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First they dumped \$2.3 billion in city bonds. Then they forced the municipal unions to buy them up. Now the banks are draining another \$1 billion out of

25 cents

Exports of U.S. arms up 1,200 percent since 1968

Inflation spurred on by booming war industry

By SHARON SHELTON

NEW YORK, Nov. 23—While production in the rest of the economy is in a slump, one industry is booming.

This growing industry is not food, steel, or any other basic

commodity which contributes to human need. Because of the highly technical nature of production in this field, the number of jobs it provides has decreased despite its growth. Production in this area, more than in any other, spurs on inflation

So what is the fastest growing industry around?

Armaments.

This fact has been confirmed by an article in the November issue of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, a liberal scientists' publication. U.S. arms exports under the foreign military sales program, according to the article, have risen from \$798 million in 1968 to \$9.5 billion in 1975—a leap of 1.200 percent!

Quoting the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, the article illustrates how U.S. imperialism is the major supplier of arms abroad, delivering a total of \$31.6 billion worth of weaponry to other countries between 1965 and 1974, just under 50 percent of all arms traded on the international market.

The article also points out that the role of the U.S. in peddling murder machines is not likely to decline either, since new foreign military sales orders currently outstrip actual deliveries they are factor of three to one."

While corporations like Boeing, McDonnell Douglas, General Dynamics, Lockheed, General Electric, and United Aircraft each got over a billion dollars worth of business from the Pentagon last year, other areas of the economy are going nowhere.

In its most recent money market report, for example, the Chase Manhattan Bank notes that economic indicators released during the past week show, among other things, that industrial production is weak.

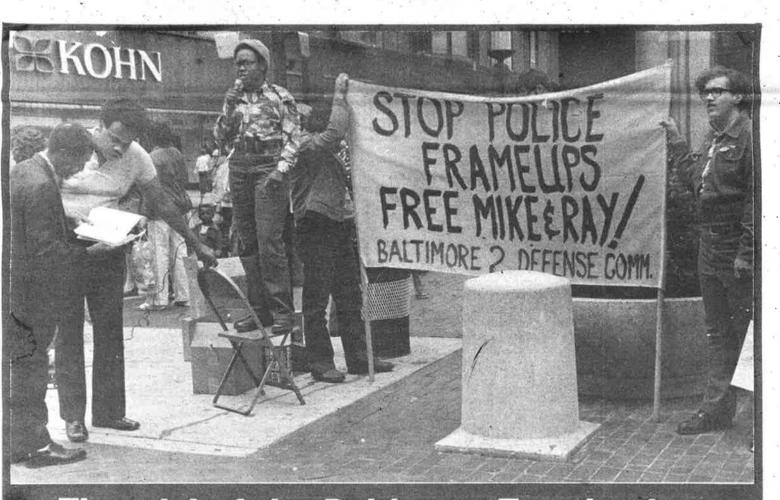
"The industrial production data," the report asserts, "were particularly ominous, suggesting that the slowing in output isn't limited to strike-plagued industries, but has spread to virtually every sector of the economy."

In past depressions, it took new developments such as the railroad, the steamboat, and the airplane to generate capitalist recovery. But now, boxed in by its own inherent contradictions, the capitalist-system has no place to go but to rely more and more on the parasitic, uncontrollable and evergrowing military monster.

The one and only purpose of armaments is to make war. The continuing slump exerts tremendous pressure on the ruling class to put these weapons to work, unleashing more imperialist wars of aggression in a desperate attempt to save their faltering system.

At the same time, the workers who are left destitute as the capitalist system veers more and more out of control must find a solution to their material problems of joblessness, hunger, and worry.

And that solution isn't another mad imperialist military adventure. It's a rational, planned socialist society under the command of the workers themselves.



The trial of the Baltimore Two begins Nov. 30 with nationwide and community support for the two defendants. These two members of Youth Against War and Fascism are struggling against police frame-ups and in defense of the right to organize against police harassment. See page 3.

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THE STRUGGLE IN BRIEF

CIA speaker exposed by Texans for International Justice

CORPUS CHRISTI, Nov. 17-Posing as a "former" agent of the CIA, a (present) apologist for the CIA calling himself "Mike Ackerman" was confronted here and in Houston by anti-CIA militants from an ad hoc Corpus Christi group, Texans for International Justice, and by Youth Against War & Fascism.

Ackerman, who claims to have spent 11 years as a CIA agent, spoke at the University of Houston and Del Mar Junior College here today and yesterday in defense of the counter-revolutionary intrigues of the CIA.

Members of the Texans for International Justice exposed the coverup and lies that the "former" agent dished out to his student audience here. Ackerman was

visibly shaken by their participation in the discussion that followed his speech. The Texans for International Justice also countered the agent's lies by organizing a showing of the Canadian film, The Rise and Fall of the CIA. The film, attended by over 50 people, contained actual footage of the CIA's dirty work in Iran, Guyana, and Chile, where progressive popular governments were overturned as well as the CIA's notable failure, the attempted invasion of Cuba at the Bay of Pigs.

In Houston, the anti-CIA remarks made by members of Youth Against War & Fascism following Ackerman's talk at the university drew frequent rounds of applause from most of the

NYC cabbies resist new 'leasing' plan which would cut wages by one-third

By HILLEL BAILIN

NEW YORK, Nov. 18-"NO LEASING!", shouted thousands of New York union taxi drivers at their general membership meeting tonight at the Statler Hilton Hotel. The taxi bosses want to cut wages with a new system called 'leasing." But members of Local 3036 NYC Taxi Drivers Union made their answer loud and clear and voted nine-to-one "NO WAY!"

The union bureaucrats who had bent to the pressure of the bosses by agreeing to an experimental leasing proposal walked out of the meeting when they couldn't get their way.

Right now, drivers get a fixed portion of every fare they collect for each ride. This is the way it has been for as long as anyone can remember. The size of the portion (49 percent or 43 percent) that the driver gets was part of the contract that just expired. As every cab driver here knows, the earnings of a 40-hour week are hardly enough to get by on. But the system guarantees the cabbie at least something for every ride.

'The bosses' plan of "leasing" would guarantee profit for the owners and hardship for the drivers. Under the leasing system the driver pays the boss for the use of the cab. The driver then keeps all of the fares collected but also has to pay for gas, oil, and other expenses. When you add all the figures, a driver would have to work sixty hours a week to earn forty hours' pay. If it's a bad week with few passengers, the boss is still guaranteed the same profit

while the driver will lose money. Under the old contract which had no sick leave, a sick cabbie got nothing. Under 'leasing," a sick cabbie would have to work anyway or wind up losing the money that was paid to the boss in advance. The present system is bad, but "leasing" (the word the drivers use is "horse-hiring," since you

The militant members of the negotiating committee pointed out that in other cities where leasing has been allowed, the average hourly pay dropped almost a third. Older workers were forced out and vounger workers were made old before their time from the sixty-toseventy-hour weeks they had to put in. And in each case leasing meant the all-but-collapse of the union.

work like a horse) is worse.

During negotiations, the taxi bosses (known as fleet owners) are represented by the Metropolitan Taxi Board of Trade.

So far, management has made leasing the one and only issue. They have refused to negotiate the basic commission rate, sick leave or contributions to the pension and health fund. In fact management even admits they owe by contract over \$1,600,000 dollars which they have withheld for this fund but which they still refuse to pay up.

The union membership tonight voted that they will not even negotiate about leasing. The strong and united spirit shown here will strengthen the position of the shop steward negotiators who have held out for a firm stand. And in the words of one rank and file driver, "If the owners lease one cab, we'll hang them."



Building in New York City. The demonstration was called by the ZANU [Zimbabwe African National Union] Support Committee. WW photo: Paddy Colligan

Racist Daniel Moynihan speaks to Norfolk ruling class; YAWF pickets

By MEGAN McKEWAN

NORFOLK, Nov. 16-On Tuesday, Nov. 16, members and friends of Youth Against War & Fascism held a militant protest outside Chrysler Hall here, where Daniel Moynihan was speaking.

As U.S. representative to the United Nations, Moynihan never missed a chance to attack the African liberation movements and their victories. He has supported the Zionist state of Israel in its war of genocide against the Palestinians and other Arab peoples and its discrimination against non-European Jewish people.

Moynihan is also known for his

call for a "period of benign neglect" toward "the issue of race" in the U.S.-words which urge on the racists who attack Black school children in Boston and Louisville.

Local members of the ruling class coming to hear Moynihan speak were forced to listen to the truth about Moynihan and his racist policies as Black, white, and Palestinian demonstrators raised chants such as "Benign neglect is racism-Moynihan must go!" "U.S. out of Middle East, U.S. out of Africa," "U.S. hands off Cuba," and "Moynihan-enemy of working people from Boston to Johannesburg."

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BETTER WORLD IN BIRTH

U.S. 'gifts' to Vietnam

New York Post, Nov. 13:

"The fall of Saigon last year gave the Communist victors enough American planes, ships, artillery and armor to make Vietnam one of the foremost military powers in Asia, according to the Pentagon's final tally of what was lost.

"The North Vietnamese captured nine times as many Cessna A-37 light attack planes as neighboring Thailand has in its air force, gained enough American ships to make Vietnam's navy second only to China's numerically, and got more armored cars than India has for its army.

"In light arms, according to the Pentagon figures, Vietnam captured 1.6 million rifles and a mountain of ammunition weighing 130,000 tons. The ammunition works out to more than four pounds for every person in what was North and South Vietnam.

"The captured American equipment was worth about \$5 billion.

"... U.S. military leaders have freely acknowledged that even without such modern weaponry, the North Vietnamese Infantry demonstrated during the Indochina war that it was one of the best in the world."

Soviet view of U.S. history

The New York Times, June 26:

'While Americans have been celebrating the Bicentennial of what they consider a turning point in the history of human liberties, children in Soviet schools have

continued to learn that the American Revolution was just an anticolonial uprising that brought independence from Britain, but made no revolutionary changes in man's economic or political condition.

"The current textbook is one of a series titled 'Recent History.' It is in use throughout the Soviet Union.

"It portrays the 'war for independence of the English colonies in North America' as a mere transfer of power 'from the landowning aristocrats to the traderindustrialist bourgeoisie of the North, which ruled in alliance with the plantation slaveholders of the South.'

"When the principles of self government and political liberties enunciated in the Declaration of Independence are mentioned in the chapter they are rebutted.

"The declaration proclaimed that the people themselves have the right to establish the power of state government, that power springs from the people, that the people are sovereign,' the textbook says. Then it adds:

"'However, the foremost idea of the declaration was used by the Bourgeoisie to strengthen the wealthy, and only the whites. The declaration did not abolish slavery and did not stop the ouster from the land and the - annihilation of the Indians, but preserved the exploitation of hired workers.

And that's telling it like it was and is.

Veteran makes real gift to Vietnam

Guardian, Nov. 24:

"A U.S. veteran has donated his \$500 'bonus benefit' to the reconstruction of Vietnam.

Since the bonus is paid only to Vietnam Veterans with 'honorable' discharges, 'it seeks to divide us. . . from our brothers and sisters with less-than-honorable discharges and our brothers who refused to go,' Dinu Rehner says. 'Once the money is to be paid, we are to be forgotten, in the VA hospitals and the unemployment lines."

Trial to begin as supporters demand:

'Free the Baltimore Two—Stop police brutality!'

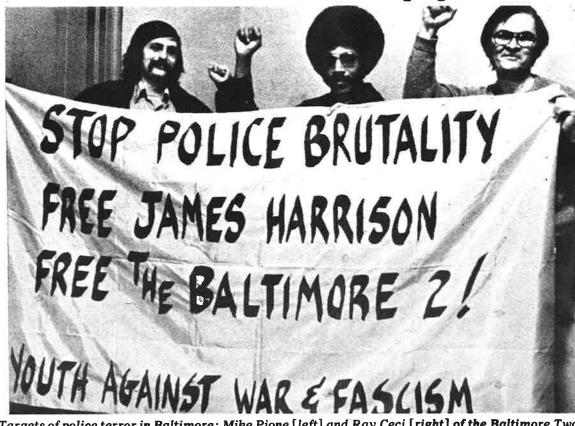
By GAVRIELLE GEMMA

BALTIMORE, Nov. 20—On Nov. 30 the jury trial of Ray Ceci and Mike Pione, the Baltimore Two, will begin here. The eyes of workers and oppressed here will be focused on the outcome of this trial as Ray and Mike struggle against police frame-ups and in defense of the right to organize against police harassment.

Ray Ceci, a longshoreman, and Mike Pione, a laid-off shipyard worker, both members of Youth Against War & Fascism, were victims of a right-wing attack and police frame-up June 15 of this year. They were beaten by a rightwing merchant in front of the police, then they were charged with assault. Their "crime" was posting a flyer in their community announcing a meeting to build for the massive July 4th demonstration in Philadelphia against racism, inequality, and colonialism. If convicted, Ray and Mike face up to 20 years in jail.

However on Nov. 30 the police, the courts, the Baltimore city government, and the right wing with whom the repressive apparatus works hand-in-glove are in for a surprise. The Baltimore Two Defense Committee, organizing for Ray and Mike, has enlisted the support of over 50 well-known individuals and organizations nationwide. Supporters include Joann Little, Daniel and Phillip Berrigan, Jose Alberto Alvarez, First Secretary of the Puerto Rican Socialist Party, Ossie Davis, Morton and Helen Sobell, and Dennis Serrette, President of the New York Chapter of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists.

In addition, many community



Targets of police terror in Baltimore: Mike Pione [left] and Ray Ceci [right] of the Baltimore Two, and James Harrison [center] fight back against police brutality. WW photo: G. Dunkel

members here have come forward to testify as witnesses that it was Ray and Mike who were assaulted.

DEFENSE COMMITTEE CHARGES POLICE WITH REPRESSION

The working and poor people here have expressed their support for Ray and Mike and indeed, their own anger with the racist police and justice-for-the-rich, suppression-for-the-poor system in this city.

The Defense Committee has

been informed of hundreds of stories of brutality, frame-ups, and racism on the part of the Baltimore police. Among these is the case of James Harrison who was beaten unmercifully by the cops and arrested on assault charges while he peacefully sat on the step in front of his home.

For the youth of Baltimore, particularly the Black youth, this city is turning into a police state. A vicious night curfew law directed against oppressed youth has resulted in hundreds of arrests and

fines. In addition, the City Council of Baltimore is now considering a day curfew as well, prohibiting youths in the streets at all.

The people of Baltimore, saddled with growing unemployment and the ever rising cost of food and utilities, must also live in fear of being victimized by the Baltimore police.

At a street meeting held earlier this month to build support for Mike and Ray, a shipyard worker explained to a crowd of Baltimore shoppers that this growing war against the poor is in anticipation of resistance against the economic repression and layoffs. He said that Maryland's Governor Marvin Mandel, himself presently being tried for fraud, has plans to expand the prison system because he expects a growing number of prisoners due to the economic crisis.

It is because the Baltimore Two have stood up against repressive conditions that they are now on trial. As a part of the drive to build support for Mike and Ray, their Defense Committee has participated in demonstrations supporting James Harrison and protesting the vicious curfew laws here. The Committee intends to continue struggling against all repression here.

A victory for the Baltimore Two would be a victory against all police repression.

A march to protest police brutality and to free the Baltimore Two and James Harrison will take place here on Saturday, Nov. 27, at 11:30 a.m., at Cathedral and Lexington Streets, in front of the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company offices.

Come to court to support the Baltimore Two on Nov. 30 at 9:00 a.m. at the State Criminal Courthouse, Calvert and Fayette Streets, Room 464, Section II, in Baltimore.

Messages of support and donations can be sent to the Baltimore Two Defense Committee, P.O. Box 16026, Baltimore, Maryland 21218.

The Defense Committee can also be reached by phoning (301) 366-3713.

James Harrison trial in Baltimore begins Jan. 12

Build support for Black man assaulted by cops

By SHARON BLACK

BALTIMORE, Nov. 19—James Harrison didn't often sit on the front steps of his house. But this Saturday evening in September was particularly pleasant. The rush of traffic had subsided and he was enjoying the relative calm of dusk.

He hardly took note of the cop who passed him. The couple in the first floor apartment frequently quarreled and the woman often called the police to intervene.

After sitting a while, James spotted his eleven-year-old son across the street and called out to him. Almost immediately he felt an impact as he was struck on his shoulder from behind. At the same time he heard a voice shout out, "Shut up, boy."

James turned around and saw the cop he had seen passing him on the stoop standing there. James, who is Black, said, "I don't want you calling me boy, and you better have a good reason before you hit me."

The cop jumped James. And during the struggle that followed, the cop radioed for back-up support and six more cops arrived. They handcuffed James and dragged him across the concrete to the police van.

KICKED WHILE HANDCUFFED

Before they got to the wagon, one cop placed his knee in the small of James' back, forcing his body into a sitting position. The other cops began kicking him in the face and in the back.

James had already suffered from a back injury in an accident

on the job 15 years ago. In addition, he was a passenger in a bus accident. His injuries forced him onto disability.

But the cops, intent on crippling him, beat him savagely. They beat him so severely, in fact, that one neighbor later volunteered, "I've been in the army for a number of years, been to Vietnam. I've seen some pretty horrible things, but never, in all my life, have I seen a man so badly beaten as the cops beat that man."

The cops threw James into the wagon and then sprayed a can of mace right into his face. The gas caused severe burns on his face, traces of which remain two months

later.

James was taken to jail and charged with assault and refusal to obey a lawful order. Except for a brief five-minute visit from his girlfriend, James was forced to spend the entire twelve hours in jail with his hands cuffed behind his back. The cuffs were drawn so tightly that scars remain where they cut into his wrists.

Finally, James appeared the next morning in front of a court commissioner who released him on his own recognizance. The commissioner told James, "I don't know what went on between the police and you, but your face is a mess. The first thing you do is to

take care of that. I don't know, but somebody has to stand up to these police."

POLICE ON A RAMPAGE

Even the court commissioner recognized that the police have been on a rampage in Baltimore. While in jail, a police clerk told James, "If we see you in the streets, we'll shoot you."

The cop who had originally assaulted James remarked that "next time" he would kill James.

But despite the death threats, James Harrison has decided to stand up and challenge police brutality. He has made his story public through the Baltimore Chapter of the National Alliance Against Racism and Political Repression. Support from the community has been growing.

Other victims of police frameups have joined James Harrison in his effort. The Baltimore Two, Ray Ceci and Mike Pione, have joined forces with James Harrison to fight police brutality in Baltimore. The Baltimore Two Defense Committee participated in a picket line at the Central Police Station in support of James Harrison. His case was also raised in a benefit in support of the Baltimore Two.

James Harrison's trial begins Jan. 12 at Central Court, Calvert and Fayette Streets, Baltimore.

Chrysler pact ratified over strong opposition

By a Chrysler worker from UAW Local 212

DETROIT, Nov. 18—Last night Chrysler workers approved a new three-year contract. The opposition, however, was quite substantial. There were 18,862 "no" votes to only 33,555 "yes" votes among Chrysler's 51,000 production workers. The skilled trades workers, who have veto power over the contract, ratified the contract by a mere 622 votes.

In other words, despite the entire union leadership loudly urging ratification, 24,105 United Auto Worker (UAW) Chrysler workers were ready to strike for a better contract. There were several new benefits offered in the contract, most of which were also included in the Ford contract. Some of these included eight new paid days off, a \$600 cash bonus for retirees, inverse seniority options, and new vision and hearing aid plans, with the latter available to retirees as well.

Pay increases are the same as Ford—3 percent a year, plus an extra 25-35 cents for skilled trades. Chrysler workers, though, will get a retroactive paycheck to Sept. 20, while Ford workers lost a few weeks pay while on strike.

In order to prevent a repeat of the militant Ford strike, Chrysler gave up a few gains over and above what the Ford workers got. Included among these are provisions to freeze foremen's seniority and liberalized eligibility rules for Christmas holiday pay.

STRINGS ATTACHED

There are strings attached to most of the new gains. For example, the new benefits don't start until the second or third year of the contract, the bonus for the retirees will be paid for by the workers, instead of the company, and improvements in the SUB plan are only for workers with ten or more years seniority.

The major theme for the

negotiations was job security, but the UAW negotiators allowed provisions on volunteer overtime to be accepted or rejected by each local individually. In the 1973 negotiations, volunteer overtime was the major issue. Soon after the contract took effect, many Chrysler locals made deals with the company to go back to past practice, claiming volunteer overtime had too much "red tape."

The militancy of the Ford strikers and the Chrysler wild-catters and the large number of no votes against the contract should give a big boost to the GM workers in their struggles, especially for local conditions.

Despite fines, contempt charges, nurses continue strike for sick pay

By PATTIE BREY

CHICAGO, Nov. 17-Nurses at Cook County and Oak Forest hospitals here defiantly continue their strike to retain sick pay provisions and improve wages and working conditions. Some 1,000 registered nurses, members of the Illinois Nurses Association (INA), have been on strike here since Nov.

While the Cook County Health and Hospitals Governing Commission refuses to budge on their position of eliminating sick pay for nurses, the determined nurses are gathering support. On Friday, Nov. 12, some 300 doctors and

nurses marched to the office of James G. Haughton, executive director of the Governing Commission, to demand that he negotiate with the nurses and settle the strike. Resident doctors and interns are considering a strike vote in solidarity with the nurses if the governing commission refuses to negotiate.

In a strike-breaking move, Judge Walter P. Dahl has ordered 12 nurses to stand trial for contempt of court charges.

Although the Illinois Nurses Association withdrew its support last week in the face of a \$100-a-day fine imposed by Judge Dahl, the

a part of the INA, voted overwhelmingly to continue their strike until their demands were met.

NURSES REMAIN STRONG

Despite the threat of fines against individual nurses, they remain strong and united. A nurse on the picket line told this reporter, "I'd rather go to jail than go back to work for a hospital that won't pay us our sick leave.'

The nurses have been attacked by the "liberal" Sun-Times here, which condemned the sick-pay issue as "frivolous" in an editorial. In response, nurses explained that

the hospital was trying to eliminate the paid sick leave provisions they have had for twenty years in return for a measly five percent pay raise. The governing commission claims the nurses are "abusing" their sick leave, although no

documentation of such abuse has

The Governing Commission and the media, which have never shown concern for the poor of Chicago who use Cook County Hospital, are accusing the striking nurses of breaking their promise to staff special care units in an emergency. They overlook the fact that the nurses' request to verify the need for additional staff was denied and that one of the major issues of the strike is adequate

A nurse explained to Workers World that when a nurse requests more staff in a critical care unit, nurses without sufficient training are brought in from other wards, leaving these wards understaffed. So while hospital statistics show that units are sufficiently staffed, in fact there are not enough nurses

Many community organizations are supporting the nurses recognizing that a victory for the nurses will benefit all the poor of Chicago who depend on Cook County Hospital for medical care and that the right to paid sick days is one that all workers must fight

been produced.

to provide the care required.

Poor refused medical care while

\$100,000-a-year doctors abuse Medicaid

BUFFALO, Nov. 20-Millions of elderly, poor, and minority people are forced to make use of the lessthan-adequate Medicaid program. However, under the capitalist system, which puts profit above people's basic needs, this life and death medical service turns into a means to get rich quick for many doctors, dentists, and others in the health care business, who often "forget" to render health care while they bill Medicaid for their

More than 2,500 doctors and dentists received \$100,000 or more each from the Medicaid program for services supposedly to have been rendered in 1975. One doctor, who was himself supposedly operating 17 clinics in New York City, raked in a cool \$785,114 in 1975 alone—not bad for a year's work! For a doctor to make this kind of money, patients must move in and out of these clinics as quickly as if they were on an assembly line!

Amazingly enough, the government sees nothing wrong with 'providers' of medical services draining such enormous amounts from the program. In fact, the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, which handles the Medicaid program, has said that "the fact that these medical providers received the stated amounts from the Medicaid program should not be construed as evidence of wrongdoing." (!)

At the same time, in a steadily increasing attack on the welfare program as a whole, Medicaid patients and other recipients are made out to be "chiselers," "cheats," and "drains on the public pocketbook."

1,00 PERCENT CONVICTION RATE-OF THE POOR

While the government gives hundreds of thousands of dollars in the form of Medicaid fees to profithungry doctors, it also wages a campaign to intimidate and eliminate many of those needing public assistance in the guise of fighting "welfare fraud." Buffalo

Attorney Cosgrove cites "virtually a 100 percent conviction rate" in the campaign against the poor, many of whom have been charged with felonies, or federal crimes.

Apparently, it's not a crime for chiseling doctors to fraudulently collect thousands of dollars from Medicaid. Those that have been caught "abusing" the system in the Buffalo area have been asked only to pledge to return the stolen funds. In some cases "providers" have been suspended from the program, but none to date have been legally prosecuted.

Most professional chiselers are

also spared the inconvenience of having their names and addresses published in the press. While discussion of "professional abuse" is a relatively new thing, the poor who have been hauled into court here for trying to provide for their families have had their names and addresses smeared across the pages of the press for years.

In a program supposedly designed for the well-being of those in need, recipients are treated and sentenced as criminals, while "providers," making off with huge amounts of money, are seen as merely "overstepping the bounds of professional ethics.'

Thousands suffer from PBB poisoning in Michigan while state cover-up continues

DETROIT, Nov. 20-Michigan mothers have been advised by one nation's foremost toxicologists not to breast-feed, because their milk may be harmful to their babies. This expert also says he is afraid to eat the meat that Michigan residents consume every day.

Some small farmers here can no longer plow their fields standing straight. Some are hobbling around on canes because of a crippling joint disease, unable to

work at all. They and their children, some of whom were once avid athletes, are now constantly tired and listless.

Drivers with previously good records are getting five traffic tickets in one month, or accidentally driving through barn doors. Men and women in their 30s who live on farms are exhibiting symptoms usually associated with senility. Others are experiencing periods of unconsciousness, blindness, and disorientation, loss of intellectual capacity, and other symptoms of central nervous system damage.

GREATEST AGRICULTURAL DISASTER

This is the aftermath of what has been termed the greatest agricultural disaster in U.S. history-the poisoning in 1973 of thousands of tons of livestock feed with PBB (polybrominated biphenyl), a man-made chemical.

After three years of insinuations by state authorities that Michigan farmers and others who ate PBBcontaminated food were merely suffering from psychosomatic illnesses, a 35-member team of outof-state doctors, headed by toxicologist Dr. Irving Selikoff, has confirmed the worst allegations made by angry farmers and consumers across the state.

The team was finally allowed into Michigan to perform their study on 1,100 farmers and their families, despite efforts by the Michigan Farm Bureau, a powerful coalition of corporate lobbies, and the State Department of Health, to continue the gigantic cover-up that this state's small farmers have termed "Cattlegate."

Meanwhile, a recent study by the PBB Action Committee has revealed that PBB-contaminated meat continued to be sold across the state and shipped to other states for marketing. PBB Action Committee is a consumer group that is trying to get food with any level of PBB contamination banned. Current regulations allow .3 parts of PBB per million levels on the market. However, PBB builds up in body fat tissues and the liver so that people eventually end up with higher levels of PBB than was originally contained in the contaminated food.

Harold Babbett of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, has filed a \$7 million lawsuit against the state of Michigan claiming damages resulting from the PBB poisoning of his sons.

Many small farmers are still attempting to get damage claims paid for the loss of their livestock, instead of placing the diseased cattle they have left on the market. However, big agricultural interests in this state are pressuring these farmers to sell diseased animals by claiming that the level of contamination is too low for damages to be paid.

HORRIBLE EFFECT OF POISONING

In humans, PBB contamination of cattle has induced birth defects, growth retardation, chromosomal damage, sterility, bleeding ulcers, and cancer. Indications are that other effects of PBB poisoning may still be in the making.

The PBB contamination took place in the warehouses of the Michigan Chemical Company in 1973, when the fire-retardant chemical was added to tons of animal feed instead of a nutrient chemical. The "accident" was finally exposed over a year later, despite efforts by the State Department of Health to ignore the already apparent effects.

At that time, two workers at the Chemical Company came forward to state they had noticed the mixup while the feed was still in the warehouse and had informed their foreman about it. The foreman told them to keep quiet. The two were also hushed-up by their employers. Their story has since been conveniently forgotten in the otherwise extensive press coverage of the PBB controversy.

Corporate farmers here have used the PBB poisoning to their advantage. The 1974 slaughter of millions of PBB-contaminated cattle, chickens, and pigs across this state, and the destruction of PBB-contaminated food, conveniently coincided with the destruction of large parts of the nation's food supplies by giant agribusiness corporations, to drive up food prices.

The financial disaster visited on thousands of the state's small farmers because of the PBB contamination has further facilitated the increasing monopolization of the farm industry in Michigan and the increased concentration of farm revenues in fewer and fewer hands.

But then, as long as the profits are good, who worries that the health and livelihoods of thousands of people across Michigan have been destroyed, and that the health of the entire state is in jeopardy? Certainly the agricultural corporations which dominate much of this state do not.



In humans, PBB contamination has induced birth defects, growth retardation, chromosomal damage, sterility, bleeding ulcers, and cancer. Here, members of a family exposed to PBBs await testing.

Maryland community hits racist violence

By ELEANA MORGAN

SEABROOK, Md., Nov. 19-Prince Georges County, located in Maryland near the District of Columbia, has a long, long history of racism. Black people have been forced to deal with the racism of the police and white gangs that the police let run wild. However, on Nov. 13, members of the community of Seabrook, located in Prince Georges County, agreed to set up safety squads to protect themselves from racist attacks.

One afternoon in late September three white men forced their way into the home of Mrs. Shirley Bussie here after following her daughter and two nieces home. These racists tore off the front door, entered the house, then turned over the living room furniture. They tore the kitchen phone off the wall and threw a large potted plant down a flight of stairs. The damage in the living room was so bad that parts of the floor had to be repaired. Mrs. Bussie's mother, who was home at the time, describes the attack as "15 minutes of terror."

When a cop investigated Mrs. Bussie's complaint he insultingly told her that he didn't even want to be there!

COMMUNITY MEETING CALLED

The Seabrook community responded by calling an open meeting on Oct. 13 in the First Baptist Church of Seabrook to discuss the attack on Mrs. Bussie's home and other attacks against Black members of this community, half the population of which is Black. Present at the meeting were 75 members of the community, two local TV stations, members of several unions, and members of the Center for United Labor Action (a national labor organization active in the fight against racism).

Also present were representatives from the Human Relations Office, and uniformed police, even the chief of police!

While people had come to discuss what could be done about racist attacks, the police had come to present a good image of themselves. They insisted on describing the attack on Mrs. Bussie's home as an "isolated incident."

Shortly after the community meeting, the First Baptist Church of Seabrook was vandalized. The police have used this attack on the church as an excuse to further harass Black people here. Their answer to the vandalism was to set up a radar system in the community and keep a watch on the Black people.

POLICE INVITE THEMSELVES

There have been several other meetings to discuss the problems of attacks against Black members of the Seabrook community. Police in uniform have invited themselves to these meetings, hoping to intimidate community members so they will not discuss the problems of racism.

However, on Nov. 13, it was decided to hold a closed meeting in the home of Mrs. Bussie where only the community and members of the Center for United Labor Action were invited. It was at this meeting that community members decided to set up safety squads to be assembled via a telephone chain to protect themselves from racist

Racist attacks have occurred not only in Seabrook, but in communities all across Prince Georges County. Anti-racists here as well as in Boston, Chicago, New York, and Baltimore have learned that the only way to prevent racist attacks is for the progressive people to organize against them.



On Dec. 14, 1974, some 30,000 march against racist violence in Boston. Across the country, antiracists have recognized the need to organize themselves in opposition to the forces of bigotry.

Published in exile

MIR bulletin analyzes Chile coup

Special to Workers World NEW YORK, Nov. 19-During the period of the Popular Unity government in Chile, the Movement of the Revolutionary Left (MIR) warned the Chilean people of the consequences of reformism. In its document Chile: the MIR and the Tasks of the Resistance, the MIR analyzes the September 1973 coup and concludes: "The political line that failed in Chile and was defeated, was that of reformism, which led the mass movement into a catastrophe. The reformist illusion, of transforming the structures of a country and making a revolution with the consent and passivity of the ruling classes, was destroyed."

After the coup, the MIR decided to remain in Chile to reorganize the mass movement, to organize the Popular Resistance Movement to overthrow the dictatorship, and

lead the revolutionary forces towards victory.

Since June 1974, the MIR has been publishing the Correo de la Resistencia in Spanish and, since May 1975, the Chilean Resistance Courier in English. Both publications, available in the United States, are the official bulletin of the MIR outside of Chile. Their content includes news from the underground resistance in Chile, political and economical analysis of Chile, Latin America, and the world, theoretical contributions to some of the most vital issues in today's revolutionary struggle, and Party documents. It is an essential study tool for all progressive and revolutionary individuals and organizations.

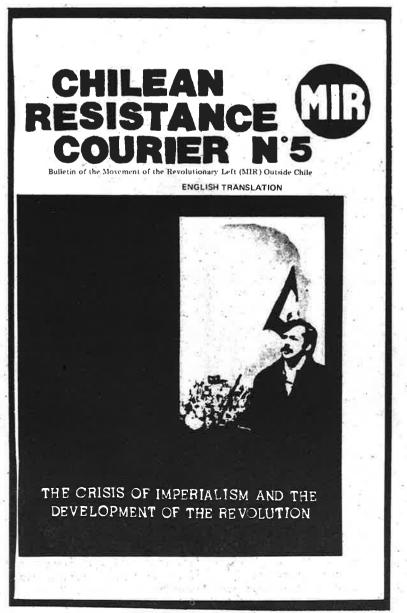
RECENT DEVELOPMENTS ANALYZED

"The Crisis of Imperialism and Development of Revolution" is the subtitle to the latest issue of the Chilean Resistance Courier (No. 5, October 1976). The most recent developments inside Chile, changes within the dictatorship, the role of Chile in the Andean Pact, and imperialism are analyzed in depth. An interview with Andres Pascal Allende explains the situation of the left and the Popular Resistance Movement in Chile; a speech by Nelson Gutierrez emphasizes the international importance of the Chilean struggle and the development of an active internationalist solidarity movement. The task of building a rearguard of the Resistance is the central concept expounded in the editorial.

The international scene is well covered in this issue. Latest news and developments in the Southern Cone of Latin America, Cuba, southern Africa, Palestine, and the Saharan Republic are explained and discussed. A special analysis is dedicated to the role of social democracy in Europe and Latin America as a cushion to the blows suffered by U.S. imperialism hroughout the world

The internationalist character of this number and the analysis included in it make it indispensable for all of those interested in the Latin American and World Revolution.

The Chilean Resistance Courier and Correo de la Resistencia are available from Resistance Publications-W.W. (P.O. Box 116. Oakland, CA 94604). Subscriptions are \$10.00 per year and single copies can be bought for \$1.50. Other MIR publications, such as The MIR and the Tasks of the Resistance, are also available. Write to Resistance Publications for a complete catalogue.



U.S.-backed fascist junta leaves Chilean masses in dire poverty consumed 20 percent less wheat

NEW YORK, Nov. 19-Harsh economic conditions imposed on the Chilean people by U.S. imperialism after the overthrow of the Allende government have lowered the people's consumption of basic foods to near starvation levels, a recent report from Chile reveals.

Since the U.S.-backed military coup in September 1973, the junta's own figures show a drastic reduction in food consumption, according to the Chilean Catholic magazine Mensaje.

In 1975 the Chilean people

reestablish through its sponsorship of the junta takeover is directly responsible for the near-starvation diet, the soaring prices, unemployment. fascistic and

products, 19 percent less rice, 22

percent less sugar, 50 percent

less oil, and 20 percent fewer

vegetables than in 1972 before

imperialism was able to

The stranglehold that U.S.

the military coup.

political repression that are victimizing the Chilean workers and peasants.

Under pressure from the U.S.

Britain threatens to deport Philip Agee

By DEIRDRE GRISWOLD

NEW YORK, Nov. 22— Direct pressure from the U.S. government is seen as responsible for Britain's recent decision to deport former CIA officer Philip Agee.

While the government denies the existence of such pressure, the deportation moves against Agee and against an American journalist in England, Mark Hosenball, come at a time when Britain is particularly vulnerable economic threats. "IMF (International Monetary Fund) loans for England are coming up-so pressure could easily have been applied," commented Winslow Peck of Counterspy magazine on the case. Agee is an associate editor of Counterspy, and Peck himself was deported from England several months ago.

Agee's first book on the agency, CIA Diary—Inside the Company, revealed detailed information on its Latin American operations and its promotion of right-wing and counter-revolutionary groups.

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Unlike liberal critics of the CIA, Agee went further and accused the agency of being the political police of U.S. capitalism, showing how it exists to serve the interests of the giant corporations at the expense of the exploited and oppressed in the underdeveloped countries.

Agee himself feels that a forthcoming second book on the CIA, scheduled to be published by Penguin, is largely responsible for the deportation order. "I think the real reason is that the American government wants to stop my second book with Penguin," he told CBS News. In reference to the charge that he was a "threat to British security," Agee replied, "I've never known about the British security services or their people or their operations or anything that could possibly endanger British security.'

Mark Hosenball has also been a target of CIA ire since he published a list of CIA agents in Britain in the London weekly Time Out. Presently a writer for the London Evening Standard, Hosenball has

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been supported by the National Union of Journalists. The National Council for Civil Liberties has also denounced the threatened deportation of the two.

However, under British law there is no appeal to a deportation order. They can only protest the action, without a lawyer, before a government-selected advisory panel.

"SOME KIND OF A POLITICAL DEAL"

Attorney Mel Wulf of the American Civil Liberties Union has handled Agee's legal battles in the U.S. "There is no doubt in my mind or Agee's that the U.S. is behind it," says Wulf. "They've wanted to do it for a long time. But now, in some way there's a junction of purpose between the CIA and London. There's been some kind of a political deal."

If so, it's not the first time that a so-called Labor government has capitulated to U.S. pressure—and set loose a storm of protest at home. In June 1967, Prime

Minister Harold Wilson announced his endorsement of the U.S. war in Vietnam on the same Washington trip in which he secured a sizable loan for the ailing British economy.

But the present move to deport Agee and Hosenball may stir up a storm that the CIA does not anticipate. After months of exposures of illegal CIA activities, during which time nothing has actually been done to curb the agency's powers, this case draws attention to the fact that the CIA is operating as usual, and may serve as the focus for a genuine struggle against the secret police agency.

"It strikes me as a paradox," remarked Mel Wulf, "that Philip Agee—one of a handful of people who have informed the world about the illegal activities of the CIA—is being imprisoned in the United States, while all the criminals of the CIA are home-free."

Such a paradox deserves to be resolved—by a massive and energetic campaign to defend the targets of CIA persecution.



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Atlantans

By ELEANOR RIGGS ATLANTA, Nov. 17—The reception marking the opening of a south Korean trade consulate here was picketed this evening by 30

Meeting to mark E. Timor's first anniversary

By SHARON AYLING

NEW YORK, Nov. 22—"A Salute to East Timor's Heroic Resistance" will be held here on Friday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m., to commemorate the first anniversary of independence for this former Portuguese colony, and to protest Indonesia's invasion of East Timor.

The event, sponsored by the East

Timor Defense Committee, will take place in Horace Mann Auditorium, at Columbia Teachers College. Two films will be shown, Island of Fear, Island of Hope, a new documentary on the struggle in East Timor, and More Than a Million Years, a film concerning the 100,000 political prisoners in Indonesia.

One year ago, on Nov. 28, the people of this Southeast Asian nation won their independence, and established the Democratic Republic of East Timor. Fewer than ten days later, the fascist regime in Indonesia invaded. The Indonesian junta feared that a popular progressive government in East Timor would inspire the oppressed Indonesian people to overthrow the dictatorship in Jakarta.

Tens of thousands of civilians have been murdered by the same generals who led the massacre of over 500,000 Indonesian people a decade ago in a CIA-engineered military coup. Virtually all the warships, tanks, napalm, and crop defoliants used by the 40,000 troops in this war of aggression are supplied by the U.S. government.

For a year now, the East Timorese people, led by FRETILIN (the Revolutionary Front for an Independent East Timor), have been resisting the Indonesian invasion. The liberation fighters still control 85 percent of the territory and are continuing a valiant struggle to retain their freedom.

This evening in solidarity with the East Timorese people is cosponsored by many progressive organizations and individuals, some of which include the **Association of Vietnamese Patriots** in the U.S., International Indian Treaty Council, KARABO (a group of South African residents in the U.S.), Pan African Students Organization in the Americas, Puerto Rican Socialist Party, TAPOL-U.S. Campaign for the Release of Indonesian Political Prisoners, and Youth Against War & Fascism. For more information, call (212) 255-0352.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF

AUSTRALIA

Timor Sea

West Germany

5,000 demonstrators occupy nuclear site

In the marshlands of the lower Elbe river, in the vicinity of Brokdorf, West Germany, there is a 75-acre plot of land that has fortifications worthy of a medieval castle. The land is surrounded by a concrete wall ten feet high, topped with coils of barbed wire. There is a ten-foot-wide moat filled with water and patrolled by police and attack dogs. The entire site is defended by 600 private guards.

Not an enclave on the East-West German border, not the home of the government's gold reserves, nor a top secret missile launching site, the 75 acres at Brokdorf is the site of West Germany's newest nuclear power plant on which construction has just begun

On Oct.31, only a few days before these elaborate defenses were completed, more than a thousand West Germans stormed onto the site, the advance guard of 5,000 demonstrators who had assembled in the marshes to protest the building of the nuclear plant. Local supporters provided ground cloths, blankets, food, and coffee for the occupiers.

That night, with the area shrouded in darkness, police attacked the demonstrators with truncheons, water cannon, and a "relatively new and particularly effective kind of tear gas." Fifty-two protesters were arrested, and many people were injured. Construction resumed at the site, but the demonstrations have continued also.

Mass opposition to atomic power plants has tremendous public support. In February of last year, 8,000 demonstrators joined by wine growers from Alsace and Kaiserstuhl broke through a police line around an atomic power station on the upper Rhine river at Wyhl in Baden-Wurttenberg. The site remained occupied for months by demonstrators who eventually withdrew when they won an injunction against the construction of the plant.

This injunction was overturned by a higher court

but the state government in Stuttgart agreed not to resume construction because of the massive opposition.

Portugal

U.S. loans \$300 million to Soares

In a move designed, in the words of Henry Kissinger, to "strongly support the democratic government that is now in Portugal and the democratic system that has been established there," the U.S. has granted an emergency loan of \$300 million to the social democratic regime of Mario Soares and is seeking Congressional approval for another loan of \$1.5 billion

What this means, in plain words, is that the U.S. has found in the Soares regime a reliable flunky for U.S. interests in Portugal. It doesn't mean there's "democracy" there. In fact, virtually all of the secret police-torturers of the fascist Salazar-Caetano regimes have been released from jail after their imprisonment in the first revolutionary upsurge following Caetano's overthrow. Soares has promised his U.S. bosses he will keep the Portuguese workers in line and he has allayed U.S. fears about the possibility of more "disorder" there.

This U.S. move to strengthen the economy comes after the jailing of popular figures like Otelo Carvalho for opposing the Soares regime, and after the overturning of such truly democratic measures as peasant seizures of the land.

The "generosity" of Washington should come as no surprise to poor and working people here, where the impoverished and unemployed must stand in line for a pittance to survive and where the government refuses aid to New York City on the grounds that working people are "living beyond their means." These moves are part of a longstanding global program on the part of the U.S. rulers to keep the rich rich and the poor and working people poor and "in their place," under the thumb of the ruling class.



A demonstration at the opening of support of the reactionary Pok regin

howered with money and gifts as bribes to support the south Korean reunification. In the south [top], poor children are forced to shine shoes in the north [bottom], children learn and play in well-equipped, well-Photo: LNS



Campaign mounts vs. south Korean agents; Is Washington preparing to dump Pak?

By BARBARA TEEL

NEW YORK, Nov. 20-The continuing inquiry into the so-called ''Korea lobby'' has exposed a widereaching network of influencebuying that involves members of Congress, governors, cabinet members, and people closely connected with the Ford administration.

More than 90 members of Congress have accepted money and gifts in return for supporting millions of dollars of aid to the fascist Pak Jung Hi regime and the continued presence of 42,000 U.S. troops in south Korea. In the last 22 months, 64 members of Congress have visited Seoul, some of them twice, where they were wined, dined, and showered with expensive gifts and entertainment. On their departure, many were given envelopes containing a wad of hundred-dollar bills.

The money for bribing these U.S. officials originated Washington and from American corporations before being laundered through banks in Switzerland and the Bahamas and returning to this country.

It was recently revealed that the Ford administration knew of these activities from the beginning but did nothing to stop them because the Pak Jung Hi regime was considered to be a valuable "ally." The CIA and the National Security Agency are reportedly at odds with Justice Department investigation.

GULF'S ROLE.

Not long ago, news broke of Gulf Oil's contribution of \$4 million to south Korea's ruling Democratic Republican party-\$1 million in 1966 and \$3 million in 1970. The \$3 million was sent to a bank in Switzerland, but never appeared in Korea. Kim Sung Kon, the south

Korean politician who handled the transaction, died a few months before the Gulf overseas payments were made public, allegedly of a stroke. Because he is dead, south Korean officials have said there is no way to clear up the "mystery" of where the money went.

Tong Sun Park was the most well known of a ring of south Korean agents who dispensed between \$500,000 and \$1 million a year since 1970 in cash, gifts, and campaign contributions to members of the U.S. Congress and other officials. Park is the Korean representative for Gulf Oil, a position which he brags brings him \$1 million a month in commissions. Through the aid of Representative Richard Hanna, Park established an export-import business which deals in federally subsidized rice under the "Food for Peace" program. Park makes \$5 million a year in commissions on these rice deals. He is also reported to receive funds directly from the KCIA through his bank account in the Bahamas.

Large amounts of money have come from the Korean Cultural and Freedom Foundation, which is connected with the reactionary Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church. Over \$1 million in funds raised for "charitable" purposes was just transferred from the foundation's Washington bank to Seoul.

Radio Free Asia, also controlled by the foundation, has been exposed as channeling large amounts of money into the bribery campaign. A strongly worded fundraising letter for Radio Free Asia was sent out by none other than Sen. Robert T. Dole in 1970.

Two central figures in the scandal, businessman Tong Sun

Park and Bo Hi Pak, chief aide to Sun Myung Moon, controlled nearly half the stock in the Diplomat National Bank in Washington, D.C., when it opened last December. Columnist Jack Anderson, one of the bank's original directors, reportedly tried to stifle the Congressional investigation into the influencebuying scheme.

DIRECTED FROM THE TOP

The Pak Jung Hi regime is directly involved in the operation. It has now been reported in the U.S. press that there was a 1970 meeting at the "Blue House" presidential mansion in Seoul, where Pak Jung Hi, Tong Sun Park, Bo Hi Pak, and officials of the KCIA discussed the campaign.

Many millions of dollars have also been siphoned off from lucrative U.S. Army contracts. The scheme works like this: a businessmen's association obtains advance notice of upcoming contracts, and corporations agree among themselves what the lowest bid will be-which is often 20 times the actual cost. That the army condones this activity is shown by the total blackout of any news of the bribery scandal over the U.S. Armed Forces radio station in Korea.

The facts about corruption in both the south Korean regime and the U.S. Congress are not new. They have been known but covered up by the highest authorities for years. The current investigation and press campaign raise serious questions: Has Pak Jung Hi outlived his usefulness to his U.S. imperialist masters? Are new, less notorious puppets now being readied in the wings?

ns picket south Korean consulate

demonstrators, protesting the repressive and brutal Pak Jung Hi

The establishment of the trade consulate is the work of the

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governor of the state, George Busby, who has traveled extensively drumming up business for Georgia's corporations and banks. Governor Busby,

proponent of crippling cuts in welfare and other services to the poor in Georgia, apparently feels no shame in doing business with the notorious Pak government of south Korea, known world-wide for its policies of terror and

The recent revelations of bribery and corruption in the U.S. Congress by the Korean CIA as well as the starvation wages paid to Korean workers by U.S. corporations in their runaway shops were denounced by the protestors' chants and signs.

The U.S. Out of Korea newsletter, published by Youth Against War & Fascism, was also handed out and was well received by passersby.

The keen anti-war sentiment of the vast majority of people in the U.S. to another war of imperialist aggression was shown by the numbers of bystanders who joined the picket line, including a group of Black nurses, a Vietnam war veteran, and an unemployed youth who commented that "if there was a war in Korea, it would be people like me who'd go and fight and die. It'd be better to put the money for jobs. That's what I need.'

The demonstration was called by Workers World Party as part of a national campaign to demand immediate withdrawal of U.S. troops and installations from south Korea and an end to any aid to the corrupt south Korean dictatorship.

DPRK hails Angola Rodong Sinmun, the daily paper of independence.

the Workers Party of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, dedicated an article to the People's Republic of Angola on the occasion if its first anniversary after independence. The following are excerpts from this article.

PYONGYANG, Nov. 11-The independence of Angola and the founding of the People's Republic of Angola were the brilliant fruition of the heroic armed struggle of the Angolan people and an important event which opened a broad avenue for the Angolan people to build a new life.

They also constituted a great contribution to the national liberation struggle of the peoples of southern Africa, the struggle of the peoples of the African continent for the complete continent and the anti-imperialist revolutionary cause of the peoples of the countries of the newemerging forces.

The victory won by the Angolan people in the national liberation struggle proved again the truth that if a people firmly believe in their own strength and resolutely fight with arms in hand, not fearing sacrifices, against foreign occupationists, they can expel the enemy and achieve freedom and liberation.

Since the independence the Angolan people have vigorously advanced towards socialism under the correct leadership of President Agostinho Neto, holding high the banner of anti-imperialism and

Our people rejoice as over their own over the big successes made by the friendly Angelan people in the building of a new society since independence and warmly hail

The friendly and cooperative relations forged between the Korean and the Angolan people in the anti-imperialist common struggle are excellently developing as the days go by.

Our people express full support and firm solidarity for the Angolan people in the struggle to build a new society and a new life, smashing the aggressive and subversive manoeuvres and sabotages of the imperialists and their stooges.

The Angolan people actively support and encourage cause of our people struggling to drive the U.S. imperialist aggression army out of south Korea and achieve the inand peaceful dependence reunification of the country.

The Korean people will continue to fight firmly joining hands with the Angolan people for the victory of the common cause of antiimperialism and independence.

Believing that the friendly and cooperative relations between the people of Korea and Angola will grow stronger and develop, our people sincerely wish the Angolan people greater success in their struggle for building a new prospering and developing Angola.



pening of a south Korean trade consulate in Atlanta protests U.S. Pak regime. WW photo: Tom Gardner



Quebec and the U.S.

It is common knowledge that the United States government is a great advocate of national "independence" and "the right to separate" for all the nations of Eastern Europe, for the Ukraine, for Tibet, and for Taiwan. Constant demonstrations are organized in the U.S. for the so-called captive nations, demonstrations that proclaim support for human rights as a cover for their real aim: the dismemberment of the socialist countries.

The story is altogether different for those nations under the heel of U.S. imperialism. The rich ruling class here has shown no enthusiasm for the strong popular vote cast in Quebec last week for independence, even though the Parti Quebecois that was brought to office is bourgeois and reformist. No, the U.S. government has appeared terrified by this exercise in selfdetermination at the polls, fearful that the people of Quebec, particularly the working class, will take destiny in their own hands and eventually overthrow the ruling Canadian and U.S. capitalist interests. This can be seen, by the flight of U.S.-Canadian capital out of Quebec to Ontario, New York, and

The capitalist press here is dropping broad hints to Prime Minister Trudeau suggesting he call an all-Canada referendum on the question of Quebec independence. This is absurd, comparable to asking the population of the U.S. to determine if Puerto Rico should be free, an issue which only Puerto Ricans have a right to decide.

Even a referendum held in Quebec itself would not be valid if conducted in an anti-French witchhunt atmosphere of sabotage, intimidation, and coercion promoted by the U.S. and Canada. Many people in Quebec remember that during their freedom struggle in 1970, Nixon ordered a U.S. airborne division put on alert for possible use in "the province" to bolster the Canadian army if needed.

It is also noteworthy that although the rulers of the United States condemn a free Quebec as a threat to "dismantle" Canada, they have no respect for Canadian sovereignty them-

Editorializing on the effect of the Parti Quebecois victory, the New York Times of Nov. 17 predicted, "All the regions of Canada will begin to look in other directions for their own salvation. The Western provinces will be tempted by the United States."

What the Times meant, of course, is that the United States will

be tempted by the Western provinces.

But whatever U.S. imperialist schemes may be, Quebec retains the right of self-determination, including the right of separation. Even separation, however, will not automatically bring Quebec independence from finance capital. Whether the people choose federation with Canada or separation, full liberation from the oppressors can be guaranteed only by a socialist Quebec.

Question for Sadlowski

Ed Sadlowski, leader of the Fight Back slate that is trying to unseat the entrenched bureaucracy of the United Steelworkers of America, has called on the Labor Department to step in and give "full and complete supervision" in the upcoming election for union president. In a telegram to Secretary of Labor W.J. Usery, Jr., Sadlowski said this week, "Nothing short of full Labor Department oversight will guarantee the rights of 1.4 million steelworkers to choose their leaders in a democratic, honest

The capitalist government has a history of intervening in the labor movement-but always ultimately at the expense of the workers. Best known is the role of the courts in handing down injunctions, fines, and jail sentences against unions and their members on strike. The federal government has intervened against the workers in every major economic crisis of capitalism, especially in periods of labor militancy when the vas able to force concessions out of individual employers. Then the government has stepped in as the instrument of the collective ruling class, using its power to enforce wage freezes, no-strike pledges, and compulsory arbitration.

Of course, Sadlowski is not asking for any of these things. The intention of the Fight Back slate is to get help from outside against stuffed ballot boxes, intimidation of their supporters, etc.

But is this the only way to do it? Will the government really come to the help of a rank-and-file movement that is pledged to fighting the steel bosses harder? Or will the Labor Department just use this opening to get some leverage with the Fight Back movement—to the ultimate detriment of the workers' interests?

Can't a better way be found to fight the class-collaborationist bureaucracy of the steelworkers' union: one in which the power of the rank-and-file themselves is called into play so that any gains made by the Fight Back slate will be the property of the workers, and the workers alone?

WORKERS PROFITS WAGES "Thank you for the highest profits in Corporate history, a record Military budget, another President we can lead by the nose, and last but not least.... the land we stole from the Indians"

In UN Security Council

U.S.-China bloc on Angola vote

By DEIRDRE GRISWOLD NEW YORK, Nov. 23-The People's Republic of Angola moved closer to becoming a member of the United Nations yesterday when the Security Council voted 13 to 0 to recommend its application for membership to the General Assembly.

Angola became an independent country just over a year ago, when it finally forced the Portuguese colonialists to formally withdraw. A rich country kept impoverished throughout four centuries of colonial domination, Angola achieved its freedom through a long guerrilla war in which Portugal was backed by U.S. imperialism.

The United States predictably abstained on the question of Angola's UN membership. People's China did not participate in the vote. This position taken by China's leaders put them objectively in a bloc with U.S. imperialism against the national liberation movements in general, and against a socialist government in particular.

Earlier this year, when Angola first applied for UN membership, the U.S. vetoed its application in the Security Council. This time, U.S. delegate William Scranton cited the wishes of "African friends" of the U.S. as responsible for his abstention.

However, it is more realistic to say that Washington is in mortal fear of the growing revolutionary trend in southern Africa, particularly in Zimbabwe, Namibia, and Azania (Rhodesia, South West Airica, and South Airica), and has adopted what appears to be a conciliatory diplomatic stance while all the time strengthening militarily and economically the white settler regimes that are conduits for the interests of the U.S. multi-national corporations.

The hostility of People's China to the new socialist government in Angola has been spurred on by U.S. imperialism, and is only partly in response to Angola's close cooperation with the Soviet Union and reliance on Soviet aid. The Socialist republic of Vietnam. which also applied for UN membership this month, and which also has received much Soviet aid in its struggle against U.S. imperialism,

had the diplomatic support of China in the Security Council.

THE GREAT "HUMANITARIAN"

Vietnam's admission was blocked by a U.S. veto-the only country to vote against the newly unified Socialist Republic of Vietnam. In a statement monumental for its cynicism, Ambassador Scranton claimed his veto was based on Vietnam's lack of "humanitarianism" for not having supplied the U.S. with an accounting of all the U.S. military personnel missing in action.

As speaker after speaker pointed out in rebuttal, this issue had nothing whatsoever to do with the criteria of UN membership, and besides, what about the tens of thousands if not millions of Vietnamese missing in the long war of aggression carried out by U.S. imperialism?

Dinh Ba Thi, the Permanent Observer of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, answered Scranton's invocation of "humanitarian considerations" by asking if the U.S. conscience was troubled by the Vietnamese missing-in-action, by the hundreds killed by U.S. mines since the troops left, or by the prostitutes, the orphans, and the jobless, all the "direct victims of American neocolonialism."

Behind the cynical and transparently vindictive stand taken by the U.S. government is the fact that it is blocking Vietnam's access to assets that have been frozen because of the war, and is also stalling on the question of paying the reparations agreed to by Kissinger which are so sorely needed to rebuild the battered Vietnamese economy and provide long-overdue health care to the victims of the war.



Judge sides with rich bondholders against city's poor

Court plunges NYC into new debt crisis

By ANDY STAPP
NEW YORK, Nov. 23—Last
Saturday's decision by the State
Court of Appeals ordering debtridden New York City to hand over
more than \$1 billion to the holders
of municipal short-term notes

underscores once again how the courts consistently side with the rich and protect their interests at the expense of the rest of society.

The New York City crisis, which is just one of the more acute expressions of the worldwide

Face Value of Bonds Sold (in thousands of dollars)

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Above chart shows huge amounts of city securities dumped by the banks in May and June, 1975. By secretly saturating the market, these banks made it impossible for New York City to borrow money and thus caused layoffs and service cuts. capitalist slump, has now dragged on for two years. Union contracts have been arbitrarily scrapped by the city government and over 40,000 municipal workers fired. The courts said this was legal.

However, legislation mandating at least a bare minimum of spending for public education was overturned by court order-so more and deeper cuts could be made. The city treasury defaulted on millions of dollars in paychecks owed to employees in the city college system-and the courts gave their stamp of approval. Mayor Abraham Beame and the City Council surrendered their power over municipal finances to a banker-dominated junta, the Municipal Assistance Corporation (MAC), and the courts didn't lift a finger.

In short, these well-provided-for judges have been deaf, dumb, and blind when it comes to enforcing payment of workers' wages, upholding union contracts, or securing the well-being of the community in general.

Their decision of Nov. 20, however, shows that they are not without a heart—where the bankers are concerned. For it is the big financial institutions that possess \$800 million of the short-term notes which the judges have ordered the city to pay off.

With Carter in the White House, there is some expectation that a certain amount of money might be coming to New York City from Washington, and the bankers are eager to be first in line with their hands out. Of course, it would be politically unfeasible for an elected official like Mayor Beame, who is already roundly hated for his subservience to business interests, to shovel out millions in cash to

wealthy individual note holders and banks. So the Court of Appeals took the mayor off the hook by "ordering" him to do it.

What does this reactionary ruling hold for the poor and working people of New York City who have already sacrificed so much in fire protection, daycare and senior citizen's centers, hospital treatment, free tuition, transit hikes, library and park maintenance, public sanitation, and other essential services?

The New York Times of Nov. 20 observed with satisfaction that "any directive by the Court of Appeals to order payment of any noteholders in the next year and a half would mean that the city would have to find the money by making further budget cuts."

BANKERS TRIGGERED CRISIS

The whole maneuver becomes particularly unsavory when one realizes that these same banks which today get special favors from the courts were responsible for triggering the city crisis back in the spring of 1975.

Currently the Commerce, Consumer and Monetary Affairs Subcommittee of the U.S. Congress is investigating ten banks, the National Bank of North America, Bank of New York, Marine Midland, Irving Trust, Bankers Trust, Chemical Bank, Manufacturers Hanover, Morgan Guaranty Trust, Citibank, and Chase Manhattan for secretly ''dumping'' \$2.3, billion in municipal securities between October 1974 and March 1975. Another committee looking into this scandal, the New York State Office of Legislative Oversight and Analysis (OLOA), has uncovered massive evidence that the banks not only deliberately crashed the

market in city securities, but later used the chaos they had created to demand that the Governor give them even greater political and economic power (through control of MAC and the Emergency Financial Control Board) "to meet the emergency" and "restore investor confidence."

CREATED PANIC AND PROFITED FROM IT

As William Haddad, head of the OLOA put it last July 7, "Chase unloaded \$2 billion of paper they knew was going bad without telling their customers. They not only created the panic, but profited from it."

And in a savage twist of the knife, MAC and the EFCB compelled the weak-kneed trade union leaders to invest many hundreds of millions of dollars in the very same securities that the banks were frantically unloading as worthless. Now a study prepared by the Congressional Subcommittee of Labor Standards finds, "The (union) pension systems are committed to purchasing \$1.5 billion of city bonds in the current fiscal year as part of the city's financial arrangements."

("About 25 percent of the assets of the retirement funds are now invested in city and Big Mac securities and the current commitments would raise the level to 50 percent.

"Neither of these two investments offer the plans and especially their retirees anything but unconscionably high risk of loss."

That's capitalism: using the pensions of elderly workers in a wild gamble to bail out the greedy bankers and other rich parasites.

GOVERNMENT SERVES THE RICH

Poor and working people should place no confidence in Congress or the State Legislature to correct these abuses. Official investigations exposing the criminal nature of big business corruption are as old as capitalist rule itself. How can the state and national politicians end these practices when they themselves are tied by a thousand strings to the superrich—to the corporate moguls who call the shots? Isn't that why,

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NYC schools have lowest percentage of minority teachers

Study shows Board of Education to be racist and sexist

By JAY STEVENS

NEW YORK, Oct. 20—The New York City Board of Education will lose \$200 million in federal funds if it fails to deliver in 90 days an interim plan to reverse certain racist and sexist hiring and promotional practices.

The decision was announced along with the results of a two-anda-half-year study released on Oct. 9 by the Office of Civil Rights of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. The study attacked the licensing examination system of the New York City Board of Examiners. The tests were found to discriminate against Black and Latin applicants.

Other items cited in the HEW report were:

—Minority applicants were most frequently assigned to minority schools.

-Women have been systematically denied access to positions as principals and assistant principals?
-Women athletic coaches are

paid less than men.

—Women teachers have been denied seniority rights because of past maternity leave practices.

New York City schools have the lowest percentage of minority teachers of any major city in the U.S. While the pupil population is 70 percent Black, Latin, and Asian, less than 10 percent of the teachers come from those groups. Community opposition to many of the

practices mentioned in the report has been frequent and vocal.

PARENTS WARY

But while parents and others long involved in the struggles to rectify these conditions welcome the report, many look with suspicion on the motives and intentions behind the HEW defunding threat.

The study adds support to longstanding community efforts to abolish the Board of Examiners, and to substitute the New York State certification process used in the vast majority of school districts in the state. Parents have pointed out that the Board of Examiners' tests have been proven discriminatory against Black and Latin applicants while they fail to discriminate between potentially good teachers and poor ones.

Since these facts have long been widely known, parents are asking themselves why the report has been issued at this particular time, a time when the school system has been severely crippled by cutbacks of staff and services. "Why," a parent asked at a recent meeting of a Community School Board in Manhattan, "did HEW wait until the schools were no longer hiring to demand correction of the hiring process?"

Wary parents and school workers wonder if HEW is demanding compliance at this time as part of a general attempt by the federal government to deny funds to New York City, or if the timing was designed to permit a change of hiring policy at a time when such policy could not be implemented, thereby changing nothing in reality.

The ruling comes at a time when the New York State Board of Regents has ousted liberal, prointegration State Commissioner of Education Ewald Nyquist. Under these conditions, it will take vigilant, militant action by the people of New York to insure that the conditions cited in the HEW report are changed for the better.

Conference fails to reflect internationalism

By ROBERT DOBROW

NEW YORK, Nov. 20—A national conference on the "International Situation, War, Revolution, and the Internationalist Tasks of the American People" met here today, drawing many participants from across the country.

The meeting was purportedly organized to discuss the world situation, and was attended mainly by those who have followed the political line of the Chinese Communist Party and consider themselves "Maoist." But to the surprise of observers, there was absolutely no discussion at any point during the day on the current situation in the People's Republic of China.

Evidently conference organizers did not think that such a world-shaking event as the recent purges and campaign against Chiang Ching, Yao Wen-yuan, Chang Chun-chiao, and Wang Hung-wen—the closest collaborators of Chairman Mao since the days of

the Cultural Revolution—warranted discussion.

Today's conference was mainly organized and attended by the Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP, formerly the Revolutionary Union) in order to "debate" different "crends" in the communist movement. The majority of the presentations in the plenums and workshops were from those who adhere to the position that the USSR is an "imperialist" country, threatening war and aggression. Most of the debate was centered mainly on the narrow differences between the RCP and William Hinton, chairman of the U.S.-China People's Friendship Association. The former argued that the Soviet Union is "just as bad" as U.S. imperialism, while Hinton claimed that the USSR is the "main enemy.'

Hinton called for a "united front against Soviet imperialism." His line is a virtual call to radicals here to become recruiting sergeants in any imperialist war against the USSR. Unfortunately, this is the logical extension of the position that the USSR is a rising imperialist state.

Nothing was said today of the steady material gains of the Soviet and East European working class. Nor was there any discussion of the progressive material and political assistance given by the USSR to Angola, Cuba, Vietnam, and elsewhere.

The political position put forth at today's conference did not give an internationalist perspective. Rather, it evaded the far-reaching events in China and only reflected the national climate of anti-Sovietism and anti-communism with which the American rulers hope to confuse and disorient the workers and oppressed.

(Editor's note: An analysis by Workers World on the suppression of the left in China was contained in three articles by Sam Marcy appearing in the issues of Oct. 15, 22, and 29.)

Rigged elections 1876-1976

1976—They run against themselves again (cont.)

The official Carter campaign fund—now revealed as over \$35 million—was the largest amount of Democratic Presidential slush ever. It was no doubt surpassed by the Republican fund. But the Democratic extras in free publicity and the hidden machinations in buying money-hungry Democratic machine leaders to get out the vote, etc., must have made the Carter campaign the most expensive, bar none.

"Mr. Carter spent a total of \$13.2 million (just) to win the nomination," said the New York Times of Nov. 18, "—\$3.5 million of it in Federal matching funds."

The Carter backers admitted to spending \$209,000 in the tiny (but propaganda-wise, crucial) state primary of New Hampshire and \$568,000 in the next primary, that of Florida, where it was so important to beat George Wallace. They spent an additional \$654,000 in California even though they lost to Governor "Jerry" Brown there. And so on and so on.

More than 1,500 people were on the official Carter payroll, with an average salary of \$180 a week which for some of these types was literally a labor of love.

THE SAD END OF SENATOR BOEING

The turning point of the primary campaign was Carter's win over Senator Henry Jackson in Pennsylvania. The latter was strapped for money at this point in his campaign, and bowed out altogether after losing that state.

Due to President Ford's maneuvers with Congress over the issue of the new election rules, Jackson's crucial Federal matching funds were not forthcoming. And no friendly financier was willing to bail out the prestigious "Senator from Boeing."

"Jimmy" however, stepped into Pennsylvania with \$465,000 and a known 100 "volunteer workers," who may actually have been two or three hundred, since they appeared in several cities and could not be reliably counted.

THE CAPITALIST CABAL

The financial coalition behind Carter—the Rockefellers (more or less secretly) and the Morgans and the Lehmans (more or less openly) with the close Rockefeller allies, Henry Ford and Averell Harriman, giving all-out support—was the most powerful capitalist cabal in many an election year.

Not even the Mellons and the duPonts, who supported Gerald Ford, with some of their number even more enthusiastic about Ronald Reagan, could assemble quite so much wealth, quite so many newspapers and TV stations—or quite so many votes.

Analyzing the voting pattern, it

is clear that there was a shift away from the Republicans in the working class. But this shift had less class significance than at first appearance.

If one judges by the overwhelming victory of Richard Nixon over George McGovern in 1972, it was indeed a great reversal. But compared with Nixon's 1968 victory over Hubert Humphrey with a bare 500,000, it was a shift to a Carter win of somewhat more than that—about 1,500,000—but not really so much more. (In 1968 George Wallace gained 16 percent of the vote. In 1972, Nixon took the Wallace vote.)

WHY CARTER WAS THEIR MAN

The Carter backers, having carefully analyzed 1968 and 1972, knew that they had to win the South for the Democrats and win it solid. They did not, like Nixon in 1972, benefit from the shooting of George Wallace.

So they decided to run a Southern Democrat with a liberal image—but not liberal enough to antagonize the super-racist Stennises and Eastlands. Carter took great pains to give fulsome praise to these two and offer his cooperation to George Wallace after winning the nomination.

A further and perhaps more fundamental reason for running a man with such credentials was the possibility of Ronald Reagan's capturing the Republican nomination. As of 1975, or even 1974, when these plans were crystallized, Gerald Ford's chances to win the nomination seemed very dim indeed. And in the final event at Kansas City, he only won by a nose.

The racist Reagan would have done at least as well as Nixon had done in the South. But as opposed to a true-blue Southerner—and a military man at that—Reagan was not likely to take Dixie.

Finally, it is true that there is now a strong Democratic vote among the Black people and their sympathizers in the South. So Carter was programmed from the very beginning as a friend, albeit a very patronizing one, of the Black people

At the same time, he let the racists know that his heart was really with them by his "slip" about "ethnic purity" early in the campaign. The revelation about his racist church, however, coming so late as it did, was most probably engineered by the Republican strategists and calculated to lose him more votes among the Black people than gain among the racists.

WHO WAS THE MASTERMIND?

It is hard to pin down just exactly

who masterminded the whole elaborate scheme. It has the

earmarks of a real professional—like the redoubtable super-lawyer. Clark Clifford who engineered the Watergate "solution" for his imperialist bosses in 1974. In fact, the suspicious agreement of so many Democrats on Ford and Rockefeller at that time could mean that the Carter candidacy was part of a package deal. Whether it was Clifford or not, the other faction will soon let us know

But where did Gerald Ford fit in with all this wheeler-dealing? Since he was not fully expected to win the nomination, he did not fit in so well. And having been a compromise man in the first place, he was undoubtedly not one hundred percent in the confidences of the above coalition, regardless of his reactionary credentials.

That is not to say that Gerald Ford would have been really hostile to the Rockefellers, et al., had he won. Didn't Nelson Rockefeller ostentatiously hand him 125 formerly "uncommitted" New York Republican delegates on a silver platter?

Not even Richard Daley, the Democratic political dictator of Illinois, could do that much for the Democratic Carter. He "only" gave the newly appointed Georgian 100 convention delegates. (Daley had been in Hubert Humphrey's camp, by the way. We might ask what dross consideration—and from whom—could have turned his idealistic heart the other way?)

On the other hand, Gerald Ford knew well that Rocky had no other place to go with his delegates, since Rocky himself no longer had a chance to be President and he was in a mortal battle with Ronald Reagan.

However much Ford had "betrayed" his former right wing supporters who were now in the Reagan camp, he was most probably not a real Rockefeller man. And in the November election, the anti-Rockefeller forces appear to have rallied around Ford.

JIMMY SCARES (?)

WALL STREET

At the same time, "Jimmy" Carter, once nominated, moved substantially toward the "Democratic left." He had to do this to unite the party and get himself elected. But he also showed signs of understanding the economic crisis to the degree that he might be serious about proposing more progressive social legislation than had Gerald Ford—which would not be very hard to do!

This in turn led many of the undecided lesser bourgeoisie to come down strong for Ford—in addition to the Mellons and duPont and the double-dealing Rockefellers.

In the early fall one poll found

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that "85 percent of Wall Street" was supporting Ford.

Of course, if 85 percent of the wealth of Wall Street was behind Ford, he would undoubtedly have been elected. Even in the semi-Bonapartist year of 1936, it is doubtful if Franklin Roosevelt had less than 15 percent of big capital behind him.

But this poll reflected a large number of brokers, executives and even some bankers who may well have taken alarm at Carter's "compassion."

And the big bourgeoisie took steps after the election to make sure that the campaign rhetoric would remain—rhetoric.

They have already dragged out Arthur Burns, president of the Federal Reserve Board, to tell Carter he cannot "tamper" with the economy for the benefit of the people. (That would cause more inflation, you see.)

REPUBLICAN STICK: DEMOCRATIC CARROT

In this connection we should remind ourselves of the earthy wisdom of the workers who say, "With the Republicans we get a depression; with the Democrats we get a war."

The Democrats, generally, at least since the Depression days, have stood for more social benefits for the masses and a more liberal approach on the theory that a few

such benefits are the cheapest riot insurance and revolution insurance obtainable. They are usually willing to pay a higher premium than the Republicans, who generally want the all-out rule of the capitalist big stick instead of the Democratic carrot.

The Democratic Party line,

The Democratic Party line, however liberal on occasion, is capitalist and imperialist through and through. Carter's backer, Averell Harriman, for instance, who is one of the most sagacious multi-millionaires in the whole gang, was a Republican until 1929 and then, seeing the logic of the crisis and the necessity of maneuvering with the masses, became a Democrat.

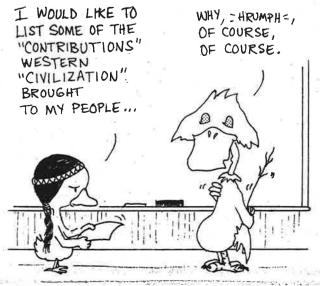
But it is precisely because the capitalist Democrats have more credibility with the workers that they are the best party to lead the capitalists' wars for them. If Carter makes a large number of concessions to the masses in the early part of his term, he will very likely ask them to pay the piper by dying in another war before the end of his term.

That is not because he is any more evil than other imperialist politicians, but because he will preside over a system in mortal crisis—a crisis that knows no solution except in the greater crisis of imperialist war.

NEXT—AND LAST: Why Only 1876 to 1976?

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Thanksgiving a day of mourning for us'

By G. DUNKEL

NEW YORK, Nov. 20-Thanksgiving is a time when the rulers of this country use workers' honest feelings of thanks for nature's bounty, a result of the toil and sweat of working, poor, and oppressed peoples, to build support for their destructive, stingy system of exploitation. The daily press is full of stories on the "real meaning of Thanksgiving" and about the "first Thanksgiving of the Pilgrims and Indians.

However, the Native American people have something very different to say about this holiday.

Russell Means, a leader of the American Indian Movement, recently told Workers World how Indians feel about Thanksgiving.

'Thanksgiving is a national day of mourning for us. It personifies the hypocrisy and colonialism of the European descendants, namely the U.S. government today. It is hypocrisy since we taught the invaders how to live in this continent and we invited them to the first Thanksgiving and since that time we have been shoved out of sight and out of mind."

Debt crisis

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despite revelations of atrocious guilt on the part of the banks, the State Court of Appeals has ordered another big giveaway to Chase Manhattan and the other shortterm holders?

But the great majority of New Yorkers haven't the slightest interest in bailing out the wealthy classes. The poor people and the workers want better schools, hospitals, secure rent control, and decent jobs. If any money is to be returned to the city from Washington, that's where it should

Needless to say, to get this money the people of New York will have to fight for it.

The broader solution to the crisis, however, and in the end the only real one, does not lie in obtaining funds from Washington, but in overthrowing capitalism and replacing it with socialism, the only organization of society that operates not to satisfy a handful of moneybags but to meet the genuine needs of the people.

Coming soon: Revolutionary greeting cards! Order in next issue.

POLITICAL PRISONERS 章章

Phony case against Carter and Artis exposed in second trial

By LESLIE FEINBERG

NEW YORK, Nov. 18-The facade of a "fair" second trial for Rubin "Hurricane" Carter and John Artis is rapidly fading in the second week of retrial. This week presiding Judge Bruno L. Leopizzi issued an order barring anyone from talking to the jurors or their families about the case both during or after the trial. This racist maneuver, without precedent under the First Amendment, is an attempt to further frustrate the press, and the supporters of the defendants.

At the same time the startling flip-flop testimony of two key prosecution witnesses has led to questions of the testimony's credibility.

pressured by the prosecution to give testimony that incriminates Carter and Artis in the 1966 murder of three men in a Paterson, N.J., bar. The two Black men were falsely convicted of the murder by an all-white jury in

Hurricane Carter, a well known boxer, was a strong progressive who spoke out against racism. This is why he was framed up. Not a single victim of the bar attack identified either Carter or Artis, but both men spent nine years of a life sentence in prison, convicted of a crime they never committed.

A massive national campaign pressured the State to free the two Both witnesses have been men on bail after two key

prosecution witnesses of the 1967 trial recanted their testimony that they had seen Carter and Artis at the scene with guns in their hands. Both witnesses were facing criminal charges at the time of the trial and they admitted they were offered lenient treatment by the D.A.'s office in exchange for perjury.

WITNESSES

One of the witnesses, Alfred Bello, is on the stand again for the prosecution. In statements to the N.Y. Times, to defense attorneys, and sworn testimony at a hearing in Jersey City, Bello had recanted testimony he gave incriminating Carter and Artis at the first trial. This week he reversed that admission and once again claims to be able to identify Carter and Artis.

In a conference with Judge Beldock in the judge's chambers, Bello would not reveal who in the prosecutor's office was pressuring him to change his testimony.

Another prosecution witness, Patricia Valentine gave startling testimony this week that she never raised at the 1967 trial. She claims that she went to the police garage to identify an alleged getaway car and detective Emil Di Robbio showed her a bullet and rifle shell he said had just been taken from Rubin Carter's car.

Defense attorneys have recently produced official records indicating that it was five days after the killings that the bullet and shell were turned over to the property clerk, not on the day of the murders as Di Robbio had testified in 1967.

Artis's attorney, Lewis Steel states, "The time the bullet and shell were turned over to the clerk was crucial at the 1967 trial and now that we have evidence that they were planted in Carter's car, the prosecution comes up with the story told by Valentine."

San Francisco demonstration demands freedom for the Five Nationalists

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 20-On Saturday, Nov. 13, some 350 people joined in a multi-national demonstration here to demand freedom for the Five Puerto Rican Nationalists and independence for Puerto Rico, right now. A simultaneous march on the East Coast, in New York City, drew thousands who raised the same demands.

The Five-Lolita Lebron, Andres Figueroa Cordero, Irvin Flores, Rafael Cancel Miranda and Oscar Collazo-have been held prisoner in the U.S. prisons for more than 20 years for their armed activities here that brought world-wide attention to the colonial occupation of Puerto Rico

Angry demonstrators chanted,

"Free all political prisoners, free the Five now!" and "From San Quentin to San Juan, liberation will go on!"

Speakers at the San Francisco rally included representatives from the Puerto Rican Socialist Party (PSP), Non-Intervention in Chile (NICH), the American Indian Movement (AIM) and other progressive organizations.

Carter Camp, a Native American Indian just recently released from prison for his activities at Wounded Knee, told the crowd that the only differences between the struggle of the Puerto Rican people, Native Americans, Black community and all oppressed people were the differences put there by the ruling class to keep them from struggling together.

Two AIM activists framed-up on murder charges: FBI uses provocateurs By LESLIE FEINBERG

NEW YORK, Nov. 20-Two American Indian Movement (AIM) activists, Paul Durant Skyhorse and Richard Billings Mohawk are on trial for murder in Ventura, Calif., although the prosecution has introduced no real evidence against either man.

They are charged with killing a cab driver at a camp in the Box Canyon Hills of Ventura County, Calif. The pivotal role of two exposed FBI provocateurs in this frame-up case is just another indication of the unabated war the FBI is waging against AIM members.

FBI AGENTS EXPOSED

Virginia DeLuce (pseudonym: Blue Dove), a non-Indian, has been identified as an FBI inwithin the AIM former organization. She spent the day of the murder with Skyhorse and Mohawk and drove them to the camp where the murder took place.

Another agent who also infiltrated AIM is Douglas Durham, who has admitted that he is an FBI operative. He tried to persuade AIM leaders that Mohawk and Skyhorse should not be defended.

Skyhorse and Mohawk are among the countless Indian men and women who have been framed up or murdered by the government since the Indian takeover at Wounded Knee in 1973. During the first trial of the Oglala 4, which ended in a victorious acquittal, FBI director Clarence Kelley was forced to take the stand. Under cross-examination he admitted that the FBI had issued a nationwide alert against Native Americans over the July 4th weekend, thus exposing just the tip of a campaign of FBI terror directed against native people in the U.S.

ARRESTED AT AIM CONFERENCE

In this case, several people who were passengers in the cab were arrested after an anonymous phone call led police to the body of the slain driver. Skyhorse and Mohawk were not arrested until a week later. They were attending an AIM conference in Phoenix, Ariz., at the time.

They both waived their extradition rights after being falsely told they were sought only as material witnesses, but when they got to Ventura they were charged with murder.

One of the people arrested on the night of the murder is Marvin Red Shirt, who pleaded guilty to charges of assault with a deadly weapon. He was given five years probation and now the State is using him as the principal witness against Skyhorse and Mohawk. If he were to retract incriminating statements against Skyhorse and Mohawk he could face murder charges or have probation retracted by an angry prosecutor.

The case of Skyhorse and Mohawk has already gone through a record two-month series of pretrial hearings on evidence to be admitted. Police tape recordings needed by the defense are reported "lost," mutilated or destroyed.

Mohawk and Skyhorse have been brought to court proceedings in chains:

AIM National Director Dennis Banks announced that his organization will aid the defense in every way possible to turn this frame-up around.

For more information on this case, contact the Skyhorse-Mohawk Liberation Committee. Pierpoint, Ventura. Calif. 93302.

Lureida Torres thanks friends

NOVEMBER, 1976 Dear friends,

I cannot thank you enough for the support you gave me during those months of imprisonment forced upon me as a result of my refusing to be persecuted for my political beliefs. Both my decision to face that unlawful in-

carceration and the support that you gave me are powerful forces in combatting the repression that has been unleashed in this country against all those who dare to struggle for change and justice.

Our united efforts in this struggle tell the government of this country that we will not allow them to use repressive tools like grand juries to instill fear in those of us who have pledged our very existence to a future of freedom for all the peoples of the world.

My "small" sacrifice—small in the light of actions taken by hundreds of thousands of people efore me—and your support make a powerful statement on behalf of the hundreds of thousands who like myself are struggling for the independence of Puerto Rico. I was chosen to testify before the New York City convened grand jury because I am a member of the Puerto Rican Socialist Party. It is my belief that I was "picked" because I have made the commitment to struggle for independence and socialism in Puerto Rico. I also believe that the repressive agencies thought that I would cooperate with their 'fishing expedition'' because I am a woman and, in their eyes, more

But they were wrong because

vulnerable.

with your support and the example of the five Puerto Rican Nationalists who have spent over 20 years in prison for believing in independence for our country I have made it through. I am ready to make the same sacrifice again if I must.

In closing I ask two things of you: Demand the immediate unconditional release of the Five Puerto Rican Nationalist Prisoners and remain ever vigilant and ever ready to oppose any attempt to intimidate, harass and repress any individual who struggles for the national liberation of Puerto Rico.

> Your sister, Lureida M. Torres



Demonstration to free Leonard Peltier

DETROIT, Nov. 13-Members of Youth Against War & Fascism demonstrate at the Canadian Consulate and march and petition through downtown Detroit, in defense of Leonard Peltier, one of the Oglala Four facing extradition from Canada on frame-WW photo up charges of murdering two FBI agents.

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700 at New York meeting say

Down with Vorster—Solidarity with Azania!

NEW YORK, Nov. 20-About 700 people gathered here tonight in a militant meeting of solidarity with the struggle of the African people and, in particular, to show support for the Azanian people who are fighting to topple the fascist Vorster regime. The turnout of this large and thoroughly multinational audience seemed to reflect the tremendous interest that the struggle in Azania has awakened among workers and oppressed here.

Tonight's event, held at Joan of Arc Junior High School, was initiated by the Pan African Students Organization in the Americas (PASOA), KARABO (a group of South African exiles in the U.S.), and Youth Against War & Fascism (YAWF). In addition to speakers from the initiating organizations, the featured talk was by Jeff Dumo Bagwa, a leader in the Southern Africa Students Movement (SASM), who recently arrived in the U.S. from exile in Botswana. Also part of the program was a moving film which contained footage of the Soweto uprising.

Kathy Dennis of YAWF chaired the meeting, setting the tone by recalling last year's inspiring victories in Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, and Angola, which provided inspiration and support for the growing struggles in Zimbabwe, Namibia, and Azania. Dennis also drew the connections between the U.S. imperialist policy of open support for the fascist government in South Africa and the giant U.S. corporations that have \$1.5 billion invested there. 'The names of these corporations sound very familiar to us," she said, "because they are the same corporations that profit from the exploitation of the workers here at home, like Ford, GM, Mobil Oil, IBM, Goodyear-the list goes on and on."

KISSINGER'S SCHEMES

Dennis also denounced

schemes for southern Africa and hailed the recent historic declaration by the MPLA that it was determined to follow in the path of Marx, Engels, and Lenin in building scientific socialism in

Angola. Brother Kamara of PASOA gave a stirring and optimistic speech, pointing out that U.S. imperialism is the main enemy of the African people. Citing Kissinger's attempts to stifle the African revolution, he declared, "We promise the U.S. imperialists nothing less than a determined, relentless, and terrible fight.... Victory is certain!"

Also sharing the platform with Baqwa was Andrew Lukele of KARABO. Lukele focused his talk the emergence of a revolutionary authority among the Black people that stood outside of Kissinger's neo-colonialist and was in opposition to the South

participation of the urban workers to the present struggle. "This was not an ordinary strike," he said of the general strike that was called. "It was an extra-ordinary strike action.... It is common knowledge that in South Africa any strike action is illegal by law, but the Black workers established the strike action as a fact anyway! The power of the people doesn't exist parallel to the present state power-It grows at the expense of the present state power."

DETERMINATION OF AZANIAN PEOPLE

Throughout his talk, Jeff Dumo Bagwa emphasized the determination of the Azanian people to wrest control of their land and of the means of production from the hands of the racist white settler

corporations that invest so heavily there.

More than 700 supporters attend New York meeting in solidarity with the Azanian people's

Kissinger's On shuttle diplomacy, Baqwa commented, "This man is suffering from very serious illusions.... His very presence in Africa is insensitivity to the historical process." Scorning Kissinger's efforts to use the old trick of aid to establish neocolonialism in southern Africa, Baqwa declared, "The revolution will go on until the land and means of production have been returned to their rightful owners.'

SHAM TRANSKEI INDEPENDENCE

Baqwa took pains to explain the real meaning of the so-called independence granted to the Transkei on Oct. 26. "The Transkei today is as free as it was on Oct. 25," he said. He compared the Bantustans (or so-called homelands) to the reservations set up for Native Americans in this explained, are headed by chiefs who are blatant puppets for South Africa and who maintain the Black workers there as a reserve army of labor so that the Black workers cannot stay in the urban, industrial centers. "The Bantustans maintain a migratory labor system to prevent the development of the proletariat." he explained.

All the speakers tonight focused on the need for solidarity between the workers and oppressed of Africa and those in the United States. Kathy Dennis brought this point home in her opening remarks when she noted that "With their struggle, the African people strengthen our struggle against the same corporations that exploit us all." Bagwa similarly closed the meeting by saying, "The struggle will not only be for Azanians, Namibians, and Zimbabweans, but



Detroit press conference sets Dec. 4 as South Africa Solidarity Day DETROIT, Nov. 15-At a press imperialists in whatever form they Justice and Peace Office of the

conference held here today Professor Bojie Jordan, South African exile and member of the Pan-Africanist Congress of Azania, announced that Dec. 4th would be South Africa Solidarity Day in Detroit. A mass march and rally is being organized for this date to show support for the people in South Africa fighting for their freedom.

Professor Jordan said, "To us, the people of Azania, freedom is a matter of life and death. We are prepared to die a little in order to live.... A people's freedom and complete equality cannot, is not, and never will be negotiable... We say 'over our dead bodies' shall

may appear, be it by 'shuttle system' or plain French bombs. determine our lives."

Rev. Mozie Stroble also spoke out in support of the Dec. 4th Dav of Solidarity and announced that her church in the Black community would serve as headquarters for the mobilization.

Also attending the press conference were Eric Jackson. City Council member from Ypsilanti, Mich., and Jean Bowdish, chief steward of Local 140, AFSCME.

Over 40 individuals and organizations have added their names to the call to action on Dec. Supporters include: Congressman John Conyers;

Archdiocese of Detroit; Jim Ingram, news commentator; Milt Tambor, President of Local 1640, AFSCME; Lansing branch of Non-Intervention in Chile; Detroit Youth Against War & Fascism, and many more.

Activities will begin at 1:30 p.m. when marchers will gather at Grand Circus Park. The march will go through downtown Detroit and end with a rally inside the Central Methodist Church at Woodward and Adams.

Further information on the Dec. 4th mobilization can be obtained from the Committee at 8827 Linwood, Detroit, Mich., 48206; (313) 897-2040.



At press conference calling for a mass demonstration in Detroit on Dec. 4, in solidarity with the Azanian liberation forces, seated from left to right are Rev. Mozie Stroble, Bajie Jordan, Eric Jackson, and Jean Bowdish. WW photo