

Steel price hike means worse inflation ahead

By ANDY STAPP
NEW YORK, Dec. 1—Acting in collusion with one another, the small number of wealthy men who own and control the United States steel industry have ordered the price of this essential commodity jacked up six percent. A spokesman for Gerald Ford has declared that "the White House" is "mystified" by this action. "Jimmy" Carter, who may meet

with some of the steel executives in the next couple of days, has nervously suggested that the price hike will have "an unsettling influence on price stability."

In plain language this means that an increase in the price of steel, the most basic of basic industries, ultimately spells higher prices for all goods, for steel is used in practically every product one touches, from appliances to

dwelling to cars. A boost in steel prices is sure to undermine the already shaky economy, particularly by fueling inflation, for past experience has shown that the final bill for such cost increases is ultimately paid by the average poor and working person.

It's not exactly a secret that most people can barely keep up with the current stratospheric prices, seemingly a point of small

concern to the directors of the United States Steel Corporation, comforted by a monopoly with assets well in excess of \$8 billion.

With mind-boggling hypocrisy, however, these so-called captains of industry, along with such "financial wizards" as Federal Reserve boss Arthur Burns and the wealthy bankers, have been the most loud-mouthed about "fighting inflation." Only last month, Mr.

Burns was wringing his well-manicured hands and expressing "Dire forebodings" lest Carter might worsen inflation by releasing federal funds to ease joblessness. Even with millions out of work, Burns and the other scrooges of the "business community" continue to orchestrate a campaign against the false issue of "reckless and inflationary social

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May be paroled soon

Charges against Joann Little dismissed

By JOHN LONG
GREENVILLE, N.C., Dec. 1—"You better get some good ones (pictures), because this will be the last chance you'll get," Joann Little told reporters today while entering Pitt County Courthouse with handcuffed fists held high over her head.

After a two-hour hearing, charges stemming from an alleged violation of her 1974 misdemeanor probation were dismissed when Judge Phillips was finally forced to admit that the state showed prejudice in waiting two and a half years to try and throw more time on Joann Little in order to stop her parole later this month.

According to testimony of Joann's Black probation officer, Mrs. Moore, Judge Phillips' decision over two years ago to delay the hearing on the alleged probation violation was because of nationwide support for Joann Little. At that time Joann was fighting for her life after having killed a prison guard who was attempting to rape her. Nationwide sympathy for her case helped her win an acquittal, but she was soon returned to jail on an earlier burglary charge.

State Solicitor Jim Hoover throughout this week's trial could only plead that he didn't know why it was delayed. This delay denied Joann opportunity to have the probation sentence run concurrently with her earlier 10-year sentence on breaking and entering. This made it obvious to all present that North Carolina was attempting to prevent Joann's release later this month on parole. Even prosecutor Hoover admitted that the delay "might be ridiculous."



Joann Little at Raleigh Women's Prison in North Carolina. WW photo: J. Long

"If she weren't Joann Little, we wouldn't be here, and if she has to leave her alone," Jerry Paul, her attorney, stated. "After the trial, Black supporter

Prince Johnson from Norfolk, Va., remarked, "It was obvious that it was just undue racist harassment."

Chants of "Free Joann Little" echoed throughout the courthouse lobby as supporters from the Norfolk Prisoners Solidarity Committee of Youth Against War & Fascism left. They have consistently supported Joann Little since before her frameup murder trial in July 1975.

PRISON OFFICIALS IN COLLUSION WITH STATE

Despite today's victory, Joann still fights against racist persecution. At the time of this writing, she faces phony prison charges of allegedly possessing a potential weapon (embroidery scissors) "to incite an insurrection" and of having a cassette tape in her possession. These charges will be heard before the prison disciplinary committee on Thursday, Dec. 2. Supporters are closely watching this attempt at another frameup of Joann.

Joann continues in her struggle to win parole to Norfolk, Va. She is asking all progressive people to send letters to P.C. Shields, chairman of the Virginia Probation and Parole Board, 3117 West Clay St., Richmond, Va., supporting her request to be paroled immediately to Virginia. Copies should be sent to Dr. Grady Davis, North Carolina Parole Commission, 831 W. Morgan St., Raleigh, N.C., and also to Joann Little, 1034 Bragg St., Raleigh, N.C.

For more information on how you can help secure Joann's parole, contact Joann Little's support committee, P.O. Box 1214, Norfolk, Va.

Trial of Baltimore Two opens

BALTIMORE, Dec. 1—With jury selection completed yesterday, the main prosecution witnesses testified today in the case of the Baltimore Two. Supporters of Ray Ceci and Mike Pione, the two Baltimore men facing up to 20 years in this police frameup, crowded the courtroom and demonstrated outside the courthouse protesting police brutality and demanding that the two be released.

One hundred supporters were on hand for the opening of the trial yesterday, many traveling from as far as Norfolk, Va., and New York City. Representatives from progressive organizations and trade unions, as well as other victims of police brutality in this city, and well-known individuals in the progressive movement also rallied to the defense of Mike and Ray.

Ray Ceci and Mike Pione, a longshoreman and a laid-off shipyard worker, respectively, were arrested last spring while posting handbills for a meeting to build for the July 4 demonstration in Philadelphia against U.S. imperialism. Mike and Ray, both members of Youth Against War & Fascism, were beaten by the police and a local right-winger and then charged with assault themselves.

The case of the Baltimore Two has stirred an enormous response in this city, where 60 percent of the people are Black and keenly aware of the problem of police brutality.

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THE STRUGGLE IN BRIEF

East Lansing activities condemn arrests of Iranian students in Houston

EAST LANSING, - Nov. 25—Chanting "Fight, fight, fight; Fight the fascist Shah," almost 100 people joined in a demonstration on Nov. 16, called by the Iranian Students Association (World Confederation). The protest was organized on only three days notice to denounce the arrest, beatings, and threatened deportation of 92 Iranian students in Houston, Texas (see WW, Nov. 19, 1976).

This demonstration was one of eight across the country, according to an ISA spokesperson, and received extensive coverage on Lansing TV and newspapers.

FORUM HELD

A week later, another successful action was held when a crowd of 150 gathered for a public forum in "Support of the Iranian People's Struggle."

A Chicago Iranian progressive gave a detailed and moving account of the development of revolutionary ideology and armed struggle in Iran since the CIA installed the Shah in 1953. Despite vicious repression, mass jailings, and inhuman torture, the Iranian people have refused to submit, and strikes, protest and armed resistance have increased dramatically

throughout the country.

In a carefully documented presentation, a guest speaker from Workers World Party in Detroit exposed the role of the U.S. government, CIA, and giant oil corporations in first installing and then propping up the bloody Shah's regime. The danger of a new Vietnam war in the Middle East was raised and the speaker stressed the importance for American workers and students to begin now to fight against any war plans.

INTERNATIONALIST SOLIDARITY

The final speaker, representing the East Lansing Organization of Arab Students, explained the internationalist solidarity that exists throughout the Middle East between the liberation movements and how liberation fighters are fighting side by side in the many fronts of struggle today.

The forum ended with a British Broadcasting Company film on the CIA's role in overthrowing governments in Latin America and Iran, and the attempt to overthrow the revolutionary Cuban government at the Bay of Pigs.

Alabama meeting announced to fight racist murders by Mobile police

MOBILE, Nov. 20—On Dec. 4, people will gather from throughout the South and join with citizens here in a strong protest against the racist policies of the Mobile police department.

Racist terror squads organized as part of the Mobile police department have murdered four Black youths in the past six months. On March 28, 15 cops tried to lynch two Black community organizers. Saturday's protest is part of a long-term campaign by the People's Movement for Justice, a coalition of groups and individuals in Mobile, formed to demand community control of the

police department and an end to racist harassment by the police. The Coalition is also demanding the firing and criminal prosecution of all cops involved in the lynching attempt and other violations of poor and working people's civil rights.

A new brochure on this lynching case is available from: the People's Movement for Justice, P.O. Box 1285, Mobile, Alabama 36601. The pamphlet was published by the Prisoners Solidarity Committee in Atlanta, Ga., which is helping to organize Southwide support for the fight against racist police terror in Mobile.

above those for the same period in 1975?

Why else did they wait until after the election to spring this ugly surprise? And why did the U.S. Steel Chairman Edgar Speer lie three weeks ago by saying that there would be no price hike this year? And if the steel industry were really competitive, and not the highly organized (and illegal) cartel that it is, why did all the major companies announce an identical price boost on the same products in the same week?

It would seem that there are some trusts that Teddy Roosevelt neglected to bust!

Not surprisingly, a number of trade union leaders have

—Steel strike

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spending." This chant was enthusiastically echoed by the politicians, who rolled along like so many marbles under the prodding thumb of the big money men.

Now it suddenly appears that all this blabber about fighting inflation simply doesn't apply to the super-rich, at least where the steel barons are concerned! What else but sheer greed can explain why National Steel Corporation would push for a price increase when its earnings for the first nine months of this year already are 62 percent



Bob McCubbin, a founding member of the Gay Caucus of Youth Against War & Fascism, addressing a Buffalo meeting on the gay question. WW photo

50 attend spirited meeting in Buffalo on the gay question

By JOANIE MARQUARDT

BUFFALO, Nov. 20—Over 50 people attended a public meeting here tonight at which Bob McCubbin, founding member of the Gay Caucus of Youth Against War & Fascism, and member of the National Committee of Workers World Party, spoke on "The Gay Question."

The meeting, organized by the Buffalo branch of Workers World Party, was held at the Unitarian Church in the city's gay community and was well attended by

area gay people.

Fresh from a similar meeting held in Rochester, N.Y., the previous night, McCubbin outlined in a thorough presentation, many of the major points he raised in his well-documented pamphlet, *The Gay Question: A Marxist Appraisal*.

Following the talk, there was a lively discussion which included questions and comments on such topics as the condition of gay people within emerging socialist countries and the roots of the oppression of women and gay people.

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denounced this latest ripoff. What they haven't said is what Ford (and Carter, too, after January) should do about it. The President of the U.S. has the legal authority to roll back these prices by executive order, and he should be compelled to do so, even if his favorite golfing partner is a lobbyist from U.S. Steel. Moreover, the President should be made to rescind all the recent price increases, especially the cost of groceries. Food, after all, is absolutely necessary to sustain life itself, and the

staggering rise in its cost since 1972 threatens hunger and outright starvation to great numbers of the poorest among the population.

If Nixon could freeze wages like he did in 1971, the people have a right to demand Ford and Carter freeze prices. With the economic depression deepening again, such a step is the very minimum to be expected. If there are to be more sacrifices, let the steel, agribusiness, and other profit-fattened commercial interests pay, for a change.

DECLINE AND FALL



widow. She was taken to Jewish Memorial Hospital for treatment of malnutrition.

"As the story was pieced together by the police, the deaths were the culmination of age, poverty, and illness."

Poverty and youth

Moneysworth, Oct. 7:

"A study by the National Council of Organizations for Children and Youth says one of six American children resides with a family living below the federally-defined poverty level."

How many more live at, or just above, the federally-defined poverty level?

No one poor in U.S.?

On Oct. 19, the New York Times ran an op-ed editorial by Harry Schwartz titled "Is Poverty Abolished?" Schwartz's conclusion: It is.

Following are excerpts from a letter to the Times from Robert B. Hill, of the National Urban League:

The New York Times (letter column), Nov. 15:

"... Mr. Schwartz expresses disbelief that the number of poor people increased by 2.5 million in 1975. ... Is it really hard to believe that poverty increases most when joblessness soars?"

"He asserts that the government's definition maximizes the number of poor because of the failure to incorporate such noncash

income as food stamps, Medicare, and day-care services. ...

"Mr. Schwartz's belief that there are no longer any poor people in the U.S. is based on the fallacious assumption that virtually all low-income persons receive cash or in-kind services and goods. Like most Americans, he fails to realize that most low-income persons do not receive many of these 'universal' subsidies. Sixty percent of all poor households in the U.S. do not receive either welfare or food stamp benefits, and half of those on welfare—even in 1975—were not in the Food Stamp Program."

"Clearly, the government definition of one out of every ten persons in the nation as poor is too high for Mr. Schwartz. Apparently he will only be satisfied with a definition that classifies no one as poor—regardless of the state of the economy."

Poverty and old age

The New York Times, Oct. 27:

"The four-room apartment was littered with wine bottles and rubbish. Two elderly men lay on the living room floor, dead for more than a week. An elderly woman was semiconscious on the floor of her bedroom. There was no evidence of violence."

"The officers had to enter through the fire escape. There they found Robert Rowe, 65 years old; Lawrence Gaghan, 72, and Mr. Rowe's sister, Olga Donahue, a 76-year-old

Campaign to publicize case of Baltimore Two uncovers more victims of police brutality

By PADDY COLLIGAN
BALTIMORE, Nov. 27—No one in downtown Baltimore today had difficulty answering when Baltimore Two Defense Committee organizer Ali Shabazz asked over the loudspeaker, "When was the last time you saw the police arrest a landlord for evicting a family who couldn't make the rent? Or a boss for firing a worker?" Whose interests the police serve is well known here. Shabazz was speaking at a large street meeting here to draw attention to the case of the Baltimore Two, who will go to trial on Nov. 30.

WHO ARE THE BALTIMORE TWO?

The Baltimore Two are Mike Pione, a laid-off shipyard worker, and Ray Ceci, a longshoreman, who were arrested and beaten this summer and now face possible 20-year sentences on charges of assault, postering, and littering. They are both active organizers for Youth Against War & Fascism here.

On June 15, Ray and Mike were posting flyers for a meeting planned to help build for the historic July 4th March for a Bicentennial Without Colonies in Philadelphia. While they were posting the flyers in their own neighborhood, a right-wing merchant and landlord assaulted Mike and then tried to run them both over with his truck.

When the police were called by one of the merchant's cohorts, it was Ray and Mike who were arrested, not their assailant. While in police custody and handcuffed, Ray was punched in the face and body by the right-wing merchant. The police denied Ray medical attention for several hours and refused to issue counter-charges against the attacking right-winger.

POLICE BRUTALITY WIDESPREAD

"The most important thing about our case is not the brutal manner in which we were treated, but how widespread and common such acts of terror are in this city," commented Ray Ceci after today's successful street meeting.

Police brutality is a well-

established practice, particularly towards the poor and oppressed of this city. Police harassment of people who organize to fight for better conditions is generally done by a special investigative division, a political unit reporting directly to the city's police commissioner and the governor.

(This same man, Marvin Mandel, is now in the third month of his trial on political corruption charges. On Nov. 29, members of the Baltimore Two Defense Committee picketed Mandel's trial and handed out leaflets pointing out that the governor and his hand-picked police commissioner, Donald Pomerleau, should be under investigation for their main crimes, including organizing a series of police murders, vicious beatings, frame-ups and illegal cop spying operations. Such cases as the Baltimore Two, the arrest of James Harrison, the murder of Dennis Meinschein, and the establishment of the infamous secret police unit, the Inspectional Services Division, were cited. Mandel was extremely agitated upon being greeted by the committee's banners and leaflets as he emerged from the courtroom.)

"Since we first started to leaflet, people have been coming to us with stories of how the police had victimized them and their families. People really responded to what we were trying to do," explained Marie Anderson, chairperson of today's street meeting and an organizer for the Defense Committee. "We gathered strength when James Harrison and Ann Spriggs wanted to link their cases to the Baltimore Two's."

James Harrison is a young Black man who was viciously beaten by the police and faces assault charges, simply because he refused to move from the front stoop of his own home. Ann Spriggs was put into a mental hospital for a month for protesting a cut in her food stamp allotment. And these are only two of dozens of incidents poor and working people here have contacted the Defense Committee about.

PRESS TAKES NOTE OF GROWING SUPPORT

Today's march and street

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Building support for the Baltimore Two and condemning police brutality, supporters march through downtown Baltimore on Nov. 27
WW photo: G. Dunkel

Gov't report confirms women's charges

Oppressed sterilized under duress

By CONNIE BLEAKLEY
NEW YORK, Nov. 29—The Indian Health Service has, over the past four years, sterilized more than 3,400 Native American women without telling them that such operations were not mandatory.

According to a report by the General Accounting Office, a Congressional agency, sterilization consent forms used in these sterilizations showed no indication

that women had been informed of their right to refuse.

WAR OF EXTERMINATION

This report merely confirms the charges of poor and oppressed women that a war of extermination is being waged against them by the medical profession, government "health" agencies, and, ultimately, by the ruling class itself. Of the approximately one

million sterilizations performed in this country each year, the majority are performed on Black, Puerto Rican, Chicana, and Native American women, with evidence that poor white women, too, are increasingly being subjected to this form of "birth control." Over 35 percent of women of child-bearing age living in Puerto Rico have been sterilized.

Few women are sterilized voluntarily. Sometimes they are not told that the operation is irreversible; often they are persuaded to permit the operation during an occasion of emotional and physical trauma, such as during labor or before or after an abortion. Frequently women are sterilized without either their knowledge or consent.

Although the mounting anti-abortion campaign and the recent Congressional attempt to deny Medicaid funds for abortions affect the rights of all women to choose whether or not to have children, they most immediately eliminate the choices of the poorest and most oppressed women, often leaving no alternative except an unwanted sterilization.

WOMEN'S RIGHT TO CHOOSE

The hundreds of thousands of systematic sterilizations of poor Black, Latin, Asian, and Native American women without their knowledge or consent by the rulers of this country is nothing more than genocide and must be struggled against by all those who support a woman's right to choose whether to bear children or to have free, safe, legal abortions on demand.

NYC meeting vows to fight sterilization abuse

By SUE DAVIS
NEW YORK, Nov. 21—"If you're Black, Puerto Rican, or poor, they're out to get you," said Sandra Eddy, a Black welfare mother, who was one of the featured speakers at a meeting here tonight on "How to End Sterilization Abuse."

Mrs. Eddy's detailed account of how doctors and welfare authorities tried to pressure her into having her womb removed came as eloquent testimony to the fact that sterilization is increasingly being forced on poor and oppressed women in the U.S. as a racist solution to poverty and unemployment.

U.S. IMPERIALISM'S GENOCIDE CAMPAIGNS

Maritza Arrastia, a member of the Puerto Rican Socialist Party and an activist in the Committee to End Sterilization Abuse (CESA), which organized the meeting,

showed how this genocidal policy is being promoted through U.S.-sponsored sterilization campaigns in developing countries. Summarizing one of the meeting's aims, Arrastia said: "We want to build a movement here to attack the U.S. health service system that forces sterilization on people around the world."

The crisis situation in India concerning forced sterilizations was discussed by Vinod Mubayi, a representative of the Indian Peoples Association of North America (IPANA). He explained how "family planning" has been pushed as the answer to the problem of poverty on a massive scale since January, 1975. Throughout India, men are being induced to enter make-shift clinics in the streets for as much as \$10 or as little as a cup of tea and a banana.

Also, no federal government

than two children, and in three states legislation is pending that anyone with more than two can be thrown in jail. Although Mubayi said that "no one can afford to put millions in jail," his story of how a 17-year-old youth was sterilized by the police as punishment for not buying a train ticket blatantly exposes how sterilization is used as a weapon against the poor in India.

STRUGGLE FOR GUIDELINES IN NYC

In New York City, the struggle to establish guidelines on sterilization that would cover all patients in any medical facility continues. Currently the guidelines (established a year ago under pressure from progressive groups such as CESA) apply only to women in municipal hospitals. But if Intro. 1005, which is now being considered by the Health Committee of the City Council, is passed, New York will have the

most stringent regulations on sterilization in the U.S. The guidelines specify that a woman must be 21 or over, be fully informed of the benefits and limitations of sterilization as well as all methods of birth control, and must wait 30 days from the time she signs the consent form (to prevent coercion in times of stress or during labor) before the operation is performed.

Another speaker, Councilman Carter Burden, the sponsor of the bill, called for public support for the guidelines. Mrs. Eddy also stressed that the guidelines be passed so that "women's rights won't be taken away any more."

The meeting, which opened with a slide show entitled "What is Sterilization Abuse" presented by Dr. Helen Rodriguez, a nationally known CESA spokesperson, closed with a call from the chairperson, Dr. Karen Benker, for community participation in the struggle to prevent sterilization abuse.

Bernadette Devlin denounces phony peace movement in Ireland

By BILL MASSEY
CHICAGO, Nov. 18—Speaking before a large audience at DePaul University in Chicago, long-time Irish militant Bernadette Devlin today denounced the so-called "women's peace movement" as "an attempt to demoralize, divide, and disunite the struggle against British imperialism."

She said that no comparison can be made between this so-called peace movement in northern Ireland and the movement in the United States against the war in Vietnam. "The Vietnam peace movement made demands on the oppressor, the U.S. government, in the interest of the oppressed Vietnamese—while this movement makes demands on the oppressed Irish in the interests of the oppressor, British imperialism."

Pointing out that neither of the two main leaders of this so-called peace movement, Betty Williams nor Mairead Corrigan, has ever been active in the struggle against British imperialism or done anything for Irish liberation, Devlin asserted that while they

might not be conscious agents of British imperialism, they nonetheless serve only those interests.

Referring to the murder of 13-year-old Brian Stewart by British troops, Devlin said that the "peace movement" at first issued a very timid criticism of the "excesses" of the British troops and the Royal Ulster Constabulary. However, even this timid criticism was too much for the real organizers of the "peace movement," British imperialism, and it was retracted and replaced by a statement of endorsement of the British troops and the RUC.

Devlin pointed out how ludicrous it is that this movement now wants to build a swimming pool and skating rink with funds received from abroad, as if that would solve the problems of the oppressed nation.

Calling Corrigan's and Williams' group "neither a women's movement, a peace movement, nor a movement in the interests of the Irish people," Devlin urged her audience to confront them should they return to the U.S. and to

demand their real positions on issues such as British imperialism, abortion, etc.

"WE DISOWN THE RACISTS"

Devlin also attacked those in the Irish-American community who carry the Irish flag in racist demonstrations, as has happened in the past in Boston. "I want these racists to know, and more importantly I want the Black people to know, that we disown these racists. Let them carry racist flags in their racist demonstrations."

In a similar context, she assailed those in Ireland who claim that to raise the national question confuses the workers, comparing them to those in the U.S. who fail to carry out the fight against racism because they too claim it confuses the workers.

Devlin stated that the first question facing Irish people is to get the British troops out of Ireland. "The argument that a bloodbath will follow their departure has about as much truth as the bloodbath that was supposed to take place in Vietnam after the U.S. was forced to get out: none."



Bernadette Devlin: The "women's peace movement" in Ireland "makes demands on the oppressed Irish in the interests of the oppressor, British imperialism."
Photo: LNS

Tried without jury, Irish couple face hanging

By BILL MASSEY
CHICAGO, Nov. 19—On her recent tour of the U.S., Bernadette Devlin brought public attention to the case of two young people who are facing death by hanging in Dublin, Ireland. Devlin called for protest letters and petitions to stop the hanging of Marie and Noel Murray.

The Murrays were convicted by a Special Criminal Court, a court without a jury especially set up to hear political cases. They were held for seven days in complete isolation before being brought to court. When they did appear before the Special Criminal Court, both Noel and Marie Murray denounced their "confession" to the killing of a policeman during a bank robbery, as having been extracted from them under severe torture.

Because they raised a protest concerning this torture, they were removed from the court and their trial took place in their absence. Then the three judges who threw them out of court sentenced them to die by hanging.

There has been a proliferation of scandals in Ireland concerning the use of torture in political cases which has even brought criticisms of the police and court from the bourgeois press of Dublin.

NEW IRISH LAW STRENGTHENS REPRESSION

The impending execution of the Murrays comes at a time when a new special powers law has

suspended constitutional rights in cases the government says involves security. Under these provisions, which allow the government to pass laws not subject to constitutionality, new legislation has already been passed that has permitted the extension of censorship over the news media and threatens the imposition of severe restrictions on the right of individuals to speak out against the government, as well as restricting the rights of the accused in political trials.

Devlin pointed out that the Cosgrave government of the 26 southern counties, acting as the junior partner of Great Britain, has become as repressive as the Northern six counties in the struggle against the national liberation movement. She stated that the passage of the "Duality of Courts" law allows for the arrest in the Republic of Ireland of anyone accused of a crime in Britain and Northern Ireland and trial by the Republic of Ireland courts. It is shocking that Britain does not allow the death penalty but the Republic of Ireland does.

All those who wish to stop the Murray hangings are urged to send a protest telegram to President-Elect Patrick Hillery, Aras An Uachtarain, Phoenix Park, Dublin 8, Ireland. Protests can also be directed to the Irish Mission to the United Nations or to Irish consulates in various cities where they exist.

Bourgeoisie unite behind

'Peace march' in England

By DEIRDRE GRISWOLD
NEW YORK, Nov. 30—A march to Trafalgar Square in London on Nov. 27 reported to number 15,000 provided additional evidence that a concerted campaign is underway to undermine the national liberation struggle of the Irish people.

The demonstration was part of the so-called women's peace movement which is receiving widespread promotion and financial support in the Western press and among bourgeois circles. While it proclaims itself non-partisan in the struggle, its efforts are aimed at disarming the Irish Republican Army rather than the British occupation army that has held Ireland a colony for hundreds of years, and that still occupies the northern counties.

That the demonstration was held in London but was not a protest against British imperialist inter-

vention in Ireland is proof enough that it is receiving the quiet support of the British imperialists. Among the leaders of the march was Jane Ewart-Biggs, widow of the former British Ambassador to Dublin who was killed by a bomb this summer.

While the organizers of the demonstration welcomed Mrs. Ewart-Biggs as a comrade to their cause, it should be noted that her husband was not merely some innocent bystander to the Irish freedom struggle but was identified in the press after his death as a key agent of British intelligence in Ireland. As such, he must bear responsibility for the tortures and detainment without charges of Irish patriots arrested under the infamous detention laws.

Giving the demonstration a further pacifist cover was the presence of American folk singer

Joan Baez, who is associated with the anti-war movement here. However, Baez was never a champion of the right of the Vietnamese people to defeat their oppressors; rather, she dropped out of the protests as the struggle took on more of an anti-imperialist character, retreating to a private estate in California where she and her followers concentrated on a mystical search for peace and love.

The two organizers of the "women's peace movement," Betty Williams and Mairead Corrigan, later flew on to Norway where they were presented with a \$325,000 "peace prize" raised by several bourgeois newspapers there. It was reported in the New York Times on Nov. 28 that even before receiving this sum, the movement had already amassed \$1 million in "contributions."

—Baltimore Two

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meeting attracted several hundred passersby, and for the first time in the campaign around the case, the Committee's activities received television coverage. A columnist for the Baltimore Sun indirectly acknowledged that police brutality is a current issue by noting in an article this week that "the police are a law unto themselves."

The Defense Committee has been working constantly since the arrests last June to publicize the case and the broader issues around the role of the police in repressing poor and working people. Supporters distributed over 25,000 leaflets to bring this case to public attention and to demand that the charges against the Baltimore Two and James Harrison be dropped immediately.



The leaders of the so-called "peace movement" in Ireland condemn Irish liberation fighters as "terrorists," but not the British who use violence and torture to suppress the struggle. Here, women watch from doorways in horror as British troops storm down a Derry street.
Photo: LNS

In-Cape Town, South Africa

Black marchers battle cops

By ANDY STAPP

NEW YORK, Nov. 29—Racist South African police and Black anti-apartheid demonstrators clashed in a bloody confrontation in downtown Cape Town on Saturday afternoon.

Carrying banners and placards that read, "To hell with Bantu education," "We want majority rule," and "They killed more than 95 in Cape Town and more than 600 in the whole of South Africa," the angry crowd filled the streets with a sea of clenched fists. Traffic in the bustling port town was brought to a grinding halt as the marchers poured onto Burg Street where heavily armed cops attacked them with clubs.

REPRESSION GOES ON

Meanwhile, across the whole of South Africa, the notorious Bureau of State Security, the hated gestapo of Prime Minister John Vorster's police state, has continued to make sweeping arrests of Africans and their white sympathizers engaged in the anti-fascist struggle. Replying to charges that these prisoners, who are held without trial in special detention pens, are routinely tortured, Vlok Delpont, an official of the Ministry of Information, assured the New York Times yesterday, "terms such as interrogation, physical assault, and torture" are "highly subjective."

"For instance, some might consider some physical assaults to be torture, where others would not," Delpont suggested cynically. The same article describes how one Black political prisoner "was

forced to stand for 60 hours undergoing questioning. At the end of his interrogation, he said, a warden drew a pistol and asked him if he knew what it was. The prisoner said the guard pointed it at his head, moved behind him, and turned the lights off, on and off again, at which point he heard three loud noises that he took to be shots."

IMPERIALIST BACKING

Against this backdrop of monstrous repression, the imperialists and their client states continue to pour money and aid into South Africa to bolster up the white supremacist regime (and, of course, to turn a large profit).

The International Herald Tribune reported on Nov. 1, "Israel is understood to have signed a long-term agreement to buy coal from South Africa. Trade relations between the two countries has tripled in the last four years. Israel sells chemicals to South Africa, while South Africa ships steel to Israel. Fully 60 percent of steel exported last year by South Africa was bought by Israel."

Also getting into the act is the English company, the Marconi Communications System, which according to the Manchester Guardian of Oct. 27, just signed a \$12 million contract to provide South Africa with ultra-sophisticated communications devices.

"The contract," according to the Guardian, is for a system similar to that "used by the Americans in Vietnam and by NATO in Europe."

And only last month it was

revealed that Colt Industries and the Winchester Group of Olin Corporation have been pumping weapons into South Africa in large quantities since 1963.

How these weapons are used was described in an article in the Daily News of Tanzania on Oct. 21:

"Regular troops of the fascist regime in South Africa have massacred 287 people in a surprise raid across the border in Angola, according to Maputo radio monitored in Dar es Salaam yesterday."

"The radio said that the invasion was supported by UNITA troops, now holed up in Namibia after they were defeated during the imperialist war of aggression."

"Most of the victims were children below ten," the Daily News concluded.

CARTER SPILLS THE BEANS

Just what kind of role the U.S. (Continued on p. 9)



Claudette Furlonge of Workers World Party addresses a Chicago meeting on Nov. 20 in solidarity with victims of racism in the U.S. and South Africa. WW photo

'We must link up the struggle here'

Chicago meeting salutes African struggle

By BILL MASSEY

CHICAGO, Nov. 20—Speaking before a well-attended meeting at the Midland Hotel here tonight, Bill Roundtree, the meeting's chairperson, proclaimed the evening as "one not only of solidarity in words with the victims of racist violence both in the United States and Southern Africa, but solidarity in our actions with those struggling to

smash the racist and apartheid systems both here and abroad."

"TIME TO STRUGGLE"

The first speaker on the program was Dennis Serrette, president of the New York Chapter of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists who has, among other things, helped organize and lead support for the municipal hospital workers

in New York City. "This is a time for us to struggle," he declared. Pointing out that both Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X were murdered when they became internationalists, Serrette emphasized, "We can draw the lesson that the ruling class fears the linking up of the struggle against racist oppression here in the United States with the struggles such as those in Southern Africa. Therefore we must work to link these struggles."

South African freedom fighter, Cosmo Pieterse, a member of the African National Congress as well as being an author, teacher, and poet, told how the Vorster government was spending millions of dollars to project itself as a reasonable and not too racist a regime.

He characterized Kissinger

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Two teachers give eyewitness account of

South Africa's war on school children

Editor's note: The following is excerpted from a letter sent by two schoolteachers in Cape Town, South Africa, to the Manchester Guardian, an English newspaper, for publication in its Nov. 14 issue. The teachers said they wrote the letter to correct the inaccurate impressions of the struggle in South Africa as reported in the press.

On Aug. 24 unrest spread to the Coloured townships for the first time. The pupils of Bonteheuvel High School held a peaceful demonstration in the school grounds. They carried placards expressing sympathy with fellow scholars in African areas. The atmosphere of the demonstration was jovial rather than aggressive.

The Riot Squad arrived in mesh-protected vehicles; they were wearing camouflage battle dress and were armed with shotguns, rifles, and tear gas guns. Immediately the principal asked them to leave because their presence was unnecessary. They ordered him to stand aside. The commanding officer ordered his men to line up and, without warning, tear gas was fired at the children. They were then baton-charged by the Riot Squad.

PARENTS, CHILDREN PROTEST

The children fled across the school grounds until they were cornered against the 8 ft. high fence. Most of the boys managed to scale the fence. The girls were trapped and were severely beaten up. It was only because of this that an angry crowd of parents and

children later gathered in Dissel Road outside the school. This prompted the return of the Riot Squad to "break up an illegal gathering."

Fleeing was the only defense the people had against the guns of the Riot Squad; stone-throwing their only means of expressing their anger and pain. Three days of street fighting followed leaving many people shot and at least one child dead.

On Sept. 3, the Riot Squad attacked Trafalgar High School in District Six, close to central Cape Town, leaving many injured and a 15-year-old boy, Shaheed Jacobs, shot dead.

The children of Trafalgar were standing on the playground watching tear gas being fired in the city below. A police car stopped in the road outside and a policeman jumped out and baton-charged a boy of nine or ten. As the police pulled off the watching pupils booed. Immediately the car stopped and without warning, policemen fired tear gas.

"WE WANT RIGHTS"

The children fled into the school buildings. There was chaos inside as hundreds of children tried to find water, their faces streaming. Later some pupils went and tied posters to the playground fencing stating: "We want rights not riots" and "Give us justice."

Almost immediately, two riot vehicles appeared and without warning, police shot more tear gas, birdshot, and rifle shot at the fleeing children. A marksman picked pupils out from the top of one of the riot vehicles with his

rifle. A bleeding boy fell to the ground. The principal ran forward to help him, but was ordered back.

In the confusion and anger some children threw stones from vantage points inside the school. The police then jumped the fence and charged into the school via an open side entrance. In one classroom, two policemen stood guard at the door with rifles while four others beat up one teacher and three boys inside.

On the same day, at Alexander Sinton High School in Athlone, many children were injured during a brutal attack on the school by the Riot Squad. Many children and bystanders were shot; a polio-victim was beaten up and is now permanently crippled in hospital; others broke arms and legs when they jumped from upstairs windows to escape police who threw tear gas into classrooms and then entered the rooms, protected by masks, and beat up both children and teachers.

All the people we have spoken to state that the actual death toll is very much higher than official figures. These people include religious leaders, nurses, teachers, families who have lost relatives, and leaders in the Moslem community. One doctor claims that 70 babies died of tear gas poisoning at the Peninsula Maternity Hospital. Parents who have been to collect the bodies of their children from the mortuary, and mortuary employees, have said it is full.

OFFICIALS HIDE REAL TOLL

The chief engineer who is to build

the new Cape Town mortuary said he was refused entry even though he had written permission from the City Council to inspect the functioning of the mortuary. Bodies are not released for burial until relatives have signed a document stating that the dead person was "actively involved in rioting."

Rhodesian regime lies about casualty figures

By PADDY COLLIGAN

NEW YORK, Nov. 29—The racist Rhodesian military has released its "heaviest" losses of the many years of guerrilla war: nine soldiers in one clash last week.

The minority regime of Ian Smith makes information on the numbers of deaths suffered by its troops a military secret—for morale's sake. Also, just as the Pentagon exaggerated its "Vietnam body counts" to make it appear as if U.S. imperialism were winning the war, the Rhodesian regime grossly overestimates its body counts. Rhodesian figures are generally padded by counting as liberation fighter-casualties the unarmed civilians routinely slaughtered by Smith's troops on search and destroy terror operations. This also is supposed to boost morale of the tiny settler population.

'A LOSING BATTLE'

However, the Rhodesian settlers are not fooled by such transparent manipulations of figures in the news media. Over the last ten

months there has been a net loss of 5,000 settlers who have fearfully left the country. Even the son of the Smith regime's chief army recruiting officer has moved to South Africa, explaining, "We are fighting a losing battle..."

The Rhodesian economy gets into deeper trouble every day because of the ruling regime's all-out efforts to defeat the Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) liberation forces. Expenditures of defense are up 40 percent from last year and police expenditures are up 23 percent. Taxes are soaring. Consumer imports are restricted. Shortages in essential imported goods are causing production snarls.

Revolutionary Mozambique's continued denial of the use of its ports for Rhodesian commerce is cutting sharply into foreign exchange earnings from agricultural and mining exports. Of course, the tourist trade is down to a trickle. Between the military draft and the emigration of settlers, skilled workers necessary to the apartheid economy are in ever shorter supply.

Victims of factory explosion die for lack of hospital burn facilities

By BILL DEL VECCHIO
NEW YORK, Nov. 29—Ruben Gonzalez died early yesterday, becoming the third victim of a horrible explosion and fire at the American Chiclet Co. factory in Queens here on Nov. 21. Fifty-five of Gonzalez' fellow workers on the third shift were also injured that night when hot gum, flaming confectionary ingredients, and debris came showering down on them. Fifteen of those injured are still fighting for their lives. The blast was directly due to company negligence, according to facts uncovered by the Fire Department and the New York Daily News.

INDUSTRIAL MURDER

A cloud of magnesium stearate, a dust used for lubrication, was ignited by a spark from a malfunctioning gum machine, according to the Deputy Chief Fire Marshal in charge of a Fire Department investigation. Also, a former inspector at the plant, Richard Murphy, says he warned the company in 1975 that continued use of magnesium stearate would

cause an explosion, but nothing was done about it.

The District Attorney is conducting an investigation for possible charges of criminal negligence, but the D.A. and the court system have rarely given even token punishment to bosses who have committed industrial murder.

To add insult to injury, the D.A. is also looking for evidence of criminal negligence on the part of the workers, hoping to blame the victims for the crime.

EFFECT OF HOSPITAL CUTS FELT

The terrible burns the workers received were more than the burn treatment centers in the metropolitan New York area could handle due to the tremendous cutbacks in the city's health care system imposed by the bankers who rule NYC. Victims had to be rushed to hospitals in Long Island, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

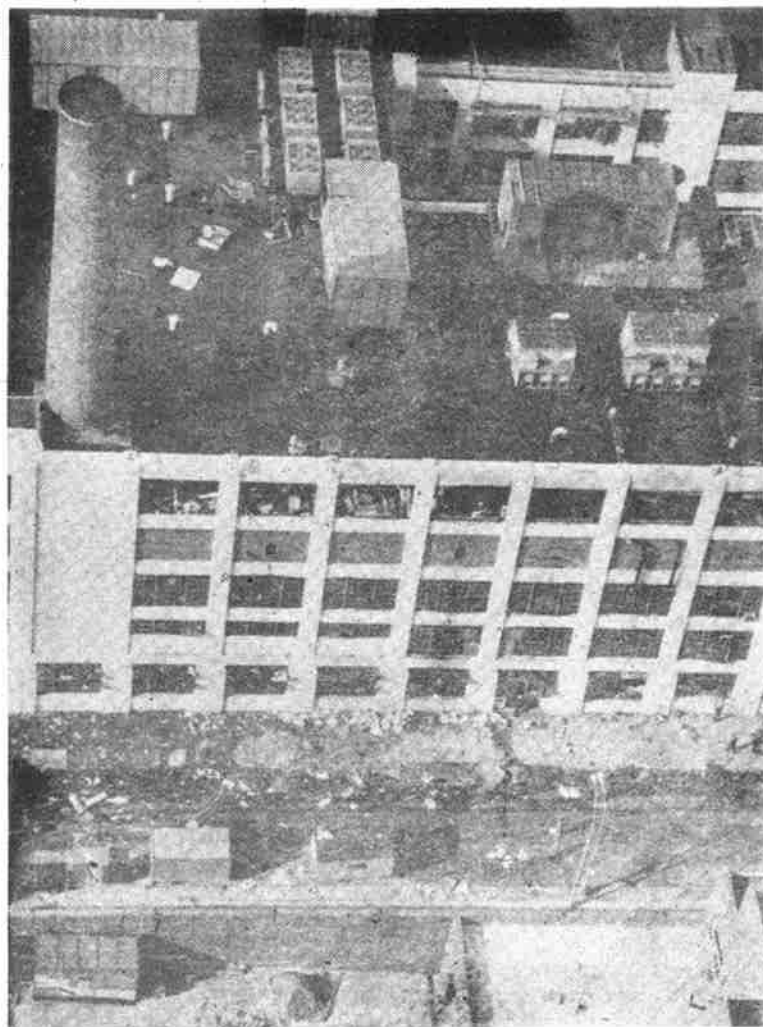
"It looked like something out of 1984," said a cab driver who stopped to help upon seeing the explosion. "Some people were so

badly burned they didn't look like human beings," adding that the victims were covered from head to toe with something that looked like tar.

"All around me men and women were screaming," said Chris Boggio, who worked on the floor below the explosion. "It was truly horrible. I saw men with their clothing and skin burned right off."

WHAT WILL BE THE NEXT DEATH TRAP?

The factory, which manufactures "Chiclets," "Dentyne," and "Freshen Up" gum is one of the largest in Long Island City, an industrial area of Queens generally known as a sweatshop district. The thousands of workers in the area, among the most oppressed and poorly paid in New York, were always keenly aware of the gum factory because it filled the whole area with the sickeningly sweet smell of spearmint and cinnamon. Now they are even more aware of the factory, because it serves as a reminder that their own dilapidated plants might be the next death trap.



The American Chiclet Co. plant in Queens, N.Y., after the explosion: another case of industrial murder.

Black homes gutted in fire that shouldn't have happened

By JOAN MARQUARDT
BUFFALO, Nov. 23—A devastating fire swept through Buffalo's Black community the evening of Nov. 15, leaving 22 area residents homeless. Destroying some 12 structures, partially burning several others, the five-alarm fire at its height involved over 150 firefighters and 28 of the city's 39 pump and ladder units.

Remarkably, no one was seriously injured, but area Black community leaders and residents are demanding an end to a situation which has made such preventable disasters a too-common occurrence here these days.

WHY SO MANY FIRES?

At the scene of the fire's destruc-

tion, a child asked his mother what had happened.

She replied, "City neglect."

Her response sums up the feelings of those who were forced to flee their homes with nothing but the clothes on their backs, and of their neighbors who wonder whose street will be the next to go up in smoke.

The fire, which destroyed and damaged homes on Waverly, Chester, Woodlawn, Purdy, Glenwood, and Verplanck Streets, started in a vacant barn, which was the scene of at least five previous fires!

Area residents point the finger of blame to the large number of vacant, decaying structures owned by absentee landlords, who make a business of buying and selling

inner-city property for profit. Often, these heartless slumlords hire arsonists (the going rate here is \$300 per house) to burn down the old structures to collect insurance. These vacant buildings are the fire traps that threaten the lives and homes of the other people living around them.

Many of those who lost their homes during the raging Nov. 15 fire owned them themselves and had invested all their earnings into their upkeep. Now they have nothing but charred ruins.

CITY CUTBACKS ALSO TO BLAME

The burned-out residents and others who live in daily fear of the same danger have pressured the city government time and again to initiate a campaign to make the

city fire-safe. Seeing that vacant fire-traps are cleared away; that new, low-income housing is built; and that existing, sound structures are refurbished, is the responsibility of any city government.

But budget cuts have all but eliminated such services.

The mayor promised during a post-fire tour of the area, complete with news media coverage galore, to do "something" about the firetraps which are vacant. But even if a few firetraps are removed, what about housing for those now homeless and for the thousands living in dilapidated rented structures, fire traps themselves?

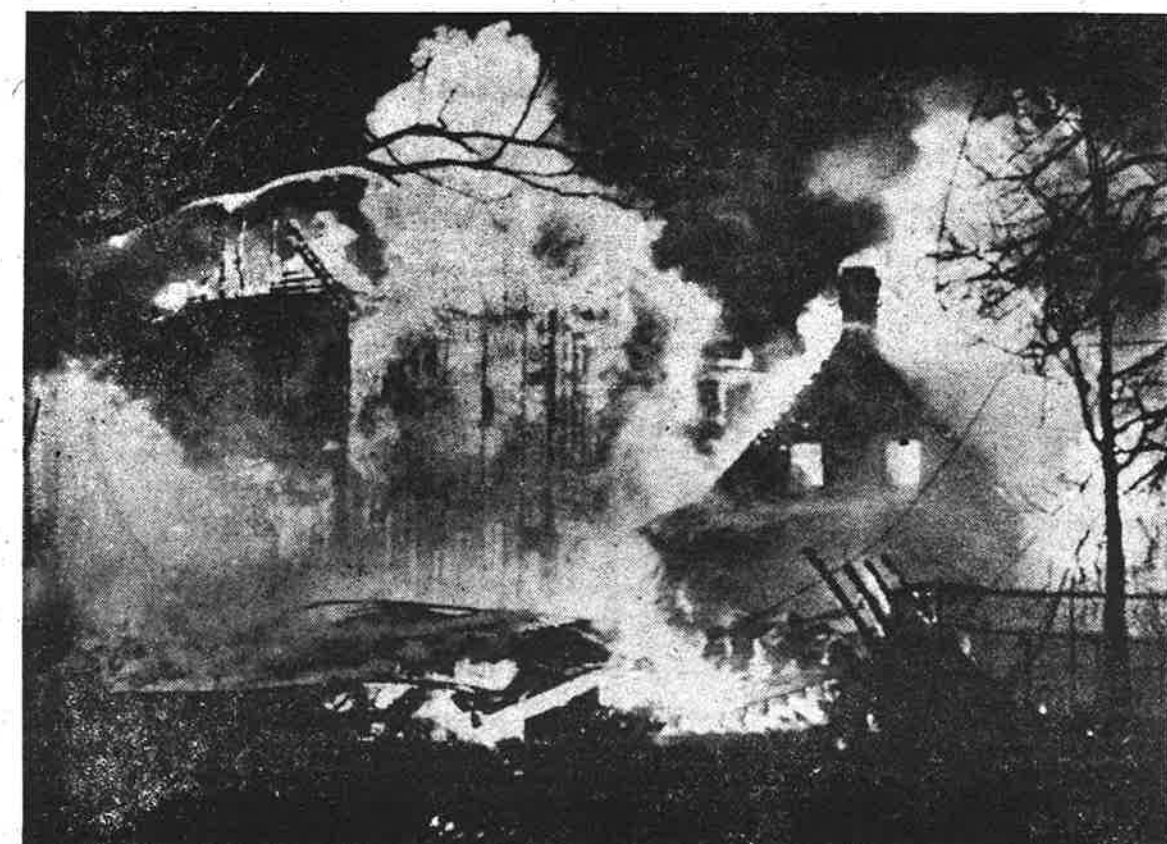
HOUSING PLANS JUST CUT

The city government's answer to

this problem was made known here today when the local Urban Renewal Commissioner announced that not enough money is available to build more than 190 units of low-income housing in the entire city in the near future. Adding that Buffalo has drastically scaled-down plans to construct low-income housing in recent years, the Commissioner said, "... the process is slow because of shortage of funds."

Nevertheless, a multi-million-dollar convention center is being built in the heart of the downtown area. Clearly, the ruling class puts investments which will reap enormous profits above human need.

Safe, affordable housing is a right, not a privilege.



What caused this devastating fire which destroyed 12 buildings and left 22 homeless in Buffalo's Black community? City neglect.

Because he was old and p hospital let him die of neg

By a Hospital Worker

NEW YORK, Nov. 29—While there has been a concerted campaign in the press here sensationalizing crimes against the elderly, there haven't been any headlines about Mr. K, a nursing home patient who was literally murdered in the nursing home facility of Gouverneur Hospital last week. He hasn't been mentioned in the obituary columns, either. For he was an 84-year-old man with no money or family or friends, who had the misfortune to end up in a nursing home, where he broke his hip.

HOSPITAL REFUSES TREATMENT

Due to understaffing at Gouverneur no one even noticed the man had a broken hip until the next day. Then a doctor was called and x-rays were taken that confirmed the hip was broken. A nurse took his blood pressure and found it

was so low that Mr. K was in shock. The doctor was alerted who immediately ordered an ambulance and transferred him to another hospital, Bellevue, where the fracture could be treated.

Mr. K was seen in the emergency room of Bellevue, and no treatment was given. He was shipped back to the Gouverneur nursing home facility to die.

One doctor told this reporter, "There is a 100 percent mortality rate for older people with fractured hips if they are not treated."

Mr. K managed to live for about four days with his broken hip in spite of no treatment, and in that time several nurses attempted to intervene and get him some form of treatment. Nothing was done by the authorities, and he died.

HEALTH SYSTEM BASED ON PROFIT

Mr. K, like thousands of others

WW interviews victim's neighbors**Cop murder of 15-year-old is 'last straw'**

By RICHIE FERGUSON

NEW YORK, Nov. 29—Once again, a Black youth has fallen victim to the racist New York City police force.

Randolph Evans, 15 years old, was shot at point-blank range in the head last Thursday night in front of his apartment building in Brooklyn by a racist cop. The youth was later dragged to a patrol car, thrown in the back seat, and taken to Brookdale Hospital, where he died. There were absolutely no grounds for this racist murder.

HOW IT HAPPENED

The incident occurred when Robert Torsney and another cop went to a Brooklyn apartment building supposedly to check out reports of an argument taking place there. After finding nothing serious, the two patrolmen were leaving the building when young Randolph Evans came up the sidewalk with his friends and asked one of the cops, "Did you go to 7D?"

Replying, "You're damned right," the cop pulled his gun and shot the youth through the head at an estimated range of 18 inches.

The officer was later arrested but released after a few hours on bail put up by the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association.

Workers World conducted interviews with many residents in the predominantly Black and Latin neighborhood in which the youth was slain. All of those interviewed stated two things in common: they are sick of the racist abuse they have been forced to deal with daily, and they feel the murder of Randolph is the last straw and intend to see that the cop who murdered him answers for his vicious act.

A resident of the building where Randolph had lived, Delia Vitali, told this reporter she had one word to describe the police in her area: "disgusting."

Ms. Vitali's apartment lies a few yards from where the shooting took place, and she and her children were the first to see what actually had happened. She told Workers World how after the shooting had taken place, the police turned over garbage cans and looked up toward the roof top, as if a sniper had fired the shot. The New York Daily News also printed reports by area

residents that the police had tried to make it seem to spectators that a sniper was in the area.

Ms. Vitali also said that instead of calling an ambulance, the patrolmen dragged Randolph to the patrol car and threw him in the back seat.

Another outraged resident who had known Randolph, Angelina Nicholo, told Workers World that there was no youth in the neighborhood more respected, and that she would take any actions necessary to fight to expose his murder.

The family of the slain victim, though exhausted from the ordeal, is also standing firm in their commitment to see that this racist murder is answered. The brother of Randolph told reporters, "The police feel they can burn a Black kid and get away with it, but it ain't going to be that way."

POLICE ATTEMPT COVERUP

Because Randolph's friends had been with him at the time of the unprovoked shooting and because the community is so outraged, it has become impossible for the cops to create one of their flimsy coverup stories, as has been done so often in the past, such as when a 10-year-old Black child, Clifford Glover, was murdered by a cop who claimed he thought the child had a gun. (Officer Shay got off.)

There is good reason, however, to believe that the police first attempted a coverup. This is evidenced by the fact that the shooting was not reported over the police press teletype for nine hours after it took place, although, according to the New York Daily News, it usually takes only one hour. Also, both the Brooklyn precinct house and Brookdale Hospital denied that a shooting had taken place for hours afterward.

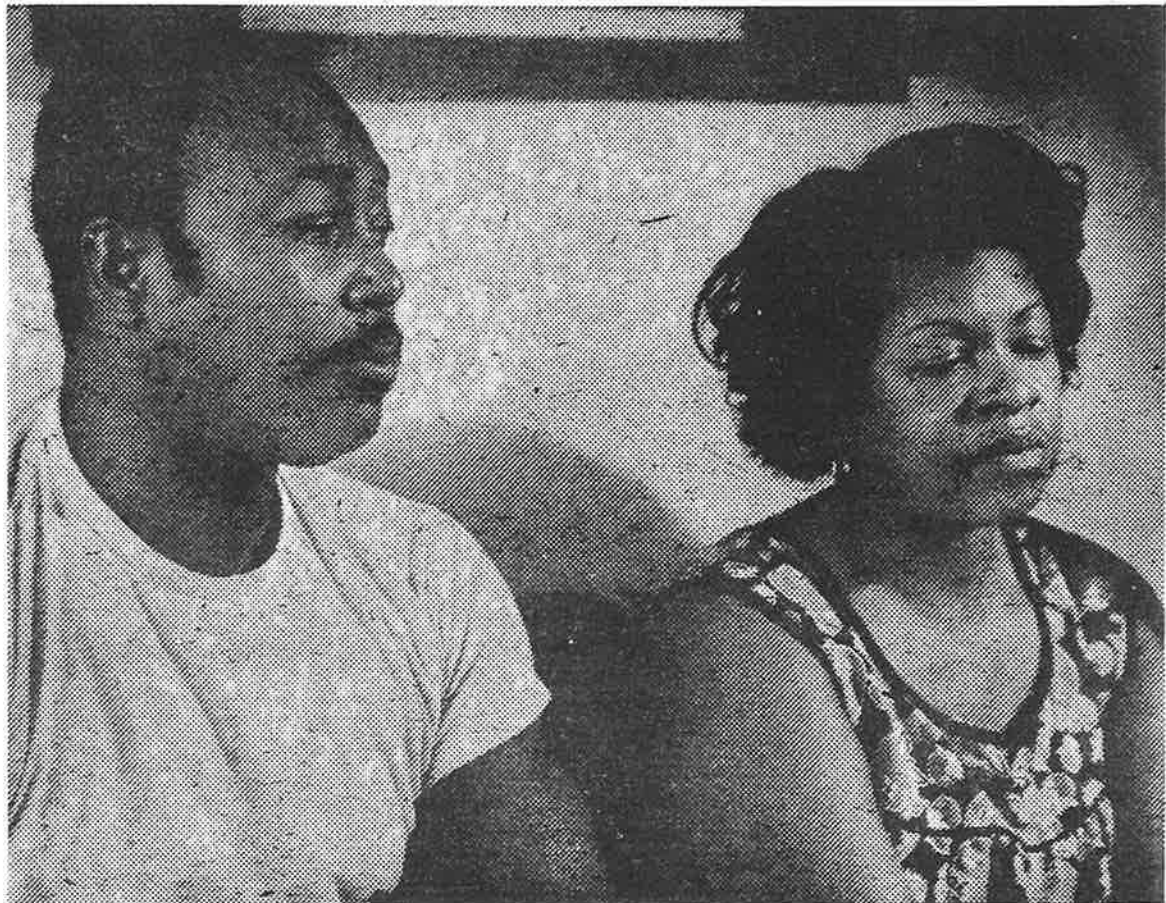
Even more suspicious was a telephone call reportedly received on an unlisted number by a parent of one of the youths who had been with Randolph at the time of the murder. According to the News, the caller warned, "Tell your kid he had better shut his mouth."

PBA BACKS RACIST KILLER ALL THE WAY

Despite eye-witness evidence against Torsney, he was immediately released after his arrest on \$20,000 bail posted by the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (PBA). The President of the PBA, Douglas Weaving, later made this disgusting statement about this cold-blooded murderer in blue: "We're backing him all the way. In the dark shadows of a heavy crime area, he did what he had to do to protect his life."

With the memories of Clifford Glover, Claude Reese, and countless other Black youths slain by police still too fresh in the mind of the Black community, the response to the murder of Randolph Evans has been that of sheer outrage. Two days after the murder, a militant demonstration of over 300 people took place at the 75th Precinct House in East New York, where angry representatives from the Black community chanted, "Racist Torsney, you can't hide; we charge you with genocide!" and threw stones and bottles at the stationhouse. Three demonstrators were arrested. Within the next 24 hours, two other demonstrations were held at the precinct house.

Also, Black ministers, students, and members of the Black community have announced that they will join together to set aside Tues-



Randolph Evans' mother, Annie Evans, and stepfather, Glenn Brannon, mourn his death. The tragic murder of this 15-year-old Black youth exposes the vicious, genocidal nature of the police.

Milwaukee dockworker, fighter for job safety, victim of fatal fall

By JIM BREY

KENOSHA, Wis., Nov. 17—Dockworkers found the body of Milwaukee longshoreman Pat Huck at the bottom of a freighter here this morning.

Huck appears to have fallen down a hatch at the end of the workday on Nov. 16 when the freighter was docked in Milwaukee. He was in the bottom of the hold for 15 hours before his body was discovered after the freighter docked here.

HAD BEEN A LEADER IN FIGHT FOR SAFETY

Just this summer, Pat Huck had been given a 20-day layoff for leading a walkout demanding more jobs and safe working conditions. His senseless death was the second such tragedy on the docks in Milwaukee this year. Just this summer, Jessie Boatman was

crushed to death by a huge container. Jessie was a Black longshoreman who had helped build the port in his approximately 20 years of work there into what it is today.

The shipping company, Hansen Seaway, Ltd., must be held responsible for the five shipping related deaths which have occurred in the last five years. Hansen operates and is responsible for safety in the Milwaukee harbor.

These murdering shippers have used automation to cut back the work force without a thought for safety. When the Great Lakes District of the International Longshoreman's Association (ILA) tried to bargain for guaranteed gang size, these shippers cried featherbedding. Yet, the number of dockworkers in Milwaukee has

fallen from 500 to a little over a hundred in the past five years, while the tonnage shipped has increased!

Longshoremen in Milwaukee and around the Great Lakes are asking how many deaths does it take before something is done about safety and gang size.

HAD DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO THE STRUGGLE

Pat had dedicated his life to the poor and oppressed. He had been a leader in the anti-war movement and ran a progressive bookstore in Milwaukee for a number of years. Also, over the past six years, members of ILA Local 815 had come to look to Pat's leadership in fighting company cutbacks.

The tragic death of Pat Huck was a blow not only to his friends and family but to the whole progressive movement.

—Women's pay

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less than that."

Women's equality will never be realized under capitalism, since the market system demands inequality to keep wages down.

The deterioration in the economic status of women is only part of the general decay of the whole capitalist system. It goes hand in hand with the world crisis, with the threat of another world war, with the suppression of national liberation struggles, with discrimination at home and abroad.

On the other hand, the fight for women's equality is inevitably linked with the fight for the rights of all the oppressed. It is also essential to the victory of the majority of humanity—that is, the world working class.

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dependent on the city hospitals, was a victim of a health care system that is uncaring and unable to provide necessary and adequate care for poor and working people, because it is not profitable to do so. In a society which puts profits above people, the elderly, whose days of productivity may have passed, are too often considered expendable and dumped on the garbage heap.

How different from the socialist countries such as Peoples China where there are "homes of respect for the aged," and where no one dies of neglect or just because he or she is old. In the socialist countries, such as Peoples China, the Soviet Union, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Cuba, and elsewhere, health care is a right. In the U.S., too, it is necessary to struggle to make health care a right for all and not a privilege for those who can afford it.

day, Nov. 30, the day of Randolph Evans' funeral, as a day of mourning, not only for Randolph but for Clifford Glover and the other victims of murderous police racism. It will also be a day of mourning for the heroic sisters and brothers of South Africa who have themselves died by police bullets.

It is the same ruling class here which is putting guns in the hands of its racist cops like Torsney that is backing the reactionary racists in South Africa, responsible for the deaths of hundreds of Black children there.

The murder of Black, Latin, Asian, and Native American people by cops in this country is nothing new. If not carried out directly in cold blood, it is done in the manner of the incident in Washington Square Park here last spring, when police collaborated with a racist mob by suddenly disappearing from the park for 15

minutes, allowing the mob to enter the park with baseball bats, chains, and other weapons. They attacked every Black and Latin person in sight, critically injuring several and killing a Black man from Santo Domingo.

What the racist cops don't understand, however, is the growing resistance in the Black communities. They don't understand that Black people are tired of having cops gun down their brothers and sisters in the streets and on the doorsteps of their homes.

The day is quickly approaching when Black people along with Latin, Asian, and all other working people exploited daily in this country will defeat the fascist police department as they bring down the entire corrupt imperialist system, which sows murder and genocide throughout the world daily.

EDITORIAL

Sino-Soviet border talks

The resumption of the border talks by the Soviet Union and Peoples China this week, after an 18-month lapse, is a very welcome development. The deterioration of the ideological struggle into open state-to-state hostility between the two workers' states has only benefited the imperialist world and has been a dangerous and negative factor harmful to the interests of the workers and oppressed everywhere.

It is to be hoped that the resumption of the talks is the beginning of a general move toward normalization of relations between the two states that will reduce tension along the border and create a generally more healthy climate for diplomatic and economic intercourse.

Such a turn in China's foreign policy would be beneficial to the worldwide struggle against imperialism and reaction, even though it has followed internal developments which amount to nothing less than a broad suppression of the left in China. The purge of four of Mao Tse-tung's closest collaborators has far-reaching significance, as we have already stated in this paper, and marks the end of a revolutionary era in China's development.

However, even this far-ranging attack on the left has not altered the fundamental proletarian class character of the Chinese state, nor the socialist direction of its economy, any more than the revisionist policies pursued in the Soviet Union since Lenin's death have passed over into a bourgeois counter-revolution. Both countries remain fundamentally socialist, with class interests inimical to imperialism and objectively tied to the aspirations of the national liberation movements and the socialist revolution in the rest of the world.

U.S. imperialism, of course, continues to press the antagonisms between the USSR and China for its own advantage. The recent visit of Drew Middleton of the New York Times (more an agent of the military-intelligence community than a reporter) to China and the earlier tour of former U.S. Defense Secretary James Schlesinger are calculated to inflame China's suspicions and animosities against the Soviet Union, just as U.S.-Soviet detente in the Khrushchev era first undermined Sino-Soviet relations.

But despite the profound pressure exerted by imperialism against genuine proletarian internationalism, the rising class force of our epoch is that of the workers and the oppressed peoples. U.S. imperialism finds itself ever more isolated—as in Vietnam—and ever deeper in an economic crisis inherent in the capitalist profit system.

World currency war

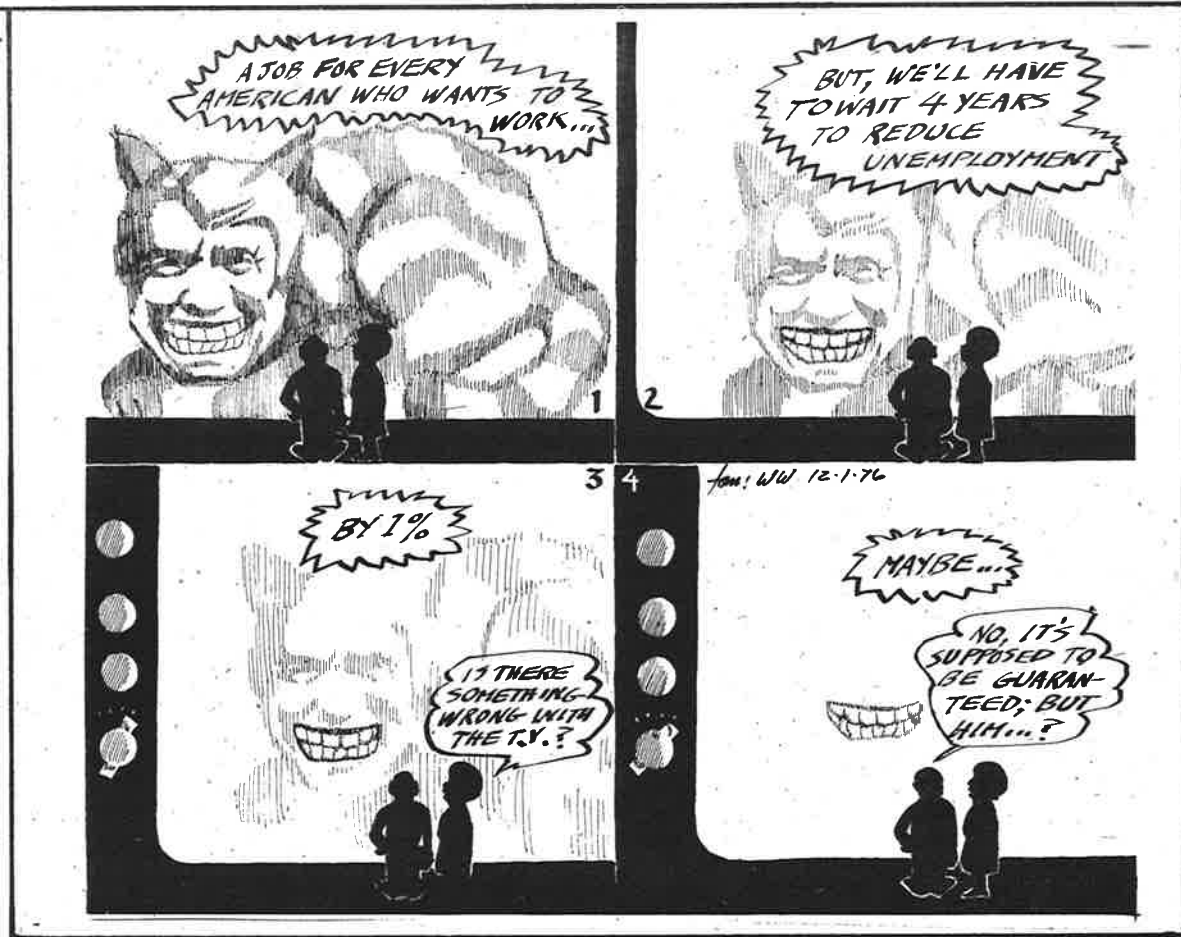
The deep and festering illness of world capitalism continues to produce new and alarming symptoms. One of these is the currency war, whereby each country tries to get a competitive edge over the others through devaluation of its currency. A few months ago it was the British pound; the Mexican peso followed; and this week the Australian dollar was devalued by 17.5 percent to be quickly followed by New Zealand and Papua New Guinea.

The devaluation is evidence of a deeper underlying crisis: the over-production (or under-consumption) of goods, an inborn capitalist contradiction that leads to idle factories and millions unemployed. Devaluation is a method by which the capitalist governments hope to divert this crisis to other nations and onto the backs of the workers—the former through capturing foreign markets with cheaper goods, the latter by forcing the masses at home to pay more for everything.

The currency war began with Nixon's devaluation of the dollar—in effect, a declaration of economic aggression against the world. All other capitalist countries had to follow suit. It has now reached into every corner of the capitalist world, from the strongest imperialist countries to the underdeveloped neocolonies.

Perhaps most profoundly affected is a country like Mexico, where the cheapening of the peso strengthens the hold of the multi-national corporations, which can now buy more pesos for their dollars. The International Monetary Fund (controlled by U.S. banks) has already warned incoming President Portillo that Mexico will have to drastically reduce its social welfare programs before it will get any more needed development loans. They are trying to force an economic Chile on the 62 million Mexican people.

But in Mexico, as in all the capitalist countries, the desperate attempts of the imperialist bandits to strengthen their decaying system are taken at the risk of arousing the masses of workers and peasants, who have the potential to overturn chaotic capitalist property relations altogether.



New Labor Dept. report reveals

Women's pay further behind men's

By ELIZABETH ROSS

NEW YORK, Nov. 29—This week the U.S. Department of Labor dropped a bomb that shattered a popular myth.

That myth says, "On the economic scene—and that's the only place where it really counts—women are getting a better deal now than ever before."

That widespread belief is simply not true. And the Labor Department's report proves it's not true.

In the last 20 years the economic status of women, in comparison with that of men, has deteriorated astoundingly. In 1955 the average pay for men was a little over 56 percent higher than the average pay for women. In 1974 the gap had grown to just under 75 percent!

The "typical" man earned \$12,343 in 1974, while the "typical" woman earned \$7,025—a gap of over \$5,000. The gap is now three times larger than it was in 1955.

The report explodes another

misconception. That is, that Black women have gone up the economic ladder since they are now earning 94 percent as much pay as white women (up from 70 percent in 1960). The truth is not that Black women are earning so much more, but that white women are earning considerably less compared to white men.

These cold, hard facts give the lie to those who insist that sex discrimination is a thing of the past.

Yes, it is true that there are more women doctors, lawyers, business executives than 20 years ago. Yes, it is probably true that Carter, in a benign gesture, will appoint a woman (one out of 110 million) to a Cabinet post.

It is true that women have the right to legal abortions, if they can raise the money and find a hospital that complies with the law.

But of far greater significance is the fact that millions more women now than 20 years ago are working

at low-paid jobs. They work out of necessity, not with any idea of building careers for themselves. Although they make up over 40 percent of the work force, only 5.3 percent of those working full-time earn \$15,000 or more a year, while 80 percent make under \$10,000 a year.

The Labor Department's report can come as no surprise to employers. It is they who, centuries ago, initiated the practice of unequal pay for equal work, and it is they who benefit by it and will fight tooth and claw to keep it in effect.

Discrimination against women and against Black, Latin and all other minorities in the labor market is just what the bosses want. The boss can always threaten, "If the wage doesn't suit you, we can always get a woman to do the same job for a lot less money, or a Black woman for even

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Job hopes fade as

Carter unfolds anti-labor economic program

By HILLEL BAILIN

NEW YORK, Nov. 29—"A job for every American who wants one."

Not a bad idea. Of course, it seems to say that the many unemployed workers who are not "Americans" but who live here, should not get jobs. And it seems to say that there are unemployed workers who don't want jobs. But even though it's not perfect, the slogan, "a job for every American who wants one" would certainly be a big step forward.

When he was running for office, Democratic Party candidate for President, Jimmy Carter, promised, "a job for every American who wants one." However, President-elect Jimmy Carter now promises a job for every American who is lucky enough to find one.

CARTER'S NEW GOAL

This is the message that Carter gave out at a news conference last week, when he suddenly announced that, "a 1.5 percent drop

in unemployment is a goal within the bounds of reason."

According to government statistics (which are very low estimates) there are about eight million people in the U.S. looking for work. Even if Carter reached his newly espoused goal, there would still be over six million people jobless in 1978. And that is a big IF.

Without a doubt millions of workers, employed and unemployed, voted for Carter because of his promises about jobs, voting against the economic policies of the Nixon-Ford administration. To the many poor and working people expecting big new changes in economic policies, Carter's press conference meant, "Forget it!"

CARTER'S PROGRAM ENDORSED BY BURNS

At the press conference, Carter announced his economic program and goal has been endorsed by the conservative banker Arthur Burns. Burns happens to be the Nixon-

Ford appointed chairman of the Federal Reserve Board. As chairman, Burns also happens to have played a very big part in creating Nixon's and Ford's anti-worker economic policies. The fact that Burns endorses Carter's new program is a sign that the "new" may differ little from the "old."

Workers will now ask, "Was there ever any reason to believe Carter in the first place?" and "Couldn't the government pass laws that would simply make layoffs illegal and require businesses to rehire all the unemployed?"

Carter, like Nixon and Ford, before him, represent the interests of the big businessmen that put them in office. So does Congress. So does the Supreme Court. These government officials never willingly pass laws that help workers at the expense of their bosses. Only a determined struggle by the workers, employed and unemployed, can make Carter live up to the campaign promises that he found so easy to make.

Fretilin leader describes

Year-long resistance in East Timor

By SHARON AYLING

NEW YORK, Nov. 27—"With the wet season starting late last month, Fretilin (the Revolutionary Front for an Independent East Timor) launched widespread counter-offensives against Indonesia's occupying troops, particularly in the border region, in the eastern area, and now even in Dili (the Capital)," Fretilin representative Jose Ramos-Horta stated in an interview with this reporter here today.

STRUGGLE CONTINUES

Mr. Ramos-Horta stressed that despite the massive, year-old invasion led by Indonesia's fascist generals, which began immediately after this former Portuguese colony declared independence, the East Timorese nationalist forces have continued to fight. And, in spite of its military

offensive and potential, Indonesia has been unable to dominate more than a few small towns, while Fretilin continues to govern throughout most of the territory in the fields of education, health, production, and defense.

Explaining the significance of East Timor's struggle, the Fretilin leader said, "If you look into the map of Southeast Asia today, you will see that it is, in fact, the major war going on in that part of the world, involving, on the one hand, over 40,000 Indonesian troops equipped with sophisticated U.S.- and Israeli-made guns, warships, tanks, heavy artillery, and airplanes. On the other hand, you have a small nation with less than one million people, but which is highly, politically mobilized under Fretilin leadership."

The ability of Fretilin to remain intact after this year's long assault is abundant proof that it has the overwhelming support of the people, in whose interest it has conducted the struggle against all foreign domination, and in particular, Indonesia's present annexation attempts.

REPORT CONFIRMS FREILIN HAS MASS SUPPORT

In a highly confidential report, leaked to the press in Indonesia and Australia, an Indonesian government relief mission that recently visited East Timor confirmed that Fretilin controls about 85 percent of the territory, and that fighting is widespread. The report also confirmed that at least 60,000 East Timorese have been killed since Indonesian forces invaded. This report just further exposes as a crass and vulgar lie the Jakarta regime's claim that East Timor has been completely integrated into Indonesia as its 27th province, and that the East Timorese people welcome this action.

In today's interview, Mr. Ramos-Horta blasted the U.S. government's role in this war of aggression.

"Following the victory of the

people of Indochina, the U.S. has thrown all of its weight on ASEAN (the Association of Southeast Asian Nations), particularly Indonesia, in order to build up puppet powers to defend their economic and nuclear interests in the region. That is why an independent East Timor, under Fretilin leadership, with a strong non-aligned stand, which would oppose U.S. and other western multi-nationals in the area, which would strongly oppose U.S. nuclear strategy in the Indian Ocean, would certainly threaten United States imperialist interests. That is why the U.S. immediately approved and encouraged the Indonesian aggression against East Timor," Mr. Ramos-Horta stated.

Mr. Ramos-Horta denounced the hypocrisy of the U.S., who speaks "about human rights, about 800 pilots missing in Vietnam, and for this reason vetoes the Socialist Republic of Vietnam's membership to the United Nations, while it gives full military and economic support to a repressive regime that has 100,000 political prisoners in jail."

The East Timorese people's struggle is part of a world-wide struggle of peoples to assert their right to decide their own destiny, to control their raw materials, their means of production, and to establish a new economic system with no exploitation by the big western multi-national corporations, particularly those of the U.S. capitalists. Mr. Ramos-Horta said this is illustrated by the support Fretilin has received, for example, in the United Nations, which has come from the progressive countries, "from China, Vietnam, Kampuchea, Laos, Angola, Mozambique, Soviet Union, and Cuba." "With such allies, with growing support throughout the world, and with the courageous struggle of the people at home under Fretilin leadership," Mr. Ramos-Horta emphasized, "we are confident that victory, while it might be long to come, is certain."



On May 20, 1975, 20,000 people rallied under the Fretilin flag in Dili, East Timor. The Timorese people have been resisting 40,000 U.S.-backed Indonesian occupation troops. Photo: Oliver Strewe

—Cape Town

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government plays in all this was made clear enough by a statement "Jimmy" Carter recently gave in an interview with the South African Financial Mail. Asked, "What kind of influence do you think the U.S. has in South Africa, for example. How would you quantify it?", Carter replied: "Very great. Our economic presence in South Africa gives us a greater influence on that government than its government has over Rhodesia, for example."

For once a politician tells the unvarnished truth! The United States is the real master in the land of apartheid and behind the clubs, police dogs, and guns of Vorster's racial maniacs stands the dollar sign of U.S. imperialism. Conversely, every blow struck against the South African slave state is a blow against the U.S. multi-national corporations and the U.S. government, the main enemy not only of African freedom but of all the workers and oppressed the world over.

—Chicago meeting

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diplomacy as an attempt to divide the African liberation forces and thereby safeguard U.S. multi-national investments in southern Africa.

He said that the tremendous victories of the peoples of Angola, Mozambique, and Guinea Bissau had fueled the struggles in Namibia, Zimbabwe, and Azania.

Talks were also given by Claudette Furlonge of Workers World Party and Rev. Edgar Jackson, the courageous leader of the Martin Luther King Movement which has led the fight against racism in the Marquette Park area here. Loud applause greeted the call for a demonstration in the streets in solidarity with the struggle in South Africa which was made by Sharon Sindelar of Workers World Party.

A moving part of the meeting was the reading of a solidarity greeting from Eddie Sanchez, a prisoner in one of the concentration camps of poor people in the U.S.

Strong indications U.S. is preparing to dump Pak

Ex-State Dept. official exposes Korean election frauds

By DEIRDRE GRISWOLD

NEW YORK, Nov. 29—The thoroughly corrupt and dictatorial character of the south Korean puppet state is now being widely aired in this country, and by none other than the very U.S. government personnel who in the past nurtured and covered up for the dictatorships in Seoul.

On several occasions in the last year, former and present State Department employees have testified in Congress or spoken to the press on the illegal activities of the Korean CIA and the so-called Korea Lobby in Washington.

And on Nov. 19, at a meeting of the North American Coalition for Human Rights in Korea, Donald Ranard, former Director of Korean Affairs for the State Department, told an audience of about 100 people at the Carnegie International Center here that the present exposures constitute a "scandal second only to Watergate."

Ranard's message to the audience, composed about fifty-fifty of North American churchpeople and

south Korean oppositionists, boiled down to this thesis: "Repressive regimes tend to create destabilizing conditions which are harmful to U.S. security interests."

Put in more popular language, what Ranard was saying is that the U.S. government—that is, the government of big business—can no longer rely on the hated Pak Jung Hi regime in south Korea to protect its economic and military interests there, because Pak has so alienated almost the entire Korean population with his police state methods that he is in danger of being overthrown.

What U.S. imperialism fears in south Korea is a "vacuum" if Pak is overthrown—that is, a possible opening into which the masses of people can intervene in defense of their own interests, which are directly opposite to the interests of the U.S.-controlled sweatshops that exploit the people of south Korea.

RANARD ADMITS 1956

"ELECTION" WAS FRAUD

In the course of presenting his

position, however, Ranard spoke more candidly to the assembled audience than is common for those privy to State Department secrets. In particular, he described the 1956 elections in which dictator Syngman Rhee, with U.S. backing, "won" the Presidency again.

"They held up the elections for four hours," Ranard said, "to see how many votes Syngman Rhee was behind. When they found out he was 200,000 behind, he suddenly picked up 300,000 votes."

Needless to say, the U.S. State Department did not inform the American people or anyone else of the rigged character of this election back in 1956. Nor has such a candid account of this election fraud been publicly admitted by any U.S. official up to this very time.

Ranard also told the select audience that the 1971 "election" was also corrupt, and that the charges against nine young men executed in Seoul last year for being members of an alleged "People's Revolutionary Party"

are the meat and potatoes of imperialist diplomacy, the U.S. delegation couldn't rope in even one country in the whole world to vote with them.

In effect, this vote amounted to a censure motion by every country of the world against a power which, unable to conquer the Vietnamese people even with the most superbly equipped expeditionary army, is instead resorting to a vindictive use of its veto in the UN Security Council to keep Vietnam from gaining some of the material benefits of UN membership.

were "fabricated."

He also confirmed that Gulf Oil had altogether contributed \$4 million to Pak's election campaigns in 1967 and 1970.

WALD DENOUNCES "KISSINGER'S SCHEMES"

Certainly not all in the meeting shared Ranard's viewpoint that what's wrong with police state repression in south Korea is that it is "harmful to U.S. security interests." Ranard had to go out of his way to disassociate himself from the first speaker on the program. Professor George Wald, a Nobel prize-winning biologist from Harvard, who compared U.S. policy in Korea to that in Vietnam, characterizing both as "not a mistake but a deception."

Wald described the massive U.S. military presence in south Korea that has underwritten the dictatorial regimes there for so long, and urged that "Kissinger's schemes" to legitimize the division of Korea through admitting two Koreas to the UN, "must be fought."

Rigged elections 1876-1976

Why only 1876-1976?

By V. COPELAND

Considering that this series was written in the 200th year of the U.S. republic, it may strike some as odd that only one hundred years of rigged elections was discussed.

The series began in 1876 instead of at that magic and starry year when everyone—with some exceptions—was "created equal" and from which all blessings, particularly that of democracy, are supposed to have flowed.

But there was a reason. How could the buying and selling of elections be discussed when there just weren't any elections?

In New England town meetings, yes. In the white-on-white Virginia House of Burgesses, maybe. But for Presidents of the United States, definitely no.

"ELECTING" THE FATHER OF HIS COUNTRY

A dozen years after the Revolution there was a President, but still no election. Or rather, so the story goes, Mr. Washington was elected unanimously. Just who elected him unanimously is not clear.

Those half-frozen soldiers whose shoeless feet left bloody footmarks in the snow at Valley Forge (assuming they all survived and remembered the clinical way he watched them push an impossible wagon without giving them a helping hand)—would they have voted unanimously?

And the angry farmers of Massachusetts who followed one of Washington's captains (Shays) in rebellion against new taxes and higher interest—would they have voted unanimously for the man who rode up there to shoot them down?

And would his slaves, especially, have been unanimous—if they had been allowed to vote—unanimous in favor of him, that is? Nobody ever votes unanimously for the boss, except on those sad occasions when the whole gang chips in for flowers.

And surely the Indians, if they had been consulted, remembering that he had helped the British shoot them down without mercy (1754-1763) and was still exterminating them in favor of huge landholders like himself, might have been less than unanimous.

The numerous debtor class in the infant country—leaving out those in debtors' prisons, who couldn't have reached the polls—would also have been dubious about a man whose chief political adviser was a banker.

The women, who, generally speaking, are half of any human population, were not consulted, either.

For the above and other reasons the unanimous election statistics were not published and nobody should expect an analysis of the ins

and outs of this "unanimous" election."

Therefore, interesting as it might be to pursue the trail of those who really did elect George Washington, it does not fall within the approach of this series, which is to show how a whole popular electorate is manipulated, how one faction of big business steals a march on the other (not counting assassinations) and how, when the people do rise up in the voting booths, they cannot rise very high.

John Adams, too, was "unanimously" elected, having obtained the agreement of the Virginia and Massachusetts aristocracies and the previous promise from their respective back rooms that he would be next after Washington.

So it is equally difficult to discuss Adams from the point of view of buying elections.

THE MISSING BALLOT BOXES

Jefferson, the third president, was elected by the "Revolution of 1800," according to the historians. But this "revolution," which was electoral in character, did not produce any reliable statistics, either. Nor did the elections of his two close political allies, Madison and Monroe, in 1808, 1812, 1816, and 1820.

Jefferson, the "progressive" slave master, really did get a few votes from the (white) plebians, it appears. But he seems to our modern eyes to have operated in a circuit almost as closed as that of his predecessors.

He did do some extremely energetic politicking and acquired some interesting political bed-fellows, but he seems to have been above buying elections in the way it is done nowadays and throughout the past century.

He and Madison took a trip up to New York State in 1800 (hoping to outwit the hard-boiled anti-Virginia clique behind Adams in Massachusetts). And they got hold of the Democratic New York Governor George Clinton along with that estimable political and financial hustler, Aaron Burr. Thus they forged a new alliance between the New York banker-merchants and a rejuvenated Virginia aristocracy—an alliance that lasted dynamically for 24 years and statically until the Civil War.

FATHER OF THE CHASE MANHATTAN

Burr, incidentally, got to be Vice President in 1800 as part of this deal (doing his best to double-cross Jefferson and take the Presidency).

What made this possible for Burr was simply that he was the main political instrument for organizing the Bank of Manhattan by a certain

skillful and slightly crooked legerdemain in Albany. (The institution is now known as the Chase Manhattan.)

This bank in turn needed a strong representative in Washington to see among other things that the Bank of the United States and the Bank of New York didn't crush it at the outset.

The Manhattan Bank was run by a newer capitalist and merchant grouping under the Democratic label and was a deadly financial and political threat to Alexander Hamilton's Bank of New York.

The election of 1824 was the first one after Jefferson in which there was "bad feeling"—the intervening years having been the "Era of Good Feeling," remember. But it had the great advantage of leaving for the first time a record of how many people actually voted—350,000 of a total population well over 10 million (which did not include the Indians).

WINNING BY A BIG MINORITY

The winner, John Quincy Adams (son of John), received 150,000 votes, defeating Andrew Jackson, who received more than half again as much. This feat was accomplished by the perfectly constitutional and legally acceptable method of throwing the whole thing into the House of Representatives, because neither Jackson nor Adams got enough electoral votes.

In the House, the good politicians supported John Quincy Adams because the statesman Henry Clay, who also had run for President, had a few electoral votes in his pocket and still more Representatives there, gave them to Adams rather than to Jackson because he didn't like Jackson. Or so any bourgeois historian will tell you.

All Adams gave Clay for his services was the office of Secretary of State. But this was very high-level compared with the Rockefellers getting the head of the Rockefeller Foundation into that position or General Motors and Ford Motors getting their respective presidents in as Secretaries of Defense.

In 1824, there was still no real corruption of elections—because there weren't really any elections.

John Q. became President with considerably less than one percent of the people of the United States voting for him. And this was something of a record. So there isn't much to be said about buying elections with multi-million dollar campaign funds or bribing ward politicians or getting "free" TV publicity and things like that up to 1824.

(To be concluded)

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

Workers World Party and Youth Against War & Fascism are organizing and responsible for many of the struggles you read about in the pages of this paper. These groups are made up of women and men, Black, white, Latin, Asian, and Native American, young and old, straight and gay, working, students, and unemployed, who fight on all the issues that face the working class and oppressed peoples in this capitalist society.

If you would like to find out more about Workers World and YAWF, or if you would like to join them in their struggles, contact the branch nearest you from the list below.

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BOSTON—Workers World Party, 419 Boylston Street, Room 204, Boston, Mass. 02116. (617) 247-1778.
BUFFALO—Workers World Party, 730 Main St., Buffalo, N.Y. 14202. (716) 855-3055.
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NEW YORK City—Workers World Party, 46 West 21 St., New York, N.Y. 10010. (212) 255-0352.
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RICHMOND—Youth Against War & Fascism, P.O. Box 12132, Richmond, Virginia 23219.
ROCHESTER—Workers World Party, 171 State St., Rochester, N.Y. 14614. (716) 546-6429.
WASHINGTON, D.C.—Workers World Party, 930 F St., North West, Rm. 720, Washington, D.C. 20004. (202) 783-7079 (evening).

'Gone with the Wind' (and not a minute too soon!)

By BILL HAISLIP

and PRESTON WOOD

NEW YORK, Nov. 21—"Gone With the Wind," the most lavish and loudly trumpeted film ever made in Hollywood, was recently shown on U.S. television for the first time. Filmed in 1939, this racist glorification of slavery and the "Old South" was based on the novel by Margaret Mitchell. Mitchell, a wealthy socialite from Atlanta, often boasted that she was 12 years old before she knew the real outcome of the Civil War.

The film, characterized by lush settings, gushing music, lavish costumes, thousands of actors, and glowing Technicolor, was paid for by the powerful Whitney family, the notorious billionaire dynasty. Technical advisor was Susan Myrick, known as the "Emily Post of the South," whose father owned a 1,500 acre plantation in Georgia. Her job on the film was to teach the Black actors in the cast how to bow and scrape before their slaveowner masters.

BACKED BY RULING CLASS

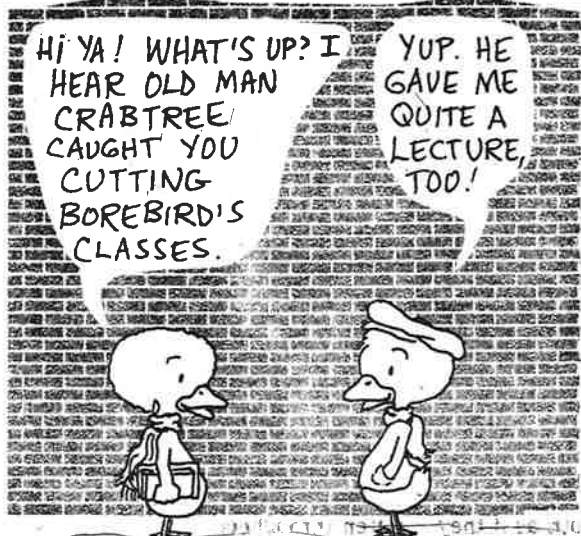
Backed solidly by the capitalist ruling class, its world premiere in

1939 was attended by representatives of nearly all the ruling families including the Whitneys, the Vanderbilts, the Rockefellers, J.P. Morgan, John Jacob Astor, and others.

To camouflage their racist distortion of history, the producers of "Gone With the Wind" employed heavy servings of fantasy. The film was shot in southern California because the real South was considered "inappropriate." To achieve a realistic touch, hundreds of acres of the San Fernando valley were dyed to look like the red clay earth of Georgia. Thousands of workers toiled for over two years, consistently putting in four to six hours overtime each day, driven by their impatient and profit hungry bosses.

The \$4.5 million spent on the production of the film is small only in comparison to the over \$250 million which the film has grossed. The several million dollars recently paid out for the TV rights went directly to the Whitney family interests, who, with foresight, secured the TV rights for the film in 1944.

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FOR THE BIRDS...

AND I QUOTE:
"EVERY MINUTE YOU MISS RETARDS YOUR INTELLECTUAL GROWTH, MY SON! HOW DO YOU EXPECT TO GET A JOB WITHOUT GETTING A GOOD EDUCATION? I WANT YOU IN CLASS EVERY MINUTE FROM NOW ON, DO YOU HEAR ME!"



HE KICKED ME OUT OF SCHOOL FOR A WEEK.



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POLITICAL PRISONERS



Demand ouster of Klansman at Napanoch

The appointment of C.O. Frank Sluka to the position of Sergeant 1 last summer has created an unstable and precarious situation that could blow the lid off Napanoch Prison any second. Sergeant Sluka is an active Klan (KKK) member and overt racist. One of the major demands of the Sept. 13 prison strike was his immediate removal.

To date, Sgt. Sluka has been accredited or directly linked with the following: the sabotage of prison organization meetings; harassment of prison students in the college program; threatening and derogating minority staff members (most recently Ricardo Gonzalez and Mr. Lytel, Director of the Grievance Committee and Educational Counselor respectively, both of whom were threatened with physical violence and/or the loss of their jobs. The latter two have both filed complaints to Albany.); constant cell searches and undue "keeplocks" of Black and Latin prison spokesmen; refusing outside community and organizational guests entrance into the prison; intimidation of Third World ethnic festival committees in their attempt to sponsor approved periodic social functions; and implementing his own "rules" which spurred the Bakery strike last summer, near riots in the big yard on at least two occasions,

and was partially responsible for the major strike last September when over 70 percent of the entire population were locked in their cells for a period of three days.

This open communication is issued as a warning, to place Albany and the State of New York on "alert": If this individual, Sluka, is allowed to remain at Napanoch Prison, we cannot be held responsible for what happens here. We request that our families and all concerned in the community and citizens groups

petition Albany for the removal of Sluka and other Klansmen. The oppression in Napanoch is intensifying.

If Attica has taught us any kind of lesson, let us not forget that this was only a few years ago. The wall markings are cropping up again. They are demanding the "Removal of Sluka." We issue this communication with ample advance notice: Avoid another tragic situation, REMOVE SLUKA NOW!!!

People's Party
Napanoch, New York

Kenneth Johnson's supporters fill court

BUFFALO, Nov. 24—Support continues to grow for Kenneth Johnson, a local Black man who has been falsely accused of a series of rapes. With jury selection for Kenneth's trial expected to begin shortly, a demonstration has been called by the Committee to Clear Kenneth Johnson for Dec. 11 at 12 noon.

Kenneth was arrested last December following a series of rapes in the heart of a major downtown Buffalo shopping area. Merchants, fearing that the rapes would scare off their Christmas shoppers, pressed for an immediate arrest. Police officials announced that the rapes were all committed by a tall, light-skinned Black man. For about a week, the police stopped, questioned, and

searched scores of Black men at random in the downtown area.

On Dec. 3, at the Community Mental Health Center where he was employed, Kenneth was jumped by three undercover cops who proceeded to beat him and arrest two of his co-workers who came to his defense. Only later was Kenneth, who does not match the police description, to learn that he would be charged with rape, robbery, sodomy, and resisting arrest and would face 126 years in prison for crimes he did not commit.

Widespread support for Kenneth was demonstrated on Nov. 17, when with only 20 hours notice, the Defense Committee was able to mobilize a full courtroom of supporters for the opening day of

By LESLIE FEINBERG

NEW YORK, Nov. 16—On Nov. 15, the Supreme Court refused to hear an appeal of the unfair convictions of three of the Republic of New Africa (RNA) 11. This action terminated the bonds which allowed RNA President Imari Abubakari Obadele, Addis Ababa, and Njeri Quaddus freedom from prison since Oct. 24, 1973.

RNA President Obadele's response to the Supreme Court ruling was, "The nascent sentiment for self-determination and independence is growing among

our people and is irresistible."

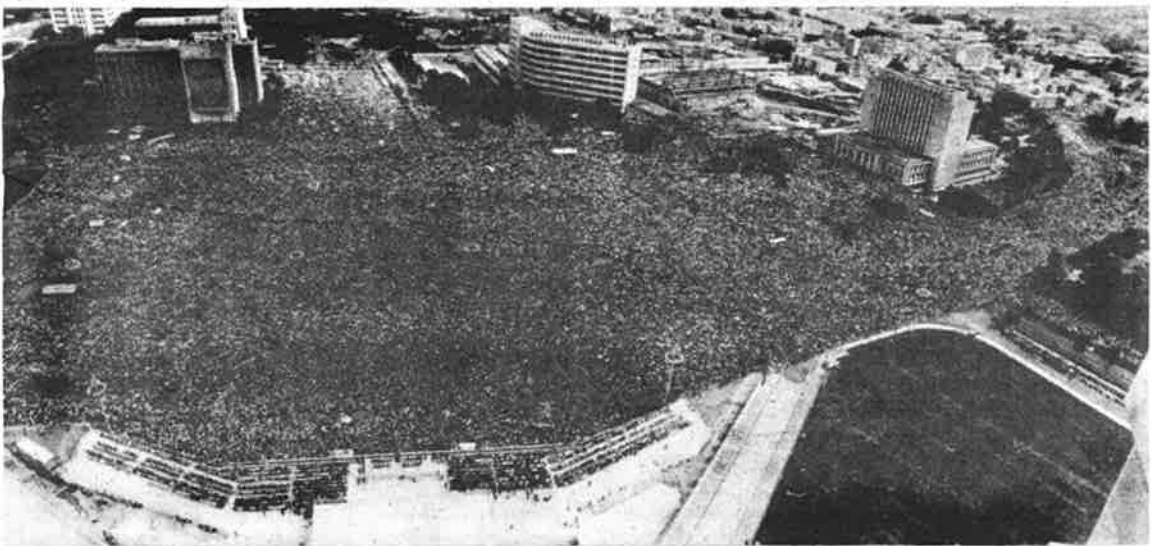
The RNA, born in 1968, is an organized movement that seeks to establish an independent nation for Black people in five southern states including Mississippi, where the RNA 11 were arrested. The only crime of the RNA was demanding self-determination for Black people. Brothers Imari and Addis face 12-year prison sentences; Sister Njeri, three years.

SELF DEFENSE

On Aug. 18, 1971, at 6:30 a.m., a contingent of about 40 plainclothes FBI agents and local police surrounded a house in an all-Black neighborhood in Jackson, Mississippi. Police and FBI came prepared to attack with bullet-proof vests, helmets, riot guns, gas masks, and gas service revolvers. They even brought an armored tank. The police and FBI fired into the house for 10 to 15 minutes. Several shots were fired back in self-defense. When the firing stopped, a cop was dead and an FBI agent wounded.

The occupants were arrested. In addition, four other members of the RNA, including President Obadele, were arrested at another house several blocks away.

Sister Njeri Quaddus was pregnant at the time of the police attack and was viciously kicked in the side by the cops. She has since given birth to a child with deformities.



Cubans, by the tens of thousands, attend a memorial rally for the 73 people killed when the CIA bombed a Cuban airliner on Oct. 6. Photo: Granma

—Brigade

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mittee's annual Cuba solidarity event, was scheduled to take place that evening.

The Committee issued the no-bail demand because of the past record of especially lenient treatment for arrested Cuban exile terrorists by the U.S. courts.

Recent press reports stemming from the investigation of the airline sabotage of a Cuban jet Oct. 6 have further aroused the concern of the Committee. These reports have revealed that Cuban exile leader Orlando Bosch, arrested in Venezuela in connection with the jet bombing, has implicated New Jersey exile leaders Guillermo and Ignacio Novo in the Sept. 21 bombing-assassination of Chilean left leader Orlando Letelier.

The Cuban exile press has reported that the Novo brothers preside over meetings of the "Committee for the Freedom of Jorge Gómez, Armando Santan and Alfredo Chumanceiro," formed in Union City by exiles.

In addition, the Novo brothers

are leaders of the Cuban Nationalist Movement, an organization which has claimed responsibility for several anti-Cuban bombings. It is one of the founding organizations of the Commando of United Revolutionary Organizations (CORU), a newly formed exile umbrella group which had announced, before the Oct. 6 attack, that it would "soon attack planes in flight" and has claimed responsibility for many other attacks against Cuban personnel and facilities.

In addition, the Cuban Nationalist Movement launched the "War Along the Roads of the World" campaign against Cuba, with the bazooka attack of the United Nations building in 1964 when Ernesto "Che" Guevara was visiting the UN assembly. Both Novo brothers were arrested in connection to this attack, but were later acquitted.

Considering this new evidence, the Committee for July 26 urges that you join the campaign for the no-bail demand. Contact District Attorney James Ryan at 155

Leonard St., New York, N.Y. 10017 (or 732-7300), and City Council President Paul O'Dwyer at City Council, City Hall, New York, N.Y. 10017 (or 566-5068).

—'GWTW'

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The film, inadvertently a study in racist propaganda, purposely distorts the real nature of the Civil War of 1861-1865. As an emotional appeal for slavery and white supremacy, the film hides the real class forces which were in conflict at the time. The captive Black people hated their slavemasters and rebelled against them, uniting with the poor in the North to defeat slavery and the semi-feudal institutions of the southern slavocracy.

RACIST PURPOSE OF FILM

Made in the 1930s at a time when Black and white workers were uniting in their struggle against

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exploitation, the film is designed to aid the forces of racism and to undermine working class solidarity. Its purpose today remains the same. That "Gone with the Wind" should appear on television at this time, when once again the capitalist rulers are openly encouraging the forces of racism, when Black people are under attack from Boston to Chicago, in the South and across the country, is an affront to all those who hate racism and who struggle against it.

The film treats the slaveowning racist scum of the South as if they

were humane and deserving of sympathy. In reality, these slave-masters deserve only contempt in the eyes of history. It is they who kept millions of Black people in chains and misery, and who kidnapped them from their homeland of Africa.

Ordered and paid for by the bosses and bankers of Wall Street, "Gone with the Wind" is a racist attack on Black people, and an attempt to divide and weaken the anti-racist struggle. That it was ever made clearly shows that the capitalist system is racist and rotten throughout.

Brooklyn's Black community is enraged over murder of 15-year-old by racist cop. Hundreds demonstrate, stone police station. See page 7.

Case sets dangerous precedent

Four arrested for counseling undocumented workers

By JOYCE BETRIES

NEW YORK, Nov. 26—Three federal anti-poverty workers and a Catholic nun face trial in Tucson, Ariz. on Dec. 15 on federal felony charges of counseling undocumented workers. As part of its campaign of super-exploitation and racism against foreign-born workers, the state hopes to set a precedent with this case to end every immigration counseling service in the country.

Margo Cowan, director of Tucson's westside Manzo Area Council, co-workers Cathy Montano, Margie Jauregui Ramirez, and Sister Ann Gabriel Marcaico, have been indicted on 25 counts, all involving alleged violations of federal law in helping undocumented workers to legalize their status.

The indictments charge the four with transporting undocumented workers, aiding and abetting workers without documents to elude inspection, knowingly aiding felons, entering false statements, unlawfully copying citizenship papers, and conspiracy.

SHAM CHARGES

The trumped-up nature of these charges becomes clear by examining one indictment involving the alleged illegal transport of an undocumented worker. A 15-year-old Mexican woman was seeking to immigrate through her fiancé, a U.S. citizen. She was scheduled to appear in Tucson Juvenile Court for a judge's permission to marry below the state's 16-year-old minimum age requirement. The young woman had no way to get from her southside Tucson home to the downtown court, so Manzo workers gave her a ride to make her court date.

That, Assistant U.S. Attorney William D. Vogel had the audacity to suggest, is knowingly transporting an "illegal alien," which is a violation of the law.

Vogel further exposed his bigotry when he said, "If anybody transports an 'illegal alien'—I don't care if it's only five feet—if it's other than to take them to immigration officials, then it's in furtherance of their illegal entry and is in violation of the law."

77-YEAR PRISON TERM SOUGHT!

For such "crimes" maximum penalties for the four workers at the Manzo Council range from 77 years in prison and a \$98,500 fine for Ms. Cowan to 10 years in prison and a \$15,000 fine for Sister Ann Gabriel.

The charges are the result of an April 9, 1976, seizure of the Manzo Council's files by Vogel and immigration officials.

In the raid, not only 750 immigration files of the Council were seized but all other files, including clearly-marked files relating to the Council's senior citizens and drug abuse programs. A Federal District judge refused to order their return, and an appeal from

his decision is pending before the Court of Appeals in San Francisco.

The Border Patrol used the names and addresses from the Manzo files to apprehend 150 undocumented workers. The Manzo Council has filed a class-action lawsuit charging Immigration and Naturalization Service agents have violated the rights of clients in the Council's immigration counseling program and of their relatives by illegally interrogating and searching their homes and intimidating undocumented persons.

Ms. Cowan says she plans to make client-counselor confidentiality an issue at her trial.

Southern California counseling centers are awaiting the outcome of this trial in which some of their own practices will be tested.

Even if the four workers from Manzo win their case federal officials indicated they would pursue the principle of the matter in a civil case which could affect the California programs.

DANGEROUS PRECEDENT

According to Al Juarez, director of Los Angeles' nonprofit One Stop Immigration Center, Inc., "It could be a dangerous precedent." He continued, "We're alarmed about the Tucson indictments," Juarez added, calling undocumented workers "illegal" or "felons" until they have been adjudicated is a violation of the right to trial, and of the right to be thought innocent until proven guilty.

"Our obvious concern," Juarez



PEASANTS RECLAIM LAND

In northern Mexico, armed peasants stand guard over land that now belongs to them. Two weeks ago, outgoing President Luis Echeverria Alvarez ordered that 243,000 acres of lush farmland in the Yaqui valley be expropriated from the wealthy landowners and redistributed to the landless peasants in the region—but only after tens of thousands of armed peasants had already gathered in the area to claim their land.

said, "is that such an action could be taken in Los Angeles County."

Letters protesting the indictment of the four Manzo Counselors can be sent to Attorney General Ed-

ward Levi, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., and to U.S. Attorney Smitherman, La Placida Village, Tucson, Ariz. 85701.

Messages of support and con-

tributions for legal expenses can be sent to Ms. Margo Cowan, care of Robert Hooker, Esq., 120 West Broadway, La Placida Village, Tucson, Ariz. 85701.

Film shows Fidel's speech on airline bombing

By ELIZABETH ROSS

NEW YORK, Nov. 29—On Wednesday, Dec. 8, at Washington Square Church here, the Committee to Stop U.S. Aggression Against Cuba will show two films, "The Moncada Program," which is about the achievements of the revolution, and "Morir Para la Patria es Vivir." ("To Die for one's Country is to Live")

"Morir Para la Patria es Vivir" concerns Fidel Castro's speech at the funeral services held in Havana for the passengers and crew of the Cuban Airlines jet which crashed after a bomb exploded on board on Oct. 6, murdering 73 people.

The film shows, in a moving and

angry oration, the Cuban leader paying the highest tribute to the 57 Cubans, 11 Guyanese medical students, and five citizens of the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea who had been visiting Latin America on a friendship trip.

"They were not millionaires on a pleasure trip. These were poor workers, students, and athletes who were fulfilling with modesty and dedication all the tasks given to them by their homeland," Castro said.

CIA BEHIND EXPLOSION

He explained that, although imperialist agencies immediately hinted at possible mechanical failure, the Venezuelan and

Barbadian authorities, on investigation, found that two men had flown in the plane from Trinidad to Barbados (where the explosion occurred a short while later) and that one of them was unquestionably a CIA agent.

The President of Venezuela, Carlos Andres Perez, in a cable sending condolences to Cuba, in fact called the event, not an accident, but "an abominable crime."

Fidel Castro reviewed the terrorist attacks carried out against Cuba in 1976 alone: two fishing boats destroyed in April, two Cuban comrades killed in a bomb explosion in Portugal, heavy losses when a bomb went off in the Cuban Mission to the UN in July, a technician murdered in an attempt to kidnap the Cuban Consul in Mexico, two officials of the Cuban Embassy in Argentina kidnapped in August and still missing, and the final outrage in October—the murder of 73 young people on board a Cuban airliner. Fidel laid the blame for all these terrorist attacks at the door of the thugs of the CIA.

Although the U.S. press was quick to emphasize that part of Castro's speech which canceled Cuba's agreement with the U.S.

government on air and maritime piracy (to take effect in April, 1977), U.S. revolutionaries will also remember it for its final paragraphs.

"Our crew members, our heroic air workers, and all our dedicated compatriots who were cowardly murdered on that day, will eternally live in the minds, the love, and the dedication of our people."

"An ever more revolutionary homeland, more dignified, more socialist and more internationalist, will be the magnificent monument that our people will erect to their memory and to the memory of all those who have fallen or will fall for the Revolution."

NO FRONTIERS TO IMPERIALIST CRIMES

"Towards our Guyanese and Korean brothers who died on that day, we offer our most fervent thoughts at this moment. They remind us that imperialist crimes have no frontiers, that we all belong to the same human family, and that our struggle is a universal one. We cannot say that the pain is shared, but rather that the pain is multiplied. Millions of Cubans cry today. And when a strong and courageous people cries, injustice trembles."

Brigade warns of bombers

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The New York Committee for July 26 has urged New Yorkers to demand of City Council President Paul O'Dwyer and District Attorney James Ryan that three

suspected Cuban exile bombers not be released on bail.

The three suspects, Jorge Gomez, Armando Santana, and Alfredo Chumanceiro, were arrested in New York on July 24, while allegedly attempting to plant a bomb at the Manhattan Academy of Music. "In Concert With Cuba: Break the Blockade," the Com-

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