

## On eve of Kissinger-Vorster talks

# S. African police shoot down Black students

This was the Sharpeville Massacre of March 21, 1960, when South African police machine gunned a crowd of unarmed demonstrators, leaving 72 dead. Now, despite its claim to "moderation," the racist apartheid regime has shown its murderous nature once again in Soweto.



JUNE 16—Police opened fire today on a crowd of demonstrating Black students in Soweto, South Africa, killing at least six and injuring scores more.

Soweto is an impoverished all-Black township outside Johannesburg where 1 million Africans, most of whom work in the racially segregated city, are forced to live.

Some 10,000 African students had gathered in a protest over the compulsory use of Afrikaans, the language of the white ruling minority, in their schools. They want to be taught in English, which they consider a link to the outside world.

(For more articles on the situation in southern Africa, and the maneuvers being carried on by Secretary of State Kissinger with South African Prime Minister John Vorster, turn to centerfold.)

## July 4th Coalition active in 40 cities

# Large turnout expected at Philadelphia protest

By BRIAN BECKER

NEW YORK, June 15 —All signals are GO as the organizing efforts for a massive demonstration to be held in Philadelphia on July 4 continue to gain momentum nationwide. Reports from the July 4 Coalition indicate that tens of thousands of people will be coming to Philadelphia to protest the pro-racist and pro-imperialist government-sponsored Bicentennial celebration.

Without a doubt the eyes of the whole world will be focused on Philadelphia that day as Gerald Ford, Queen Elizabeth, and other imperialist dignitaries attempt to glorify the system of racism, colonialism, and mass unemployment.

The aim of the July 4 demonstration is to unmask, in full view of the whole world, the crimes of U.S. imperialism against the workers and oppressed, both here

and abroad. The demonstration will demand "A Bicentennial without colonies Free Puerto Rico now," "End racist attacks against Black people," "Freedom for the American Indian Movement leaders" (who have been the victims of one frame-up after another by the government), and "Jobs for all."

### **MANY GROUPS COMING TOGETHER FOR ACTION**

The July 4 Coalition, which was initiated by the Puerto Rican Socialist Party (PSP) and the American Indian Movement (AIM), is a broad-based united front of over 150 progressive organizations, including the Black Anti-Bicentennial Action Committee in Philadelphia, African Peoples Socialist Party, Youth Against War & Fascism, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Gay Activists Alliance, and the

African Peoples Party, to name only a few.

According to Alan Howard, national press representative for the July 4 Coalition, there are now local coalitions in over 40 cities actively mobilizing people to come to Philadelphia.

The success of the July 4 organizing effort has clearly frightened the government. In order to undercut the potential size of the demonstration, it has initiated a campaign to intimidate and harass coalition organizers.

The police-state mayor of Philadelphia, Frank Rizzo, has requested 15,000 federal troops to be on hand July 4.

Grand juries have subpoenaed coalition organizers to testify about alleged "terrorism" and Lureida Torres (a member of the PSP) has been convicted of contempt for refusing to comply with the government witchhunt.

In addition, the House Internal Security Committee will convene hearings on June 17 in Washington, D.C., to investigate the July 4 demonstration.

Although the illegal intimidation campaign conducted by the government has been aimed at frightening people away from attending the demonstration, its net effect has sparked just the opposite reaction. Alan Howard of the July 4 Coalition told this reporter, "In the past few weeks, build-up activities in scores of cities around the country have gained more and more momentum. Meetings, rallies, posterings, mass leafletings, and picket lines are taking place daily." Howard added, "The national office is being literally flooded with new endorsements."

Ali Shabazz, a member of Workers World Party in

Philadelphia and a National Board member of the July 4 Coalition, had this to say about government harassment: "The people of Philadelphia, particularly in the Black community, live with police harassment and brutality every day of our lives. We will not be intimidated. We don't need 15,000 federal troops, we need federal jobs, and the July 4 demonstration can be a spark for a struggle to win those jobs."

Mr. Shabazz, who has been actively organizing in the Black community for the demonstration, added, "The struggles for Puerto Rican independence and Native American sovereignty are directly connected to the fight against racism, sexism, and the struggle to win jobs. All these struggles are confronted with the same enemy, the same giant U.S. multi-national corporations. The July 4 demon-

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## THE STRUGGLE IN BRIEF

## Commemoration of beginning of Cuban armed struggle set July 24

NEW YORK, June 14—This year the event that launched the Cuban Revolution—Fidel Castro's attack on the Moncada Barracks on July 26, 1953—will be celebrated with a cultural event at the Academy of Music on July 24. "In Concert with Cuba" will both commemorate the heroic blow against the Batista dictatorship that marked the beginning of armed struggle in Cuba, and will also serve as a reminder that throughout Latin America millions of people are fighting hunger, illiteracy, disease,

and squalor imposed by dictatorships under the thumb of Wall Street imperialism.

The July 26th Coalition is conducting various activities over the next five weeks to raise funds for the major event on July 24. One of these, to take place on June 25 beginning at 9 p.m., will be a dance at the Midnight Special Disco, 122 West 26th St., 12th floor, in Manhattan. A \$3 donation at the door will cover the dance and food and drinks.

## Organizing underway throughout the South for Atlanta Gay Pride Week

ATLANTA, Ga., June 12—Gay organizations and activists here have announced plans for "Christopher Street South," a week of activities celebrating Gay Pride Week, June 20-27. Featuring political and cultural events, the week will be highlighted by a regional march for gay rights on Saturday in Atlanta. The slogans of the march are "Support gay civil rights," "Defend lesbian mothers' child custody rights," and "Repeal

anti-gay legislation."

"This is the first south-wide organizing effort for Gay Pride Week," said Judy Crosby, a coalition member. "We anticipate a lot of out-of-town participation and housing will be provided. Anyone wanting more information about the week's activities should call the Atlanta Gay Help Line, (404) 892-5855 or ALFA, (404) 523-7786."

## YAWF Gay Caucus to focus on anti-racist fight in Boston activities

By BETH GAMMO

BOSTON, June 10—Once again Gay Pride Week will be celebrated in Boston. But this year it will be different. The New England Gay Pride Committee of 1976 is introducing a more political and militant march.

The committee expects such left groups as the Susan Saxe Committee and the Gay Caucus of Youth Against War & Fascism (YAWF) to participate. The upcoming events include workshops, films, parades, and dances.

This year the Gays have shown strong sensitivity and solidarity for Third World Gays and Lesbians and the workshops will reflect this.

There was a plan for the Gays to have an open microphone in the City Hall Chambers on Tuesday, June 22. But the City Council refused the New England Gay Pride Committee the use of City Hall Chambers so there will be a demonstration at City Hall Plaza on Tuesday afternoon called by the New England Gay Pride Committee 1976.

The Gay Caucus of YAWF, involved from the very beginning in the planning and organizing of all

activities, has helped point out how racism and gay oppression are linked. As a chant went in the 1975 Gay Pride March, "Gays, straight, Black, white, same struggle, same fight." This year the Gay Caucus of YAWF will be carrying the banner, "Gay People Against Racism."

Gay people have been victims of the same racist forces that have stoned Black children and attacked Black homes. Gays have been attacked on the streets, insulted in their communities, and even murdered. Many Gay women and men recognize the need to struggle against the violence organized here by so-called anti-busing groups as ROAR.

We will call attention to the role Gay women and men have played in supporting the struggle of Black people to defend themselves against racist attacks in East Boston, Dorchester, and Mattapan. We urge all people to come and struggle with the Gays and show solidarity in the struggle against racism by marching under the banners, "Gay People Against Racism."

Fight back! Smash Gay oppression!

## —July 4th Coalition

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stration can be an important step in welding these many struggles into a mass movement capable of seriously challenging the ruling class attacks against the people."

## PEOPLES TRIBUNAL SET FOR NEW YORK

As part of the build-up activities for July 4, a Peoples Tribunal will be held at Washington Irving H.S. in New York on June 25. The tribunal will feature speakers from community, labor, anti-imperialist, and other progressive organizations who will testify on how the economic crisis and related issues affect them. Vivian Rivera, Co-ordinator of the New York July 4 Coalition, told Workers World, "The tribunal will bring together all those forces in the city who are fighting the devastating cutbacks in daycare, education, housing, welfare, and the other vital social services that are being stripped away by the banks. In doing this, we want to expose the relationship between the domestic situation and the governments' foreign policy."

As an example of this connection, Ms. Rivera pointed out, "Felix Rohatyn sits on the Emergency Financial Control Board which is responsible for the

social service cutbacks in New York. He also sits on the Board of Directors of ITT and is implicated in the fascist repression of the people of Chile."

## PROGRAM IN PHILLY

The July 4 demonstration will begin with a "Parade of the People," starting at 11:30 a.m. The assembly point in Philadelphia will be at Diamond Avenue between 11th and 12th Streets. The march will be followed by a rally at Fairmount Park starting at 2:00 p.m. Featured speakers at the rally will include Juan Mari Bras (leader of the PSP), Ralph Abernathy (SCLC), Dr. Helen Rodriguez (Committee for an End to Sterilization Abuse), Clyde Bellecourt (AIM), Elaine Brown (Black Panther Party), and Ed Sadlowski (United Steel Workers).

Bustickets, posters, leaflets, and additional information can be obtained by contacting the National July 4 Coalition, P.O. Box 998, Peter Stuyvesant Station, New York, N.Y., or calling (212) 673-1776.

If you are interested in attending the demonstration with Workers World Party and Youth Against War & Fascism call (212) AL5 0352 in New York or any of the branches listed on page 10 of this paper.



A Peoples Tribunal in New York will "bring together all those forces who are fighting the devastating cutbacks" as part of the build-up for July 4. Here, daycare workers fight back.

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## DECLINE AND FALL

## WHY DOES THE "POLITICAL PROCESS" TURN US OFF? ...

New York Daily News, May 10:

"While American voters are 'more politically aroused' than at any time in the last 40 years, they are also more 'detached from political parties,' a Twentieth Century Fund study says.

"The study also finds the typical American voter to be 'deeply dissatisfied with the political process.'"

## HERE'S ONE REASON...

Excerpt from Reagan, the Political Chameleon by Edmund G. Brown:

"Three quotes from Reagan will suffice: 'On student demonstrations: 'if it is necessary to have a bloodbath, let's have it.' 'On the poor scuffling for free food: 'It's too bad we can't have an epidemic of botulism.' 'On Vietnam: 'We should declare war on North Vietnam. We could pave the whole place over by noon and be home for dinner.'"

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## ... AND HERE'S ANOTHER

"Albany—Legislation to ease the state income tax burden on persons in the higher income brackets will be presented to the legislature soon. Commerce Commissioner John Dyson said Monday.

"The highest-state tax, on incomes of

more than \$25,000, would 'come down over a five-year period from 15 percent to 10 percent,' Dyson said.

"Dyson also told the Senate Labor Committee he did not support the state Workmen's Compensation Board's recommendation that disability benefits be raised to \$215 a week."

## PROUD, LOVELY STUFF

From a New York Playbill, May 1976:

"Jean Patou's latest perfume, '1000,' is unabashedly expensive. It came out last year at \$175 an ounce, but now you can have it smaller-sized, \$75 for a quarter-ounce. Proud, lovely stuff, splendid with all manner of rare exotic essences, each bottle boxed in silk and velvet, snobbily numbered and registered for each rich owner. Exclusive. Enjoy."

## THEY CAN BUY PERFUME WITH WHAT THEY SAVE ON RENT

The New York Times, May 9:

"Rent is nearly three times more of a burden for low-income families than for affluent families, a Government survey shows.

"The Census Bureau and the Department of Housing and Urban Development found that renters with incomes under \$5,000 paid 35 percent or more of their income in rent. They represented about one-third of renters and their median monthly rent was \$98.

"At the same time, renters with incomes of \$15,000 or more paid a median monthly rent of \$189, representing only 12 percent of their total income."

While U.S. workers pay 35 percent or more of their income in rent, workers in the socialist countries pay 5 to 10 percent. Five percent of \$5,000 is \$25 a month.



\$125-a-plate dinner for Democratic bigwigs

# Victims of City U. cutbacks hit politicians' feast

By ROBERT LAPIDES

NEW YORK, June 15—Last night in one of the more obscene moments of the municipal budget crisis here, the bigwigs and fat cats of New York's Democratic Party had a \$125-a-plate fund-raising picnic in the sunken skating rink in Rockefeller Center. The tables were overflowing with platters of oysters surrounded by small octopi and set off by centerpieces of red snapper. There were also steaks, hamburgers, chicken, ice cream, lobsters, and lots of wine.

The arrogance of it all was lost on none of the nearly 1,000 students, instructors, and other workers of the City University who surrounded the plaza. The university had been shut down for half a month because of a "lack of funds." If the food was not quite visible from street level, the complacent grins on the soft faces were. And the aroma of sizzling steak filled the air, infuriating the demonstrators, some of whom had had to skip meals lately.

"Roast Carey, barbecue Beame," they shouted at the governor and mayor. And with just a month before the Democrats bring their national convention to New York, another chant went: "No CUNY, no convention!" Also: "There's plenty of money—we're no fools; take it from the banks and give it to the schools!" And: "Workers united will never be defeated!"

**UNIVERSITY REOPENED BUT WITH DRASTIC CUTS**

The university reopened yesterday, which is why this demonstration was smaller than last week's, when close to 10,000 people surrounded City Hall. But the terms of the reopening were a disaster for almost everyone concerned, which is why the anger had hardened and become so much more militant. Free tuition and an open admissions policy appear finished; 2,000 instructors seem likely to be fired by the fall, along with an unknown number of the non-instructional staff.

The city is refusing to pay for the two weeks of the lockout, claiming righteously that "it is illegal to pay people for work they haven't done." This position is transparently fraudulent, since most instructors had finished their semester's work and were about to begin their vacations—while those who hadn't finished their work must go in now, on what should have been their vacations. It is the city government which is acting illegally.

When Daniel Patrick Moynihan, the former UN ambassador, arrived at the "picnic," the demonstrators all the way down the line screamed at him: "Fascist! Racist!" Moynihan, unprepared, blanched—his clown's smile more grotesque than ever.

At a rally toward the end of the demonstration, every one of the speakers called for the city's working people to unite against their common adversary. Two students, one white and the second Black spoke with angry eloquence of the difficulties facing them because of the CUNY crisis and, more generally, as members of the working class. Rank-and-file members of the faculty union, the Professional Staff Congress, had been with the students—the driving force in organizing the action and in pushing the PSC leadership to take a more militant role.

One rank-and-file instructor

demanding that neither the State University nor CUNY impose tuition, that there be no cuts in daycare, hospitals, or any social service, and that the Emergency Financial Control Board be recognized for the tyrant it is. Representing the rank-and-file of the non-instructional staff in Local 384, DC 37, Marilyn Diaz, chairperson of the Queens College chapter, called on all labor to unite.

One victory has been achieved in the struggle to save Hostos College, the only bilingual college on the East Coast and one which served New York's large Latin community. The months of sit-ins, demonstrations, and publicity by students, faculty, staff, and community groups have won out, and it has been announced that at least for now Hostos will survive.

The writer teaches at Manhattan Community College of CUNY.



Marchers on way to Union Square from City Hall protest cutbacks in New York City's university system. WW photo: Greg

Rank-and-file push through militant action

## Behind NY's massive daycare demonstration

By a member of District Council 1707, Local 205, AFSCME

NEW YORK, June 14—Last week while thousands of enraged service workers poured out into the streets of New York City in demonstrations against the latest assault on their jobs and on vital services, Victor Gotbaum, director of District Council 37 of AFSCME and chairman of the Municipal Labor Committee, was in Washington meeting with the bankers and politicians who planned the attacks.

Gotbaum had brought charts and graphs showing that New York City municipal employees who provide essential services rank 16th in the country in pay scales. As reported in the June 9 New York Times, the liberal legislators revealed their attitudes with derisive shouts of "phony" and "misleading." Wall Street's Felix Rohatyn, chairman of the Municipal Assistance Corporation who accompanied Gotbaum, answered the labor leader by saying there was "no way of stopping a downward spiral" and expressed more interest in abolishing rent control.

Gotbaum once again was trying to appeal to the so-called liberal-labor bloc in Congress for promises of assistance—a tactic that has failed over and over again and has left the rank and file and their unions in a precarious position.

**RANK-AND-FILE PRESSURE ON DAYCARE UNION**

We daycare workers, at all our union meetings for over a year, have been demanding that our union leaders take a more militant position. We won unanimous approval on a vote that our union facilities (our contacts, phones, printing equipment, etc.) become available to the membership to use as the weapons of our defense. We have told our union leaders that we must unite with other city workers and people in the Black, Latin, and other oppressed communities who are being hit the hardest.

We have told them that we, the rank-and-file members of the union, are there behind them ready to fight and that we need to be out in the streets to save our daycare centers and to save our job of

caring for the smallest children.

But AFSCME officials have denied and/or ignored the membership. They haven't even seen fit to embarrass the "do-nothing" New York City AFL-CIO Central Trades and Labor Council which has ignored the plight of the workers and oppressed communities.

Instead these AFL-CIO politicians, like Harry Van Arsdale, President of the AFL-CIO Council, still sit on the Emergency Financial Control Board, quietly going along with the bankers and corporate executives who have been dismembering our daycare and education programs and laying off workers right and left for over a year.

**RANKS PULL OFF MASS DEMONSTRATION**

Finally it was the rank-and-file members of the union who organized, on their own, a march on June 8 with whatever resources they could muster. They united the communities, the parents, and the daycare workers.

More than 7,000 demonstrators filled the streets. Fists, signs, and

chants in unison with the marchers came from the windows of every sweat shop and office building. Because of the tremendous barrage of cuts taking place, the demands of the demonstration were expanded to condemn all the cuts taking place in education.

The daycare union only added its name as a sponsor of this march when it became obvious there would be a mass turnout. And then the leaders did nothing to build the action. Instead, they called a separate demonstration for two days later, which, because it was called in haste and really as an afterthought was much smaller than that organized by the rank-and-file.

Our June 8 march was significant in that it set the city workers and oppressed communities on a joint course of militant action, attracting the thousands. This is surely a course that will awaken and unite all the forces of labor in a mighty assault on the bankers and their politicians, until this brutal attack on our jobs and services is turned back.

NYC District 1 school lunch program

## Parents wanted real food, not ITT's 'meal packs'

By BEVERLY SLAPIN

NEW YORK, June 13—The bitter struggle of Third World parents here for community control of their schools has been a long and hard-fought one. Through the combined forces of the city government and the racist leaders of the United Federation of Teachers, much that has been won has been set back. One example of what community control meant in actual practice was the school lunch program of District 1 on the Lower East Side.

Because they were committed to finding every way possible to feed more children better food, the parents there took the feeding program out of the hands of the Bureau of School Lunches (BSL). Throwing out the hated Meal Packs (the heat-and-serve frozen lunches cooked up by a subsidiary of IT&T that are unappetizing, unpalatable and unhealthy) and bulk convenience foods, the



Dorothy Leung

WW photo: Beverly

Committee. The group's goal is to get parents involved in federal food programs that are available to New York City school children but have not been publicized by the State Education Department, the New York City Board of Education, or the BSL.

**GOT RID OF HATED MEAL PACKS**

Ms. Leung told Workers World about the parents' struggle:

"We wanted the food program changed. We hated the Meal Packs—in fact, we said that if the Meal Pack trucks continue to deliver to the schools, a contingent of 40 parents was ready to overturn them!"

"When we decided to change the program, we hired a food programs coordinator, and she began intensive food workshops to find out what kind of food the parents wanted. The consensus

was hot, fresh, nutritious food. So we notified the Board of Education that we wanted to decentralize our lunch program.

"We developed a program of good, nutritious food that the children liked, that the parents were interested in, and that everybody could get involved in planning. We set up a food committee in every school to monitor the program, and got feedback from the students. We printed up a monthly menu for the children to take home in Spanish, Chinese, and English.

"We served food that the children were used to eating—rice and beans, pork fried rice, barbecued chicken with collard greens. We found out that the children hated cooked carrots, so we substituted carrot sticks. We served a lot of fresh fruit.

"The whole plan wasn't so innovative that it could not have been (continued on page 9)

# Resistance grows in Iran despite escalating terror by Shah's police

By G. SCHMIDT  
NEW YORK, June 14—In response to increasing resistance from workers and students against the Shah's repressive regime, Iranian "security forces" have stepped up their campaign of counter-revolutionary terror, torture, and murder. According to information provided by the Iranian Students Association in the United States (ISAUS), more than 24 revolutionaries in Iran were murdered within two weeks in May.

During the week of May 9, two women political prisoners (Fateme Amin and Masoumeh Rezai) were tortured to death by members of the Shah's secret police, SAVAK. On May 15, Hadi Farjad, a guerrilla fighter, was killed in an encounter with troops in Meshed, northeastern Iran.

On May 16, in three separate locations in Teheran, troops attacked bases of the Organization of Iranian People's Fedayee Guerrillas (OIPFG). In the ensuing battles, 11 freedom fighters were killed. At one of the bases, U.S.-supplied helicopters firing rockets and machineguns demolished the house, killing all within, including Naser and Arjang Shayegan, the 11- and 14-year-old sons of Mrs. Fateme Saidi (Mother Shayegan), a political prisoner in Iran who was recently honored by the students and faculties of four major U.S. universities and colleges as the symbol of struggle against the Shah's dictatorship. (See accompanying article.)

On May 18, in the cities of Karadj, Ghazvin, and Rasht, the Shah's troops killed at least ten more people, including three women, when helicopter gunships and mortars were unleashed against revolutionary bases and the surrounding neighborhoods.

The Iranian government has

admitted that four soldiers, among them a colonel, were also killed in these latest actions, due to the resistance of those whom they had attacked. This low casualty count of government forces should, based on consistent reluctance to admit losses, be revised upward, however.

## WORKERS ATTACKED ON MAY DAY

Unconfirmed reports available to ISAUS indicate that at least 25 striking workers of the Gahan Cheet factory were massacred on May Day by the Shah's troops. On May 1, 1971, 19 workers from the

same factory had been massacred in the same fashion. The same unconfirmed reports have it that a student strike in Teheran was attacked by troops, with seven university students killed.

SAVAK agents continue their tactics of repression with the result that there are more than 40,000 political prisoners in Iran. SAVAK agents machinegun suspected opponents of the Shah's dictatorship in the streets and conduct massive house-to-house searches and seizures in the dead of night trying to blot out resistance. Iran is in the grip of an undeclared state of martial law.

Despite the intent of these brutal



*Iranian students in Chicago are on a hunger strike in protest of the repression in their country.*  
WW photo

measures, they only arouse to greater intensity the hatred of the Iranian people toward the U.S.-supported regime of the Shah. As

their hatred grows, so grows their resistance and their commitment to overthrow this puppet of U.S. imperialism.

## Protests in U.S. denounce Shah's repression

By G. SCHMIDT

NEW YORK, June 14—In a new wave of repression and terror, the government of the Shah of Iran has murdered more than 70 freedom fighters since the beginning of this year in an effort to stem the tide of the people's revolutionary anger. This counter-revolutionary effort has sparked a number of activities in this country and abroad in solidarity with the Iranian people's struggle to overthrow the Shah, U.S. imperialism's most loyal puppet in the Middle East.

When the administration of Johns Hopkins University decided last month to award an honorary doctorate degree to Ashraf Pahlavi, twin sister of the Shah and heroin smuggler in her own right, the Iranian Students Association in the United States (ISAUS—member of the World Confederation) Washington-Baltimore branch, with students, faculty, alumni, community members, and Youth Against War & Fascism (YAWF), staged protests against

the university's attempt to lend academic legitimacy to a regime virtually unsupported in its own country. During the protests, five demonstrators were arrested by the university in coordination with SAVAK (Iranian secret police), the U.S. Secret Service, and the Baltimore cops. The expressed outrage of the community, with the blatant legal flimsiness of the arrests, ultimately forced the dropping of charges.

### 4,000 HONOR MOTHER SHAYEGAN

When the university administration then refused a senior class request to award an honorary doctorate degree to Mrs. Fateme Saidi (Mother Shayegan), a political prisoner in Iran since 1974, more than 4,000 students and faculty members at four schools signed petitions recognizing Mother Shayegan as a member of their communities. This broad base of support formed the groundwork May 14 of a joint

session of four Baltimore-area university and college communities in support of Iranian political prisoners which more than 600 people attended.

Organized by ISAUS and sponsored by the Office of the Chaplain at Johns Hopkins and student governments of Morgan State University, Coppin State College, and Goucher College, the joint session heard a number of speakers—including Dr. Ali Shayegan, Minister of Education in the popular government of Prime Minister Mossadegh ousted by CIA coup in 1953; John Thorp of the National Lawyers Guild; Egbal Ahmad and Elizabeth McAllister of the Harrisburg 7; Stokely Carmichael of the All-African People's Revolutionary Party; and a representative of the American Indian Movement. The speakers exposed the various forms of oppression used by the Shah's fascist regime, while pointing the finger of blame directly at U.S. imperialism which props up the Shah with armaments, money loans, and political support.

During the session, representatives of the university communities presented plaques honoring Mother Shayegan as the symbol of struggle against the Shah's dictatorship. Amhad Shayegan, secretary of the ISAUS, accepted the plaques in her behalf.

### CHICAGO ACTIVITIES

On May 29, in Chicago, 120 people

organized by ISAUS picketed the civic center, then marched down State Street to the Iranian Consulate where a picket line and rally was held. At the rally, ISAUS announced the beginning of a hunger strike by ISA members in an attempt to publicize their demands that the Iranian government allow international medical, judiciary, and journalist teams into Iran to investigate conditions of the more than 40,000 political prisoners there, the use of torture, the lack of any acceptable judicial procedures, the role of the secret police, the house-to-house searches, and the circumstances and conditions of the recent murders in Iran. Messages of solidarity were given at the rally from the Eritreans for Liberation in North America and from YAWF.

On June 3, the Chicago branch of ISAUS held an international forum, in solidarity with the ISA hunger strikers in three major cities—Los Angeles, Chicago, and Stockholm—where messages of support were heard from Eritreans for Liberation, Organization of Arab Students, CELA (a local Latin American group), Puerto Rican Socialist Party, Indians for Political Freedom, the Greek Cultural Center, and the Irish Republican Clubs. Speakers from these groups tied the struggles of the Iranian people against terror and repression with their own struggles against the same main enemy—U.S. imperialism.

## D.C. public meeting hails Omani people's anti-imperialist struggle

WASHINGTON, June 10—Well over a hundred people attended a spirited public meeting here today to support the revolutionary struggle of the people of Oman and to celebrate the eleventh anniversary of the beginning of armed resistance.

The Iranian Students Association (World Confederation), the Organization of Arab Students, the ZANU Support Committee, the Organization of Afrikan Students, and Youth Against War & Fascism co-sponsored the successful meeting, at which the history and significance of the struggle in Oman were presented. The American Indian Movement and Eritreans for Liberation in North America also were present in solidarity with the Omani struggle.

"The significance of the struggle in Oman," stated a representative of the Organization of Arab Students, "lies in what it represents for the masses of the entire Arab world. . . . What is at stake is the backbone of the world imperialist camp—Mideast oil—no more, no less."

Oman is a country of one million people in the southeast corner of the Arabian peninsula. Although it is rich in oil, the people have been kept in a state of abject poverty. When the armed struggle began on June 9, 1965, Oman was under the

rule of Sultan Said bin Tamur, who was an out-and-out employee of British oil interests, particularly Shell Oil. Said was also a sadistic despot who kept and tortured slaves in his palace and who made radios, books, medicines, even eyeglasses and trousers, illegal, to keep the people in a primitive state of subjection.

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Oman (PFLO), the leading force in the struggle, has as its aim the expulsion of imperialism, national independence, a democratic government, and the improvement of the people's lives. While winning victories on the military front, it built hospitals and schools in the areas it controlled—the first those areas had ever known.

In 1970, the British found it necessary to replace Said with his "enlightened" son, Qaboos, educated at Oxford. Qaboos has been much more openhanded with foreign business interests but shows just as little concern for the masses of people as his hated father.

### IRANIAN INTERVENTION

By 1974, the situation of Qaboos's regime had become so precarious that the U.S. found itself called upon to intervene—indirectly, through its puppet, the Shah of Iran

(who was himself enthroned by a CIA coup in 1953). Iran now has a 30,000-man invasion force, complete with American advisors, in Oman. At present the Iranian command claims to have wiped out the PFLO—something it has claimed at least twice before in the last two years. In reality the whole force is pinned down, since it is clear that if it left Oman the PFLO would retake every position it held before the force's arrival.

Because of the role of the Shah of Iran in the suppression of the Omani struggle, the Iranian Students Association, which has worked diligently to expose the Shah as a torturer, a despotic ruler, and a puppet of U.S. imperialism, has always shown special concern for the revolution in Oman.

The day before, June 9, a march in support of the Omani struggle organized by the Iranian Students' Association (Eastern Region) drew about 70 people to Washington from several cities. Spirited chanting drew public attention as the march passed through sections of D.C.'s downtown and Black and Latin communities. Many hundreds of leaflets describing the situation in Oman and condemning U.S. imperialism were handed out.

## 250 in NYC demonstrate in solidarity with Palestine

By H. COHEN

NEW YORK, June 13—Over 250 people demonstrated in New York today to show their opposition to a pro-Zionist parade and to show support for the Palestinian struggle.

The Zionist parade was another attempt to whip up anti-Arab racism and sentiment for more U.S. military aid to Israel (which is already getting \$4.6 billion this year!). Working people in New York should note that the parade's sponsors included Governor Hugh Carey and Mayor Abraham Beame. These two politicians have spearheaded the banks' offensive against working people through layoffs, a wage-freeze, and service cuts. According to these bankers' boys, there is no money for schools, hospitals, or daycare but plenty for tanks and planes for Israel.

The pro-Palestinian demon-

stration was sponsored by the Palestine Action Coalition. It began with a rally in front of the Exxon building to point out the role of U.S. big business, particularly the oil companies, in oppressing the Arab people. The demonstrators then marched to the South African Airlines to underline the alliance of Israel and pro-Nazi South Africa, as well as to show the similarity of these two U.S.-backed, racist settler states.

Then they marched parallel to the route of the pro-war parade, raising many slogans including: "Stop U.S. aid to Israel—No cutbacks here!"; "Palestine yes, Israel no. Victory to the PLO!"; and "U.S. out of the Middle East, Palestine will win!" The demonstration finished with a rally in front of Hunter College, which had been closed by Carey, Beame, and the banks "for lack of funds."



# Syrian occupation forces shell Palestinian homes

By BILL DEL VECCHIO  
NEW YORK, June 14—Syrian military attacks in Lebanon continue against the Palestinians and the Lebanese National Movement, despite heavy losses suffered by the Syrian invaders during their unsuccessful assaults on Beirut and Saida on June 8.

Syrian armored vehicles and planes struck Palestinian positions over the past two days in the mountainous Arkub area near the Israeli border, and Lebanese Arab Army and Palestinian positions in the Meten area east of Beirut. Palestinian resistance fighters have defended the Lebanese border from Israeli attack in the Arkub region since 1969.

Six armored vehicles were destroyed and a seventh captured from the Syrians during the recent attacks, according to a Voice of Palestine radio broadcast. The broadcast went on to call the new assaults, which break a ceasefire arranged by the Arab League, a "stab in the back."

## TRYING TO BOLSTER LEBANESE RIGHTISTS

The Assad regime of Syria had earlier agreed to an Arab League resolution calling for a troop withdrawal and the introduction of a

token "peace-keeping" force made up of Arab League troops—specifically from Algeria, Libya, Sudan, Syria, and the PLO. The stated aim of the ceasefire, according to the Arab League, would be to allow Elias Sarkis, an old rightist politician fraudulently elected President, to assume power in a reestablished government and work out a "political solution" to the Lebanese conflict.

The Lebanese government, long a puppet of Western imperialism, has been completely powerless since last January when the ranks of the army mutinied and formed a new, anti-imperialist force, the Lebanese Arab Army. The Arab Army, as well as all the organizations of the Lebanese National Movement and their Palestinian allies, are demanding a democratic, non-religious state to replace the old government which represented a wealthy ruling elite and their imperialist backers.

The Arab League agreement was reached following the defeat of Syrian drives on Beirut and Saida by fierce resistance. Eight Syrian tanks were destroyed by the Lebanese Arab Army in Saida.

"There is no pullback (by the Syrians), there is no ceasefire.

There is a war, a filthy war," said a spokesperson for the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) after the Arkub and Meten attacks. "What the Syrians are doing here they are doing for their own reasons, but they are doing it as part of an anti-Palestinian strategy approved by the United States," continued the PLO spokesperson, according to the June 14 Washington Post.

The shelling and aerial bombardment by the Syrian and Lebanese rightist forces have left heavy casualties, especially among civilians. "A tour of the Palestinian quarters of Sabra and Shatila, which lie near the Beirut stadium, found widespread destruction from what appeared to

have been shelling attacks," reported the June 12 New York Times.

Beirut and Saida hospitals are reported overflowing with wounded, electric power is working erratically, and food supplies are running dangerously low. A New York Times correspondent noted that the lights of Junieh, the rightist capital to the north of Beirut, glimmer while Beirut is dark.

In response to the reactionary Syrian invasion, the Palestinian and Lebanese popular troops were forced to oust pro-Syrian Baathist forces from within the leftist strongholds of Beirut, Tripoli, and Saida.

The Syrian invasion was

launched June 1 while Soviet leader Alexei Kosygin was on an official state visit to Damascus. No mention of the invasion was made by Kosygin during his visit, but the Soviet news agency Tass on June 8 issued a mild statement which showed that it did not support the Syrian invasion. The statement read in part, "The Syrian Arab Republic made more than one declaration according to which the mission of their troops in Lebanon was to contribute to stopping the flow of blood. It must be said that blood has flowed even more in Lebanon since Syrian troops penetrated there."

But the Progressive National Front, the governing coalition in Syria, of which the Syrian CP is a member, issued a statement of support for President Assad's policies in Lebanon.

Behind the Syrian intervention looms the U.S., fearful of losing its control of Lebanon and fearful that a revolutionary Lebanon would inspire the rest of the Middle East to follow its example. "Without U.S. officials keeping channels of communication open between Israel and Syria, a war between them might have erupted," said the reactionary U.S. News & World Report on June 21. The aircraft carrier America and two escort frigates are stationed off the Lebanese coast, "as a sign of U.S. interest in the area," according to the same report.



Lebanese leftists celebrate atop a captured Syrian tank. Together with the Palestinians, they are putting up a strong resistance to the treacherous Syrian invasion.

## Chicago protest condemns Syria's invasion of Lebanon

CHICAGO, June 6—Over 125 people took part yesterday in an extremely spirited demonstration here which condemned the Syrian invasion of Lebanon. The demonstration was called by the Arab Organizations of Chicago and included supporters from the Iranian Students Association and Workers World Party, among others. Considering the short period of preparation for the march, the turnout was impressive.

The demonstration, which began at the Civic Center, went through the busy shopping area of downtown Chicago during the rush hour, allowing for the maximum visibility and attention on the part of shoppers to the message of the demonstration. Prepared short speeches were interspersed with chants giving an explanation of the demonstration. Thousands of leaflets were also given out to the working people shopping in the area.

In their leaflet the Arab Organizations of Chicago explained how the invasion represented "a conspiracy by the Unholy Alliance, the U.S. imperialists, reactionary Arab regimes, and the puppet, racist, Zionist state of Israel. The main aim of this plot was to crush the Lebanese patriotic movement of the disadvantaged Lebanese that is fighting for a nonsectarian, democratic Lebanon and the Palestinian Revolution that is fighting for the creation of a democratic, nonsectarian Palestine."

Pointing out that the Israeli-supported, fascist Phalangist party had been defeated by the Lebanese National Movement before Syria invaded, the Arab Organization of Chicago charged, "Following the infamous Nixon doctrine of 'Vietnamization,' the U.S. is trying the 'Arabization' of the Lebanese conflict."

## Suspect racists in murder of two Arab-American workers

By J. GOLDFARB

DETROIT, June 11—Over the past month, two workers of Yemeni origin have been murdered and many other members of the southeast Dearborn Arab community have been beaten and threatened.

The violence has the earmarks of a right-wing, racist onslaught against the Arab community, since it follows a major demonstration here in support of the Palestinian struggle. A similar wave of violence against Arabs occurred in October 1973 right after 2,000 Arab workers shut down a line of the Hamtramck Assembly Plant and

picketed against the purchase of Israeli war bonds by the UAW.

This May 17, Saleh Nagi Shaahbain, a 34-year-old Yemeni worker, was slain by a shotgun blast aimed from an alley near Wyoming and Dix streets while on his way to work in the early morning.

Then on Saturday, June 5, Ali Shebein El Shiman, a 22-year-old factory worker who left his native Yemen only last January, was also murdered. Coming home from a friend's house, he was killed by a shotgun blast in the same alley.

Witnesses have identified two whites as the murderers. However, the Dearborn police have yet to arrest anyone for the murders.

## FORD MOTOR WANTS TO EXPAND

For a number of years the Arab community has been the object of a campaign to drive the Arabs out of Dearborn. Ford Motor Co. wishes to expand its facilities in southeast Dearborn but the Arab community has stood in its way. Ford had no trouble getting the racist city government of Dearborn to launch an urban removal program. The city has condemned houses, cut off services, and tried to shut schools.

However, this program has been stymied by the determined resistance of the residents of Southeast Dearborn, Arab and poor white.

Also, in recent weeks Ford Motor Co. has refused to hire Arab workers to jobs in the assembly plants. Perhaps these recent murders are calculated to scare the Arab people out of Dearborn so the land can be turned over to Ford

Motor Co.

The newspapers in Detroit have avoided the real political reasons behind the recent murders. Rather they link them to a presumed hostility between the Arab workers and poor whites in Southeast Dearborn. However, the reality is that the Arab and white workers have lived together peacefully and have united in the determined fight against the urban removal.

In the past couple of weeks the Arab community has been occupied by large numbers of Dearborn police and FBI. While the police claim to be in the community to protect the Arab people, their real reason is to prevent the Arab people from exercising their right to self-defense against the racist attacks.

This was made crystal clear this past week when two white thugs entered a restaurant in the Arab community and attacked some Arabs there. One of them was injured by an Arab person acting in self-defense. Despite the fact that the numerous witnesses to the attack said that the whites had initiated the incident, the police discounted this story. Instead, they publicly accepted the word of one of the white racists who came to the restaurant to start trouble but who said they were "innocent bystanders."

All progressive people must condemn this campaign of terror against the Arab community of Southeast Dearborn. The right of the Arab people as an oppressed nationality to use any means they find necessary to counter these racist attacks must be defended.



Demonstrators in New York City show pro-Zionist parade their support for Palestinian struggle. WW photo: Fabian

The Kissinger-Vorster talks

# Racist summit to bolster settler rule

By LAURIE FIERSTEIN  
NEW YORK, June 11—The announcement that Secretary of State Henry Kissinger plans to meet with South Africa's Prime Minister John Vorster in Hamburg, Germany, on June 23 reaffirms the long-standing U.S. policy of aligning itself with the white settler regime in South Africa while feigning opposition to Pretoria's racist policies.

Plagued by the growing liberation struggle in southern Africa, Kissinger and the former supporter of the Third Reich will be discussing how to bolster the hated South African regime through some minor face-lifting operations; how, if they can't salvage the Smith government in Rhodesia, a pro-imperialist "majority rule" can be established there; and how they might make some concessions in Namibia without jeopardizing economic control there by the multi-national corporations. The prime objective of imperialism is to attempt at all costs to keep the revolutionary liberation movements from seizing power in Zimbabwe, Namibia, and Azania.

Needless to say, the South African government was delirious with joy at the confirmation of the Hamburg meeting. While all the western imperialist powers, including the U.S., France, Britain, and West Germany, have been quietly collaborating with South Africa for decades, the Kissinger-Vorster talks signify a major breakthrough in international diplomacy for Pretoria, which has long been isolated.

## CRUCIAL JUNCTURE IN NAMIBIA

This diplomatic turning point, the result of months of behind-closed-door negotiations between Washington, Bonn, and Pretoria, comes at a particularly opportune time for South Africa in relation to its dilemma in Namibia and reflects a deep commitment from the U.S. to help bail them out on that score.

August 30 is the deadline set by the Security Council of the United Nations for South Africa to get out of Namibia and allow elections to

take place. South Africa has occupied Namibia militarily, economically, and politically since the end of World War I and has implemented its system of apartheid, banishment, and brutal repression in that mineral-rich country.

Under the impact of the armed liberation movement led by the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) and worldwide outrage, the UN in 1966 demanded South Africa withdraw from Namibia and declared SWAPO the only legitimate government and representative of the Namibian people.

South Africa's isolation on this question was further dramatized when the World Court of Justice and the Organization of African Unity both voted to uphold that UN resolution. Now Vorster's time is running out.

"At this stage the U.S. and West European governments are looking for something to hold onto against the Security Council demands," Mr. O.T. Emvula, Deputy Representative of SWAPO here, told Workers World.

That something to hold onto in Namibia turns out to be the "Constitutional Conference" comprised of 150 delegates from 11 "ethnic groups" handpicked by South Africa to draft a constitution for Namibia.

## SHAM BODY IS IMPERIALISM'S HOPE

This South African-sponsored body opened its first session in the Turnhalle stadium in Windhoek, Namibia's capital, on Sept. 1, 1975 (a date celebrated by the whites as Settlers' Day), and just held its most recent meeting on June 2-4.

In essence, the Turnhalle conference was created by Vorster to stave off international and national pressure for total South African withdrawal from Namibia. It will surely be used by Pretoria and its western imperialist backers to prove "forward momentum towards ethnic representation" when the Namibia question comes up at the UN.

But the credibility of the conference was shattered from its very inception with the exclusion of

SWAPO from the talks. The last session ended in near pandemonium with practically the whole Black delegation, carefully screened as it was, demanding the inclusion of SWAPO.

But SWAPO has made it clear that it does not recognize and will not participate in the conference until South Africa withdraws from Namibia and free elections are held.

## MILITARY BUILD-UP

Pretoria's veil of "constitutionalism" for Namibia is thin indeed. One only need look at South Africa's massive military build-up and extensive repressive measures against the Namibian liberation struggle to know that only the words have changed.

Two SWAPO members, whose lawyer was found to be feeding information to the South African secret police, were recently sentenced to death.

A state of emergency including curfews, a ban on meetings, shooting-on-sight, and random detention has been declared in the northern homelands of Kavango, Ovambo, and Caprivi affecting 55 percent of Namibia's total population.

An increasing flow of armaments, including nuclear weapons, has been coming into South Africa from Britain and France. Four thousand more troops are being sent to northern Namibia, bringing the total number there to 10,000.

## FNLA AND UNITA TROOPS IN NAMIBIA

In addition to South African troops, Mr. Emvula of SWAPO told Workers World, there is strong reason to believe that 2,000 FNLA and UNITA troops, who fled to Namibia after Angolan liberation, are engaged in combat against SWAPO guerrillas and conducting terrorist hit-and-run attacks against Namibian villages near the Angolan border.

The recent murder of Cornelium Nshitendi, a SWAPO supporter and Sub-Deacon of the Ovambo Anglican Church, and the wounding of his baby son near the village of Epinga was, according to Mr.

Emvula, the work of FNLA and UNITA snipers.

Both these groups, it was established during the Angolan fighting, were backed by U.S. imperialism through CIA money and arms to attempt to defeat the MPLA and set up a neo-colonial government in Angola after the Portuguese were forced to leave.

It is not surprising that after having joined forces with the racist South African army in Angola, the FNLA and UNITA have fallen in behind Pretoria's troops in their brutal occupation of Namibia.

The super-militarization of South Africa shows that Vorster and his partners in the U.S. and western Europe know all too well where the

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U.S. and British mercenaries on trial

## A warning to future hired guns

# Imperialism's mercenaries

By SHARON SHELTON

NEW YORK, June 15—Last week, a group of 13 U.S. and British mercenaries went on trial in Luanda for their crimes against the Angolan people during the recent U.S. imperialist-directed war of aggression against the People's Republic of Angola.

The paid killers had been indicted on 139 counts, including charges of murdering Angolan civilians and maliciously destroying both government and civilian property. They are being tried before the newly established People's Revolutionary Tribunal.

The three U.S. citizens on trial—Gary Acker, Daniel Francis Gearhart, and Argentinian-born Gustavo Grillo—are all veterans of the genocidal war U.S. imperialism waged against the Vietnamese people. Most of the others on trial this week were previously part of the repressive British occupying forces in Northern Ireland or fought with the racist Ian Smith regime in Rhodesia before coming to Angola.

A 42-member International Commission of Inquiry on Mercenaries, set up by the MPLA government to investigate and expose the use of mercenaries against liberation struggles, was sworn in by Angolan Minister of Justice Diogenes Boavida on June 7. The People's Republic hopes that findings of the Commission, as well as the trial's proceedings, will serve to discourage the use of mercenaries elsewhere in Africa, particularly in Zimbabwe (Rhodesia).

Mass indignation over the use of the mercenaries by the imperialist aggressors was apparent among the Angolan people when on July 9 tens of thousands of men, women, and children turned out in Luanda to angrily condemn the 13 as the trial date neared.

Carrying signs reading "Death to the CIA!" "Death to the mercenaries!" and "The people of Angola condemn the governments that support the mercenaries!" the crowd made clear the unanimity of their feelings during a march along Luanda's Fourth of February Avenue (named to commemorate the initiation of the armed struggle against Portuguese colonialism in 1961).

According to a June 9 dispatch in the New York Times, the demonstrators included "trade union workers, neighborhood committees, students, and militants from the Popular

Movement's women's organization."

As the trial opened June 11, the Palacio do Comercio, where the proceedings have been taking place, was covered with revolutionary posters condemning the mercenaries.

## KNOWN MASS MURDERER AMONG DEFENDANTS

One of those being tried is the notorious Costas Georgiou, who fought in Angola under the name "Colonel Callan." Callan's name broke into the news last winter with reports he had massacred 14 of his own men for refusing to fight. While Callan is every bit as bloodthirsty as recent reports in the U.S. press have portrayed him, what has horrified the press here is not the atrocities he carried out against the Angolan people, but the fact that he murdered his fellow mercenaries.

The June 9 Liberation News Service documents the horrors Callan and other imperialist agents perpetrated during the fighting in Angola. An eyewitness, Peter MacAleese (another mercenary who returned to England after the Angolan people's victory), says Callan directed a mass killing of 160 Angolan civilians in the northern town of Maquela do Zombo. This charge has been backed up by two photographers from Luanda newspapers who were present when this and other ugly massacres took place.

One of the photographers described another atrocity at Barra de Donde, where he saw a group of presumed mercenaries give orders to FNLA troops to raze the entire village and kill its inhabitants. The photographers have grisly photographs attesting to this and the massacre at Maquela do Zombo.

According to an interview with a returned U.S. mercenary from Angola in the Summer 1976 issue of Soldier of Fortune, a magazine for mercenaries published out of Boulder, Colorado, Callan also brutally massacred MPLA prisoners by shooting them in the back of their heads. Once, according to returned mercenaries, he put the muzzle of a sawed-off shotgun in the mouth of an Angolan and blew his head off.

## ONE RENOUNCES PAST, IMPLICATES CIA

During the proceedings, one of



SWAPO guerrillas are intensifying their struggle for Namibia's freedom.

Photo: Namibia News





trial in Luanda for their crimes against the Angolan people.

## mercenaries on trial in Angola

the three U.S. citizens on trial, Gustavo Grillo, renounced his treacherous actions. Even before the trial began, Grillo publicly admitted the CIA's role, saying he had received payment for his services in new U.S. \$100 bills and was certain the equipment he used had come from the CIA. Later in courtroom testimony, Grillo denounced the CIA as "an institution of mercenaries that hires other mercenaries."

This historic trial comes at a time of a new mercenary recruitment campaign begun by the arch-rightist Rhodesian Army. According to a June 7 Pacific News Service release, British troops occupying Northern Ireland are being approached by a team of six recruiters who offer takers over \$1,800 a month plus money to buy themselves out of the British army. Also, ads for mercenaries are appearing in West Germany and the U.S. Recently, a former U.S. army soldier, Mike Gonzalez, admitted to reporters that his organization, American Aid for Rhodesia, had begun recruiting 1,000 men to aid the Smith regime.

The Angolan people are determined to halt this inflow of mer-

cenary troops into Africa. They feel that the fate of the mercenaries who invaded their country last winter will furnish an example to those who are now trying to deny the Zimbabwean people the right to seize control of their destiny.

A government statement opening the proceedings read, "This trial... should serve notice on the paymasters and organizers, as well as the mercenaries themselves, that their time is over. If they attempt to divert or delay the inevitable liberation of southern Africa, they will meet with a similar fate."

### Hand of U.S. imperialism behind

By CONNIE HARRIS  
NEW YORK, June 11—On May 31, it was revealed by an opposition member of the Israeli Parliament, Marcia Freedman, that hundreds of Israeli soldiers were attached to South African Army units as instructors.

Freedman, who is a member of the Independent Socialist movement, said that she had learned

## Rumsfeld's trip to Zaire, Kenya props up U.S. colonial drive

By ANDY STAPP  
NEW YORK, June 15—Secretary of "Defense" Donald Rumsfeld's visits to Zaire and Kenya signify a stepped up effort by U.S. imperialism to promote counter-revolution on the African continent.

This move is undoubtedly inspired by the bad shock Wall Street received with the emergence of the new anti-imperialist governments in Mozambique and Guinea-Bissau following the collapse of the Portuguese colonialist forces in 1974. Even worse, from the point of view of the U.S. ruling class, was the beating the People's Republic of Angola just administered to the CIA-backed quisling forces and South African interventionist troops.

Kenya and Zaire are the two most important African states to take the road of neo-colonialism since formal separation from direct European rule. U.S. and British multi-national corporations either own outright or directly control all the critical areas of Kenya's economy. At present, over 3,000 "technical assistance personnel" from the imperialist countries, especially Great Britain, hold key positions in the major Kenyan ministries, including Planning, Home Affairs, the Legal and Judicial Departments, Commerce and Industry, and in the office of President Jomo Kenyatta. Up until now, neo-colonialist penetration has been most pronounced in Kenya's armed forces and security apparatus, which are equipped and trained by the English.



Kissinger with Defense Secretary Rumsfeld.

At the beginning of June, the U.S. Congress approved \$15 million in military credits to Kenya, but Rumsfeld is likely to offer much more, including fighter aircraft. These weapons will be aimed both at the people of Kenya and at two neighboring states, Somalia and Tanzania, countries which have defied the imperialists repeatedly, most recently by supporting the MPLA in Angola.

The other destination of Rumsfeld's trip, Zaire, is rapidly becoming the main center of imperialist subversion south of the Sahara. Ever since the progressive Congolese government of Patrice Lumumba was drowned in blood by a coup organized by foreign capital and replaced by the regime of Mobutu Sese Seko, Zaire has increasingly become the "Brazil of Africa," a heavy counterweight against the national liberation struggles and the socialist movement. During the past dozen years, Washington has given Mobutu \$430 million in aid, \$50 million of it in military hardware. U.S. "advisors" train the puppet army there, and U.S. arms shipments for the years 1975-76 are double the amount Mobutu got over

the whole last decade and a half combined.

The Pentagon wants to beef up Zaire as a battering ram against the people of central Africa and against the Angolan revolution in particular.

Rumsfeld, who will be the first U.S. Defense Secretary to travel to Africa, is highly regarded by the racist apartheid regime in Pretoria. Only last May 29, the Johannesburg Star reported that Lieutenant General R.H.D. Rogers, head of the South African Air Force, had enthusiastically quoted Rumsfeld on "the meaning of military power in our age."

This, then, is the true nature of Henry Kissinger's "new African policy" propping up neo-colonialist regimes against the leftist governments and liberation movements while quietly strengthening Wall Street's alliance with the white racist settler states.

Such a tactic, however, is not qualitatively different from the policy President Ford launched with such high hopes a year ago, only to see it shipwrecked on the rocks of the Angolan revolution.

## Israeli troops serving in S. Africa

that Israeli soldiers were attached to important units and strategic bases in South Africa and were participating in training maneuvers with the South Africa army.

The charge was denied by Naphthali Lavie, a spokesperson for the Defense Ministry. "There are no Israeli defense forces in South Africa," he said.

The denial has a familiar ring, strongly reminiscent of South Africa's own avowals earlier this year that it had no troops engaged in combat against the MPLA, a lie which was completely disproved. Further suspicion is cast upon this denial in light of the close political and economic relationship between the two racist, white-settler states. Only last April, South African Prime Minister, John Vorster told newsmen during his visit to Israel

that "relations between South Africa and Israel have never been so good."

The hand of U.S. imperialism can be seen in this relationship. Because South Africa is so hated in the world for keeping the vast African majority as little better than slaves, the U.S. is reluctant to give the Vorster regime outright military support. But it can let it be known that Israel, the biggest recipient of U.S. military aid in the world, is free to "share" its military technology with the racist South African armed forces.

Imperialism is desperately worried about the situation in southern Africa, where the successful revolutions in Mozambique and Angola and the resultant upsurge of armed struggle in Zimbabwe and Namibia have given heart to the millions under

the tyrannical apartheid regime of Vorster. Both South Africa and Israel, as outposts of Western imperialism, are acutely aware of the threat posed by the revolutionary mood in Black Africa.

Both, too, are threatened by the growing strength of national liberation struggles representing the peoples whose lands they usurped—the Palestinians in Israel and the African people in South Africa.

That Israel should respond to U.S. encouragement and give military aid to South Africa can thus hardly be a great surprise. But their efforts are doomed. The ultimate victory of the colonized peoples in Africa is certain, and no amount of collaboration between South Africa, Israel, and the U.S. can prevent it.

## 100 Boston pickets support Eritrean self determination

BOSTON, June 11—One hundred people picketed in Government Center here today protesting the Ethiopian "peasant invasion" of Eritrea and United States military aid to the Ethiopian junta and in support of the struggle of the Eritrean people for national independence and liberation.

The demonstration was initiated by the Eritreans for Liberation in North America and was co-sponsored by the Committee of Palestinians in New England (COPINE), Youth Against War & Fascism (YAWF), the Union of Democratic Filipinos, Friends of the Filipino People, African Students and Workers for African Liberation, and the Association of Vietnamese Patriots in the U.S.

For the last several months, the Ethiopian military junta has mobilized and armed tens of thousands of Ethiopian peasant "volunteers" to invade Eritrea. This is but the latest in a long series of unsuccessful attempts to

destroy the movement for national liberation which has captured the hearts and aspirations of the Eritrean people under the yoke of Ethiopian colonialism. Without military aid and support from the United States, the Ethiopian rulers would be unable to maintain their grip on Eritrea.

At a rally following the demonstration, representatives of the Eritreans for Liberation in North America, Committee of Palestinians in New England, and the Ethiopian Students condemned the invasion being massed by the Ethiopian junta. Alan Balsam, speaking for Youth Against War & Fascism, linked the struggle against oppression in Eritrea to the fight for the right of self-determination of oppressed peoples here at home, and especially in Boston, which has become a focus of a national racist right-wing mobilization against Black equality.



About 125 members and friends of Eritreans for Liberation in North America demonstrate outside the Ethiopian embassy after a march through downtown Washington, D.C., which stopped at the State Department.

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## EDITORIAL

### The other issue in Panama

Back in May when Reagan clobbered Ford in the Texas primary, commentators in the capitalist press credited his victory to demagoguery over the future status of the Panama Canal. "Texans," the columnists assured us, are "seriously concerned" by Reagan's charge that Ford is planning to "surrender" control over this "strategic" waterway to "a tin-horn dictator friend of Fidel Castro's."

Is it that simple? Just super-patriotism?

Or is there something bigger involved? Like money?

While working overtime to whip up chauvinism against this small Central American country, Reagan carefully omitted mentioning the other issue confronting Texas business interests involved in Panama—the question of who will control that nation's rich copper fields.

Right now Texas Gulf Company, a billion-dollar outfit with operations in Canada, Australia, and Mexico, is making a blatant grab for these fabulous ore deposits which are nominally owned by the government of Panama. A contract has already been signed putting the extraction and marketing of all the copper in the hands of Texas Gulf and a consortium of U.S., English, and Japanese firms for the next 20 years. The nationalization doesn't mean much in practice when the needed technology and export markets for copper production and sale are commanded by giant foreign corporations determined to see the cream of the profits flow into their own vaults.

Only by a total break with imperialism can semi-colonial countries like Panama win real sovereignty with genuine political independence and authority to use their national resources for the benefit of the people. In many ways the phony Reagan-Ford debate over the fate of the Panama Canal reflects a fear of losing not only the canal, but Panama itself, to an angry people tired of seeing U.S. monopoly corporations rip off their country's wealth while their children must beg in the streets for food.

### Italian elections

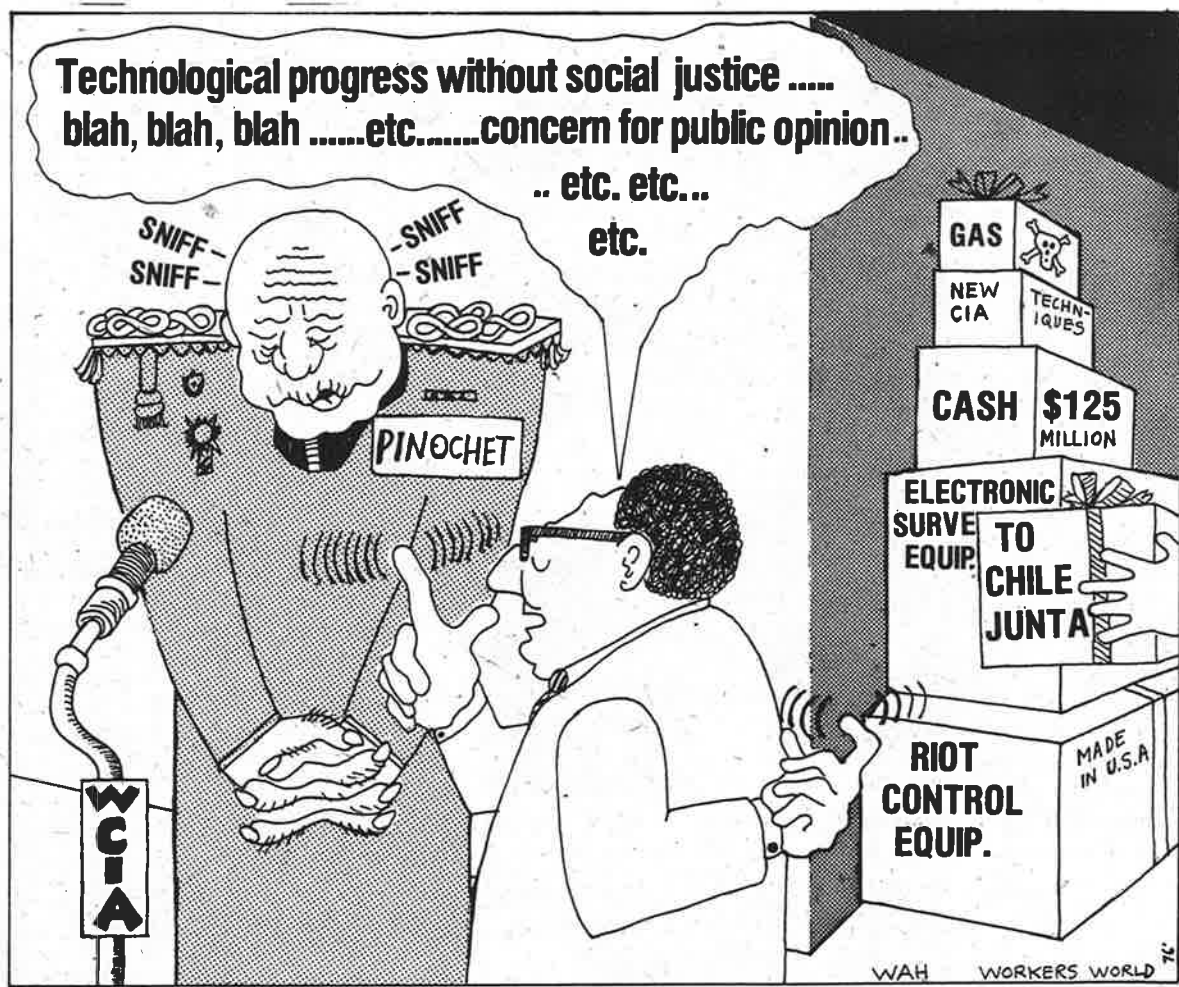
In the midst of a deep and long-lasting crisis of the ruling Christian Democratic Party, elections will take place in Italy this weekend that may establish the Italian Communist Party (PCI) as the largest electoral party. The PCI has been conducting a major drive to enter the bourgeois government in what it calls a "historic compromise" to "save Italy."

We of Workers World hope that the PCI will win a resounding victory at the polls—not because we agree with the party's policies or perspectives, but because we would want any working class party, no matter how much we may oppose its policies, to be victorious against bourgeois reaction. Despite all the revisionist positions of the PCI leadership on remaining in NATO; on sharing "power" with the bourgeoisie, on its failure to prepare the workers to withstand counter-revolutionary violence, nevertheless we know that when the workers vote for the PCI what they are really voting for is communism, for an end to capitalist rule, and a strong showing will heighten their class-consciousness and confidence in the struggle.

Of course, our hearts are with the left parties of Italy who denounce class collaboration and seek to give revolutionary leadership to the workers. But we hope they see the wisdom of contesting the PCI in the election only where this can be done without opening the way for a reactionary victory.

The U.S. ruling class, while it is carefully and cautiously weighing its options in the event that the PCI enters the government, and while it has had experience in just how to "destabilize" a progressive regime that holds office but not state power, a la Chile, nevertheless fears the impetus that a CP victory will give the workers. Certainly the alarm is apparent in the bourgeois press here, and the deep hostility for the PCI, despite its reformism, could be seen last year when a PCI delegation to the U.S. was refused visas almost at the very same moment that members of the Italian neo-fascist party were being welcomed at the Pentagon.

The Italian working class has a long history of revolutionary struggle. It shouldn't be thought that, because the leadership has eroded, the proletariat as a whole have become less class-conscious. On the contrary, the Italian workers are rising to struggle once again, and the election results will merely be one of the indicators along that road.



### Should Italian workers back the Christian Democrats against CP?

By V. COPELAND

This paper has already dealt with the problem of the Italian CP's (PCI) election strategy (Sam Marcy's article on "True and false historic compromise" in the May 14 Workers World). We call for the leftist Italian parties and individuals to support the PCI's election drive in order to solidarize with millions of genuinely communist workers, while opposing the revisionist policies of the CP leadership and preparing for a real and revolutionary assault on state power.

At the same time we absolutely oppose the concept that a workers' party, no matter how many members it may have in Parliament or Congress, should enter a capitalist government, i.e. cabinet, as the Italian CP leadership wishes to do.

The main thing wrong with any workers' party "sharing the power" with a capitalist party in a capitalist state is that it does not share the power; it shares the offices. In effect, it supplies a reformist facade for the ruthless capitalist ruling class, which still maintains the real state power.

#### BUT NOT WORRIED ABOUT REFORMISM

According to the group here called October League, however, the main thing wrong with the Italian CP's approach is that it might help the Soviet Union.

"A share of power for the revisionists in the middle of Europe and in NATO's naval center will greatly heighten the superpower rivalry between the U.S. and the USSR," said the May 17 Call, organ of October League. "It will give the Soviet Union its best opportunity to penetrate Europe's second most populous country."

The October League opposes the Italian CP taking "power" not because this would be a capitulation to capitalist parliamentarism, but because it would allegedly help the Soviet Union "penetrate" capitalist Italy—the same argument given by the U.S. imperialists, of course. The Italian CP "can certainly provide no real resistance to Soviet

expansionism," the article goes on. So we have to assume the October League would prefer that the 100 percent anti-Soviet (and anti-communist) Christian Democrats should hold the fort alone.

#### NOR DOES BOURGEOIS RULE CONCERN THEM

True, the article labels the Christian Democrats as "the spokesmen for the biggest monopoly-capital interests as well as the Catholic Church." But it makes crystal clear that its readers are to consider the PCI the main enemy.

The article concludes with this advice to the workers:

"But should the PCI come to power in a coalition, or should the revisionists come to power in other countries, the message for the working class is clear.

"The revisionists are traitors to the working class cause and frontmen for Soviet aggression. Their participation in government cannot bring about socialism 'peacefully' as they claim, but will only heighten the superpower contention and bring the Soviet tanks rolling into their countries all the faster."

### —Settler rule

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course of southern Africa will actually be decided, as do the liberation fighters of Azania, Namibia and Zimbabwe who have been stepping up the armed struggle. The question will not be settled in the meeting room at Hamburg, at the Turnhalle in Windhoek, or even in the chamber of the Security Council, significant as these all may be.

Rather, the destiny of these too-long exploited countries of Africa will be decided on the battlefields in the bush, jungles, and plains, in the gold, diamond, and copper mines of the multi-national corporations, in the sweatshops of Johannesburg, Salisbury, and Windhoek, and on the plantations of the rich white settlers whose time is running out.

Thus October League is saying that the Christian Democratic status quo is preferable to a joint Communist Party-Christian Democratic government. And it is preferable from the point of view of defending capitalist Italy against the Soviet Union.

#### THE BUGABOO OF "SOVIET TANKS"

It is not the idea of "sharing power" with the capitalist parties that outrages October League. (Note the phrase "should the revisionists come to power in other countries.") It is the idea that the PCI should be in the government under any circumstances—either as master or as servant of the capitalist class. It is the idea that the PCI "will bring the Soviet tanks rolling into their countries all the faster" which makes the Call's blood run cold.

Thus, October League implicitly blocs with the reactionary Christian Democrats against the reformist Italian CP. The "spokesmen for the biggest monopoly capitalists" will not bring the Soviet tanks rolling, it would appear, since they are the most intransigent anti-Sovieters of any significance in Italy.

#### DO THEY FEAR ITALIAN WORKERS?

The Italian working class is not even considered by October League. Yet in voting for the Communist Party, the workers are voting for communism, regardless of the reformism or even anti-Sovietism of the CP leaders.

Kissinger and those to the right of him understand this, even if October League does not.

If, on the other hand, October League also perceives this phenomenon, they perceive it in reverse. That is, they see the possibility of the Italian revolution just over the horizon, but they insist on labeling it a counter-revolution!

If this is the case, it is not "Soviet tanks" that they really fear, but legions of Italian workers (whose class interests ultimately coincide with those of both the Soviet Union and China!) rolling over the barricades of the Eternal City.





Pinochet has a friend. . . .

## Doctor Frankenstein 'deplores' monster

# Kissinger slaps Pinochet's wrists

By P. MEISNER  
NEW YORK, June 14—The hypocrisy of the Ford government reached a new high this past week when Secretary of State Henry Kissinger "criticized" certain violations of human rights by the present totalitarian regime in Chile.

Not only has it been revealed to the world that Kissinger was the chief architect of the brutal counter-revolution in that country in September 1973, but Kissinger had earlier made U.S. support for the junta clear when he shook hands, in front of press

photographers, with the top butcher-general of Chile, Augusto Pinochet. This vulgar display of imperialist-fascist "diplomacy" took place just before Kissinger made his "criticisms" before a well orchestrated (by the U.S.) session of the Organization of American States (OAS) held in Santiago, Chile, no less.

### TALK DEMOCRACY. PRACTICE REPRESSION

Faced with universal condemnation of the Chilean junta's fascist acts, Kissinger's ploy is to "talk democracy, practice repression." The maneuver is specifically designed to keep all investigations into Chile's internal repression within the OAS umbrella, where the U.S. has more direct control. Many world bodies, including the UN, have already condemned the Pinochet regime as inhuman and have called for strong and immediate action. The OAS' Human Rights Commission would preempt all other world investigative bodies and moderate all criticisms and sanctions to be leveled against the Chilean military junta.

But Kissinger's lip service to "human rights" hardly fooled anybody, especially within Chile. The New York Times correspondent in Santiago during the OAS session on June 10 quoted one former member of Chile's now defunct congress as saying that the "blessing" given by Kissinger to the Pinochet regime was "well worth a few criticisms on human rights." The former congressman went on to say:

"The right-wing reactionaries who are around Pinochet are not

going to change because the human rights issue is raised publicly. They are interested in financial support and the United States is making this easier by Kissinger's visit."

Indeed, a group of 12 U.S. and 4 Canadian banks has recently underwritten the Chilean junta with a \$125 million loan, and U.S. pressure a few months ago pushed through a World Bank loan despite Chile's official 13.5 percent monthly inflation rate and 16 percent unemployment.

Kissinger could have honestly done something for human rights in Chile by denouncing the repression taking place right under his nose in Santiago. On June 11, five Chilean bourgeois liberal lawyers handed a declaration to all of the OAS foreign ministers denouncing the military junta's control of the national police agencies. The declaration specifically exposed the existence of secret "detention centers" where torture is frequently administered.

The lawyers' report was immediately labelled by the Pinochet regime as "an unspeakable act of treason." Despite the personal appeal by the five lawyers to Kissinger, their call went unheeded.

But can any real interest in the human rights of the vast majority be expected from a man who was Nelson Rockefeller's protege, who was appointed to office by Richard Nixon, and who wire-tapped his closest associates because he feared they had let the people know the shameful secrets of the Vietnam War and the bombing of Cambodia?

## Imperialist backers of Israel reappoint

# Anti-semite to chair joint chiefs

By PETE PERKINS  
NEW YORK, June 12—As presidential incumbent Gerald Ford stumbles his way along the election campaign trail, he has quietly passed out one of the top plums in the power structure to one of his favorite friends, Gen. George S. Brown, whom Ford once ordered to publicly apologize to the American Jewish community because of his anti-Semitic remarks, has been renominated by Ford to succeed himself as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

During an appearance at the Duke University Law School in October 1974, Brown had said, "Americans should get tough-minded enough to set down the Jewish influence in this country and break their lobby. It's so strong now you wouldn't believe it. Just look where the Jewish money is in this country. The Jews own the

banks and the newspapers."

### BLAND DENIAL

After these remarks drew publicity and public criticism from members of Congress, Brown issued this statement: "It is going to be awfully easy to conclude that the chairman is anti-Semitic. That is just not true." Not a very convincing statement from a general ordered to publicly clear the air by the President.

And now Brown is secure in the supreme military saddle for the next two years. Which goes to show a couple of things: one, that despite Washington's long-time build-up of Israel in the Middle East, the basically anti-Semitic attitude of the ruling class really hasn't changed much; and two, that Brown's nonsense about Jewish people running the country is as ridiculous as when it was first mouthed decades ago. The ruling class Establishment of the Rockefellers, the Astors, the

Mellons, the Fords, etc., may be even more virulently anti-Black and anti-Latin, it is true, but Brown's comments (buttressed by his renomination) show that bigotry of every stripe is endemic to the suspicious clique of billionaires running things in the U.S.

### BROWN'S RECORD

Brown's military record includes two years as commander of the Air Force Systems Command in Vietnam from 1968 to 1970, during which time he adopted Barry Goldwater's policy of "bomb Vietnam back into the stone age."

Although this policy subsequently ruined Gen. William Westmoreland's career, Brown retained his preeminent position in the Pentagon. So whether it's Ford, Reagan, or Carter who picks up all the peanuts in November, bombs-away Brown will again be the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for the next two years.

## Impressions of socialist Cuba

By VICTOR BESSON  
NEW YORK, June 12—It will at best be difficult to make you hear Cuba's rhythm, feel Cuba's textures, see the colors, know its vital heart as I experienced it in my 5½ weeks in Cuba with the ninth contingent of the Venceremos Brigade. Except for the fact that I am so indebted to the Cuban people for giving me a taste of their lives, I would not try.

The rhythm of Cuba is cement flipped between cinder blocks piled one on top of another, shaped into rooms and built into houses for the Cuban people (two- and three-room apartments rent-free for the textile workers at Ariguanabos); the word cadence of a 10-year-old young Pioneer explaining the principles of an automatic milking machine; the graceful hand movements of a blindfolded 12-year-old girl taking apart, explaining the function of each piece, and putting together again an AK47, and her modest assertion that Cubans are ready to defend their homeland; the beat of a congo drum and fluid body movements of responsive dancers in this Latino-Africano country with its heavy emphasis on the Africano.

Its textures are the soft velvet of a tropical country, the interwoven strands of straw that form the hats worn by the campesinos; the gritty

sugar extracted from the cane and the gritty grease extracted from the crankshaft of a tractor being repaired in a huge tractor repair complex—both together saying we will build with whatever we've got.

Her colors are the soft green, the lush tranquil green of Jose Marti's "Guantanamo." Her colors are Fidel's challenge to the racists, "Who says Black, says man!" Bright sunlight shining through open-spaced new schools, new houses, new daycare centers, new towns, all built by Cuban voluntary labor.

Her vital heart is young children closing all their statements with the deeply felt shout, "Seremos como el Che!" (We will be like Che!) It is 200 young Americans building houses that several hundred Tupacmarus from Peru have worked on, to be followed by several hundred from the Nordic brigade of the Scandinavian countries, all demonstrating solidarity with Cuba. Its vital heart is proletarian internationalism, and U.S. imperialism quivers with each thump-thump of its heart-beat. It's a heart that gives freely and generously from its meager store to the workers and peasants of the world, and that the world's workers are prepared to defend. It's a country with a beautiful

feel, rainbow-like colors, and the hammering sounds of socialist construction.

Que linda es Cuba.

Long live the Cuban revolution! Long live proletarian internationalism! Venceremos!

## —School lunches

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done by the BSL itself: we listened to what the parents and students wanted, and we did the best we could.

### "BSL WAITED FOR US TO FAIL"

"Meanwhile, the BSL sat back and waited for us to fail. They would not show us how to order, process bills, or manage the program.

"The BSL wanted to see us fall flat on our faces. If the decentralized lunch program—which was community-based with no ties to the BSL—was successful, the question would be 'what do we need the \$90 million BSL for?' The end result of our success might be the elimination of the whole bureau-



Ramon Castro and WW correspondent Victor Besson in Cuba.

cratic BSL structure.

"Also, the Board of Education and the BSL felt that by defeating the school lunch program they were attacking the whole community control struggle, because the lunch program was supported tremendously by the parents.

"As soon as the program started, the auditors came in. There was a city auditor, a state auditor, a federal auditor, and an auditor to audit the auditors! The program was just beginning to get on its feet; it was a pilot program to see if it was feasible for other communities to decentralize their lunch programs. And before it had a chance to work (financially), the state's audit report was released to the press, and the majority members of the school board (who were against community control) buried the whole project.

### BACK TO CHEESE SANDWICHES

"At this time, decentralization in

District 1 is just a word. The food program in the district is still 'decentralized,' but the essence is gone. There is no one that the parents can complain to about warm milk or too many cheese sandwiches. There are no longer any parent-student workshops or school food committees. The BSL is just delivering the food, that's all.

"The issue is fair representation on the community school board. The community is made of Hispanic, Black, and Chinese people, and 'represented' by a white majority who are insensitive to the needs of the community, and who are afraid of parent-community involvement. That is why they refused to allow a bilingual program to come into the district.

"But the issue of community control—of parent involvement in teacher hirings, bilingual programs, lunch and breakfast programs—the issue is still there—and the struggle continues."



A part of the city of Pyongyang reduced to ashes by the bombings of the U.S. imperialists during the Korean war.

## NYC protest called for June 25

# 'U.S. out of Korea!'

By ANDY STAPP

NEW YORK, June 14—"Not only is America providing 42,500 ground troops, but we also have 666 tactical nuclear weapons in Korea," California representative Ron Dellums charged on June 2 during the congressional debate over a proposed 70 percent increase in U.S. military aid to south Korea.

In the course of this argument (which the liberals lost, thus guaranteeing another \$485.5 million in tanks, guns, and planes for the army of south Korean dictator Pak Jung Hi), it also emerged that the Pentagon has designated both the 3rd Marine Division currently in Okinawa and the 25th Infantry Division located in Hawaii for immediate combat duty in Korea should fighting break out along the 38th parallel that divides socialist north Korea from the fascist south.

The 625,000-man south Korean armed forces are little more than a puppet, totally under the control of its U.S. masters. Commanded by General Richard Stilwell, it is probably the only army in the

world run openly by a foreign military officer.

Meanwhile, the drumhead trials continue in the south Korean capital city of Seoul. On June 4, five more defendants received long prison sentences from the notorious "blood courts" set up by dictator Pak to stamp out resistance to his unpopular rule. What crime did the five commit? "Writing, reprinting, and distributing" a poem satirizing the corruption and brutality of the government!

"I have not seen one single instance when American influence has helped human rights here," Yun Po Sun, a former south Korean president who has seen more than enough U.S. "influence," told the New York Times on June 11. The 78-year-old Mr. Yun is currently on trial for "treason" because he dared to criticize the U.S.-sponsored police state regime.

### PROTEST REPRESSION, WAR THREATS

To protest the mutilation of basic

human rights, the takeover of the south Korean economy by U.S. big business, the Pentagon's military occupation, and continuing U.S. war threats against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (north Korea), the U.S. Out of Korea Committee of Youth Against War & Fascism has initiated a demonstration for Friday, June 25, at 5:00 p.m. in front of the south Korean consulate in New York City at 57th St. and Park Avenue. A preliminary list of sponsors includes the Guardian Committee to Support Korean Reunification, Committee in Solidarity with the Korean People, Puerto Rican Socialist Party, Asian Americans for Action, Friends of Indochina, Neighbors for Peace, and the Vietnam Peace Parade Committee. The demonstrators will demand U.S. troops out of Korea, no more billions to the Pak Jung Hi dictatorship, and an end to U.S. interference with the reunification of Korea.

For more information, call (212) AL5-0352.



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## CHINA the struggle within

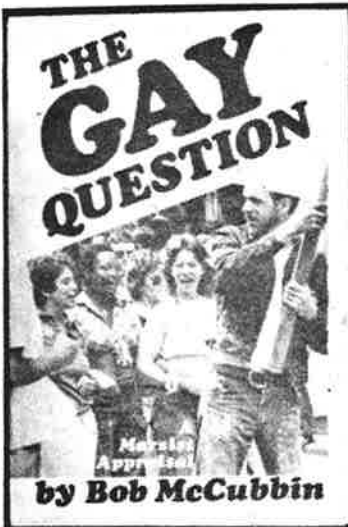
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## FOR THE BIRDS...





# POLITICAL PRISONERS



## Charged with slandering a cop, NAACP loses damage suit—open collusion between cops and courts

By LESLIE FEINBERG

NEW YORK, June 6—On Dec. 14, 1974, a Mississippi state cop pistol-whipped a Black man who he accused of speeding. The victim charged the cop with police brutality and was joined in the denunciation of the racist beating by members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), who demanded the suspension of the cop.

The cop sued the NAACP members and the man he had beaten for libel and slander. Despite the fact that under United States law police are considered "public figures" and are prohibited from collecting damages in defamation cases, a Mississippi court has ordered that the NAACP organization must pay the cop \$240,000 in "damages."

This court decision is nothing less than open collusion between the police and courts to hamstring the NAACP national organization financially and to take away the right of Black people to defend themselves or even speak out against their oppression. It is no coincidence that the attack on the NAACP, the oldest organization founded to fight for the rights of Black people, comes at a time when reactionaries are organizing racist terror nationally.

### RACIST ASSAULT

Here are the facts of this case as presented by the NAACP.

On Dec. 14, 1974, James Carl Stokes, a Black man, was arrested allegedly for speeding by State Highway Patrolman Robert Moody near Utica, Miss. Stokes was threatened by Patrolman Moody with a .357 Magnum pistol, pistol-whipped with the weapon, and kicked after he fell to the ground. After being put in the patrol car, he was struck again.

Moody charged Stokes with reckless driving and resisting arrest. Stokes showed great courage in filing charges of police brutality against Moody. Both sets of charges were filed in the same

court, that of Justice of the Peace F.O. Patterson in Jackson, Miss.

Nathaniel Jones, General Counsel of the NAACP, reported to Roy Wilkins that Justice of the Peace Patterson went to the cop's house, informed him that he was sorry this had happened, and told him that he would "take care of it." True to his word, on Jan. 8, 1975, Patterson found the victim of the beating, Stokes, guilty of two of the charges brought against him by cop Moody.

### NAACP PENALIZED

In the period between the arrest and the trial, public statements attributing police brutality to Patrolman Moody and calling for his suspension were made by Dr. Emmett Burns, NAACP State Field Director, and Reverend L.I. Brown, President of the Utica County Branch of the NAACP. Thirty days after the conviction of Mr. Stokes, Dr. Burns, Rev. Brown, Stokes himself, and the NAACP were sued by Moody for libel and slander.

In February of this year, the case came before a jury and Hinds County Circuit Judge Leon

Hendricks in Raymond, Miss. The judge refused to allow evidence about Moody's record of committing violent acts against Blacks, even though numerous witnesses and documents were available.

After a one-week trial and deliberation of less than one hour, the court on Feb. 21, 1976, acquitted Dr. Burns, Rev. Brown, and Mr. Stokes—but returned a judgment against the NAACP in the amount of \$240,000.

Nathaniel Jones of the NAACP stated, "The NAACP is not going to take this form of legal lynching lying down. The NAACP is too important to the Black people of Mississippi and to the nation to be driven out of business or bankrupted by the illegal processes still permitted here."

On the future of the NAACP because of this attack, Executive Director Roy Wilkins says, "No matter how onerous and unfair, this money judgment will not accomplish what six decades of fists, ropes, and bullets have failed to do. It will not intimidate the NAACP into abandoning the fight for freedom and justice."

## Woman kills man in rape attempt—convicted of voluntary manslaughter

By EDDIE SANCHEZ

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., May 26—On May 25, at the Federal Penitentiary in Springfield, Mo., gay prisoner Bernie Delbert Moore made a daring daylight attempt to escape. Bernie Moore has been constantly harassed by the officials over a number of years for being gay.

In 1973 Bernie was one of two gay prisoners subjected to confinement in the infamous START behavior modification unit as the officials tried to brainwash him of his gay thoughts and life. Over the years Bernie has resisted all attempts to alter his thinking despite harassment. On several occasions Bernie has been driven

to attempts at suicide due to mental pressures.

Finally on May 25, in broad daylight, Bernie ran for the fence. He quickly scaled one fence despite over 11 rounds of gunfire shot at him. He was caught up in the barbed wire of the second fence and pinned down by gunfire.

Bernie is now in the "hole." He faces an additional five years for his bid for freedom.

Bernie needs your help and moral support. Please send letters to Bernie Delbert Moore, P.O. Box 4000, Springfield, Mo. 65802. If anyone knows of a lawyer interested in helping gay prisoners, please have them contact Bernie. A courageous prisoner deserves courageous support.

A cell  
in Mississippi's  
Parchman prison.

Photo: LNS

## Gay prisoner put in behavior program, makes escape attempt

By JUDY GREENSPAN

NEW YORK, May 31—Virginia Tierce, a 36-year-old working class woman, killed a man who tried to rape her in her home in San Diego, Cal., on Dec. 22, 1972. Just as in the cases of Joann Little and Inez Garcia, the sexist judicial system responded by branding Ms. Tierce the criminal. For her act of self-defense, Ms. Tierce was convicted of voluntary manslaughter in a travesty of a trial this past April. She faces the prospect of spending 5 to 15 years in jail.

Louis William Shark had been incarcerated in Joliet prison for 13 years for three rape convictions, it was later discovered. Ms. Tierce, mother of a 13-year-old daughter, met Shark in a local San Diego bar and after a lengthy conversation invited him back to her apartment.

Ms. Tierce left the livingroom for a moment and returned to find Shark sprawled on her couch naked. He grabbed her and physically tried to force her to perform oral sex on him. In the struggle that ensued, Ms. Tierce grabbed a 75-year-old shotgun that was hanging on the wall. She pointed it at her attacker and demanded that he leave. He started to but then lunged at her and she shot and killed him.

Ms. Tierce was held in County Jail for 100 days before the Rape Emergency Assistance League became aware of her case and helped raise bail.

Stretching its own laws, the

court charged Ms. Tierce with voluntary manslaughter, in her own words, "first because I used a gun which resulted in a high probability of death, and second because I gave the man a break and asked him to leave the house or else I would have shot him that I had made a threat on his life."

At the trial the prosecution tried to establish that Ms. Tierce had led her attacker on and had created the incident. The "evidence" consisted of attacks against Ms. Tierce for her lifestyle, for being on welfare and for having been married several times. The state even claimed that Ms. Tierce's mode of dress was provocative, but that this was not the case at the trial because she had been coached by a women's group in what to wear for the trial and what to say.

The judge who heard the case clearly expressed his bias when he said, "If she had met this man in the Cuyamaca Club (a bar for the rich) instead of at the Coo-Coo Club (a bar for working class people), it would have been a different case."

Ms. Tierce was convicted of voluntary manslaughter and is presently awaiting sentencing. She plans to file an appeal on the basis of misrepresentation and bias on the part of the judge. Contributions and letters of support can be sent to: Virginia Tierce Defense Fund, P.O. Box 468, El Cajon, Cal. 92022.

## Black-robed bigots OK racial discrimination

By JUDY GREENSPAN

NEW YORK, June 14—The reactionary Supreme Court has done its utmost over the past year to wipe out the tremendous gains won by workers and oppressed people throughout the last decade. In its most flagrantly racist ruling, the court decided today that a racist act is not unconstitutional if done with good intentions.

Falling all over themselves to undo previous progressive court decisions, the Supreme Court "justices" found that an act is not

racist in itself but must be proved to be discriminatory in purpose.

The question is who decides the intent of a certain action? This recent decision can only strengthen the racists in their quest to maintain and create segregated unions, housing, and schools.

The case decided by the Supreme Court today involved a civil service exam for the police that was disproportionately failed by Black applicants. The outraged Black candidates took their case to court,

charging that the exam was discriminatory and had nothing to do with the job.

(Progressives must fight the racist practices of the police department for the same reasons they do elsewhere. This does not mean, however, that becoming a cop is just like any other job, or that having more Black police will make the function of the police as a whole any less racist. The police are not workers; they are part of the repressive capitalist state that serves the interests of the rich

ruling class while it uses force and violence against the workers and oppressed.)

This is not the first time that a testing case involving racism has been before the courts. In a previous decision, the judges had ruled in favor of Black workers and outlawed the biased tests.

Not content with making this reactionary decision, the Supreme Court appointees proceeded to wipe out a series of progressive lower court rulings in a long footnote tacked on to their recent decision.

One case that was reversed involved a racist zoning law in Illinois, which a lower court had found to be discriminatory.

Under the Civil Rights Act of 1866, Black workers can sue their bosses if they have been discriminated against either in applying for the job or on the job itself.

### SERIES OF REACTIONARY DECISIONS

This recent decision comes as no surprise as workers and oppressed people have seen what little rights

they have whittled away by the same court over the past year.

The Supreme Court reaffirmed its deadly sexist nature when it ruled several months ago that homosexual acts between consenting adults were illegal. The court also ripped to shreds the famous Miranda decision, ruling that the police, in certain circumstances, do not have to tell people they have arrested of their rights. The court has made entrapment by the police legal.

The "justices" have also dealt a blow to prisoners' rights, ruling that prisoners are not entitled to legal counsel during disciplinary hearings.

The racist Supreme Court backslide mirrors the attacks by Mayor Beame, the banks, and the federal government on the people of this city. Open admissions, daycare, and free tuition are being wiped out in similar ways. However, the militant strikes and demonstrations over the past few months indicate that the workers and the oppressed are not taking these vicious attacks lightly.

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## Anti-racist march scheduled for June 19

# Nazi-led mobs rampage in Chicago

By BILL MASSEY

CHICAGO, June 11—A wave of racist violence led by the Nazi Party and the Ku Klux Klan reached a crescendo here on Sunday, June 6, when a rampaging mob of 300-500 whites swept through the southwest part of Chicago beating any Black person they could find and leaving many wounded. At the same time, several Black people were beaten by a similar mob in the northern beach area of Chicago.

### MOB WHIPPED UP BY NAZI RALLY

The violence began after a Nazi Party rally in the early afternoon in Marquette Park. It had been aimed at stopping a planned march by the Martin Luther King Jr. Movement that was going to protest the lack of open housing in the Marquette-Lawn area. But the open housing march was called off, and the Nazi-led mob then went on a rampage, attacking Black motorists driving by.

The racist mob, obviously prepared for a violent attack, smashed cars with baseball bats and rocks, beating up scores of Black people in broad daylight. Many of their victims were small children and their mothers, some pregnant, returning from church services.

When the brutal attack was finally brought to a halt, only 29 of the hundreds of attackers had been arrested, and these were held on light charges—disorderly conduct and drinking in public. Only one white youth was charged with anything approaching the seriousness of the situation: mob action, battery, and criminal damage to property.

Several Black men, women, and children got hospital treatment for wounds received at the hands of the mob, many of whom wore T-shirts emblazoned with the swastika symbol and the slogan "White Power."

The other attack in the Foster Avenue beach area of northeast Chicago began when two Black men were pulled off their bikes and assaulted by a mob of 15 racists armed with beer bottles and clubs. The two sustained severe cuts on the face and back and went to a nearby hospital for emergency treatment—where they met another Black man who had been similarly beaten an hour earlier.

### NAZI ORGANIZING PROTECTED BY POLICE

The Nazis have been active in the Marquette Park area for five years. Their rallies have consistently incited racist attacks on Black families. Over the past several months, Black families' homes have been fire bombed, shot at, and stoned. Black children are not safe in the streets.

The Nazis have conducted a door-to-door canvass to find out

where Blacks live in the neighborhood. They are then subjected to a violent campaign of intimidation. White families who speak out against racism have also been targets of violence.

Meanwhile, the Nazis' "right" to hold their racist tirades in Marquette Park has been protected by the police.

But there is little freedom of speech here for the foes of racism. This week the Rev. C.H. Turner and Rev. Edgar Johnson, leaders of the Martin Luther King Jr. Movement, were arrested for trying to lead a peaceful march into the same Marquette Park

where the Nazi vermin hold their rallies. The movement tried several times this week to hold marches—and each one ended in the arrest of the leaders by Mayor Daley's cops.

Nazi leader Frank Collin has claimed a victory from Sunday's events, since the city has now banned all protest demonstrations by Black people against the segregated housing pattern in southwest Chicago.

The events in the northern beachfront area are nothing new, it seems. This week's violence has brought attention to the fact that a white mob numbering about 40 has

been systematically beating up Black men, women, and children who try to use the area.

### CHICAGO RANKS WORST

In a recent study by the Urban League, Chicago was named the most segregated city in the United States. Its police force—notorious for its part in the murder of Fred Hampton and Mark Clark—is also as brutal against Black people as any in the country. During the rebellions of the sixties, Chicago cops were given "shoot to kill" orders.

Real estate lords with a financial interest in maintaining racist

housing patterns are believed to be in part behind the Nazi and Klan organizing. They are abetted by the political powers in this city, who have responded to pressures from the Black community over this latest series of atrocities only in the weakest way.

A temporary court injunction has been handed down to Nazi leader Frank Collin to stop the violent attacks on Black people—until July! A weak resolution that came out of the City Council deploring violence—without specifying by whom or against whom—was too much for the white councilmen from the southwest side, who walked out of the council chambers before the vote.

It is clear that the city administration has no interest in stopping the racist violence of the Nazis and the Klan. The movement to stop them will have to originate elsewhere. The courageous marches by the Martin Luther King Jr. Movement show that the people are ready.

### MARCH AGAINST RACISM PLANNED

As a contribution to the process of building an anti-Nazi, anti-racist movement in Chicago, Workers World Party and Youth Against War & Fascism have called for a March Against Racism along State Street for Saturday, June 19, at 12:30.

Several thousand leaflets have already been given out all over Chicago and tens of thousands more will be distributed as notice that a broad, militant campaign to drive the Nazis out of Chicago and drive a nail into the coffin of racism has begun. Those wishing information can write Workers World, 542 S. Dearborn, Rm. 310, Chicago, Ill. 60605. Phone (312) 922-0326.



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In Chicago, the Nazi Party and Ku Klux Klan are whipping up an intense racist drive which has resulted in mob beatings of Black people in the streets. The only answer to this fascist movement must be a mass, militant response by Black and white in defense of the Black community. Here, on Dec. 14, 1974, the Boston March Against Racism which drew 25,000 people to challenge the racists.

## Defense committee in Buffalo sets June 27 benefit

# Stop the racist frame-up of Kenneth Johnson!

BUFFALO, June 10—The Committee to Clear Kenneth Johnson, a support group organized to defend a Black man railroaded by the Buffalo police on a phony rape charge, is asking urgently for the support of as many people as possible for an upcoming fundraiser to be held here in Buffalo on June 27.

Kenneth Johnson, a counselor at the Community Health Center, was arrested Dec. 3, 1975, for an old traffic violation. At the police station he was put in a lineup, not for the traffic violation but on suspicion of rape. Several days later he was arrested at his job by two hippy-dressed plainclothes cops who did not identify themselves as police officers.

In the course of the arrest, the two drew guns on Johnson and beat him about the face and head. Two co-workers who came to his defense were arrested with him and charged with obstruction of governmental administration.

Johnson was jailed for rape with a \$50,000 bail (later reduced to \$30,000) hanging over his head. His co-workers were later freed after a jury trial.

### PRESSURE FROM DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES TO "SOLVE" CASE

Al Brown and Greg Brown, two members of the Committee to Clear Kenneth Johnson, met with Workers World to discuss the case. We asked them if there were any special reasons why the police are trying to frame-up Johnson. They explained that the rape charge stemmed from a series of incidents that occurred in the main commercial district of downtown Buffalo during the Christmas shopping season.

"Particularly in this case there was added police incentive. On the one hand a rapist was committing the reprehensible act of rape and armed robbery in parking ramps downtown. There was a paranoia within the business community

that a rapist at large would scare off potential customers at the height of the Christmas shopping season. This contributed a great deal of pressure to make an arrest," explained Greg.

After Kenneth Johnson was arrested, there were at least three other reported rapes, but these were not publicized since the police and the store owners wanted people to believe that the rapist had been apprehended.

We asked Al and Greg how the Kenneth Johnson Committee got started. "Everything in the papers had cast him in a very bad light, but Kenny was known by many people over the years. What had been portrayed as facts didn't stack up against the person everyone knew. The committee began organizing among friends and co-workers and members of the minority community interested in justice and fair play."

Al then told this reporter, "Our

work has been two-fold. First to clear Kenneth Johnson, to raise money for his legal defense. Second, but they are not really separate, to address the continuing and escalating problem of police repression and oppression of the minority communities."

In addition to several fund-raising efforts, the committee has set up a speakers' bureau to talk with any group. They are asking for as many people as possible to show their support at Johnson's trial, which is slated for September.

A fund-raiser is being held on June 27 from 3 to 8 p.m. at the Beef and Ale House, 3199 Main St., Buffalo. Letters of support and donations can be sent to the Kenneth Johnson Defense Fund, care of the Committee to Clear Kenneth Johnson, P.O. Box 75, Station J, Buffalo, N.Y. 14208. For more information, call (716) 885-2797.