

July 4th Coalition to demand:

Freedom for all U.S. colonies NOW!

Mass protests at Ford summit in Puerto Rico

By JULIO GHIGLIOTTY

NEW YORK, June 29—Gerald Ford's try at an imperial show of domination over Puerto Rico by holding his "economic summit" there this week was met by more than 20,000 Puerto Ricans denouncing U.S. imperialism.

The 20,000 demonstrators were participating in activities organized by the Puerto Rican Socialist Party (PSP) and the Puerto Rican Independence Party (PIP).

"A SLAP IN THE FACE"

The first demonstration took place at 10 a.m. in front of the Dorado Beach Hotel. It was organized by the PIP and according to the press numbered 5,000 to 6,000 independentistas. Ruben Berrios Martinez, president of the PIP, pointed out to the rally that the choice of Puerto Rico by the U.S. as a site for the discussion of imperialist strategy was "a slap in the face for the Third World" because Puerto Rico is part of that Third World.

The PIP leader also called the colonial governor, Rafael Hernandez Colon, "a liar" for not keeping his promise, made at a meeting of all the major parties in the governor's mansion, that access to the front of the hotel would be given to the demonstrations. According to the colonial police, the Secret Service overruled that "gubernatorial decision" and the demonstrations took place in front of the gates to the hotel grounds—well out of sight of the seven imperialist heads of state.

As the PIP militants and supporters were leaving the site at the end of the demonstration, they passed and warmly greeted the 15,000 to 20,000 PSP members and sympathizers marching to the hotel from a massive rally at Sixto Escobar Stadium in San Juan.

Speaking on why Puerto Rico was chosen as the site for the summit conference, Juan Mari Bras, secretary general of the PSP, said, "The imperialists who absorb the riches of this nation already know that the victorious course of this struggle for in-



From 15,000 to 20,000 militants, called out by the PSP, protest Ford's "economic summit" in Puerto Rico at the Sixto Escobar Stadium in San Juan. They then marched to the Dorado Beach Hotel where Ford and his imperialist collaborators were meeting.

dependence and socialism is irreversible."

"FORD'S THREATS WILL HAVE NO EFFECT"

Referring to Ford's threats against the international movement in solidarity with the independence of Puerto Rico, Mari Bras predicted, "Ford's threat will have no effect." While U.S. imperialism continues to decline, he explained, "the rising forces, which today represent the numerical majority, are all committed by principles to the cause of Puerto Rican independence."

Ford's arrogance toward the Puerto Rican people was clear from the first day. When he arrived on Saturday, he read a statement threatening retaliation with "appropriate means" against Cuba and any other nation supporting Puerto Rican independence—a "hostile act." This statement was read amidst the most extensive security measures possible in

Puerto Rico. "The relation (between the U.S. and Puerto Rico) is clear and open," Ford said in his talk, snug and safe in a military air base—and comfortably away from the Puerto Rican people.

COLONIAL STOOGES EMBARRASSED

In contrast to the militance and fervor expressed by the thousands of Puerto Ricans who denounced Ford and his imperialist masters, the colonial governor and his troupe showed a different kind of determination. It was reported that while on his way to greet Ford, colonial governor Colon was delayed by a flat tire just outside Muniz Air Base, where the presidential plane was to land. In order not to be late, the governor had a police car knock down a fence in order to get in.

But the Secret Service stopped him and wouldn't believe he was the governor! Finally, he convinced them that indeed he was

the Honorable Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. He ended up crossing a muddy field to get to the reception area, where Ford snubbed his attempt to embrace him. After the reception, the colonial governor's two aides were forced off the hotel grounds by the Secret Service.

Berrios described the "governor" as a "colonial clown" and "apologized on behalf of the Puerto Rican people" to a press conference for the spectacle they witnessed of a governor "who jumps fences to shake his master's hand."

"But this fence jumper," said Mari Bras at the rally in front of the Dorado Beach Hotel, "does not represent Puerto Rico. Puerto Rico is represented by the forces fighting for its independence." He went on to point out that it is "in the name of that force . . . that we demand the unrestricted right of our nation to the exercise of our national sovereignty and independence."

By DEIRDRE GRISWOLD

NEW YORK, June 29—Not hollow tradition but the living reality of class and national oppression will be driving tens of thousands of demonstrators to Philadelphia July 4th to protest the official and hypocritical Bicentennial packaging of U.S. imperialist rule.

Buses and cars are expected to arrive from 60 cities in the East, South, and Midwest to swell the ranks of the protesters already in Philadelphia. Says Alfredo Lopez, coordinator of the July 4th Coalition and a leading member of the Puerto Rican Socialist Party (PSP), "The people of this country and of the world will see that the true sympathies of the American people lie not with the government's phony 'celebration.' The real interests of the people of this country are expressed in the demands of our rally: 'For a Bicentennial without colonies; freedom for all oppressed nations; for full democracy and equality; and for jobs and a decent standard of living.'"

BLACK LEADERS ENDORSE MARCH

This past Monday, a broad coalition of Black community leaders from Philadelphia held a press conference with Mr. Lopez to announce their endorsement of the demonstration. They have also signed a full-page ad calling on the people of Philadelphia to join the demonstration. It will appear in this weekend's Philadelphia Tribune, a local Black newspaper.

The ad will read in part: "The North Philadelphia community leaders wholeheartedly and enthusiastically endorse the planned demonstration which will express the position of millions of Americans from all walks of life who are not included in the official celebration. The community leaders have agreed to work as hard as possible to help increase participation in the demonstration."

PARADE ROUTE AND ORDER OF CONTINGENTS

Much of the march will be taking place in the Black community of North Philadelphia. In consultation with leaders of the Black community, the assembly point and march route have been changed somewhat from earlier plans.

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THE STRUGGLE IN BRIEF

Women protest U.S. invitation of Chile torture ship in July 4 flotilla

NEW YORK, June 24—Fifty women, members and supporters of Action for Women in Chile (AFWIC), held a sit-in this morning at the office of Operation Sail to demand that the invitation to the Chilean naval vessel Esmeralda be withdrawn. As has been amply documented by Amnesty International, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, and others, the ship was used during and after the September 1973 military coup as a detention and torture center.

"The invitation is another way in which the U.S. chooses to cover up the atrocities committed by the Chilean Junta—by ignoring the documented charges that torture was inflicted on board this ship," stated Joyce Horman, a spokesperson for AFWIC. Mrs.

Horman's husband Charles was summarily executed by the Chilean junta one week after the coup because "he knew too much." Testimony to this effect has recently been brought forth by a Chilean ex-intelligence officer who has been living in the Italian embassy for the past nine months.

AFWIC is part of the Campaign to Stop the Esmeralda, a coalition of over 30 New York organizations which has called for demonstrations on July 4, 5, and 6. A massive demonstration will be held on July 5 at Pier 86, 46th St. and Hudson River at 12 noon.

Before leaving Op Sail, protesters made it clear to its director Frank Braynard that protest actions would continue to escalate if the invitation is not withdrawn.

Gay people demonstrate across U.S.

NEW YORK, June 29—The spirit of Stonewall was alive this week as gays across the country took to the streets to protest sexist discrimination and to demand an end to racism and exploitation.

Commemorating the famous Stonewall rebellion which took place seven years ago in the streets of Greenwich Village, gay men and women came together once again to register their anger and to show their determination to continue the struggle for equal rights. Undaunted by the recent Supreme Court ruling which denied even the most basic civil rights to gays, the spirit of this year's demonstrations was more militant than ever.

Much to the dismay of Atlanta's bigoted bankers and corporate bosses, Maynard Jackson, the Black mayor of Atlanta, responded to the sentiments of Atlanta's gay community by proclaiming June 27 as Gay Pride Day. In response to this progressive action, some representatives of big business took out an ad in the local press attacking the mayor and homosexuals as well. Yet in spite of this blatant attempt to intimidate the gay community, a militant demonstration of over 300 people took place as planned.

100,000 IN
SAN FRANCISCO!

In what is surely a historic turning point in the struggle against sexist oppression, masses

of people took to the streets of San Francisco to demand an end to discrimination against gays. Over 100,000 men and women marched through the streets, their chants filling the air. The lead contingent of the march carried banners commemorating the Stonewall rebellion, and hundreds of marchers carried signs demanding an end to racism and political repression.

In New York City, thousands of gays marched from Christopher Street, the site of the Stonewall rebellion, to Central Park. Onlookers lined the streets applauding and joining in the chants as the marchers passed by. A contingent from Workers World Party was headed by a banner reading "Stonewall means fight back, Smash gay oppression!" and the militant chant, "Gay, straight, Black, white, same struggle, same fight" was greeted with cheers from the sidelines as it spread through the length of the march.

In Detroit one week earlier, 300 gay people and supporters of the gay struggle had marched through the downtown area to kick off Gay Pride week. Many different gay organizations had participated, getting their message across with chants like "Enforce the City Charter, gay rights now!" and "End police harassment, ice the vice!"

A friendly response to the marchers was expressed by people in cars and on the sidewalks. Some honked their horns approvingly;



Picketing the Monroe County Legislature building in Rochester, N.Y., in protest of cuts in daycare services. WW photo

Parents, children, and workers fight plans to cut daycare in Rochester

ROCHESTER, N.Y., June 8—The Rochester ruling class and its political spokesmen are in the process of dismantling community

daycare for poor and working people in this community. Essential services are being cut and children are being directed into private, profit-making centers which are far inferior to the non-profit community daycare centers. There is also a definite possibility that almost 1,000 working mothers will be kicked out of the daycare program.

But the people in Rochester are fighting back. On June 8, almost 100 people, parents, children, daycare workers, and supporters picketed the Monroe County Legislature building with signs, banners, and chants they sent out the message that they will not stand by while the bankers and the politicians destroy quality daycare in Rochester. Just as in New York City the so-called economic crisis is being used as an excuse to take away the social gains that working and poor people have fought long and hard to win. The people in Rochester are fighting back—and we will win!



This past week, thousands of gays, from San Francisco to Atlanta, showed their determination to fight for equal rights and commemorate the Stonewall rebellion. Above, Gay Pride Day in 1970, one year after Stonewall.

increased profits and sales for shareholders and employees. If they want to change the rules of the game now, let them."

"Uncle Dan," as he was lovingly known at Lockheed, receives an annual pension of \$65,000."

MANY THANKS FROM BLACK LOUISVILLE:

Washington Post, March 20:

"More than 100 years after they became part of the Constitution, the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments were ratified by the Kentucky legislature.

"The 13th Amendment, ratified in 1865, abolished slavery; the 14th, ratified in 1868, guarantees equal protection under the law, and the 15th, ratified in 1879, guarantees the right to vote."

In spite of this belated ratification, the ruling class of Louisville fostered a violent sabotage of busing. Is Black Louisville supposed to be grateful to the legislature?

RIP-OFF AT SAFEWAYS

The New York Times, May 15:

"A number of Safeway Stores around the country have banned the Atlantic Monthly from being sold on their premises because of the cover article in the March issue of the magazine entitled 'Rip-Off at the Supermarket.'"

"The article deals with supermarket practices that cheat, or at least mislead, the customer. They include false labeling of the weight of meat; a prominent displaying of higher-profit foods; highly promoted sales in which items are sold at their regular prices and other questionable merchandising practices.

"According to distributors around the country, a number of regional managers decided to pull the magazine from their stores. In some cases, distributors were told that Atlantic was never to be sold in the Safeway stores again."

DECLINE AND FALL



BOARDROOM BANDITS

The Executive Advisory Service on Crime and Protection, May 1976:

"White collar crime in America rose 313 percent over the past ten years. It now costs our nation upwards of \$24 billion a year and involves executives, managers and employees all the way down the corporate ladder. 'Boardroom bandits' are being tagged as America's biggest crooks. The true damage to society by thieves in gray flannel suits is almost unimaginable."

MORE "BUY-CENTENNIAL" NEWS

CBS radio commentator Jim Bohannon:

"Wanamaker's Department Store in Philadelphia stands to make \$530,000 by

selling pieces of Independence Hall. They have got hold of a wooden beam which was once part of the building, and have cut it up into 30,000 tiny chips. Each piece sells for over \$17, and carries with it a 'certificate of authenticity.'"

PAYOLA DIDN'T HURT HIS PENSION

Parade magazine, May 23

"Daniel J. Haughton, who was chairman of the board when Lockheed was specializing in million-dollar payoffs to promote airplane sales overseas, says he is not to blame.

"Haughton told newsmen: 'I haven't done anything wrong as corporate chairman. We did it playing the rules of the game as they were then played. . . . I went out and I

Anti-imperialist theme at the Indian Treaty Conference

By PADDY COLLIGAN

NEW YORK, June 29—"The Native People of North America, members and delegates to the International Indian Treaty Council, have gathered together to advance our struggle for our freedom, our legal and human rights, our culture, our land and resources, our sovereignty and independence." This was the message from the Second International Indian Treaty Conference held at an encampment in mid-June in Yankton Lakota (Sioux) country, South Dakota.

Resistance to "the imperialist, genocidal policy of the United States government towards Indian nations" has continued for the several hundred years since the native peoples of North America first encountered Europeans. The International Treaty Council places the struggle of Indian peoples of North and South America before international forums.

TREATY COUNCIL EMBRACES 108 NATIONS

"The Treaty Council is an international organization. It is the beginning of a confederacy of nations," Treaty Council spokesperson Jimmy Durham told *Workers World*. "The members of its governing board are like ambassadors from the 108 nations which are members of the Treaty Council." It was established in 1974.

The Second International Treaty Conference was held in June to assess the progress made towards these goals and to plan future work. "A lot of progress was made in these two years," said Durham. "We worked to get ourselves organized which was particularly difficult because of the repression the U.S. government has brought against us."

Besides the "usual" tactics of repression like legal framing and outright murder of Indian militants and attempts to sow confusion and divisions similar to what was done to the Black Panther Party, the Indian nations have had to overcome obstacles posed by the structure of colonialism itself—the geographical isolation of one Indian nation from another, and the lack of financial means to help overcome it; and the separate and different puppet government structures imposed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA).

But in spite of all the problems,

the common identity of a shared colonial oppression has led many Indian nations to join the Treaty Council. "The International Indian Treaty Council is now the largest Indian organization in the United States, representing the majority of Indians living here," said Durham.

HISTORY OF COLONIAL RULE

The conference analyzed the position of the colonized Native American nations. The practice of negotiated treaties (which were often broken by Washington) between Indian nations and the U.S. government ended in 1871 by a U.S. decree. Since that time the U.S. has imposed its colonial rule over all aspects of Indian life and forced its choice of puppet governments on the Indian nations. The U.S. government even "terminates" nations, that is, decrees that a nation of Indian people no longer exists, as it has done in the cases of the Menominee and Klamath nations.

The Indian people have no difficulty in relating their struggle to the anti-colonial struggles of people in other parts of the world. The recent South Dakota conference warmly welcomed representatives from the Puerto

Rican Socialist Party (PSP), the Black Power Movement of Australia (a movement among the original people in Australia), and the Zimbabwe liberation struggle.

The U.S. government has practiced systematic genocide against the Indian people by military operations and by forcing them to live under conditions of extreme poverty on land which was worthless for agriculture. Although valuable minerals have since been found on much of this land, the benefits of these resources have been stolen by big business in collusion with the government. The conference evolved a plan of action for Indian nations to maintain control and develop their natural resources by non-capitalist, non-exploitative, and non-destructive methods.

INDIAN SUPPORT FOR JULY 4 MARCH

The International Indian Treaty Council strongly supports the July 4th Coalition March for a Bicentennial Without Colonies to be held in Philadelphia. Indian organizers feel that for the first time in the long history of Indian struggle there are large numbers of progressive and oppressed people who understand and support their demand for self-determination.

Native Americans marching on the

Trail of Self-Determination

By ALAN ROTH

CLEVELAND, June 17—Nearly 100 Native Americans arrived here this week on their way to Washington, D.C., on the Trail of Self-Determination. This historic caravan, representing over 45 Indian nations, left Seattle on March 20. It traveled through major cities and Indian reservations, building support for the demands it will present to the United States government.

The object of the caravan is to "hear directly from the President of the U.S. regarding the future of the indigenous peoples in the Americas and to request a joint session of Congress to focus on Native American issues." The Twenty Points Document, given to and ignored by the government after the 1972 Trail of Broken Treaties, will again be presented.

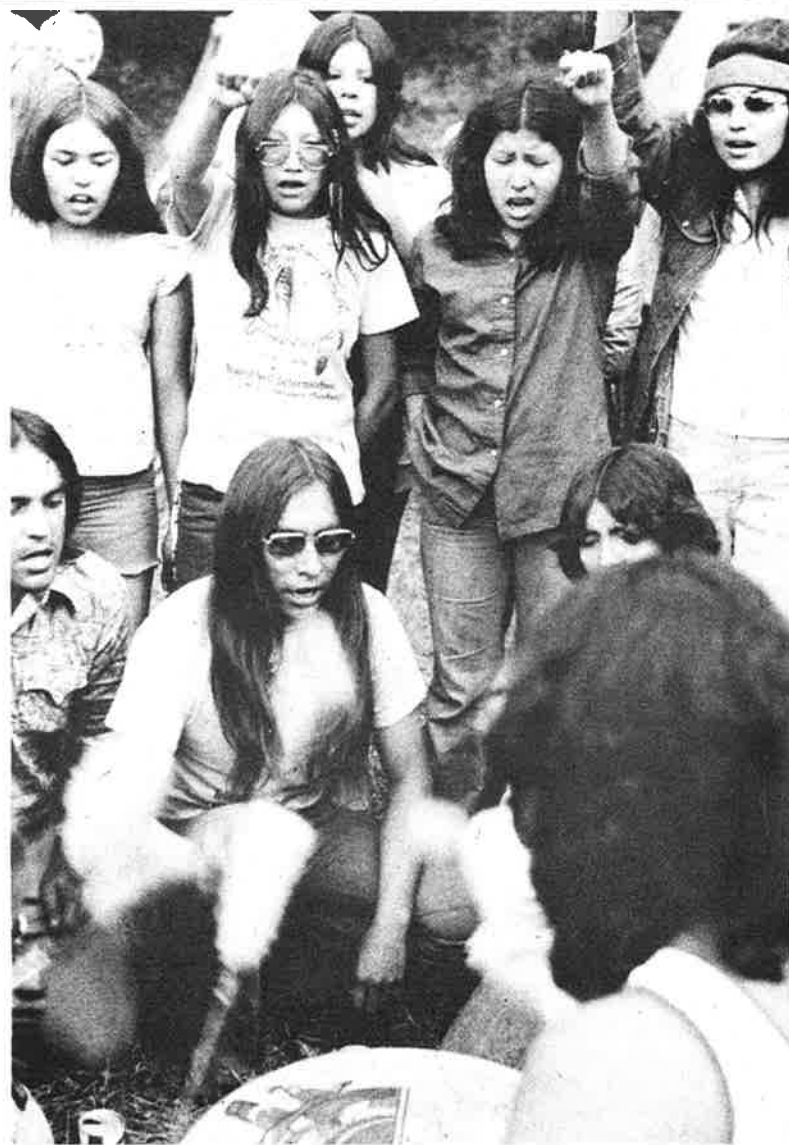
These twenty points center around treaty and land rights,

repeal of the termination acts, abolition of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, protection of religious freedom and cultural dignity, for health, housing, employment, economic development, and education, and most importantly, for the establishment of a new Unified American Indian national government.

PEOPLE HELP WITH FOOD AND MONEY

Roberto Maestas, a coordinator of the caravan, told *Workers World* that the caravan found widespread support for their struggle from the non-Indian people in most cities, where many brought food and donated money. But they found official hostility, too.

When they arrived in Ft. Laramie, Wyoming, the 30 or so Indians were met by 2,000 National Guardsmen, FBI agents, and local



Singing the Native American anthem on the Trail for Self-Determination. WW photo: Alan

cops in flak jackets and riot control gear.

In Kansas City, Black and Chicano city councilmen offered help and defense as the caravan set up camp in a downtown park. When the caravan arrived in St. Louis, the cops forced them to leave their campsite. But on the following day, the caravan returned and erected their teepees beneath the famous "Gateway to the West" arch, remaining there for three days.

Tonight, the caravan held a presentation here for supporters. It began with the Native Americans joining together around the drum for their national anthem. Roberto Maestas led the rally. "During the last 200 years, over 12½ million Indians have been killed; 28 nations have become extinct. The people are not celebrating 200 years. Exxon, Shell and ITT are."

Actual income for every Native

American family is below \$2,000; medical care is inadequate, with a high rate of infant mortality; unemployment is rampant and basic human rights are trampled over.

Other speakers included Medicine Chief. He told how the Black Mesa is dying because of the Peabody Coal Company. "One of these days, these corporations are going to have to listen to what we've been saying about the earth. We have a message because we know how to walk in balance with the earth we live in."

Raul Salinas, a revolutionary poet who has spent nearly half his life behind iron bars and concrete walls, read poetry about his people's struggles inside and outside the prisons. Georgia George, a leading woman member of the caravan, stressed the role of women in the Indian struggle. "All the gross contradictions and atrocities of Western thought that brainwashed our people" are embodied in women's oppression.

TO MARCH IN D.C., PHILADELPHIA

The caravan will arrive in Washington on July 4th. A contingent will also march in Philadelphia the same day.

With the government cutting back on the living standards of all people, it is unlikely that it will respond to the demands of the Trail for Self-Determination unless workers and poor people back up the Native Americans with their mass support. Government attacks on the Indian movement are on the rise.

"They've driven us to jail, killed our leaders, tied us up in court, driven us underground. But after we get to Washington and present our demands, we won't be stopped by this repression," Maestas emphasized. "We will not leave Washington without expressing ourselves."

—Freedom for all U.S. colonies NOW!

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The new gathering area for the march will be at 29th and Chalmers streets. The drop-off point for arriving buses will be on Clearfield between 29th and 30th streets.

From there, the march will step off at 11:30 a.m. with the Black contingent in the lead position. After the Black contingent will follow: 1) the Native American contingent, then contingents from 2) Pennsylvania and southern New Jersey, 3) New York and northern New Jersey, 4) a Puerto Rican contingent, then 5) Boston and New England, 6) the South including D.C., and finally 7) the Midwest.

Other groups which will be marching together will be a national women's contingent, a gay contingent, a Latin American section, and a Palestinian con-

tingent.

Information sheets will be passed out at the gathering site to explain where the zone and contingent banners will be located.

The march will end at 33rd and Oxford streets in Fairmount Park, where a jam-packed rally expected to last about three hours will be held. Among the many speakers and cultural artists who will participate in the rally are Juan Mari Bras of the PSP, Clyde Bellecourt of the American Indian Movement, Elaine Brown of the Black Panther Party, a representative from the Association of Vietnamese Patriots, lesbian activist Jill Raymond, retired steelworker Ted Dostal, Thami Mhlambiso of the African National Congress of South Africa, Harvard Stephens of the

Third World Workers Association, and many more. Helen Sobell and William Kunstler will be chairing the rally.

People arriving in Philadelphia the day of the march and needing information can call any of these coalition office numbers: (215) 228-0515, 228-1415, or 228-7787.

WEST COAST ACTIVITIES

Several July 4th Coalition activities are also scheduled for the West Coast.

In San Francisco, the demonstration is scheduled to take place in the Mission Community. The march will start at Garfield Park, 25th and Harrison streets, at 10 a.m. and the rally will begin at noon in Delores Park, Delores and 18th streets. There will be speakers from the Puerto Rican Socialist

Party, the American Indian Movement, the Black Panther Party, and the United Farm Workers.

In Los Angeles, the march is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. in Salazar Park and wind up at Hollenbeck Park, where a rally will start at 1:30 p.m. Besides speakers from AIM and the PSP, there will also be speakers from the Centro de Accion Social Autonomo (CASA).

In Seattle, a picketline at the official celebration in Freeway Park in downtown Seattle is set for 12 noon and will be followed by a 2 p.m. rally in Seward Park.

(An editorial on the July 4th march appears on page 8 of this paper.)

In wake of death of innocent Black man

Denver community angered by cop terrorism

By STAN WOODS

DENVER, June 23—Since the fatal beating April 9 of a Black accountant Carl Newland by Denver police, after he was falsely accused of robbing a newsstand, the public outrage at this and many other instances of police terrorism here has been steadily increasing.

Despite protestations by the newsstand operator that Newland was not the person who, minutes earlier, had robbed him, the cops had arrested and beat Newland who was standing nearby on the racist rule-of-thumb, "Get a Black man, any Black man." He later died of the beating.

There have already been several rallies, demonstrations, and public forums involving hundreds of people in protest of the Newland murder.

These will probably intensify if, as expected, the Denver grand jury "investigating" Carl Newland's murder clears the cops of any possible criminal charges.

The press is already preparing the ground for this. The June 20 Rocky Mountain News reported that while the verdict isn't yet in, "evidence suggested that Newland died, not of a brutal beating, but a single blow delivered to the neck in the course of restraining the Black man at the time of his arrest." The article goes on to suggest that since Newland was so "verbally abusive" to police officers who of course were just "doing their job," he, in effect, got what he deserved.

PROTESTERS PACK CITY COUNCIL

Appeals like this for people to support their local murderers aren't getting a friendly response in the Black and Chicano communities of Denver or Aurora, a

Denver suburb composed predominantly of working class families and GIs from nearby Lowry Air Force Base.

The Aurora City Council meeting was packed Tuesday night, June 22, by outraged victims of Aurora police brutality who demanded an independent citizens' review board with proportional representation

She was Black

Flint's finest gun down fellow officer

By DIANE BUKOWSKI

FLINT, Mich., June 18—After five weeks of trial testimony which exposed the depths of racism and sexism existing in the Flint, Mich., police department, a jury acquitted Madeline Fletcher, a young Black policewoman, of charges that she committed "assault with intent to do great bodily harm" against her white male partner.

Flint's acting police chief has now openly admitted that Fletcher's partner, Walter Kalberer, was in the wrong in the shoot-out which led to the trial and which also resulted in the serious wounding of Fletcher, but he still refuses to bring any charges against Kalberer.

WHITE COPS AMBUSHED HER

The shoot-out occurred last December in the parking lot of the precinct station where Fletcher and Kalberer were working. According to Fletcher's testimony at the trial, she came out into the parking lot and found Kalberer and several other white cops standing around her patrol car, as if waiting for something to happen.

from the Black and Chicano communities and a grand jury investigation of an April 10 police riot at the Skate City roller skating rink, where cops in riot gear viciously attacked some 15 Black teenagers while screaming racist epithets, injuring many and arresting six.

Emulating a tactic that has been

used many times in the past by Black communities, especially in small towns and in the South, a spokesperson for the protesters threatened an economic boycott of two of Aurora's major shopping centers, the Aurora Mall and Buckingham Square, unless the power structure quickly takes measures to curb police terrorism.

When she got into the driver's seat of the car, Kalberer told her to "move her ass" over so he could drive. When Fletcher refused, he grabbed her by the collar. A struggle ensued with both using their nightsticks, Kalberer directing his at Fletcher's chest, until Fletcher's nightstick was knocked out of her hand.

According to her testimony, she then ran from Kalberer as he repeatedly rained blows on her from behind. She finally turned and fired at Kalberer in self-defense, wounding him in the thigh.

Up to this point, the other cops had watched impassively, but now Kalberer and at least two others opened up with a fusillade of gunfire directed at Fletcher—at least 11 shots. Fletcher was hit in the stomach and crawled into some bushes for safety.

Kalberer was immediately rushed to the hospital while Fletcher, the more seriously wounded of the two, was brought into the police station where she waited 20 minutes for an ambulance. As she was being taken to the operating room, she was placed

under arrest, despite the protests of her doctor.

RACIST TAPES PLAYED FOR JURY

Jurors at the Fletcher trial stated that one of the chief factors in their innocent verdict was the introduction into evidence of a tape-recording of a conversation between the white police dispatcher and several other white cops immediately after the incident. The cops said over and over again they were sorry she was not killed and hoped she would bleed to death en route to the hospital. "(The ambulance driver) ought to go around the block a few times before bringing her in," one cop said. Another wished the bullets had hit her "higher up" and another called her a "crazy bitch."

Testimony at the trial by other Black policemen and women and Black city officials pointed out that harassment of Black and women police had been conducted at an intense level ever since an affirmative action program had brought them into the department. White cops who testified openly admitted that they did not think women could do the job of a cop

and that they opposed affirmative action.

Flint's police chief has explained his refusal to bring charges against Kalberer by pretending to be concerned about racism and sexism in the police department. "We have the opportunity now to solve these problems and try to end the divisiveness of the Fletcher trial," he said.

Of course, racist, sexist behavior on the part of the police department is no news to the oppressed communities of this country, which have suffered untold numbers of atrocities at the hands of the police. And these problems will not be solved as long as the police force exists, because its function is to shore up a system which profits from that racism and sexism, a system which every day sends thousands of Black and Third World people to the prisons and to their graves, a system which demeans women and consigns them to the dirtiest, lowest-paying jobs available, or no jobs at all.

The present reforms don't change this, but they do expose even more clearly exactly how racist and sexist the state is.



Racism: heavy chains that must be broken

By G. DUNKEL

Unity and solidarity are sharp and essential tools for the working class to end its oppression and exploitation. Racism is the chief method, among many, that the capitalists use to disrupt our solidarity and destroy our unity.

Racism involves the systematic and special exploitation and oppression of a group of people, who are singled out on the basis of inherited physical characteristics. In the United States and other European and European-settled capitalist countries, Africans and persons of African descent are invariably victims of racism, although not the only ones.

No section of our class can be free while other sections are bound in the chains of racism.

And the chains of racism are heavy.

Black infants in the United States are twice as likely to die as white infants. Black people live 12 years less. They are much more likely to be arrested, convicted, and imprisoned than white people. Their income is two-thirds the income of white people and the gap is growing. They pay higher rents for older buildings and their neighborhoods and schools are neglected by racist city governments.

There are other countries which

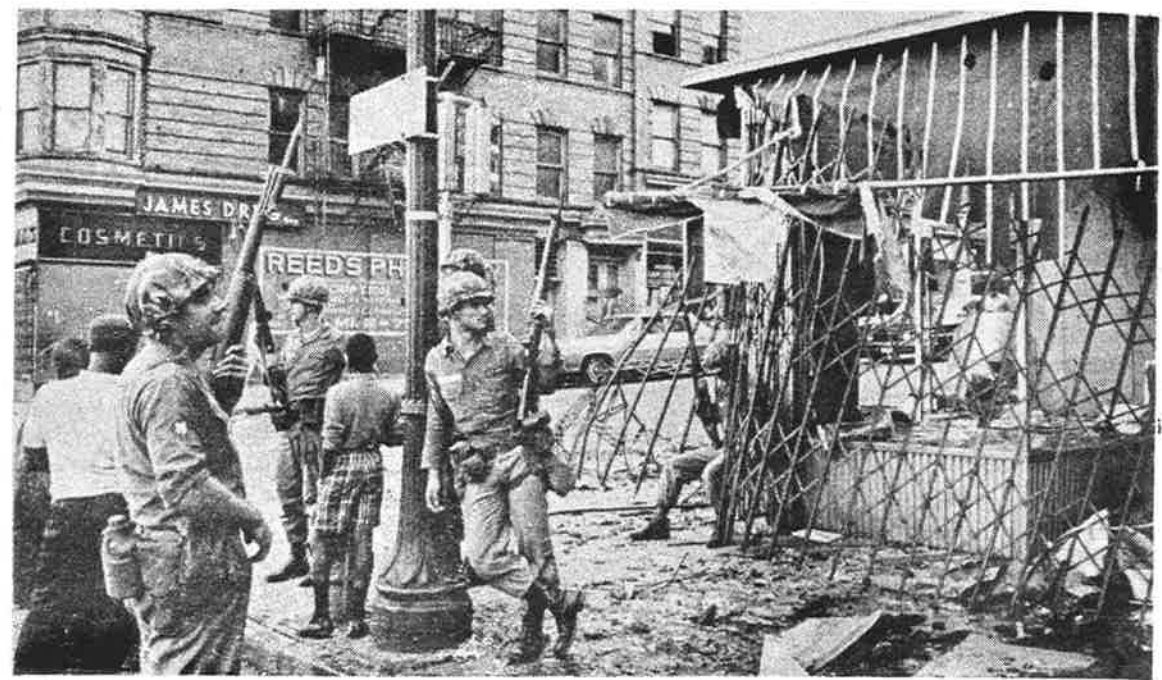
are even more openly racist than the United States. South Africa, which is controlled by U.S. and British imperialism, pays its Black workers starvation wages and does not give them any political rights whatsoever, except the "right" to pay taxes.

HISTORICAL BASIS OF RACISM

Racism is rooted in the practice of enslaving Black Africans, which began in feudal times as a small luxury trade to supply the lords and ladies with personal servants. When capitalism established itself in Europe, it turned Africa into a range for hunting slaves for the mines and plantations of America, where they became the source of immense profits.

As capitalism grew and its productive processes became more complicated, slavery ceased being the most efficient and profitable method of exploiting labor and the anger of the slaves had grown immense and threatening. Some slave revolts were successful, like in Haiti. So slavery was finally abolished.

But the capitalists tried to maintain some of slavery's results: a divided working class, super-high profits from the labor of Black people, and a generally depressed wage level for the whole



National Guardsmen occupied the Black community in Newark in 1969 after mass rebellion in protest of the intolerable conditions that Black people face. The fight against racism is an essential ingredient in the struggle of all working people against their exploitation and oppression.

working class. Domestically they instituted a thorough-going system of racism and internationally they developed colonies.

CURRENT SITUATION

The general weakening of U.S. imperialism due to its defeats in Southeast Asia and Africa and its economic difficulties have led to a renewal and increase of racist activity in the United States.

Capitalist propaganda tries to portray every struggle against racism, every advance that Black people make, as an "attack" on white people rather than a victory

for our class. Although the capitalist press can no longer use openly racist terms to inflame hatred, it develops code words like "forced busing" and "ethnic purity" and presents racist groups like ROAR as legitimate political organizations.

But unity and solidarity are growing. Unity doesn't mean white people demanding that Blacks join them to fight together. That can only widen the breach. Unity does mean white workers and progressives understanding that Black and other Third World people live every day with an extra

special kind of oppression, and that it is therefore up to them to decide along what lines they will pursue their freedom.

Unity does mean whites standing up against racism on the job, in the community, and in the streets. There have been massive Black and white marches in Boston in opposition to the anti-busing campaign. There was a multi-racial march in Johannesburg, South Africa, last week to support the demonstrators in Soweto.

Although the struggle against racism will be long and tortuous, the outlines of victory are in sight.

After Nazi-led attack on Black people

Chicago unions condemn fomentors of race hate

By BILL MASSEY

CHICAGO, June 23—The gang attacks on Black people that occurred here on June 6, and that were led by members of the Ku Klux Klan and uniformed Nazis, have been denounced by two local unions. The racist mobs, totalling 300 people, who beat up many Blacks in the Marquette Park area that day, were also the subject of a protest demonstration last week organized by Workers World Party and Youth Against War & Fascism.

(Outside of Chicago, these racist attacks have received virtually no coverage in the national bourgeois press. However, all the papers and many columnists have dwelt at length on an incident in which several whites were beaten and

one woman killed after their cars were forced off the highway during a rainstorm. But the tensions which undoubtedly contributed to this terrible event came out of a long and continued unchecked fascist, racist campaign in Chicago against the Black community.)

The two unions to speak out are Local 1624 of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Shipbuilders, Blacksmiths, Forgers, and Helpers and Local 391 of the Office and Professional Employees International Union.

UNION CONDEMNS ATTACKS AS THREAT TO LABOR

Local 1624 sent a statement to all the major newspapers and to other unions noting that the physical

attacks on Black people were organized "to keep Black people from moving into housing in areas of their own choosing." The June 6 beatings, which occurred after white youths had been steamed up by a Nazi Party rally in Marquette Park, followed the cancellation of a Black-led march for open housing.

The union statement pointed out that organizers of these attacks, the Nazi Party and the Klan, "are by their nature racist, anti-Semitic, and anti-labor" and the attacks are meant to divide working people and "divert their attention from the real issues of unemployment, inflation, cutbacks in social services, and deteriorating conditions in the cities, schools, and hospitals, which affect

both Black and white working people."

After condemning the attacks as "a threat not only to our union but to all labor, both organized and unorganized," the union resolved "to post the resolution on all bulletin boards of the various departments in our bargaining unit as an encouragement and inspiration to those who would stand shoulder to shoulder with our Black sisters and brothers against the fomentors of racial hatred and violence."

Local 391 made a formal statement of "deep opposition to the racist violence being perpetrated against the Black population of the city of Chicago. . . . We condemn attacks

which are designed to divide us and inflame racial hatred and are an intolerable physical threat to all men, women, and children."

DALEY CODDLES NAZIS

Since these attacks, the Daley regime here has given the Nazis a mild slap on the wrist—a temporary injunction against instigating further violence—while it has continued to enforce a de facto ban on the assembling of Black people in Marquette Park. Marches led by the Martin Luther King Jr. Movement have continued to be stopped by the police and the leaders of this Black community organization arrested.

Most of the local media have gone along with this by placing an equal sign between the Nazis on the one hand and the Martin Luther King Jr. Movement on the other. Asking everyone to "cool it," the media really are demanding that Black people accept their oppression in the form of joblessness, rotten housing, and poor educational facilities and health care.

A vigorous demonstration on June 19 called by Workers World Party and Youth Against War & Fascism took a strong anti-racist message to the multi-national audience of downtown shoppers here. It drew attention from many people gathering for the annual Puerto Rican Day Parade. Later the demonstrators joined the contingent of the Puerto Rican Socialist Party in the parade, still carrying their anti-racist banners.

Forced out of their homes in E. Boston

Black families find little justice in the courts

By FRANK NEISSER

BOSTON, June 23—Black families here who were forced from their homes in East Boston by racist attacks and police and court harassment have been taking their fight to the courts. And the system of "justice" has continued to side with the racists.

Mrs. Laverne Swan, a Black woman whose home in the Maverick Housing Projects in East Boston was attacked last April 28 by racists living in the projects and who has since moved out, brought suit in Boston Housing Court against six of the racists she had personally seen stoning her home.

It took an order from a housing court judge to secure complaints against these racists from the Boston Housing Authority (BHA), and even then the BHA lawyer failed to follow the judge's order. The judge then appointed a special prosecutor whose job was to make sure the order would be carried out.

The case was heard on Wednesday, June 16. The racists were unable to produce a single witness in their defense. The judge will continue to accept affidavits in the case until July 7 and will make his decision by July 10.

Mrs. Swan also brought criminal charges against these same racists for threatening her and endangering her and her family. Through the intervention of their lawyer William Homans, Jr., the Attorney General's office took up the case as its first action in a new unit that is supposed to secure rapid and severe prosecution of racial violence. However, when the case came for trial on Monday, June 21, it was continued until September 21, the result of a deal between the District Attorney and the racists' defense lawyers.

This move is a double blow. The defense of other Black people who face prosecution arising from defending their homes against the racist attacks will suffer because their trials will now come before the racists' trial, and these same racists are the main witnesses against them.

A Superior Court grand jury made a similar move in the case of Melvin Bean and David Brydie, two Black men charged in connection with another racist attack, by dropping all charges against the racists who attacked Mr. Bean on the night of April 27 (again the same six who are involved in the Swan case). The grand jury, which announced its decision on Friday, June 18, tried to maintain a cover

of justice by also dropping the frame-up assault charges against Mr. Bean as well as those against David Brydie, who had come to Mr. Bean's defense, but this did not fool the Black families, who recognized that the racists had been let off again and that the cases of the other Black defendants had been weakened.

FOUR BLACKS STILL FACE CHARGES

Even though the charges against Mr. Bean and David Brydie were dropped, Brian Swan, Robert Phifer, Gary Franklin, and Ver-

nard Hoge, four more Black people accused in connection with incidents arising from racist terrorism, still face felony trials arising out of three separate events.

In response to these racist frame-ups, the Committee to Free the East Boston Black Defendants is organizing support for the cases and for the right of self-defense against racist attacks. A demonstration of 100 at the state-house last June 4 demanded the charges be dropped, and a brochure has been printed

describing the cases and calling for support. Legal costs in the cases have already exceeded \$3,000.

Please help by sending a contribution right away to the East Boston Black Defendants Fund, care of the Committee to Free the East Boston Black Defendants, P.O. Box 8875, Boston, Mass. 02114 and by writing Attorney General Bellotti, John W. McCormack Building, 1 Ashburton Place, Boston, Mass. to demand that the charges against Robert Phifer, Gary Franklin, Vernard Hoge, and Brian Swan be dropped.

Boston bigots freed despite hideous crimes

By LEE BRADFORD

BOSTON, June 26—Reading the bourgeois press is an experience that can shock the sensibilities of even those who expect the very least in the way of objective news reporting.

A case in point emerged this week in the media's coverage of an incident involving the discovery of explosives in the house of a member of Restore Our Alienated Rights (ROAR) and the South Boston Marshals.

On Wednesday evening, June 23, Andrew Zuis was arrested in Dorchester after a pipe bomb exploded in his home. Zuis is a well-known member of ROAR, the group which has mobilized racist mobs against Black school children, and this fact was acknowledged in the early editions of both the Boston Herald American and the Boston Globe Thursday morning. In addition, it was reported that the police also discovered in Zuis' house a stick of dynamite, dynamite caps, railroad flares, explosive powder, and remnants of a pipe bomb. Zuis was held on \$50,000 bail and charged with possession of an "infernal machine."

STEPSON IMPLICATES ZUIS

Zuis' stepson, Jim Holden, said in an interview on Wednesday night that his stepfather was with ROAR and the South Boston Marshals and that a vast array of explosives and weapons were kept in the house. Warren Zaniboni, head of the South Boston Marshals, was at the police station within an hour of the arrest, attempting to bail Zuis out.

All this happened in the wake of bombings at several historical



Yvon Jean Louis, a Haitian worker, was brutally assaulted in Boston on Oct. 16, 1974, and clubbed with a hammer. One of his attackers, Joseph E. Griffin, was given a suspended sentence in a mockery of justice.

sites here, including Plymouth Rock on June 1 and the Boston Tea Party Museum on May 29 by a fascist anti-busing group calling itself the South Boston Defense League.

WHAT IS REALITY?

So what happened? By the time the evening papers hit the streets, "reality" was not so real. Detective Thomas Connolly told the court resetting bail that he "did not know" what caused the blast in Zuis' home. Zuis' bail, set at \$50,000 the night before, was reduced to \$150.

Zuis' wife Virginia stated that Zuis was not a member of ROAR

and was a "good family man." She implied to an eager press entourage that the explosives might have been planted by "pro-busing advocates." And all of this was reported without a wince by all the major media outlets in the Boston area—all without even the formality of a "news analysis" exposing the incredibly glaring contradictions which emerged in the course of a mere 12 hours.

AGAIN A RACIST DOUBLE STANDARD

Significantly, on June 25, Joseph E. Griffin of South Boston was sentenced to a three-year suspended sentence in another

mockery of justice. Griffin had been convicted of the brutal beating of Yvon Jean Louis, a Haitian worker. On Oct. 16, 1974, Louis was dragged from his automobile by frenzied racists on Old Colony Avenue in South Boston and clubbed with a hammer.

A picture of Mr. Louis hanging from a railing trying to defend himself from the mob was reprinted in newspapers throughout the world, horrifying and angering all decent people. Underlining the racist double standard of justice in Boston, Griffin will not serve any time in a penal institution for inflicting the vicious beating.

250 NYC demonstrators demand:

'Wall Street, out of Korea!'

By ANDY STAPP

NEW YORK, June 25—At 5:00 this afternoon, on the 26th anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War, 250 demonstrators gathered in front of the south Korean observer mission to the UN to protest the United States military occupation of south Korea and the crimes of the U.S.-satellite Pak Jung Hi regime.

Chanting, "Jobs at home, not wars abroad," "South Korean fascism, made in USA," and "One Korea yes, two Koreas no, U.S. troops have got to go," the picket line stretched down Park Avenue and spilled around the corner onto 57th Street.

The action, initiated by the U.S. Out of Korea Committee of Youth Against War & Fascism, clearly upset members of the south Korean delegation who came out of their offices to see what was happening.

The south Korean police state has been put on the defensive in recent years by the worldwide outcry condemning its systematic use of torture against political prisoners. Last November the United Nations voted a resolution

demanding that the United States government withdraw the 42,000 troops it has stationed in south Korea. Instead of complying with this UN mandate, Ford has stepped up military shipments to the hated Pak tyranny.

KOREAN VETERANS JOIN LINE

Many banners and placards were carried by the demonstrators; some read "Long live the solidarity of U.S. and Korean people" and "Down with the U.S.-puppet regime." A delegation of about a dozen members of the Democratic ROK (south Korean army) Veterans Association in the U.S. joined the line and passed out a leaflet accusing Pak of being "an exploiter" who "provides forced cheap labor to enrich his business friends at home and abroad" and a "hangman" who "has executed innocent people on trumped up charges of sedition."

"All we want," this leaflet said, "is freedom from the reign of terror by a corrupt and dictatorial regime supported by the U.S."

The demonstration ended with a short rally where Dave Axel from

the U.S. Out of Korea Committee of YAWF thanked people for coming and expressed appreciation to the Guardian Committee to Support Korean Reunification and the Committee in Solidarity with the Korean People for helping to mobilize for the action.

"We are here to show that the people of the U.S. say no to another Korean war," Axel said.

"We must continue to expose the war provocations the Pentagon is carrying on against the Korean people," he concluded, adding, "No amount of repression against the south Korean people will long prevent them from overthrowing the Pak regime. But Pak is only a front for U.S. interests. That's why we are here today to tell Pak and his backers: Pentagon, Wall Street, out of Korea!"

Other sponsors of the demonstration included Asian Americans for Action, Friends of Indochina, the Gay Socialist Action Project, the Pan African Students Organization in the Americas, the Puerto Rican Socialist Party, the Eritreans for Liberation in North America, and the Union of Democratic Filipinos.



"South Korean fascism, made in USA!" Outside Seoul's observer mission, U.S.-south Korean alliance and demand U.S. get OUT of Korea!

Marcos regime fronts for monopolies' super-exploitation

By MOLLY CHARBONEAU

NEW YORK, June 17—Since his installation as totalitarian ruler of the Philippines by a right-wing coup in September 1972, Ferdinand Marcos has trampled over even the most elementary rights of the Filipino people. His U.S.-backed dictatorship has ruled by martial law since its inception and has virtually handed over the Philippine economy to U.S. imperialist exploitation.

Yet the Marcos regime tries, at every turn, to present an utterly preposterous picture of itself as an egalitarian government whose aim is the wellbeing of the Filipino people and of the super-exploited colonial world in general. Nothing could be further from the truth.

"NEW SOCIETY," SAME OLD EXPLOITATION

While Marcos speaks of a "new society" for the Filipino people, he has really returned the country to the same old exploitation it suffered as a colony of the U.S. prior to World War II. If anything, his regime has worsened the plight of the masses by removing what legal restrictions there were to unbridled U.S. plunder of Philippine land, resources, and labor.

Over 85 percent of direct investments in the Philippines come

from U.S. corporations, not including U.S. money and capital filtered in through the cover of other countries. These investments total well over \$4 billion and the rate of profit is a whopping \$4 for every dollar invested!

U.S. agribusiness giants such as Dole pineapple and Del Monte have rushed their operations to the Philippines where martial law has kept workers' wages low. The influx of capital-intensive, large-scale agriculture has resulted in a 40 percent unemployment rate, forcing even more peasant farmers from their land which is then bought for very little by the U.S. conglomerates.

These companies show no concern for the Filipino workers, peasants, and unemployed who can barely scrape by under the weight of Marcos' fascist rule. They're after profits—HIGH profits—which the Marcos coup was designed to deliver.

GUERRILLAS CHALLENGE MARCOS' RULE

Despite the difficulties of organizing under repressive police-state conditions, the revolutionary forces in the Philippines have made tremendous gains and pose a real threat both to the Marcos regime and to



ment's economic policies, combined with the Lebanese crisis, have hit the working class badly."

Despite Assad's pledges to crack down on speculators who are growing rich at the workers' expense, the regime has so far only cracked down on the left. "However that may be, repressive measures have so far been taken only against the left, including groups supporting the regime, like the 'orthodox' Communist Party of Khaled Bagdash, though he is an enthusiastic champion of Baathist policy in Lebanon," writes Rouleau.

"In addition, all teachers and professors belonging to or sym-

Ford whips up anti-Cuba campaign over phony 'leads' in JFK murder

By P. MEISNER

NEW YORK, June 29—A Senate report on the activities of the FBI and CIA during the period of the official "investigation" into the JFK assassination is being manipulated by U.S. ruling class circles and their big media and press to whip up a new anti-Cuba hysteria.

The report itself, prepared by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Activities, appears to be neutral as to whether the new "leads" uncovered point to a "pro-Castro" or "anti-Castro" connection to the assassination. And even though the report criticized the CIA and FBI for covering up evidence and leads relevant to the assassination of Kennedy, it has amounted to just one more slap on the wrist at the two hated secret police agencies.

The report of the Senate com-

mittee, led by Pennsylvania Republican Richard Schweiker, was cleverly put together so as to permit the most rabid reactionary on the committee, Robert Morgan, Senator from North Carolina, to say before the press:

"There is no doubt in my mind that John F. Kennedy was assassinated by Fidel Castro or someone under his influence in retaliation for our efforts to assassinate him." Thus, the revelations of CIA assassination plots that shocked so many people are being turned around to "prove" that Cuba, not the CIA, is the guilty party!

"NEW LEADS"—FROM THE CIA

What are these new "leads" which supposedly point to a "Castro conspiracy" in the Kennedy assassination? The most

publicized of them is nothing more than a CIA (!) speculation as to whether one of its own agents, code named "Am-Lash," in the middle of an assassination attempt on Fidel Castro around the time of the Kennedy assassination in 1963, was really a Cuban double agent and trigger for the plot on Kennedy.

Other "leads" are also nothing more than far-fetched CIA reports of unknown figures allegedly boarding planes in Mexico City bound for Cuba. This is what the U.S. capitalist rulers are pushing as their "case" for a "pro-Castro" connection in the JFK assassination!

But those same imperialist pundits know that the volumes of evidence produced by critics of the already discredited Warren Commission (which carried out the official cover-up of the

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Right wing turn in Syria behind Assad's invasion of Lebanon

Palestinians defend refugee camps

By BILL DEL VECCHIO

NEW YORK, June 29—The Palestinian refugee camps of Tel Zaatar and Jisr El-Pasha still remain in the hands of the heroic Palestinian and Lebanese liberation fighters after a three-day battle with rightist attackers. The fight for control of the camps, situated on the outskirts of the rightist-held area of Beirut, has been described as the bloodiest of the Lebanese civil war.

Believing that the Syrian invasion and blockade of supplies to the popular forces had weakened their ability to defend their positions, gunmen of the rightist National Liberal Party attacked the camps on June 27. Tel Zaatar, Jisr El-Pasha, and Dbayieh had come under siege during the intense fighting of last January, when the third camp was overrun and decimated by neo-fascist Phalange, National Liberal Party,

and Lebanese Army troops.

Since the massacre at Dbayieh, the Palestinian resistance has redoubled its efforts to defend Tel Zaatar and Jisr El-Pasha.

"The capture of the camps proved harder than anticipated," admitted a spokesperson for the National Liberal Party on June 27. The following day the Phalangist Party announced it had joined in the attack on the refugee camps, with Amin Gemayel, son of the founder of the fascist party, personally directing the troops.

Shelling from the rightist forces has forced the closing of the Beirut International Airport. The airport had been opened June 24 by an Arab League "peace-keeping" force composed of Libyan and Syrian troops.

NEW SYRIAN TROOPS INVADE

The Syrian invasion force so far

has not come to the direct aid of the new Lebanese rightist assaults, but Palestinian spokespersons said that Syrian infantry and tanks had attacked the leftist-held towns of Arsal and Hermal, 65 miles north of Beirut. Four thousand soldiers and a new tank column have entered Lebanon to reinforce the Syrian positions.

To divert the rightist forces from the battle over the camps, Palestinian and Lebanese National Movement soldiers launched attacks along the confrontation line which roughly divides Beirut in half. The Lebanese Arab Army also shelled the rightist stronghold of Junieh from the campus of the American University, which greatly upset American University officials.

CLASS STRUGGLE IN SYRIA

The attempt to crush the

Lebanese and Palestinian liberation movements by the Assad regime of Syria is an outgrowth of recent reactionary developments within that country, according to a report published in the French bourgeois newspaper Le Monde.

"A new middle class has grown up in the shadow of the Baathists," admitted Mohamed Haydar, the minister in charge of the economy," writes Eric Rouleau in the June 5 Le Monde. "Because it was able to adapt itself to the system we installed, it became larger and richer than the old ruling class, which claimed to have not only the economy but political power as well in its hands," continues Rouleau's quote from Haydar.

After describing the new private cars, summer chalets, sumptuous villas, and crowded high-priced restaurants, Rouleau reports, "The side effects of the govern-

Kissinger's 'new' Africa policy:

Consorting with racist butchers

By G. SCHMIDT

NEW YORK, June 28—After three decades of assisting, equipping, and advising virtually every colonial power trying to retain its holdings in Africa, then coopting or overthrowing independent Black African governments whenever possible, the capitalist ruling class of the U.S., through its current Secretary of State, has announced its efforts to formulate and implement a "new African policy."

As no surprise to anyone, this "new policy" comes hard on the heels of the overwhelming victory of the MPLA in Angola and is primarily directed toward the three remaining bastions of white-dominated Africa—South West Africa (Namibia), South Africa (Azania), and Rhodesia (Zimbabwe). In these holdouts against the rising tide of national liberation, the revolutionary sparks generated by the recent struggles in Angola and Mozambique find ready tinder within peoples subjected to the most vile and oppressive racist policies called "apartheid."

The "new policy" of the U.S. is to defuse some of the just anger of Black Africans living under apartheid through "reforms" that will allow the U.S. corporations to continue operations in the three countries.

TWO ENEMIES OF THE BLACK PEOPLE

To this end, last week Kissinger met with South African Prime Minister Vorster in Bavaria, Germany, to try to formulate a strategy that would pressure the Rhodesian government into agreeing to majority rule—that is, a controlled political role for the Black majority who have no real representation or power in the present government run by the tiny white minority. Obviously, what both men want to avoid is a revolutionary victory of the Zimbabwean liberation forces.

In addition, Kissinger wanted it known in Black Africa that he was seeking some sort of commitment from Vorster on the independence of Namibia—a territory held by South Africa under a since-revoked League of Nations mandate—and on changes in the apartheid system in South Africa. However, it is not known what secret deals were made between the two men.

While the talks between the two were underway, there were two groups outside staging protests. According to the New York Times, a group of about 100 members of the Communist Party of Germany denounced Kissinger as a racist and chanted "Kissinger and Vorster, get out of Germany." Club-wielding, helmeted police attacked this demonstration and dragged off four protesters who were subsequently released.

NAZIS FOR VORSTER

The other demonstration, called by the neo-Nazi National Democratic Party, also chanted against Kissinger, but from the point that he was "selling out the free world." The people in this group supported Vorster and the racist policies of South Africa. This demonstration by neo-Nazis in support of Vorster, who was imprisoned in World War II as a pro-Nazi and who still professes admiration for Hitler-style fascism, was not attacked by the Bavarian police.

So far there have been no stated agreements coming out of the meeting, beyond generalities and

banalities from Kissinger about "protecting the rights of the minority" in the three countries. Whites are the tiny minority in all three.

One thing that is clear from the meeting, however, is that none of the racist regimes in power in southern Africa or in the United States is willing or capable of going far enough to meet the righteous demands of the oppressed Blacks in Africa. The victory of the Angolan people, the continuing struggle of the Namibians and the Zimbabwean people, and opening moves of the South Africans in Soweto and other Black townships show that the people of the three southern African countries are not going to be lulled into waiting for the concessions of Kissinger or Vorster or Rhodesia's Ian Smith, but are going to take their destinies into their own hands.



Kissinger and South African Prime Minister Vorster meet in West Germany. High on their agenda was how to keep Africa safe for the huge multi-national imperialist corporations.

U.S. blocks Angola's entry in UN

By ELIZABETH ROSS

NEW YORK, June 28—When the U.S. vetoed Angola's application for membership in the UN on June 23, it cast the lone dissenting vote in the Security Council. Of the council's 15 members, 13 voted in favor of Angola's entry. China did not vote at all. (See article by Sam Marcy on page 9.) Angola has been diplomatically recognized by 112 countries.

What was the reason given by the U.S. delegate for refusing to allow this newly independent African country into the "world body"?

"It failed to meet the requirement of independence while thousands of Cuban troops remained on its soil," explained the New York Times.

That was no doubt one of the most arrogant and hypocritical excuses offered by any U.S. official in many a decade.

The fact that 42,000 U.S. troops have occupied south Korea for more than two decades didn't stop Washington from promoting UN membership for the Seoul dictatorship last year (it lost). Nor

does the fact that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in the north has not one foreign soldier on its soil endear it any to Washington, which continues to block this socialist country's bid for membership.

Besides 325,000 troops in West Germany, the U.S. has hundreds of thousands more in Cuba itself (forcibly kept at Guantanamo Bay), in Panama, the Philippines, Greece, Italy, Turkey, Iran, Spain, England, Ethiopia, Zaire all members of the UN as well as in many other countries which do not hold membership.

The U.S. has armed 78 regimes around the globe.

It has 65 nuclear-powered attack submarines and 13 giant aircraft carriers cruising the world's oceans, ready to go into action at a moment's notice.

Apologists for the Ford administration have hinted that Ford authorized the veto in order to keep Reagan from making Angola a campaign issue. Maybe later they'll let Angola into the UN, they say.

But Ford and his friends in the

Pentagon and CIA have tried to crush the Angolan struggle for liberation from the beginning. The CIA authorized \$60 million to be spent for counter-revolutionary activity in Angola and used up to \$30 million of the allotment before the Angolan people ended the CIA's adventure with a decisive victory.

It has now come out that the CIA also recruited mercenaries with promises of \$50,000 a year to fight there. It provided the counter-revolutionary forces with millions of dollars in arms and ammunition. But, as in Vietnam, it lost the war because of the determination of a people who were willing to die rather than submit to another imperialist power, so soon after they had successfully ousted the old one.

Eliseo De Figueiredo, Angolan ambassador-designate says, "The matter of the Cuban forces... is strictly an internal affair of the People's Republic of Angola. Angola is an independent and sovereign state, and it will not tolerate the U.S. or any other country dictating its own domestic and foreign policy."



Demonstration in support of the MPLA in Angola before final liberation.

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mission to the UN, 250 pickets hit WW photo: Joe Z.

U.S. Exploitation

his U.S. billionaire backers.

The New People's Army (NPA), the armed wing of the Philippine Communist Party founded in 1969, now has provincial bases in 80 percent of the provinces. Despite severe repression over the last few years, the NPA has gained both fighters and wide support among workers, students, and poor who want an end to police-state rule.

In addition, the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) is engaged in struggle against Marcos on behalf of the oppressed native Filipino people concentrated in the southern island of Mindanao. Together the NPA and MNLF are shaking the Marcos regime to its foundations.

One unfortunate development on the world arena has been the decision by the leadership of the USSR to recognize the Marcos regime at the top (ambassadorial) level and to treat Marcos as a progressive "Third World" leader. This move must surely dishearten Filipino revolutionaries who earlier had looked to the Soviet Union for at least political support. Nevertheless, the revolutionary initiative of the Philippine masses is reasserting itself and will not stop until it sweeps aside the U.S. imperialist plunderers and their collaborators in the Marcos regime itself.



pathizing with the Communist Party are now being given other assignments. According to several Arab publications, in recent weeks a number of persons favorable to the Iraqi government, to General Salah Jedin or even the dissident communist, Riad El Turk, have been rounded up in the ranks of the Baathists and the army."

The fear that motivates such desperate ruling elements as Kissinger, Assad, Sadat, King Khalid, Rabin, and Valery Giscard d'Estaing is that the social upheaval going on in Lebanon may spill over into a revolutionary struggle of the oppressed masses throughout the Middle East.

EDITORIAL

The July 4th Coalition

In Philadelphia on July 4th Gerald Ford will mark the arrival of the country's Bicentennial with an elaborately orchestrated charade designed to throw sand into the eyes of the people. While Ford's speech will doubtless be loaded down with the standard patriotic baggage so beloved by politicians, one can be sure that the issues of deepest concern to the majority of the population, such as race discrimination and massive unemployment, will go unanswered.

In marked contrast to the official Bicentennial hoopla, the July 4th Coalition, a united front of over 400 progressive organizations, will march and rally in Philadelphia to bring to the fore the right of oppressed nations, the Black and Latin people and Native Americans, to self-determination. Initiated by the Puerto Rican Socialist Party, the coalition has worked to gather as many supporters as possible to protest the plight of the oppressed in general and the colonial status of Puerto Rico in particular.

This action comes at a time when the struggle in Puerto Rico has taken on a most serious dimension. At the recent seven-nation imperialist summit conference held on the island at the 800-acre Dorado Beach Hotel complex owned by the Rockefeller family, Ford furiously assailed the advocates of Puerto Rican sovereignty and threatened by implication the Republic of Cuba for solidarizing itself with the cause of a free Puerto Rico.

The independence movement defiantly answered Ford's attempted intimidation with giant demonstrations calling for freedom from Yankee domination.

SELF-DETERMINATION KEY DEMAND

In addition to liberty for Puerto Rico, the July 4th Coalition is demanding a halt to the frame-up trial of four Oglala Sioux brothers facing death in a South Dakota court, a stop to the fascist attacks against Black people in Boston and Louisville, and jobs at home, not wars abroad.

The prominence the coalition has given to the struggle for Puerto Rican independence should make it clear to all that this is primarily an *anti-imperialist* demonstration. To counterpose other so-called class demands to this while failing to support the liberation struggles of oppressed people can only be seen as a backward step.

And yet that is precisely what one petit bourgeois group is doing in calling for a separate activity in Philadelphia this Sunday. Set up for the purpose of disqualifying the real march, the so-called Rich Off Our Backs-July 4th Coalition adheres to an anti-Puerto Rican, anti-Black liberation program. Hostile to an independent Puerto Rico on the false grounds that it would fall under the hegemony of "Soviet social-imperialism" (which in reality doesn't exist), the sponsors of this fake "coalition" have for some time exhibited an ugly history of capitulation to racism, particularly in Boston where they have actually joined the white supremacist "anti-busing" campaign.

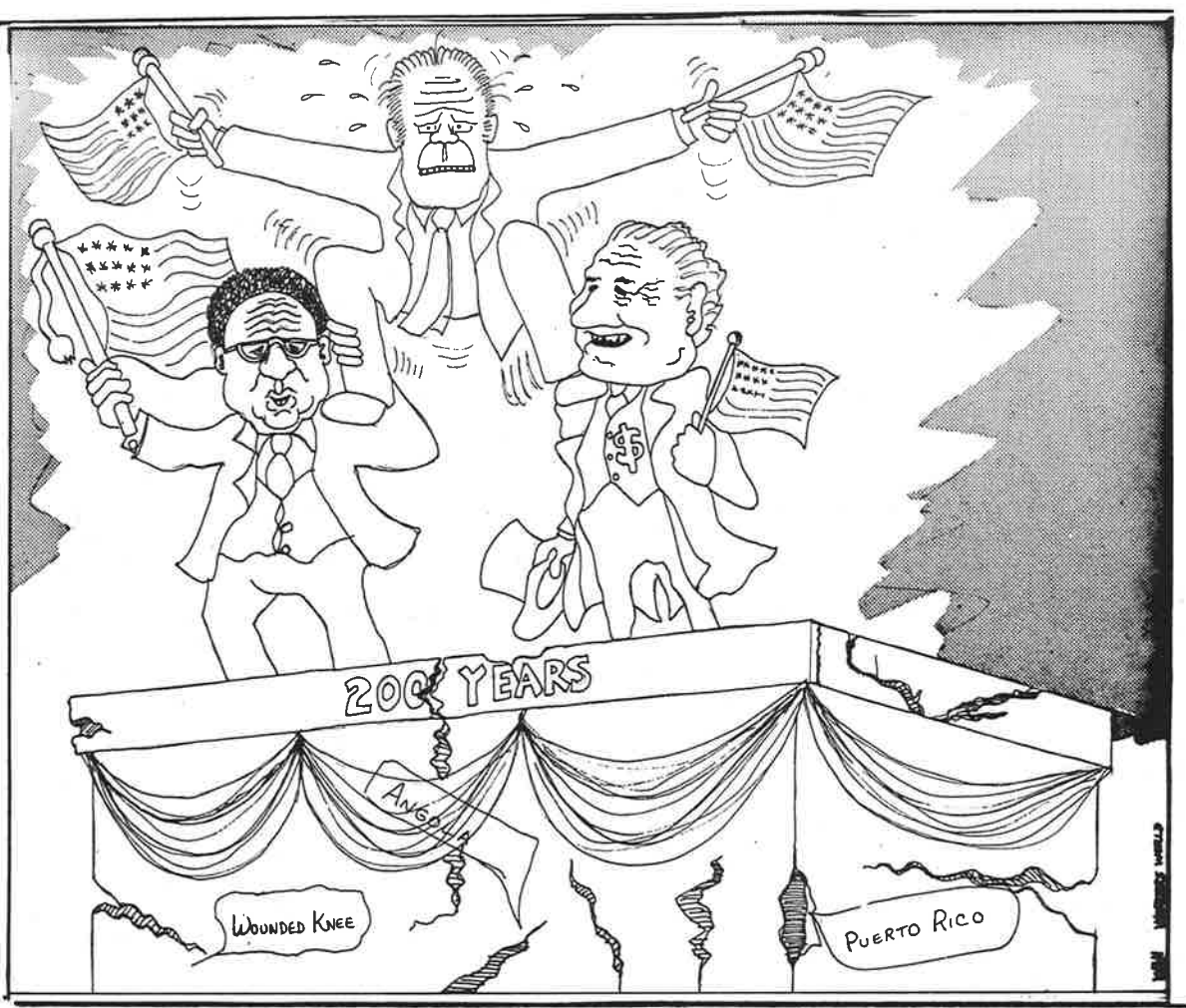
To bury the liberation struggle of the Black, Puerto Rican, and Native American people under the abstract slogan of "fighting capitalism" is nothing but crude demagoguery contrary to everything Marx and Lenin ever taught or stood for. Such an approach must be rejected for what it is: a surrender to racism and oppressor-nation chauvinism.

Notwithstanding the rich ruling class's infatuation with advertising the 200th anniversary of their reign, and despite all the artificial whoopee for the old Red, White, and Blue, there is no question but that the system of U.S. imperialism is well down the road to oblivion and that the whole edifice of monopoly capitalism has entered an advanced stage of decomposition.

In both Southeast Asia and in Angola, Wall Street, the Pentagon, and the CIA have suffered defeats truly historic in their military, political, and moral implications. The Watergate cancer, triggered by calamitous developments on the battlefields of Asia and by the escalating cycles of ruthless governmental repression against an ever-expanding domestic anti-war movement, delivered another enormous blow to the power of the master class, giving people their first glimpse of the true workings of "American democracy."

The subsequent pardoning of Nixon, the persistence of the worst economic depression in four decades, the disclosures of the police state methods commonly employed by the FBI and the intelligence agencies, the crude admission by many big businessmen that bribery and corruption are normal operating procedures, and the abandonment by all the major politicians, the Congress, and the courts of any pretense at guaranteeing equal rights for everyone—all these developments have begun to awaken huge numbers of people to the need for revolutionary change.

The July 4th Coalition's Philadelphia demonstration is therefore both timely and highly progressive, raising a strong voice against racism and U.S. imperialism at a crucial juncture when the people are more open than they have been for many years to respond to such a message.



Gay mothers fight to keep children

By CONNIE HARRIS

NEW YORK, June 26—Somewhere in New York State lives a woman whose child has been taken away from her because she is a lesbian. The court ruled that she may only visit the child during the day, unaccompanied by her lover—who lived with her and the child for over two years—or any other friend.

In a final act of cruelty, the judge presiding over the case ruled that if she attempted to in any way publicize her case, she would lose even these severely restricted visiting rights.

This woman is only one of many lesbian mothers who have lost their rights to their children. In a society where mothers are almost automatically awarded custody of their children, lesbian mothers (and gay fathers) often lose even the right to see their children. In some cases, women have been allowed to keep their children only if they stopped living with their lovers.

What relationship do these judges see between sexual preference and the ability to raise a child? They speak of exposure to an environment "which may be deleterious" and "immoral atmosphere," and "detrimental effects," but no judge has ever been able to offer proof that these vague, insidious suggestions have any validity.

And while lesbians fighting to keep their children have brought into court psychiatrists, clergymen, their relatives, and even employers to testify as to their fitness to take care of their children, they have lost their cases.

CHILD'S WISHES IGNORED

Nor has the decision to award custody of a child to its heterosexual rather than its homosexual parent been based on any other "virtue" than that of heterosexuality. In western Massachusetts, a father was awarded custody of his daughter even though she clearly expressed her desire to live with her mother. In a case in Ohio, the court, having ruled the father not a suitable parent, awarded custody of the children to the father's mother, a 65-year-old blind woman.

And what made an elderly blind woman a more suitable guardian

for the children than their mother? In the words of the presiding judge: "I would think for the sake of the children, a lesbian would abandon the practice (of homosexuality—C.H.). Orgasm means more to them than children or anything else."

This is no more than the old, malicious myth invoked to prevent gay people from being teachers or in any job which involves being with children—or, for that matter, any responsible position—i.e., that gay people are subject to such rampant, uncontrollable sexuality that they are rapists, child molesters, and worse.

Through such lies, the bourgeoisie seeks to isolate gay people from the rest of the working class, by declaring homosexuality a sickness and perversion—with the emphasis on the latter. In so doing, they pretend they are sincerely concerned about the welfare of children.

WHO REALLY CARES?

We have all seen the fruits of the ruling class's great concern for children: closed-down daycare centers, reduction of medical facilities, over-crowded and inadequate schools. In particular,

we have seen the special attention the bourgeoisie gives to children of oppressed people. Countless Black and Latin children are taken from their parents and put into foster homes or institutions. Some 25-35 percent of Native American children are taken from their families. Last year when South Vietnam was liberated, thousands of Vietnamese children were kidnapped from their families and their native land by the U.S. ruling class.

What is clear is that all of these children, be their parents Black, Latin, Native American, Vietnamese, or gay, are only pawns in the war of the bourgeoisie against oppressed people. In essence, the ruling class is saying, "If you persist in struggling for your rights, we will take everything away from you, even your children."

But as conditions worsen for all our children, we are learning who is really responsible. We are teaching these lessons to our children, so that they, too, will be able to fight for a world in which the wellbeing of all children is a universal concern and a living reality.

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LETTERS

Lincoln Vets

(This letter refers to an article by John C. Otto on Spanish fascism in the June 4 issue of Workers World.)

How stupidly dishonest to so very conspicuously fail to mention 4,000 American workers who were volunteers in the International Brigades! Especially since the majority of 400 living survivors are no longer members of the CPUSA.

No wonder Marxism is so pathetically weak in the USA with this type of sectarian non-journalism!

R.B. Smith
New York

John C. Otto replies:

We enclose the June 11 issue of WW, which contains a friendly interview with Mo Fishman, a board member of the Veterans of

the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. We hope this convinces you that you were mistaken concerning our attitude toward this organization. In reality, we consider the volunteers for the Abraham Lincoln Brigade to have been motivated by the highest form of proletarian internationalism and we would like our readers to know of their struggles and be proud of them.

In my article, which briefly covered a long historical period, I emphasized the role of the Italian and German volunteers to point out that, even in the fascist states which sent aid to Franco, the workers sided with the Spanish Republic. I'm sure those veterans here who maintained their internationalist viewpoint would also want to give credit to the volunteers of the Garibaldi brigades—who later organized the anti-Nazi resistance which liberated northern Italy in 1945—and the Thaelmann Battalion.

Are they planning another attack on Cuba?

By SAM MARCY

JUNE 28—Are we facing another version of the "Cuban missile crisis" of 1962? Terrifying as this thought may be, it is impossible to avoid it. It will do absolutely no good to close our eyes to it and pretend that the current offensive launched by Washington against the socialist republic of Cuba is mere election propaganda common during Presidential election years.

Much of it is, of course. But the character of the attack is of such magnitude as to disqualify the notion that it is merely election propaganda. It has a "bipartisan" quality to it and has been in the making since before the election campaign got into motion. The campaign against Cuba took on a sinister and dangerous character after the victory of the People's Republic of Angola, and has gained more and more momentum with each passing day. Certain aspects of the campaign can only be explained on the basis of a premeditated and coldly calculated scheme for an assault against Cuba.

CHARGES AGAINST PREMIER CASTRO

How else can one explain the sudden appearance of the patently fraudulent assertion that Premier Fidel Castro engineered the assassination of President Kennedy? Such a deadly serious charge against a living head of state under ordinary circumstances would be followed by a break in diplomatic relations, and could be the prelude to a deliberate act of war.

The whole world knows that it was U.S. ruling class elements who were behind the plot to assassinate Kennedy. To turn this around 13 years later and say that it was a plot by the Cuban premier cannot but be viewed as part and parcel of a scheme to manipulate public opinion in the direction of furthering the objective of intervention against Cuba. That is what the progressive movement in America must bear in mind as Washington's offensive continues to unfold.

It took considerable gall, unmitigated impudence, and a total contempt for the viewing public when the ABC network had its anchorman Howard K. Smith suddenly present in his newscast the view that "Castro got someone to assassinate Kennedy because he knew that Kennedy was trying to get him."

And from where do we get this unimpeachable evidence? From none other than the principal beneficiary of the Kennedy assassination, Lyndon B. Johnson. And now it is all brought to light, 13 years later, as a mere afterthought by Howard K. Smith who says he kept it a secret all this time. Not by coincidence, the other networks repeat this canard and so do the rest of the kept press. And no one seriously subjects this fraud to serious dispute.

Simultaneously the public television network (NET), the "impartial," "unbiased," "non-commercial" network, stages a phony in-depth analysis of the Kennedy assassination with such witnesses as the ex-CIA agent responsible for Latin America at the time of the Kennedy assassination, Senator Richard Schweiker of the Senate committee on investigations, and a so-called investigative reporter from

the New York Times—which has been "rethinking" the Kennedy assassination from the same direction from which Howard K. Smith let loose his vial of venom.

What a commentary on the U.S. governmental processes of investigation! The Senate committee, according to popular conception, was set up with the liberal objective of uncovering the crimes of the CIA against the people, and is ending with a deliberate frame-up which could drag the people into a genocidal war against Cuba.

What a commentary on bourgeois democracy! It's nothing but a cover for the unbridled reign of the dominant financial and industrial cliques of the American plutocracy. Is all this accidental?

Anyone who seriously examines the relationship between the U.S. and Cuba, the relationship of a predatory imperialist oppressor and a formerly super-exploited

to heel the first revolutionary socialist republic in the Western Hemisphere and to snuff out the revolutionary flame of anti-imperialist struggle which it has inspired, not only in Latin America but even in Africa.

Let us not forget that at the end of the "missile crisis" the U.S. government solemnly promised to respect the sovereignty of Cuba. It promised not to promote counter-revolutionary incursions into Cuba, it promised not to engage in schemes of intervention and aggression against Cuba. Now the U.S. government admits that seven years later, after hundreds of minor violations of Cuban sovereignty and encouragement of all sorts of hostile acts against Cuba, it initiated environmental war upon the people of Cuba in an attempt to destroy their livelihood, their basic crop—sugar.

What other inhuman schemes do the military have in mind? Indeed,

Washington and its imperialist allies

After every great defeat of an imperialist power, such as those the U.S. suffered in Vietnam, Kampuchea, Laos, and more recently in Angola, there is always a second attempt—there is always the urge to do it all over again because it is reckoned the defeats were due to either tactical errors, policy mistakes, or the good old reliable alibi—lack of will.

Ruling class historians disdain to admit that the defeats are due to the bankruptcy of their system of class exploitation, to the decadence of monopoly capitalism, to the fact that the ruling class has exhausted its historic mission. Always there is the relentless striving to do it all over again, just as German imperialism did in the Second World War. The same motivation dominates the Pentagon planners in relation to Cuba. Hence, the possibility of a renewal

Vorster, Ian Smith Pinochet, Suharto, etc., etc.? But shouldn't a truly socialist government affirmatively cast a vote for the admission of the People's Republic of Angola?

Let us assume, only for the sake of argument, that everything the Chinese representative says about "social imperialism" were true. Is that a reason for keeping Angola out of the UN and Chile, Indonesia, Israel, and others in? After all, the UN is merely a diplomatic gathering of all the existing states, regardless of social system and relationships of dependency. Basically it is still a bourgeois institution which conforms to bourgeois rules of diplomacy. Socialist governments like those of Vietnam and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, still can't get in because of U.S. objection—the same objections which kept China out for so many years. Besides China and the USSR, there are not more than a dozen other countries in the UN which can truly be called socialist. All the rest are dependent bourgeois states, neo-colonial puppets, and imperialist powers.

This is a bourgeois forum where all and sundry are admitted. To vote against (that's what China's position really amounted to) the admission of an African state which has carried through the most thoroughgoing anti-imperialist struggle is a crime against Angola. But it is intended not only against Angola. It is even more aimed against the revolutionary fraternal aid rendered by the Cuban government and, of course, the USSR.

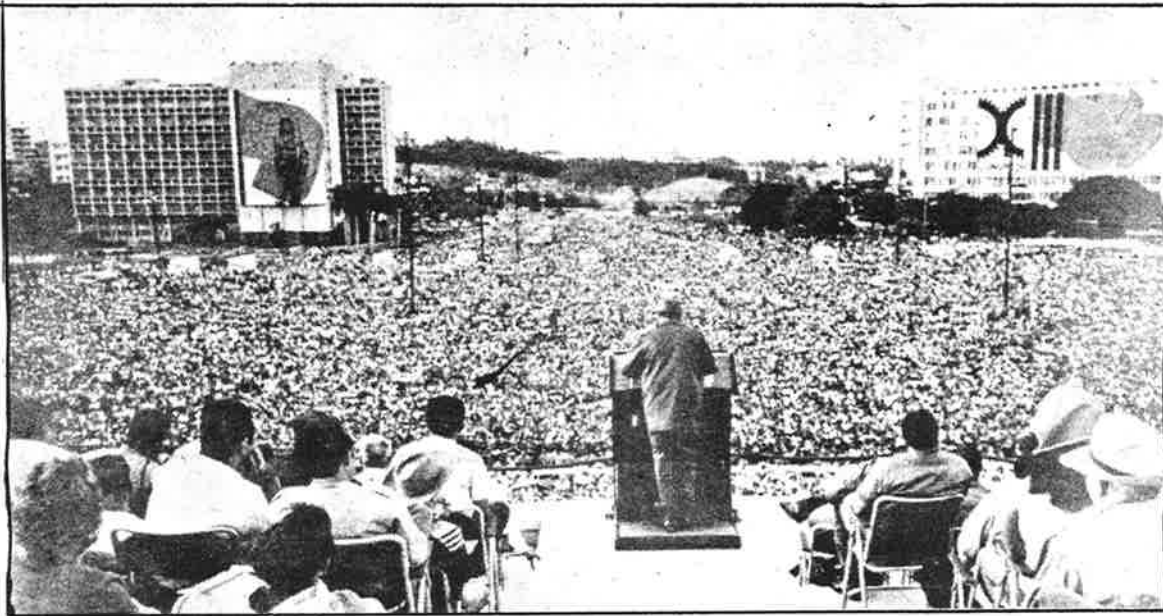
The Cuban leadership has carried through a magnificent example of revolutionary internationalism. In making Cuba a target of its attack in the Security Council, the CCP leadership has rendered a badly needed and timely service to the cause of U.S. imperialism.

And what time did the CCP leaders choose to give a meaningful assist to the U.S.? Just the moment when the volcanic uprising of the South African masses had shaken up their hated imperialist oppressors, symbolized by the Kissinger-Vorster meeting. What a time to fail to come to the aid of countries like Cuba and Angola, living under the gun of imperialism!

And what was the quid pro quo? Something of real and enduring interest to the national aspirations of the Chinese people? No, not even that. It is sad to say that all China's diplomacy earned from capitulation to U.S. imperialist interests was a rather embarrassing announcement via the French press agency that the withdrawal of a few troops had taken place from the islands of Matsu and Quemoy, an announcement made almost simultaneously with the casting of this utterly scandalous "non-vote" in the Security Council against the Angolan liberation movement.

Such is the sad state of the current foreign policy of the Chinese leadership. It is not one whit better than the worst of Soviet revisionist politics at home or abroad.

All the more why it is necessary to arouse the widest support among all segments of the people here to end the campaign of vilification against Cuba, end the blockade, and end the U.S. occupation of Puerto Rico.



Fidel Castro addressing a May Day rally in Havana, Cuba. "The current offensive launched by Washington against Cuba . . . can only be explained on the basis of a coldly calculated scheme for an assault against that country."

oppressed people, must concede that Premier Castro could not but have known, as he said following the Kennedy assassination, that "whoever succeeds Kennedy as President could only be worse for Cuba." On the other hand, the U.S. government, which has publicly admitted assassination attempts against Fidel Castro, could not but hope, with some reason, that by removing a giant revolutionary leader it could improve its position vis-a-vis Cuba.

THREATS OF CROP DESTRUCTION

But aside from the deliberate build-up of the assassination angle against Premier Castro, what was the purpose of leaking the news that the Pentagon had attempted weather modification warfare against Cuba in 1969 in order to destroy the Cuban sugar crop? Was this merely a bonafide leak from the Pentagon? Certainly not. It was of course an acknowledgement of what the Cubans knew anyway through their own efforts. But it was more than an acknowledgement. It was also a threat of environmental havoc and destruction. That, in truth, was the purpose of the leak.

The last purpose of this terrible revelation was to indict the accomplices, to undo the wrong, or to make a conciliatory gesture toward the Cuban government. On the contrary, all the political and diplomatic and military maneuvers against Cuba have one fundamental objective—to bring

President Kennedy was right in at least one of his observations in the days following the missile crisis. "The military is mad," he said, and everything that the Pentagon has done since then has proved this observation to be all too accurate.

Anything can be expected of them, and no crime is too great. The military and its internal and external spy network are fueled and powered by the military-industrial complex, whose main star in its constellation is none other than the international outlaw Lockheed.

SUMMIT OF BRIGANDS IN PUERTO RICO

It is precisely with all this behind it that the Ford administration staged its so-called summit conference of imperialist brigands in Puerto Rico last week—in a country as enslaved, robbed, pillaged, and plundered by the multi-national corporations as any in the world. And it was from the vantage point of Puerto Rico, which shares a common heritage of oppression by the imperialist colossus, that Ford delivered his two-pronged attack against both Cuba and the ever-rising tide of the Puerto Rican liberation struggle. He brought the principal imperialist powers to the summit conference, not really to discuss so-called economic recovery, but to buttress the U.S. imperialist position against Cuba, Puerto Rico, Angola, and every country which is so much as raising a voice against the combined assaults of

of direct aggression against Cuba, on this or that pretext, and after a saturation of the public consciousness with poisonous propaganda must be taken into account.

CHINA'S "NON-VOTE" ON ANGOLA

The task of the Ford-Kissinger-Pentagon incitement campaign against Cuba has been made easier by the role which the representatives of the People's Republic of China have been playing, particularly in connection with Angola and Cuba. No matter how one views it, it cannot but seem that the current Chinese leadership is bent on dissipating every bit of hard-won revolutionary capital it had built up in years of revolutionary struggle. Not only is this self-destructive, but it undermines the struggle of the oppressed people everywhere and tends to discredit and disqualify the cause of socialism in the eyes of the whole working class.

Why, for instance, was it necessary for China's representative to ostentatiously and pointedly abstain (or as China's representative puts it, "be listed as not voting") when the question of Angola's admission to the UN came before the Security Council? That the U.S. would cast a veto vote is not really that surprising. What else could be expected from an imperialist country which is in cahoots with the worst racists and bandit regimes like those of

Rigged elections 1876-1976

1932—The Depression and the rise of FDR

By V. COPELAND

By 1932, the financial crash and the economic depression had hit so hard that at least 25 percent of all workers were unemployed, hundreds of small farms were taken over daily by the mortgage-holding banks and auctioned off, while tarpaper shantytowns—"Hoover-villes"—were springing up all over the country, many of them in public parks.

Herbert Hoover, the still incumbent President, was doing absolutely nothing about giving any aid to the unemployed and the hungry, and in fact he ordered his generals to shoot down veterans of World War I who had come to Washington 15,000 strong to ask for a bonus for their dollar-a-day sacrifices in the previous holocaust.

He was still saying, as he had said at the end of 1929, that "prosperity is just around the corner."

"ANYBODY!"

It was clear to all but the most die-hard Republicans that the next President would be a Democrat. (There were a lot of die-hards on Wall Street, though. They gave nearly \$3 million to the Republican campaign fund, versus only \$2.5 million to the Democratic one. They well understood that a Democratic President in 1932 could not under the circumstances be a pliable Cleveland or a Wilson.)

Anti-Hoover graffiti appeared on every backyard fence. And perhaps the most eloquent one was the workers' own rendition of 1928's "Who but Hoover?" slogan. It was: "Who but Hoover? Anybody!"

HATS IN THE RING

Thus the Democratic Convention of 1932 was filled to the gills with people who thought they could be President.

Franklin Roosevelt had it about as sewn up as a convention ever is. But historians have pointed out that there were no less than 14 major figures who sought the nomination, the two most serious contenders being Alfred E. Smith, the ex-governor of New York State, and of course Franklin Roosevelt, the incumbent governor.

Franklin Roosevelt, a Social Registerite and hereditary Hudson River landed aristocrat, was the social intimate of a far greater number of scions of the ruling class than Smith. But he was politically in the liberal wing of the Democratic Party.

And although he had by no means yet become the apostle of the New Deal, he was rightly regarded as a progressive like Theodore Roosevelt, with the same or similar demagogic limitations, but he was not at that



time considered nearly as forceful or colorful as his Rooseveltian predecessor.

EARLY ESTIMATE OF FDR

To show Roosevelt's attitude in 1932 before the nominating convention, and also to show the depth of the crisis, it may suffice to recall the observation of the late columnist, Walter Lippmann. He said on Jan. 8, 1932:

"Franklin Roosevelt is no crusader. He is an amiable man with many philanthropic impulses, but he is not the dangerous enemy of anything. He is too eager to please. . . . He is no tribune of the people. He is no enemy of entrenched privilege. He is a pleasant man who, without any important qualifications, would very much like to be President."

This could have been a signal to big business to support him, of course.

Liberty magazine, which supported Al Smith, declared with less honesty and still less foresight: "In Franklin Roosevelt we have another Hoover."

But this was early in the campaign and some time before the Democratic Convention. As the year wore on (and the crisis deepened), Roosevelt began to make more of an appeal for the votes of the masses in the few primaries that were held then.

In April Lucky Strike cigarettes (!) sponsored a 10-minute country-wide radio slot in which the coming President made his famous "Forgotten Man" speech, alluding to the desperation caused by the Depression.

This made a hit with the voters. But big business was so frightened that his backers and contributors began to cool off somewhat. So he retreated and made all kinds of concessions to the conservatives for a while.

CONTROL OF THE COMMITTEES

When the convention assembled in Chicago, he already had enough delegates (partly from the primaries and partly from the

usual deals) to control all the important committees including the Program Committee and the all-important Credentials Committee, and to elect the Permanent Chairman.

(The Credentials Committee seated Huey Long of Louisiana and his pro-Roosevelt delegates, with complete disregard for a legally elected anti-Roosevelt delegation.)

But due to the still prevailing two-thirds rule of the Democrats, he did not have the strength to get the actual nomination.

Since they had a fair majority for the other tasks mentioned above, his floor managers thought they could pass a resolution abolishing the two-thirds provision—which theoretically could have been abolished by a simple majority—and then have Roosevelt elected on the first ballot.

REVOLT OF THE RACISTS

But a great many Southern delegates who were prepared to vote for Roosevelt were definitely and resolutely against abolishing the two-thirds rule. This rule was the sacred proviso that insured the white supremacist South that it could veto any Northern candidate it didn't want. It had made it possible for the Ku Klux Klan to virtually run the Democratic Convention of 1924, for instance.

In the meantime, the Smith forces, hating the Southern delegates for other reasons, and ordinarily opposed to them, made a bloc with them on this issue so as to "stop Roosevelt."

Roosevelt quickly pulled back from this dangerous (to his ambitions) attempt to abolish the rule. The financial interests behind Al Smith could not equal the Southern anti-Smith forces plus the Western and Midwestern "progressive" forces, plus of course the delegates of the other financial forces in New York State behind Roosevelt. So he could not get the nomination and was reduced to playing the role of "spoiler," and that ineffectively.

THE BIG DEALS

But in order to make FDR's total into the still-required two-thirds, it was necessary to make a deal with William Randolph Hearst, the newspaper magnate who helped put him over in many states but who later became one of Roosevelt's most virulent enemies; and also with William G. McAdoo, the Klan's Presidential candidate in 1924; and Mayor Cermak of Chicago, the Richard Daley of 1932.

How did Roosevelt get even a simple majority of delegates in the first place?

As governor of New York State and an intimate of the Democratic

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bankers of that state, he already had access to a large part of the national Democratic machine.

His very name gave him tremendous authority, with the all-important machine leaders as well as with the voters. It combined the appeal to progressive Republicans that Theodore Roosevelt had had with an awakening of the liberal Democrats, each group expecting a real "new deal."

He was fifth cousin to Theodore. And his vigorously campaigning wife, another Roosevelt, was Theodore's niece.

He was also related to ten other U.S. Presidents, including George Washington, John Adams, and Theodore Roosevelt's nemesis, the ineffectual William Howard Taft. When one considers the number of children of Hollywood stars who become "great" actors, and the much greater number of politicians' offspring who become "great" statesmen, this "blood" should not be underestimated.

For example, Mrs. Roosevelt's brother, G. Hall Roosevelt, comptroller of Michigan, together with his friend Frank Walker, mayor of Detroit, gave FDR the whole Michigan delegation. And Miss Isabella Greenway, chairperson of the Arizona delegation, who had been Mrs. Roosevelt's bridesmaid, came through with her small delegation, too. Other relatives and friends helped, too.

This should not, of course, be

taken as any kind of put-down of Franklin Roosevelt's remarkable ability as a capitalist politician or his indefatigable labors to come out on top.

MULTI-MILLIONAIRES FOR DEMOCRACY

His early financial backers—before the convention—included the politically generous Herbert Lehman of Lehman Brothers and the then Corn Exchange Bank (now the Chemical); Joseph P. Kennedy, father of the Kennedy brothers of our time; the Henry Morgenthau, senior and junior; Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr.; Joseph E. Davies, husband of the heir to the Post cereal millions; and Jesse Strauss, then president of Macy's huge department store.

In the actual campaign, the staunch Al Smith supporter, John J. Raskob of the duPonts, gave FDR \$23,000; and another great Smith supporter, Bernard Baruch, the millionaire Morgan messenger boy, gave \$60,000.

The Rockefellers were very displeased with Hoover, but still contributed to his campaign to keep their well-known inside track with the Republican Party. However, several of their Standard Oil families like the Whitneys and the Harknesses gave heavily to the Democrats.

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POLITICAL PRISONERS



Lureida Torres jailed for contempt

By JUDY GREENSPAN

NEW YORK, June 24—Over 75 people demonstrated in front of the federal courthouse at Foley Square today to protest the jailing of Lureida Torres, a member of the Puerto Rican Socialist Party (PSP). Torres, held in contempt for refusing to testify before a federal grand jury, was ordered to jail when the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear her appeal.

Standing on the steps of the courthouse before surrendering herself to U.S. marshals, the courageous Independentista reaffirmed her commitment to the struggle for the liberation of Puerto Rico and warned the repressive government forces, "No matter how many of us you send to jail, the movement will grow stronger every day."

Torres has stated all along that she will not cooperate with the "fishing expedition" into the militant Puerto Rican independence movement. The grand jury, purportedly investigating a series of bombings attributed to the Armed Forces of National Liberation (FALN), has really been used against the PSP, a mass political party.

Her imprisonment, coming a week before the protest demonstration in Philadelphia, is seen as a direct attack on the participants of the July 4th Coalition by the government.

Torres, a 26-year-old school teacher, called for everyone to demonstrate in Philadelphia on July 4 and march against oppression. She stressed that, although incarcerated, "I will be

there, marching alongside the Native Americans, Mexicans, Blacks, and North Americans, together with the rising anti-imperialist movement which has said no to exploitation, no to human suffering, to colonialism, to racism, and to repression."

Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall had granted her a temporary stay of confinement on June 21, pending a study of defense petitions urging the court to review her case. True to their reactionary role, however, the racist Justices ordered the immediate jailing of Torres, refusing her final appeal.

The struggle for the liberation of Puerto Rico has been consistently met with vicious government repression. Lureida Torres joins thousands of political prisoners jailed in both the U.S. and Puerto Rico for struggling for the independence of their homeland.

Five Puerto Rican Nationalist prisoners—Lolita Lebron, Rafael Cancel Miranda, Irving Flores, Andres Figueroa Cordero, and Oscar Collazo—have been jailed the longest of any political prisoners for militantly bringing the question of the colonization of Puerto Rico before the eyes of the world. A national campaign is under way to free these five Nationalists, who have been incarcerated from 22 to 25 years.

Torres, strengthened by the courageous heritage of the independence movement and inspired by one of its most militant founders, Albizu Campos, said, "We know it was not easy for Albizu. He struggled until the end—and if he were alive right now, he still would be struggling alongside us."

Talamantez, Willie Tate, Hugo Pinell, and David Johnson—are charged with murder as well as conspiracy to murder, to escape, and to possess firearms.

The frame-up nature of the case was clearly exposed in shattering testimony by Louis E. Tackwood, a police agent, who testified that his assignment as an undercover agent was to assassinate George Jackson. He implicated others, saying, "I can name names, dates, and places and the guns used."

The six defendants have been literally tortured during the long trial. The men have been wrapped in chains and bolted to the floor, unable to move for the entire courtroom proceedings.

San Quentin 6 trial going to jury—defendants bolted to courtroom floor

NEW YORK, June 26—After 14 months of courtroom proceedings, jury deliberation in the case of the San Quentin 6 will begin immediately following the July 4th weekend.

The San Quentin 6 are Black and Brown prison activists who are being framed up for alleged participation in an escape plot with George Jackson, the Black revolutionary leader, on Aug. 21, 1971. On that date George Jackson was assassinated by San Quentin guards and in events that ensued three guards and two prisoners were also killed. The indictments of the San Quentin 6 were an attempt to cover up the role of the state in the murder of Jackson.

The six brothers—Fleeta Drumgo, Johnny Spain, Luis

Prison inmates begin death fast—demand to leave U.S.

Six Lucasville prison inmates today informed prison officials, prior to the breakfast meal, that they were on a "death fast." They are to be joined by six women prisoners in North Carolina led by Anne Willette. These six prisoners (Richard X. Armstrong, Jerry Artrip, Robert Schieb, Mike Lane, Fred Smith, and Ross Caudill) vow to starve themselves to death unless they are "released from Lucasville prison and given safe and immediate passage from the United States to a 'non-imperialist' country." (An open letter to Governor James Rhodes was printed in part in the Columbus Citizens Journal on May 6, 1976.)

Upon informing prison officials of their "death fast," these men were taken to the prison's disciplinary section (J Block) where they were stripped completely of their clothing, given a ragged, ill-fitting pair of blue coveralls and placed in solitary confinement.

The prison's recreation yard was the scene of a trash-scattering, banner-waving demonstration of approximately 800 prisoners in support of these six men who are showing great courage in making a "freedom or death" stand against an exploitative U.S. government. A government which fosters injustice, poverty, and oppression of poor and minority groups. A government which maintains one of the most barbaric and

dehumanizing prison systems in the world today. A stand against a government which is proclaimed to be a government "of the people, by the people, and for the people," while in reality it is merely a government of the rich, by the rich, and for the rich.

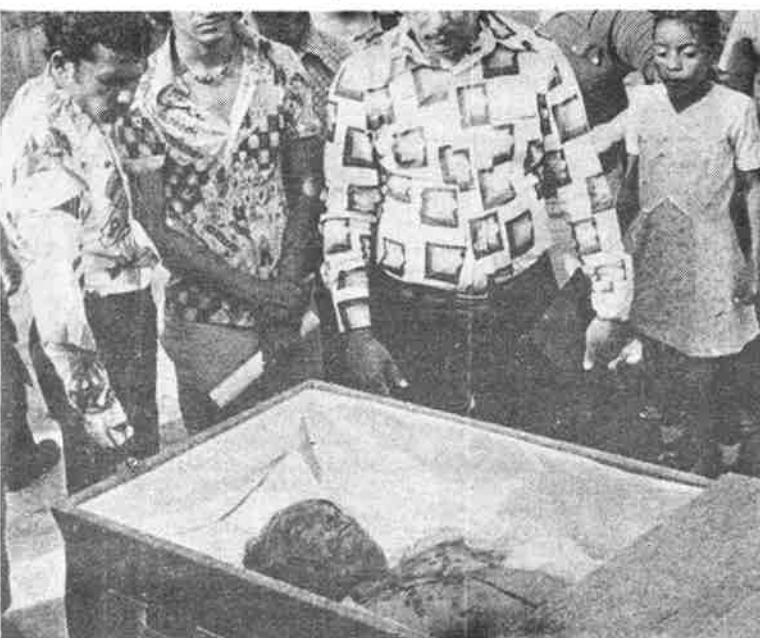
The following are excerpts from the Last Will and Testament filed by these six men (in expectation of their death) with the Human Rights Commission of the United Nations:

"We have died seeking safe passage from this so-called

christian nation of the Western World, known as America. The people of America have let us suffer the most horrible death known to man—starvation.

"We express to the world our final wishes. . . . Do not bury us in the Western World. Do not let our remains lie within this Devil Land. Take our remains to the Garden; let us lie in peace at Mecca."

(This letter was sent to WW on June 21 by Michael Patterson, Box 787, No. 139-991, Lucasville, Ohio 45648.)



Utah prison officials claim Jose Luis Rosario hung himself. They did not explain the many bullet wounds in his chest and the severe bruises in his head.



Lureida Torres in front of the federal courthouse at Foley Square. WW photo: Joe Z

16 inmates wounded in Puerto Rican prison rebellion—cite bad conditions

NEW YORK, June 26—Sixteen prisoners and two guards were wounded in a rebellion that broke out on June 17 at noon in La Princesa, the prison for the district of San Juan in Puerto Rico. The rebellion, believed to have been sparked by the unsanitary living conditions that exist at La Princesa, was brutally put down an hour later by prison guards, according to the June 18 issue of Claridad.

Irvin Jimenez Juarbe, "correction" administrator in La Princesa, said the rebellion started when the prisoners from one of the galleries seized three guards as hostages. He said the rebellion was led by Carlos Torres Iriarte, called "La Sombra."

Jimenez Juarbe claims that he has no idea what sparked the rebellion. However, it is believed that the revolt was a response to unfit and unsanitary conditions at the jail. Jimenez Juarbe admitted that conditions "aren't the most

adequate." According to Claridad, the United States Court in San Juan recently concluded that conditions in the jail were inhuman and ordered that persons convicted of federal crimes be incarcerated elsewhere.

Officials did not reveal which prisoners were wounded, but Claridad reports that the press was able to identify "La Sombra" when he was carried from the jail bleeding profusely. Others who could not be identified were bleeding just as badly. These prisoners were loaded into police vehicles to be taken to different hospitals. An official had to intervene before the guards would stop beating the unarmed and severely wounded prisoners.

In February 1974, another rebellion broke out in La Princesa led by "La Sombra." Then the prisoners protested the unsanitary conditions in the jail, the overcrowding, and cruel treatment from the guards.

Puerto Rican man shot to death in Utah prison—officials claim he hung himself

NEW YORK, June 26—The family of Jorge Luis Rosario, who live in the Rio Blanco barrio of Naguabo, Puerto Rico, were tremendously shocked and grieved when they received the body of Jorge Luis in a sealed coffin sent from the Utah Penitentiary. Prison officials alleged that Jorge Luis had hanged himself in his cell and that he suffered from a mental condition.

However, when the family opened the coffin they saw that the body was riddled with bullets and there were numerous blows on the head, according to the May 10 issue of El Vocero, a newspaper published in San Juan.

The family had received news that Jorge Luis had hanged himself on April 28. However, those who viewed the body said it looked more like Jorge Luis "was executed by a firing squad."

according to El Vocero.

The family of Jorge Luis have appealed to Mayor German Suarez for assistance in finding out how he really died. So far, the only information they have received is a statement from the FBI that "in the state of Utah the police have license to kill dangerous individuals," according to the same source.

Refusing to accept this explanation, Dona Amparo Romero, the mother of Jorge Luis, has demanded that other government officials help her. Dona Romero said, referring to her son, "his death cannot rest without an explanation." An autopsy has been ordered on the body of Jorge Luis to determine cause of death.

Family and friends of Jorge Luis Rosario are considering hiring lawyers in order to reconstruct in federal court the way in which he was assassinated.

Two events this month—the International Indian Treaty Conference in S. Dakota and the Trail for Self-Determination—show that gov't repression can't turn back the Indian movement. Page 3.

Strike unprecedented in Massachusetts history

45,000 state workers walk out over low pay

By a Mass. State Worker

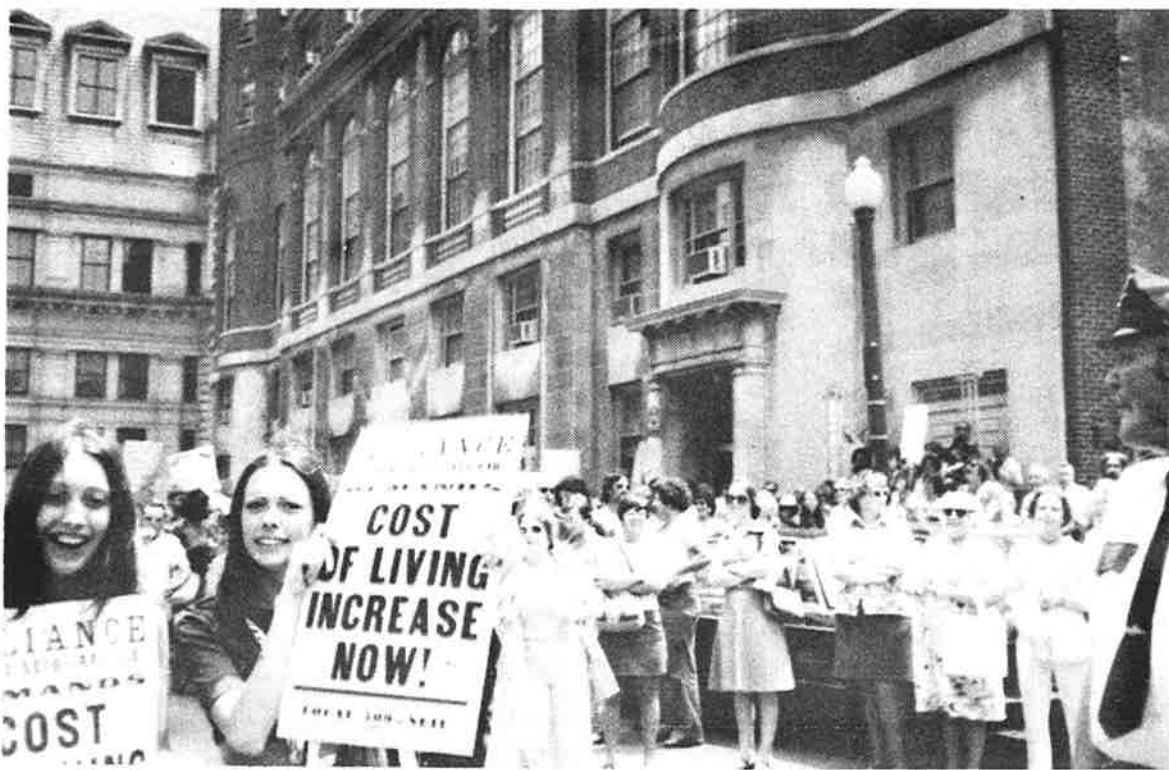
BOSTON, June 26—On Monday, June 21, 45,000 workers walked off their jobs in the first strike of state employees in the history of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The strikers ranged from bridge tenders to orderlies, from clerical workers to lifeguards. The strike was called by an alliance of Local 41, Council 45, and Council 780 of the American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees, and Local 509 of the Service Employees International Union. The Alliance, as it is called, has been trying to organize Massachusetts state workers despite a 1974 law which makes all strikes by state workers illegal.

GROSSLY UNDERPAID

However, in three months of negotiations, the state has refused to agree to any major contract provisions that would include improvements for state employees. The civil service workers are angered by the fact that they have received no pay increases since 1969 except for a tiny 4 percent cost of living increase in 1974!

Ten thousand state workers gross \$128 a week or less and take home less than \$100. Yet the state legislators have recently voted pay increases of 10 percent for constitutional offices excluded from collective bargaining, and before the strike they were trying to sneak



Militant workers picket in first state workers' strike in Massachusetts' history. Workers have had no wage increase since 1969 except for a 4 percent cost of living raise in 1974. WW photo

through pay increases of from 22 to 45 percent for themselves and the governor.

Shortly before the strike, the state legislature gave the unions a last slap in the face by starting final deliberations on the state budget without waiting for the wage settlement to be decided. The state's final offer of a \$2,175 across-

the-board increase over three years was contingent on the liquidation of all employee step raises, so that state workers would lose almost as much as they gained.

The union's contract proposal calls for a 32 percent wage increase over the next 18 months and a fringe benefit package that in-

cludes 99 percent coverage of all employee medical costs by the end of the same period.

THOUSANDS DEMONSTRATE

During the last few days before the strike, memos were circulated to all state workers threatening them with dismissal if they engaged in any strike activities or

even if they refused to cross union picket lines! However, on Friday, June 18, 4,000 state workers answered this vicious union-busting tactic by joining in a lunchtime march that completely surrounded the state's two largest office buildings six abreast. When the management negotiators saw the marchers gathering for a rally in front of the McCormack State Office Building, they turned red.

On Saturday, 6,000 union members from across the state gathered in the Commonwealth Armory in Boston and shouted down the state's last offer by a unanimous voice vote. The strike followed two days later.

Despite court injunctions and hysterical anti-labor reporting by Boston's two largest newspapers, the strike grew in strength for three days, paralyzing the state government and idling over 80 percent of the work force.

Faced with heavy fines, the union leaders ordered the strikers back to work on Thursday. By that time the state had agreed to amnesty for the strikers and had resumed contract negotiations under the supervision of a federal mediator. Before the strike the governor had vowed none of this would ever happen.

The federal mediator has clamped a total press blackout on the continuing contract negotiations, and state workers are now awaiting further instructions from their union leaders.

In Wisconsin

Clericals fight for union contract

By D. PRYZBYLA

MADISON, Wis., June 16—Hundreds of clerical workers and supporters held a rally and march today in the state capital demanding a decent union contract for the 8,600 state clerical workers.

After a long, hard struggle organizing to win union representation earlier this year, the AFSCME clericals are now deadlocked with the state in negotiations for their first contract. The main items left on the

table include wages, length-of-service payments, and holidays. The clerical bargaining committee is asking for a 9 percent pay raise while the state is holding to a mere 6 percent increase.

The 14-person statewide bargaining committee began meeting in February to draw up a contract that would provide clericals with decent living wages and working conditions.

Gov. Patrick Lucey had said in December 1974, "In this period of

runaway inflation, if there is to be favored treatment, it ought to be towards the lower-paid workers, since they are hurt the most by inflation." Yet the same governor is pulling the strings at the bargaining table to prevent the lowest-paid group of state workers from making a living wage and improving their working conditions. And this same state legislature found nothing wrong with having their salaries raised more than 50 percent (!) this year.

Cuba Committee was a fake. But the commission refused to acknowledge the mountains of further evidence which prove that CIA-trained Cuban exiles put Oswald up to it.

EX-AGENTS IDENTIFY SHAW AND FERRIE

Perhaps the most damaging evidence to recently come out against both the "Castro did it" and "Oswald was a loner" theories is that related to Clay Shaw and David Ferrie. Clay Shaw was a businessman accused by New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison in 1967 as a conspirator in the assassination. David Ferrie was a pilot for the U.S.-led Bay of Pigs invasion in 1961 who was to be

Garrison's prime witness, but who "mysteriously" died four days after Garrison had publicly named him. Eight witnesses have now said they saw Shaw, Ferrie, and Lee Harvey Oswald together pull up in one car in a Louisiana town during the summer of 1963. And now it has come out that both Ferrie and Shaw were also CIA agents! This devastating evidence has been confirmed by at least two ex-CIA officials (Victor Marchetti and Robert Morrow) and by CIA files released several weeks ago. The racists and militarists clamoring for "revenge" against socialist Cuba for the Kennedy assassination will be exposed in due time by the mass of workers and oppressed peoples in the U.S.

—JFK murder

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assassination conspiracy back in 1964) really point in only one direction: towards an ultra-rightist, neo-fascist plot. The most recent evidence uncovered about Lee Harvey Oswald's CIA connections is so overwhelming that it clearly ties CIA agents, FBI agents, counter-revolutionary Cuban exiles, syndicated crime, and even minor ruling class figures to the assassination conspiracy.

Even the Warren Commission had to admit that Oswald's "membership" in the Fair Play for

workers world

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The Kennedy assassination will go down in history as a critical juncture in the rise and fall of American capitalism and imperialism.

And history will record that the forces which had most to gain from that well-planned murder were the forces of extreme reaction, desperately trying to turn back the clock for an already dying system.

—Gay mothers

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Early this year, a group called Dykes & Tykes was formed.

Composed of Lesbian mothers, their lovers, Lesbians working in childcare or who are in some way concerned with children, the organization was formed to meet the special needs of Lesbians involved with children.

Recently, the organization has initiated the East Coast Lesbian Mothers' Defense Fund. Dykes & Tykes has pledged to raise \$1,000 for the custody appeal of the Lesbian mother described above. Contributions should be made out to Dykes & Tykes and sent to Box 621, Old Chelsea Station, N.Y., N.Y. 10011, attention: Child Custody Committee.