to it than that. The USSR leadership is trying to hold on to the Assad regime in an effort to weaken U.S. imperialism—just as they tried to hang on to Sadat. They give a higher priority to diplomatic and military accommodation with Syria than to the genuine revolutionary possibilities in Lebanon and of the Palestinians as a whole.

It is all such a crying shame to repeat the same error, if we may call it that, which occurred when Nimeiry executed the Communists in the Sudan. A Soviet delegation was in Cairo attending a convention of the so-called Arab

Socialist Union—the organization of the Egyptian bourgeoisie—when the news of the counter-revolutionary coup came out, and while Sadat and Qadhaafi were jointly exporting counter-revolution to the Sudan. To make it even more humiliating for the Soviet delegation, Ali Sabry and more than half a dozen cabinet members friendly to the Soviet Union and constituting the progressive wing of Nasserism had just been arrested. This ushered in a virtual political counter-revolution in Egypt which opened wide the gates for the U.S. multinationals to run amok the way they are now doing. Still the Soviet leadership hung on to Sadat, giving him political support as well as justified military support, until he virtually kicked them out.

It is understandable and proper for the USSR to take any and all measures to aid the national liberation struggles and bourgeois regimes in the struggle against imperialism. But in doing so it must not subordinate the internal class struggle in the interest of diplomatic ends. Once it does that the Soviet Union not only loses out with the working class in the particular country but it is also bound to lose its diplomatic standing too, sooner or later, because no bourgeois regime can for too long a period fight against imperialism or remain a stable ally of a socialist country.

The counter-revolutionary dissident Soviet writer Andrei Amalrik, in his brochure, "Will the USSR Last Until 1984," compares the Soviet position in the Middle East to Napoleon the Third's involvement in Mexico. The analogy is absurd, insofar as it connotes Soviet imperialist expansionism. Amalrik, however, is not without some insight into the problems of Soviet foreign policy since he seems to have contact with some of the leading figures in the Soviet bureaucracy.

But the point that could be considered somewhat analogous is the adventurism of Soviet foreign policy in the Middle East, not in the sense of imperialist expansionism but in the sense that they have consistently gambled on and involved themselves too deeply in the support of bourgeois regimes over and above what is considered anti-

imperialist aid—in Egypt yesterday, in India and Syria today. Now the Soviet bureaucracy is in the glorious position where, having politically supported the Syrian regime, they find the material and military aid they've given being used not only to wreak havoc on fraternal liberation movements but proving of direct assistance to their mortal enemy, U.S. imperialism.

The clever diplomacy boomerangs when it is inconsistent with the class interests of the workers and peasants in the oppressed countries.

The report that the Soviet Union has called for an end to Syrian intervention is of course a welcome move, but to make it serious they should cut off military assistance to the Assad regime. Their assistance to any of the Arab countries should be for the purpose of fighting imperialism, not for the suppression of liberation movements.

### CHINA REPEATS ERROR

It would be a happy circumstance if the People's Republic of China were to offer a revolutionary alternative to Soviet policy. But far from it. As soon as Nimeiry carried through his counter-revolutionary extermination of the CP, the trade unions, and the peasant organizations, the Chinese CP sent fraternal delegates to Nimeiry's Socialist Union convention—which was a gathering of hangmen and their accomplices in the destruction of the Sudanese working class.

This must not be forgotten because no sooner had Sadat cancelled the Soviet-Egyptian Friendship Treaty than he was embraced by Peking and, of course, the U.S.

Nevertheless, the historic tide is totally against these bourgeois Arab regimes. The intervention of the masses under circumstances of increasing bourgeois oppression and intensification of imperialist pressure make it inevitable that, like the old regimes before these new "socialist" ones, they are only temporary barriers through which the revolutionary pressure of the masses will surely break. It is in this light that we have to regard the situation in Lebanon.



# What's behind the Lebanon crisis?

By SAM MARCY

**JUNE 9**—First of all, it is necessary to condemn the intervention of Syrian forces in Lebanon, whose guns are aimed primarily at the Lebanese left and the Palestinian movement. That this is one more coup for the Kissinger strategy can be seen in such headlines as "One Invasion that the U.S. Approves" appearing in the right-wing business magazine U.S. News & World Report (June 14).

It is not as though the immediate question for Syria were a struggle against Israeli aggression—in which case, it might become necessary under some circumstances to enter Lebanese territory to ward off a U.S.-Israeli aggression. That's not what's happening at the moment.

## A REPEAT OF 1970?

But there is a great danger that the Syrian regime could carry out the kind of assault against the Palestinians (and Lebanese) that the puppet King Hussein of Jordan struck in September 1970—a virtual counter-revolution whose effects have not yet been overcome.

In fact, the similarities between the situation in Syria today and in Jordan before September 1970 are striking. At that time Hussein regarded the Palestinians as a "state within a state." Every day it seemed more likely that he would be toppled. But, working in collusion with the Nixon administration, Hussein opened his counter-revolutionary assault and a brutal massacre followed. There was a great deal of lip service paid to the Palestinians by the other Arab regimes, but no concerted offensive was taken against Hussein.

Today the Palestinians constitute a formidable force. Together with the Lebanese working class and progressives they are indeed a revolutionary danger which, in the minds of reactionary ruling class circles, exceeds that of the imperialist danger.

"The situation in Lebanon is highly volatile. The character of the war may change, particularly if it widens to include other countries and if some of the hidden political forces come to the surface. U.S. News, while happy over the role that Syria has played so far, nevertheless calls it a 'high-risk gamble for the Syrians and for Ford.'"

## THE LONG SHADOW OF U.S. MARINES

What every American worker should remember with regard to Lebanon is that in 1958 U.S. Marines invaded during the Eisenhower administration. It is really impossible to understand the Lebanese situation without taking this into account. This "detail" is totally lost in the massive reporting on Lebanon in the U.S. press.

The shadow of the Sixth Fleet, however, has never left the seaport of Beirut. It is true that U.S. forces were withdrawn after a ramshackle pro-imperialist government had been put together, after the rebellion of the people had been crushed and the civil war subsided.

But every time Israeli jets bombed southern Lebanon to strike at the Palestinians, it was another reminder of the same military presence started by Eisenhower and Dulles in 1958. When in 1969 the Israelis invaded Lebanon and took over Beirut airport, with the connivance and encouragement of



Arab student demonstrates at Syrian Mission to UN.

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the Pentagon, that was another reminder. And if Israeli should take advantage of the Syrian presence in Lebanon to invade again, it will be with the consent of Washington and Wall Street.

The Syrian intervention would not have taken place and the Palestinians would not be in Lebanon but in their homeland if the U.S. had been forced to get out of the Middle East. That's the crucial question.

## IMPERIALISM REINFORCED

Rather than that, U.S. imperialism has reinforced itself there. In the first place, it has manipulated the so-called oil-producing states, particularly Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and the other Gulf states. Vast sums of money have gone to finance counter-revolutionary struggles in the Middle East, to subvert progressive movements, and to arm all of them with a view of heightening tension, deepening antagonisms, and creating war among them.

It has, for instance, set up Iran against the Gulf states; it has set up Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states against Libya, Syria, and Algeria; and it has tried, even when it seemed hardly advantageous, to set up Cairo against Beirut as a possible new banking center. Everywhere, U.S. imperialism's influence in the Middle East has channeled the so-called billions from the oil national-

izations not into raising the living standards of the masses but into strengthening reactionary regimes to suppress the masses. None but the very rich and the imperialists gain from all this. The limited sovereignty obtained as a result of the 1973 war is rapidly diminishing with each new thrust of American finance capital into every nook and corner of the Middle East through its many multi-national corporations.

Only recently the U.S. engineered the Saudi Arabian puppets, the Kuwaitis, and the Sadat reactionary regime to create a so-called "Acceptance Front" for the Sinai disengagement agreement which was an out-and-out sell-out of the Palestinian Revolution. This grouping, pulled together by the adroit imperialist diplomacy of Kissinger, has exerted the most relentless pressure on Syria to accept the betrayal agreement.

They utilized to the hilt the oil weapon as an instrument of economic repression by withdrawing all agreed-to economic and financial assistance.

## LEBANON'S SOCIAL CHARACTER

Lebanon is a small country with a population of about 3 million. It has no rich oil fields, no great store of minerals, no rich mines of uranium, copper, or anything like that. But Lebanon has something else, which the imperialists and the

reactionary ruling circles in the Middle East understand very well.

It has a tremendous potential for a genuine revolutionary overturn.

The superficial characterizations in the American press—"Christian rightists," "Moslem leftists"—hide the substance of the struggle, which is in reality a class conflict raging in this small but significant country.

We are told that Lebanon is the most "Westernized" of all Arab nations. It has the "freest" institutions. But the freedom the Western ruling classes value most of all in Lebanon has been the freedom of the multi-national banking syndicates to control all the vital arteries of the country, economically, socially, and politically. In truth, Lebanon has been controlled by the bankers, merchants, and international traders.

Lebanon in the eyes of the imperialist West was supposed to be the Hong Kong of the Middle East. It was to be the center for international banking and commerce, to serve the imperialist bourgeoisie. Some day it might even graduate, they promised the comprador bourgeoisie, to be the Switzerland of the Middle East—with secret bank accounts and huge sums of money laundered through the more than 60 branches of the big American and European banks found in Beirut.

But the imperialists didn't count on the development of a highly political and conscious working class, a volatile and radicalized petty bourgeoisie, and peasant organizations. And, giving an immense impetus to the Lebanese struggle for national liberation and for socialist construction, there is the presence of a vast number of Palestinians, with whom the progressive workers and petty bourgeoisie found common ground and common hostility to the Lebanese capitalist establishment.

The existence side by side of the Palestinian guerrilla movement and the Lebanese working class and progressive elements has made the artificial pro-imperialist governmental apparatus of Lebanon a virtual prisoner of the masses of Lebanese and Palestinian people.

The possibility that this reactionary imposition called the Lebanese government would be toppled has been a matter of concern to all the reactionary ruling classes in the Middle East as well as to Washington.

## AID AGAINST IMPERIALISM

It is the duty of the workers' movement, and the revolutionaries in particular, to give aid and assistance to all the Middle Eastern countries in the struggle against imperialism, no matter how limited that struggle may be and no matter what the class character of those governments.

But the matter is altogether different when Arab governments try to crush the revolutionary struggle of the workers and peasants. Here an example which is little publicized in the West but is vitally important for an understanding of the role of the class struggle in the Middle East is pertinent.

## LEFT MASSACRED IN SUDAN

In the Sudan in the middle of July 1971 a reactionary junta led by General Djafar el-Nimeiry was overthrown and a revolutionary grouping with the support of the

vast majority of worker and peasant organizations, and the Communist Party of Sudan, a truly mass working class party, was installed. It seemed that a genuine socialist transformation was about to be consummated and the first socialist state established on African soil.

Just prior to his overturn Nimeiry had publicly stated that he was out to "destroy" (his words) the Communist Party and began arresting leading communists. Then the trade unions were dissolved according to his order and so were other mass organizations, including the mass peasant organizations.

When he was overthrown the Egyptian government led by Sadat and the government of Libya led by Qadhaafi organized a counter-revolutionary intervention to destroy the new revolutionary government. Two well-known colonels alleged to be communists, Babikr el-Nur and Faruk Osman Hamadallah, were at the time of the Nimeiry overthrow in exile in England. They were ordered by the new revolutionary government to immediately return home. They took a BOAC plane to Khartoum but the CIA and British intelligence got the pilot to make an unscheduled stop at the Libyan airfield in Benghazi. Qadhaafi, in cahoots with Sadat, held them as prisoners.

In the meantime, Egyptian planes transported Sudanese paratroops, stationed on the anti-Israeli Nile front, back to Khartoum as a virtual counter-revolutionary intervention led by Egyptian specialists and officers to crush the new revolutionary government. That's what the "radical" Qadhaafi regime and the Sadat "progressives" did in the Sudan.

After the overthrow of the revolutionary government, hundreds of Communist leaders including Abdel Khaled Mahjub, the national secretary, were executed. The prisons were filled with revolutionary workers and peasant leaders and a reign of terror commenced which to this day is still in progress. As late as 1974 the University of Khartoum was closed in an effort to crush the progressive student movement. "RADICAL" BUT NOT AT HOME

Thus we see that while the Arab regimes currently in power can carry on a limited struggle against U.S.-Israeli aggression, when it comes to a revolutionary struggle, especially one representing workers and peasants, which of necessity might sweep away the old possessing classes and serve as a focal point of revolutionary attraction, these so-called "radical" Arab regimes can turn viciously against the revolutionary movement.

That is what has to be watched for in Lebanon. Of course, Syria has opposed the Sinai agreement, which betrayed the Palestinian struggle and left the Golan Heights in Israel's hands. There is no question that in the struggle of the Syrian people and the Syrian government against Israeli and U.S. aggression, all who consider themselves progressive are duty bound to give support.

But is the intervention by the Syrian forces calculated for such ends and is it really at the request of the Lebanese people? The answer to this must be a categorical no. The truth of the matter is that both the so-called Rejection

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# Rigged elections 1876-1976

## 1928—'Who but Hoover?'

By V. COPELAND

Calvin Coolidge quit when he was ahead. He could have had the Republican nomination and won the election in 1928, having served only one term and a year and a half of Harding's unexpired term. But had he accepted, he, instead of Herbert Hoover, would have been blamed for the devastating Depression that followed. Thus, with totally unconscious foresight, he made his smartest political decision.

Going to pasture as a director of the Morgan-controlled New York Life Insurance Company and a regular contributor to the New York Herald Tribune—at a dollar a word—he retained his dubious place in history without straining himself any more than he had done as President.

Hoover was not exactly responsible for the Depression that began in the first year of his term. But the mass protest against him was instinctively aimed in the right direction.

His stubborn refusal to recognize the Depression for what it was, much less take measures to alleviate the suffering of the people, was perfectly symbolic of the predatory bankers he served and of all the smug, demagogic ruling class politicians who had gone before him. He deservedly harvested the wrath that their after-me-the-flood policies had sown.

### HOOVER'S STEPS TO GLORY

He had been famous as U.S. Food Administrator during World War I, both in Belgium and in the new Soviet state, using the food grants with masterly anti-communist maneuver in the latter case.

And under Coolidge, Hoover was Secretary of Commerce—a post that is rarely given to any but the most intimate collaborators and faithful servants of the Wall Street banks.

For many years before being Food Administrator he had been a mining engineer and then a mining stock promoter, which led him into a connection with the Morgans—first through William Boyce Thompson, who was in turn a friend of Thomas Lamont, a Morgan partner.

Thompson, who was himself a member of Congress, provided much the same support for Hoover that Cleveland Dodge had shown for Woodrow Wilson. He did this if



anything even more effectively than Dodge had done, because of his many connections in both the political and financial worlds.

### ENTER THE DUPONTS

Hoover's campaign fund, according to the New York Herald Tribune of March 1, 1929, was \$9,433,604. And his opponent Alfred E. Smith, according to the same source, raised all of \$7,152,511.

This was a startlingly different financial picture than that of the election of 1924, when it was approximately \$4 million for the Republicans and less than \$1 million for the Democrats.

The explanation is fairly simple, however. Whereas the Morgans were literally running against themselves in 1924, they were running against the DuPonts in 1928.

(It should be recorded here that both of these financial houses at that time collaborated closely in the exploitation of the General Motors workers and the plunder of the middle class by selling GM stock in the stock market. So the fight could not have been precisely a death struggle. However, the duPonts were leading a number of large plunderers and the differences between the professional Democratic and Republican politicians and their respective machines retained their usual importance.)

### AL SMITH, DUPONT LIBERAL

Alfred E. Smith, the first serious Catholic candidate for President in U.S. history, had a reputation as a liberal and even to some degree pro-labor Governor of New York State. This reputation was based

somewhat more on his East Side (of New York City) origins, his wisecracks and constant trading on his humble beginnings, than on any real social progress sponsored by him.

Allied with a liberal section of the ruling class in New York—the Lehman banking house, etc.—and under the tutelage of some "leftist" ruling class social workers, Smith did chalk up a record that was slightly better than some of his predecessors (like the republican Charles Evans Hughes, who represented the Rockefellers). Thus he appeared to be the "workers' candidate."

When he got the Democratic nomination for President, however, it was only with the connivance of the still-bigger and more right-wing ruling class elements—the duPonts.

John J. Raskob, chairman of the finance committee of General Motors and long-time agent of the duPonts, became chairman of the Democratic Party at that time. Raskob was an energetic collector—hitting up Thomas Fortune Ryan and Herbert Lehman for \$110,000 apiece (Lehman, according to Ferdinand Lundberg, bankrolled Smith for \$1 million in his various campaigns.)

Harry Payne Whitney of the Rockefeller group gave \$50,000 and

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

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## Copeland speaks on presidential elections

# Wall Street's many candidates

By NAOMI COHEN

NEW YORK, June 5—The presidential election campaign this year has presented the people of the United States with a virtual rogue's gallery of reactionary capitalist politicians from which to choose, with each trying to out-flank the other from the right. This spectacle has inevitably raised the questions of what should be the attitude of the working class and oppressed to the capitalist elections and what they signify for the poor.

Vincent Copeland, a founding member of Workers World Party and contributing editor to Workers

World newspaper, spoke to a meeting of over 150 people here last night to analyze these questions.

Copeland began by wryly warning the audience that, although each candidate he would describe would sound even worse than the one before, there is no "lesser evil." All have basically the same program as far as the poor and oppressed are concerned.

"The class that runs the elections always wins," said Copeland. "They have the newspapers, TV, radio, advertising, and millions and millions of dollars to keep a

tight grip on the minds of the people." As one example of just how decisive money is in the campaign, he pointed out that Brown "beat Carter in Maryland \$275,000 to \$175,000."

One important aspect of the election that Copeland dwelt on was the way in which the ruling class may back two candidates at once. This is the significance of the Carter candidacy, he said. Carter is a relative outsider to national politics, yet he has been funded heavily by the Wall Street banks and financiers who make or break candidates. Copeland pointed out that the Rockefeller family through its enormous financial empire is backing Carter at the same time that it backs Ford.

Contributing to both Republican and Democratic candidates is common for the Wall Street banks, he said. "That way, they win no matter who gets elected. In this election the Wall Street banks probably would like to see Ford elected, but doubt that he can be. Reagan may rock the boat too much (as Goldwater did in 1964) with his talk of invading Panama. So they found an outsider in the Democratic Party—Jimmy Carter—who will be beholden to them alone, and who will be all things to all people, who can get the Wallace vote and (they hope) the Black vote as well!"

While it is clear that the ruling class is looking for a candidate who will carry out the same reactionary policies of economic repression against the poor and working people that the Ford administration carried out, the real question will be whether they can get away with such policies much longer, Copeland asserted. "It is the job of revolutionaries to fight against these policies and force whatever concessions can be won through the struggle of workers and oppressed—no matter who gets elected."

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## LETTERS

### Juan Carlos protest

Dear Friends:

I want to personally thank the members of the Youth Against War & Fascism for helping organize the demonstration protesting the arrival of King Juan Carlos of Spain.

The huge presence of your members, sounding off, singing, shouting... all was tremendously effective. It could not be ignored and was grudgingly mentioned in the press and in TV coverage that night. Of course, as expected, Big Business and Big American Government went all out to greet the awkward puppet King installed by fascist Franco. No surprise, since he came here for their "small" handout of over a billion dollars in military and economic support for his tottering regime. Our act of solidarity with the

Spanish people will register strongly despite Wall Street hoopla. The people of Spain will remember the extension of our hands and voices in support of their struggle against fascism and despite Wall Street and the Pentagon, they will have the last word. They determine their own road on the march to Spanish freedom.

Un abrazo again, for participating in that struggle.

A veteran of the Lincoln Brigade, Maury Colow

### Jersey taxes

As a long-time New Jersey resident, I would like to comment on Maria Stone's recent article in WW about a New Jersey income

tax. In that article, Ms. Stone seems to be supporting an income tax as "progressive" compared to a sales tax or property tax. She sees a state income tax as "something inevitable."

However, I think all such taxes are bad. They all hit poor and working people hard. Choosing between them is like choosing a "lesser evil" capitalist candidate. As a worker and revolutionary, I don't have to make this choice, and I refuse to make it.

We who are struggling to survive here in the polluted "Garden State" have other ideas. How about taxing the oil corporations that are amassing huge profits while their stinking refineries are helping to give New Jersey the highest cancer rate in the country? How

about taking the money from the bloated and parasitic military? In other words, let's tax the rich instead of the poor.

As each issue of Workers World teaches us, the real "something inevitable" is not another tax on the poor. It is the socialist revolution!

Allen Strasburger

(Editor's note: We agree wholeheartedly with your prescription for taxing the banks and corporations, not the working people. The point made in the article was not that an income tax is desirable, but that the opposition to it in the New Jersey legislature is by and large reactionary and prefers a more "regressive" tax aimed directly at the poor—that is, an increased sales tax.)



# POLITICAL PRISONERS

## Michael Sturdevant—Menominee leader sentenced to eight years

MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 19—Close to 300 supporters of the Menominee Warrior Society got news tonight of the sentencing of Michael Sturdevant during a benefit sponsored by the Menominee Solidarity Committee.

Sturdevant was one of the leaders of the 31-day repossession of the Alexian Brothers monastery near Gresham, Wis., in January 1975. He received concurrent sentences totalling eight years, following a frame-up trial by an all-white jury last month.

Two other defendants, John Perote and Doreen Dixon, were also sentenced following plea bargaining, Perote to five years and Dixon to probation.

Among those testifying for Sturdevant at pre-sentence hearings was Col. Hugh Simonson, the commander of the National Guard during the takeover, who described Sturdevant as a leader of the Menominee people who could better serve the tribe if he was not jailed. Robert Chevalier did not appear for trial, and the fifth Warrior defendant, John Waubanasum, was murdered by Menominee County Sheriff Paddo Fish last February.

Tonight's benefit was held to raise funds for Chevalier's mother, Jeannette, two brothers, and a cousin who were arrested by federal agents following an FBI SWAT team attack on Mrs. Chevalier's house in April. Mrs. Chevalier is scheduled to go on trial in July for defending her home from this illegal raid.

Among the speakers at the rally were Bum Bum Fish of the Menominee Warriors, Gordon Dicky of the Menominee Peoples' Committee, and Louise Kitchkume, a Menominee woman

long active in her people's struggle for sovereignty. Kitchkume spoke eloquently of the dictatorship on the reservation and the responsibility of big business for keeping the Menominee people poor and in permanent debt.

Also speaking were Herb Powless, a national director of the American Indian Movement, who faces sentencing in early June on both federal and state charges in South Dakota on firearms charges, and Little Man of the Ancient Seminole Treaty People

## Dog Day Afternoon—hero of movie tells what really happened

By CONNIE HARRIS

Gay people, like all oppressed people, are taunted by the vision of social acceptance and equality, and the freedom to proclaim and take pride in their identity. Because of the bourgeois media's role as arbiter of what the masses of working and oppressed people are supposed to consider socially acceptable, and because media portrayals of gay people have traditionally presented viciously degrading stereotypes, any deviation from the homophobic norm is apt to be praised.

Thus, the movie *Dog Day Afternoon* has thus far largely been praised by the gay community. Claiming to be based on an actual incident which took place in 1972, it is about a gay man who robs a bank in Brooklyn in order to get enough money for his lover to have a sex-change operation.

Workers World has received a letter about the movie from John Wojtowicz, the man on whose bank robbery the movie is based, who is serving 20 years in



Jeannette Chevalier

who came up to speak about the Seminoles' struggle in Oklahoma against the Santa Fe Railroad.

The rally was a great success and indicated the solid base of support for Mrs. Chevalier in Milwaukee, where she goes to trial in July.

WW photo: Steve G.

Lewisburg Federal Penitentiary. We haven't space to print his entire letter, but feel that it is important to print some of his principal criticisms of the film.

While agreeing that the film is in many ways a sensitive portrayal, particularly of his feelings for his lover Ernest (Leon in the film), and particularly praising Al Pacino's portrayal of the role based on himself, Wojtowicz feels that his motive for the bank robbery was not properly explained. "... (Ernest) felt he was a woman trapped in a man's body," Wojtowicz writes. "This caused him untold pain and problems and accounted for his many suicide attempts. ... (I did) what I felt was necessary to save the life of someone I deeply and truly loved."

He also objects to the portrayal of his wife. "... in real life my female wife is a beautiful and a very loving wife. ... I did not like the horrible way they tried to make her the blame or the scapegoat for everything that happened, especially because of the Gay aspects involved. ... (The film) inferred I left her and wound up in the arms of a Gay man because of her. This is completely untrue. ..."

In conclusion he states, "Hollywood wants to make money and if sacrificing the truth or exploiting people is the way to make money, then that's what they do."

Wojtowicz's article was originally written for the New York Times, at the request of William H. Honan, Arts and Leisure Editor. Honan, after having led Wojtowicz to believe that the article would be published, rejected it with the following words:

"The problem is that I just don't believe you have profoundly come to grips with the motives for your crime, and the complex relationship between art and reality in this instance."

What he means, of course, is that Wojtowicz fails to view reality and art from the perspective of the bourgeoisie, a perspective to which art is used to obscure and distort what is reality for the masses of working and oppressed people. For John Wojtowicz, reality is that he is incarcerated in a prison in which the prison officials discriminate against him for his homosexuality; that his wife and two children live in poverty; and that the events which created misery for himself and his family have created enormous profits for Warner Brothers, the producers of *Dog Day Afternoon*. That is a reality which for Wojtowicz no art can obscure.

## Court sets trial date for June 23 in frame-up of Marlene Kennedy

By BRAD KANE

BRANT, N.Y., May 26—Tonight, Brant Town Justice John Abramo illegally set a June 23 trial date for Marlene Cornfield Kennedy. Marlene is a young Seneca woman who on Jan. 9, 1975, courageously defended her home, land, and children from an armed assault waged against her by 18 carloads of New York State police on the nearby Cattaraugus Indian reservation.

Although Marlene was clearly the victim of this attack, she was the only one charged as a result of the incident. The early morning armed attack on her house trailer came about after she and other members of the Cattaraugus reservation had refused to pay their utility bills because the same companies that are charging them higher rates for gas and electricity get to use Indian land and pump out natural gas from it while paying the Cattaraugus people next to nothing. Marlene and others were demanding that the utilities negotiate with them as a sovereign people.

For acting in self-defense, she was originally charged with attempted murder of a policeman and had her bail set at \$25,000. These charges have since been

reduced to reckless endangerment.

Sincer her initial arrest, Marlene has been dragged before the courts on numerous occasions. Tonight, well over 60 people, Indian, Black, and white, were organized by Marlene and her family along with Youth Against War & Fascism to show the court that despite the fact that the case has been dragged out for over 18 months, Marlene's support continues to grow.

Marlene (who is now acting as her own attorney) pointed out to the court, as she has on every court date, that New York State has no right to bring her to trial since she is a sovereign treaty Indian and the State has no legal jurisdiction over sovereign Indians.

As in the past, however, "Justice Abramo ignored Marlene's treaty rights and refused to drop the charges."

Marlene and her supporters are planning once again to fill the courtroom. If you are able to assist Marlene by going to court or by helping out financially with her defense, contact the Marlene Indian Defense Committee, 730 Main St., Buffalo, N.Y. 14202.

## Repression of workers, leftists in India—not the concern of U.S. press

By ROBERT DOBROW

NEW YORK, June 4—The current regime in India oversees a brutal, capitalist state in which the mass of workers and peasants, the overwhelming majority of the population, live in complete misery and poverty. Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's assumption of emergency powers nearly a year ago, while it did result in the jailing of thousands of reactionary elements in the country, has not improved the conditions of life for the mass of the people one iota. In fact, the social contradictions in India are sharpening.

### REPRESSION AGAINST THE LEFT

In India today, the majority of those in jail are trade unionists, leftists, and poor peasants. According to information supplied by Mary Tyler, a British citizen who visited New York recently and who had spent five years in Indian jails for her role in the peasant movement, the prisons are filled with "Naxalites" and with workers arrested for going on strike or demonstrating.

The Naxalites were a left-wing split from the Communist Party in the late 1960s, named after their origins in the Naxalbari district of West Bengal. During the late 1960s they had tremendous influence among the landless peasantry and youth and counted their membership in the tens of thousands. Today the term is used more and more to bait any left-wing, militant activist.

On two occasions when Tyler was in Hazaribagh Central Jail, there were 3,000 school teachers arrested for going on strike. A newly built "special" jail at Bhagalpur, Bihar, consists of 300 solitary confinement cells specifically for "Naxalites." These prisoners are being detained without trial under the notorious Defense of India Rules, originally devised by the British colonialists to put down the independence movement!

There have also been reports

that, in a recent move to evict squatters on the edge of New Delhi, the police killed 67 protesters and injured hundreds more.

The bourgeois press in this country, however, when they hysterically bemoan the "dismantling of India's democratic system" and the "destruction of freedom" as they did last Saturday, May 30, in a lead editorial in the New York Times, are solely concerned with the right-wing elements who are being repressed. But when the Gandhi regime crushed the national railroad workers' strike in 1974, brutally beating and illegally jailing thousands of workers, the Times called that a "triumph" and congratulated Gandhi's "victory over the two million railroad workers" (New York Times, May 28, 1974).

It is not the workers, the peasants, or the progressive students they feel concern for—in fact they want a regime in India that would permit U.S. imperialist corporations to more effectively reap profits from the super-exploitation of the Indian workers.

Last summer, when Gandhi declared her State of Emergency in order to combat the extreme right-wing, Sam Marcy wrote in *Workers World* (June 30) that this "puts the Gandhi government more than ever in the role of a Bonapartist arbiter which for the moment is striking out heavily against the right-wing while preparations are in the making ... to strike at the left. ..."

This prognosis is daily being confirmed. Yet despite the mounting repression, there are signs of growing resistance from the left to Gandhi's schemes. Her ability to put a lid on the class struggle is bound to fail. Her regime can only be transitional in character as ultimately it is the open struggle of the workers and peasants against the bosses, landlords, and their imperialist masters which will decisively determine the fate of India.

## Muslim trial opens with racist judge pointing gun, threatening defendants

By J. LYLES and J. BUTLER

RICHMOND, Va., May 24—"Only in America"—that's how the ditty goes.

One day you do your regular grocery shopping at Food Fair, but because you're Black the security guard is white, and he thinks you and your friends "need watching," you find yourself in the Richmond City police court facing the infamous racist Judge Harold Maurice for assault and battery and resisting arrest.

Judge Maurice actually began the trial by waving a revolver at the defendants and their lawyer! He placed the gun on the bench and proceeded to say, "We got a phone call this morning that said there would be trouble in the courtroom. If there's any trouble or any shooting you'll be the first ones shot."

Thus began the trial of three Muslims: Joseph X Reed, Howard X Massey, and Vincent X Armstrong.

During the trial the judge and the prosecutor made several jokes about the Muslims' religious beliefs. It was clear to everyone in the courtroom what the outcome of the trial would be. It was the Muslim's word against the word of a white guard, David L. Hall.

On May 4, while doing their grocery shopping, Armstrong, Reed, and Massey had noticed Hall following them around the store. At the check-out line this

same man stopped and continued watching them. According to Armstrong, when he asked Hall what the trouble was, Hall started to pull a gun out, which had been concealed. Armstrong and then the other two men jumped on him and tried to keep the gun down so it wouldn't go off.

After a few minutes, more people came and the Muslims allowed the man to get up. When Hall called on his walkie talkie for help, they realized he was a security guard. He never did identify himself. The Muslims tried to explain to Hall and the manager that they did not realize who Hall was and they were only trying to protect themselves against this armed attack. But all three men were brutally arrested.

During the arrest, Armstrong's shoulder was dislocated. He was denied medical attention for hours.

Throughout the trial, the Muslims pointed out that they were protecting themselves. As Muslims they are non-violent but believe in self-defense and would not back down from any act of aggression from anyone. The racist judge looked visibly threatened by this and quickly sentenced each to 18 months. They are planning on appealing this conviction.

One final note: Joseph X Reed was fired from his job before the trial because of a newspaper article about his arrest.



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## Brigadista tells of May Day in Havana

# Cuban hardhats 'ready to work in Angola'

By JAIME VEVE

NEW YORK, June 7—"Viva la solidaridad con los pueblos Africanos." Long live the solidarity with the African people. So read a giant mural painting of an African freedom fighter holding aloft an AK47 rifle as over 135,000 Cuban workers marched in this year's celebration of May Day.

May Day in Cuba could be summed up in two words—proletarian internationalism. This profound sentiment of the Cuban people was evident from the beautiful floats depicting solidarity with the struggles of Puerto Rico, Chile, Palestine, to the contingent of 5,000 construction workers who marched under a banner which said, "We're ready to work in Angola as we did in Vietnam."

The members of the Ninth Contingent of the Venceremos Brigade, composed of 200 North Americans who participated in the construction of housing in Cuba, had the honor of marching in this splendid celebration of May Day. For Cubans, May Day reaffirmed their determination to defend their Revolution.

### VICTIMS OF U.S.

#### ATTACK LEAD MARCH

One of the most moving moments came when the crewmen of the fishing boat the Ferro 119 and Ferro 123, which were the victims of a criminal attack by CIA-sponsored counter-revolutionaries from Miami on April 6, in which crewman Bienvenido Mauriz was killed, led off the 2,600 member delegation representing the National Trade Union of Fishing Industry Workers. When they appeared, Havana's Revolutionary Square resounded to the cry of "Death to imperialism!"

During our 5-week stay we worked alongside Cuban workers in giving the last touches to the construction of the town square in Los Naranjos, a new community for the workers of a new dairy project, and also did construction work in the new children's daycare center. The Cuban Revolution's top priority is the construction of factories, schools, hospitals, and installations for agricultural development.

Throughout our entire stay as we worked and visited various areas in Cuba, we were constantly aware of the tremendous amount of construction going on. Secondary schools, for instance, completely dot the island from Havana province to the province of Oriente.

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF REVOLUTION

Today Cuba is the country with the lowest illiteracy rate in Latin America. Seventy percent of the presently used school facilities have been built, adopted, or begun after 1959.

The Cuban people have been able to make these tremendous gains because of their great dedication to their revolution, and because of the



Fishermen of the Luis Salgado fishing complex and workers of the Matanzas province delegation of the Institute of Fishing display a likeness of Bienvenido Mauriz, who was murdered at sea in a recent attack by CIA-sponsored counter-revolutionaries. Cuban workers refuse to be intimidated by the hostile acts of U.S. imperialism and on May Day pledged their dedication to the international struggle of the workers and oppressed, from Angola to Vietnam.

Photo: Granma

enormous aid which they have received from the socialist camp.

These gains have been made despite an economic blockade imposed by the U.S. and despite the constant aggression from the U.S. financed counter-revolutionary bands. The latest act of aggression occurred on June 6 in New York with the bombing of the

Cuban mission.

The Cuban people are not only armed materially to defend their revolution but they are also armed with the knowledge of what was before and what is now. Juan, one of the Cuban workers who worked with us and who had fought at Playa Giron (the "Bay of Pigs"), expressed the feeling of the Cuban

people when he said "The gusanos (Cuban counter-revolutionaries) say that they want to bring back freedom. The freedom they speak of is the freedom to exploit us, the freedom to degrade our women as prostitutes, the freedom to bring back the American companies and the freedom to bring back the days of Batista. But we will answer

## Angola support conference hears delegation from People's Republic

By BILL MASSEY

CHICAGO, June 1—The Angola Support Conference, a national gathering of representatives from a wide range of organizations in support of the People's Republic of Angola (PRA), took place in Chicago on May 28 through May 30.

The highlight of the conference was the participation of an official delegation from the People's Republic of Angola, comprised of Miguel Neto, Angolan ambassador to Egypt, Assuncao Vaikene, Angolan Secretary of State for Social Affairs, and Maria Eugenie Santos and Maria Candida Lopez, who are also with the Department of Social Affairs.

This was the first official appearance of representatives of the People's Republic of Angola in the United States.

The Angola Support Conference grew out of a three-day seminar held in Havana this past February, which was convened by the Government of the People's Republic of Angola for the benefit of 26 organizations in the U.S., including the Black press.

### ANGOLAN SPEAKERS

The most important part of the conference were the presentations made by the representatives of the People's Republic of Angola. Ambassador Neto in his opening remarks stressed the importance his government attaches to both

UN and U.S. recognition of the PRA. He called upon those attending the conference to mobilize popular support in the U.S. in order to defeat imperialist designs to isolate Angola.

The Ambassador said that UN membership was the priority, for it would enable the PRA to receive critical aid to their country, which is ravaged by the destruction left by the imperialists and their allies. He also called for an end to the economic boycott that the U.S. ruling class has secretly organized to attempt to crush the newly liberated country.

After Ambassador Neto spoke, he was followed by Secretary of State for Social Affairs Assuncao Vaikene. Secretary Vaikene told the delegates how happy she was to find people in the U.S. who, in contrast to their government, support the Angolan people. She said that the Angolan people have suffered on all sides and that imperialism had done everything possible to suffocate her nation. She spoke of the great number of children who are left as orphans, families that were destroyed, and in addition to those killed, the large number of people maimed for life by the imperialists.

In her talk Secretary Vaikene made it clear that the small number of schools and hospitals that had existed under Portuguese rule had been either destroyed or

damaged by the imperialists before they pulled out and that all of this destruction places a high priority on the need for social assistance by those who support the just struggles of the Angolan people and their government.

### U.S. GROUPS TO RAISE SUPPORT

The conference decided to make its priorities UN recognition for Angola, the ending of the U.S. boycott, and U.S. recognition of the PRA through various campaigns and demonstrations which would tie these issues with the fight against racism and unemployment here at home. Coordination of activities will include the collection of funds, medical supplies, and clothing to be sent to Angola.

A goal of \$11,000 was set by the conference at its final session. In addition to the steering committee set up at the meeting in Havana in February, 11 other persons were added to help coordinate national actions on the work being done to aid the Angolan struggle.

The conference ended on a strong note of internationalism; for, in the words of Secretary Vaikene, oppressed people have no borders and are not limited to one country and the spirit of liberation is invincible. The slogan of the MPLA, "La Luta Continua," belongs to the oppressed everywhere, and so will the victories.

them as we answered them at Playa Giron—Patria o Muerte! Venceremos."

## —Rigged elections

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Bernard Baruch of the Morgan group coughed up \$37,500 in spite of his master's support of Hoover.

A long list of such notables supported the Democrats, with an even longer list supporting the Republicans, the usual number on both sides hedging their bets with a smaller "gift" to the other party.

### THE BIG "ISSUES"

The campaign was more bitter and hard-fought than this short background may suggest. The only issues seem to have been those of Prohibition and Smith's Catholicism—which are of little interest today.

But by 1928, after nine years of Prohibition, the amount of liquor racketeering, night club raids, gang wars, etc., had literally skyrocketed. In addition to this there had been a number of well-publicized deaths from badly made liquor and poisonous substitutes such as canned meat and wood alcohol.

The brewers and liquor manufacturers, accordingly, were generous in their support of the anti-Prohibition Democrats.

Catholicism was an especially big issue in the smaller cities and towns and in the Protestant countryside. (There were more than three times the number of farms than now, and the number of voters was only half as big.)

On the other hand, it must be noted that the Catholic Church, like certain Protestant churches, was and is deep, into capitalist politics. The big city Democratic machines were interwoven with the Catholic Church mainly because of the Catholicism of the white industrial working class the Irish, Polish, Italian, etc., immigrants. And in the 1920s the most Protestant Black workers were only sparsely represented in the Northern cities.

The Democratic Party had to deal with the Catholic Church in organizing the white workers. Thus the church became a political power with a number of priests learning their way around City Hall.

The Republicans, representing the open and unabashed rule of big capital, were genuinely concerned about the church edging in on their own hallowed political racket. But of course they expressed their concern in the form of anti-Catholicism and Catholic-baiting.

Smith was beaten 21 million to 15 million. This was roughly proportional to the respective campaign funds. The most memorable slogan that the Republicans came up with that year was the eloquent and apparently unanswerable question: "Who but Hoover?"