

## Another campaign promise broken

# Carter stalls as Pentagon wastes billions on B-1

By HILLEL BAILIN

NEW YORK, Dec. 7—Schools, hospitals, and child-care centers in cities across the country are in great danger. The B-1 bomber is back!

Pentagon officials announced in Washington this week that the B-1 bomber program is back in business. Air Force generals just signed contracts worth \$704.9 million with the Boeing Company, General Electric, and Rockwell International. According to the Pentagon, the total program will cost \$22.8 billion. With cost overruns, it is sure to really cost much more. Meanwhile, Carter now says he has "an open mind" on the B-1.

The B-1 bomber is a super-expensive death machine that flies at supersonic speed. Production of the bomber had been halted during the presidential election campaign. No politician could convince millions of working people that there was not enough money for schools and hospitals but plenty of money for bombers.

"Jimmy" Carter, while running for election, promised to stop the B-1. He said the B-1 was "an example of a proposed system which should not be funded and would be wasteful of taxpayers' dollars." That was before election day.

Carter, of course, is not President yet. But if he merely spoke out against the B-1 now, after election day, as he did before election day, the Pentagon could hardly continue it.

As the contracts stand, the government will pay \$87 million a month until Carter makes up his "open mind." By that time, Carter, the Pentagon, and the giant airplane companies will hope that enough people will forget about the old election promises.

So far, Carter has announced that he will break his campaign promises to reduce unemployment, cut back taxes, and help out the cities. The money that would have paid for these programs will go instead to pay for the B-1 bomber and other military hardware.

The B-1 bomber was designed to bomb the cities of faraway countries and to destroy their schools, hospitals, child-care centers, and factories. But before the plane is even built, the first victims of the B-1 bomber—the first to lose their schools, hospitals, child-care centers, and libraries—will be the cities right here.



Ann Spriggs, arrested and sent to a mental hospital for demanding food stamps so she and her family could eat, speaks in defense of the Baltimore Two. WW photo: G. Dunkel

## Victims of police attack won wide support

# Ceci and Pione, Baltimore Two, are acquitted

By LAURIE FIERSTEIN

BALTIMORE, Dec. 3—An air of victory and joy came over the supporter-filled courtroom here today as Ray Ceci and Mike Pione, who have come to be known as the Baltimore Two, were acquitted of assault charges. Had the Two been convicted, they would have faced a maximum of 20 years in prison.

Mike, who has been laid off from his shipfitting job, has been active in various struggles in the Baltimore area, including the fight for the Upland tenants and against the fascist Shah of Iran.

Ray, a long-time militant and respected leader in the campaign

against the profit-hungry Baltimore Gas & Electric Company, as well as a veteran of numerous other battles for the people, is a longshoreman. Both are members of Youth Against War & Fascism.

The Two were arrested last summer while posting notices for a meeting which was to build for the giant demonstration against colonialism, racism, and inequality held in Philadelphia on July 4th.

Charged with assault against Thomas Fannon, a merchant, landlord, and right-wing extremist, Mike and Ray were in

reality attacked by Fannon who was infuriated by the progressive content of the posters they were putting up.

The "not guilty" verdict came after a four-day trial in a packed courtroom and following five months of vigorous work by the Baltimore Two Defense Committee. Many tens of thousands of leaflets protesting the arrest of Mike and Ray and denouncing the general brutality of the Baltimore cops were distributed in busy shopping areas and at factories.

Street corner rallies and marches were held in the downtown area of this city and a wide array of

organizations and prominent individuals sponsored the defense effort. Community support for Ray and Mike was strong, especially from the poor and working people who are fed up with the savage tactics of the Baltimore police.

This community support was concretely expressed at the trial by numerous eyewitnesses who testified in behalf of Ray and Mike, exposing Fannon as the assailant. An 11-year-old girl, a 23-year-old woman (who flew up to the trial from her new home in Atlanta), and a young Black couple told in court how they had seen Fannon

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## THE STRUGGLE IN BRIEF

### Detroit solidarity with Azania

By D. BUKOWSKI

DETROIT, Dec. 4—Over 225 marchers from all over Michigan gathered in downtown Detroit today to observe South Africa (Azania) Solidarity Day.

The day's events were endorsed by a coalition of 50 prominent community and religious leaders, including Black Congressman John Conyers, Joe Madison of the NAACP, and Garland Jagers of the Black Secretariat of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Organizations taking part included the Pan-African Congress of Azania (whose representatives initiated the call for the march), the Iranian Students Association (World Confederation), Lansing Non-Intervention in Chile, the Eritreans for Liberation in North America, and Workers World Party and Youth Against War & Fascism.

The march moved in a broad circle through downtown Detroit, forging strongly through falling snow and slush. Thousands of

Christmas shoppers stopped in their tracks to read the dozens of yellow banners, flags, and signs displaying graphics of African demonstrators and prisoners superimposed on a map of Africa, and to listen intently to the loudly echoing chants of "Up with Azania, Zimbabwe, Namibia; down with South Africa and Rhodesia," "We say no to racism," and "Stop the war against Black America."

When the march reached Woodward Ave., Detroit's main street, the demonstrators, many of them Third World, took up the chant of "Fight unemployment, not Black Africa," and speakers linked the struggle against the racist regime in South Africa with the struggle against unemployment and poverty in Detroit.

#### ANGOLA HAS WON—AZANIA WILL WIN

At the rally, Percy Wheeler, of the South Africa Solidarity Day Committee, and a member of



Over 200 people marched through downtown Detroit to observe South Africa [Azania] Solidarity Day. WW photo

Youth Against War & Fascism, greeted an applauding audience with the word "Angola!" and led them in chanting "Angola has won—Azania will win!"

The chief speaker was Ntombi Sibeko, roving ambassador for the Pan-African Congress of Azania, who received two standing ovations in solidarity with the struggle there. She was introduced by rally chairperson Professor Bojie Jordan, another Pan-Azania representative and initiator of the call for South Africa (Azania) Solidarity Day in Detroit.

#### FIGHTING FOR CONTROL OF THEIR COUNTRY

Ambassador Sibeko described the historic events of June 16 of this year, when unarmed Black children and students of Soweto, ranging in age from seven upwards, ignited the South African revolution with their demonstration against the use of Afrikaans language in their schools. She stated that that demonstration gave the South African regime "a good excuse to try out their arms from France, Britain, and the United States on the defenseless children," resulting in the deaths since then of over 1,000 Azanian demonstrators.

Ambassador Sibeko continued, "We are saying to Vorster that in spite of all the arms given by the West, in spite of the use of even chemical warfare—in revolution, only the people are the determining factor. . . . We are not fighting apartheid, but for the overthrow of that racist regime and the seizure of political power. . . . We don't want any reforms, we don't want to be part of Parliament, we want to control our own country!"

To an electrified audience, she then read the text of a statement smuggled back into Azania by the Soweto Student Representative Council, an organization which represents the hundreds of children and students who have fled South Africa in fear of their lives. The message declared a period of mourning throughout Azania for the freedom fighters who have given up their lives this year, and solidarity with the millions of Azanian workers who have risked their lives and given up their wages in the nationwide strikes. The students also called for a national boycott by Azanians of Christmas shopping and any other holiday events.

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### U.S. demonstrations protest frame-ups of Iranian students in France

By PRESTON WOOD

NEW YORK, Dec. 4—Demonstrations took place across the U.S. this week to protest the arrests in France of 15 Iranians protesting the brutal regime of the Shah of Iran. Two of the Iranians arrested in France have been charged with the shooting of an agent of SAVAK, the gestapo-like secret police agency of the dictatorial Shah.

The hated Shah, installed by the U.S. in 1953 in a bloody coup d'etat, is a puppet of Wall Street and the Pentagon. SAVAK agents, trained and supplied by the CIA, are the despised enemy of the Iranian people.

Although a French group not associated with the arrested Iranians and calling itself "The International Brigade of Reza Revaii" has assumed full responsibility for the shooting and has even correctly identified via the press the weapon used in the shooting, the French government has made clear its determination to prosecute the two Iranians.

#### DEMONSTRATIONS IN FOUR U.S. CITIES

Angry demonstrations, called by the Iranian Students Association (World Confederation), have taken place across the U.S. and in many European cities. In Houston, Washington, D.C., New York, and Chicago, demonstrations were held at French government offices to

demand the release of the Iranians held in France.

In Chicago, nine members of the Iranian Students Association (World Confederation) were arrested for refusing to leave the offices of the French consulate without presenting their demands for freedom for those being held. Later released on bail, and charged with trespassing, the nine Iranian students vowed to continue in their struggle to let the people of the U.S. know of the dictatorial nature of the brutal Shah regime which, like the puppet state of Israel, is a puppet state and a creation of U.S. imperialism.

U.S. imperialism, always hungry for greater profits and for access to more mineral and oil deposits, has engineered, along with its imperialist allies in France, a wave of repression against opponents of the Shah's regime.

Progressive Iranian students have struggled successfully to bring world attention to the brutality of the Iranian regime where over 100,000 political prisoners, opponents of the Shah, face misery, torture, and death in the Shah's dungeons. Demonstrations such as those which were held in the U.S. this week will show the U.S. imperialists and all their lackeys that resistance to the bloodstained regime of the Shah along with worldwide resistance to the reactionary forces of U.S. imperialism cannot be thwarted.

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## DECLINE AND FALL

### Only the beginning

The New York Times, Dec. 5:

"The signs of crippled services, physical deterioration and general government retrenchment in New York City are everywhere.

"...Street resurfacing has all but halted. Garbage sits uncollected while 30 percent of the sanitation trucks are out of commission because there are not enough mechanics to repair them. Nearly 20 percent fewer children are enrolled in daycare centers, the number of schoolteachers has dropped to levels of the early 1960s, and housing inspection has been cut back.

"Two years ago last month Mayor Beame announced the first massive layoff since the

Great Depression, plus a harsh program of cuts that few people realized would turn out to be only the beginning of the most serious fiscal crisis in modern city history.

"And yet, starting July 1, \$500 million additional in savings must be achieved if the budget is to be balanced, as required by State and Federal law."

### He said New Yorkers were spendthrifts

New York Post editorial, Nov. 29:

"Treasury Secretary Simon has long been a spirited critic of real or imaginary extravagance in government social programs and an especially vigilant supervisor of New York City's spending habits.

"... Simon departed for Moscow via

London last Friday 'on a trip that will cost U.S. taxpayers \$131,500.'

"Simon was 'accompanied by a government party of 42 others, including his wife, two sons, four wives of other officials and more than a dozen Secret Service Agents.'

"On further exploration, it was found that Simon's impulse to travel with a large cast 'has become routine' and that five overseas journeys he took in the year ending last June 30 cost the U.S. \$456,000."

### And he cleaned up the city

The New York Times, Nov. 28:

"After the Luxor Baths Hotel on 46th Street had filed plans with the New York City Buildings Department 'to create office space,' the city discovered that a lessee was converting the nine-story building into the 'biggest massage parlor' in the country. Even more surprising, the building was owned by the Durst Organization, whose

leader, Seymour Durst, was a member of the Mayor's Midtown Cleanup Committee."

### Diplomat-Terrorists

The New York Times, Nov. 5:

"Evidence is mounting that secret police agents of some foreign powers routinely spread terror among their countrymen who reside as aliens in the United States. In some instances, such harassment is extended to naturalized or even second-generation American citizens.

"Federal authorities are investigating charges that South Korean intelligence agents and diplomats are violating the rights of Korean aliens and of Korean-Americans. The Shah of Iran admitted in a recent televised interview that agents of Savak, his secret police, are spying on Iranian students in the United States. Similar activities have been alleged to be engaged in by agents of the Chilean junta and of the Taiwan Government."



Campaign against Mexicans hurts all workers

# Immigration agency deports 400 in single L.A. raid

Special to Workers World

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 3—The Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) is conducting a campaign of terror against undocumented workers in the U.S.

At 8:15 a.m., on Nov. 23, over 50 INS agents, aided by the Los Angeles Police Department, raided Funstrider, Inc., a shoe factory here, and arrested the staggering number of 400 foreign-born workers. Most of those

arrested were deported on the same day.

This mass arrest was the result of just one raid conducted by the INS.

Attacks against workers without documents are taking place all around the country. On Nov. 28, the INS raided a Washington, D.C., soccer match between teams from El Salvador and Peru. Spectators were chased by agents searching for workers without papers. Some

24 people face deportation hearings as a result of the raid.

New York City restaurants and other places of employment there are raided daily by the INS seeking workers without documents.

### THIRD RAID IN A YEAR

The Nov. 23 sweep at Funstrider, Inc., was the third INS raid on this plant in the past year. In the last attack, many workers were beaten by INS officials. A worker from El

Salvador suffered a fractured nose and fractured ribs from kicks received from INS agents.

Most of those arrested were Mexicans, although workers from South and Central America were also detained and deported. That same day 80 people were put on what is ironically known here as the "champagne flight" to Mexico City. (Under pressure from the U.S. government, the Mexican government has appropriated \$2

million to be used for the aerial repatriation of Mexicans from the U.S. via Western and Mexican Airlines.) At the same time the rest were deported to the border at Tijuana.

The acceleration of attacks against undocumented workers, most of whom are Mexican and other Latin American people, comes at a time when the U.S. economy is stagnating and unemployment is again on the rise. The U.S. ruling class is attempting to make undocumented workers the scapegoat for economic ills here that big business has caused.

In reality, undocumented workers are one of the most oppressed groupings in the U.S. Forced here because of imperialist oppression abroad, these workers are offered only the lowest-paying jobs. In addition, they are subjected to racist harassment.

The struggle for the protection of undocumented workers here is an integral part of the class struggle. The scheme of the big bosses and their government agencies to have an unorganized migratory labor pool that can be uprooted whenever their profit needs dictate it must be stopped.

January 8 actions to support Pepe Medina as

## U.S. tries to deport Mexican revolutionary

Special to Workers World

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 8—On Tuesday, Jan. 11, the U.S. government will hold its tenth hearing attempting to deport Jose (Pepe) Jacques Medina, a member of CASA-General Brotherhood of Workers and a political refugee forced to flee Mexico in 1973 because of reactionary repression by the Mexican government and police. Medina had been a leader in left-wing student and workers' struggles in Mexico since 1968.

Backed by an impressive array of independent Mexican unions, progressive attorneys, workers' publications and political and cultural organizations, Medina's case is beginning to draw attention across the U.S. January 8 has been declared a day of national actions in support of Medina's case.

### RIGHTS FOR ALL THE UNDOCUMENTED

This Mexican revolutionary is using his case to establish legal precedents to protect the rights of all undocumented workers. These elementary democratic rights (which are now denied to those who are not U.S. citizens or don't have green cards) include the right to free counsel, time to gather evidence, and a guarantee that all court proceedings will be translated into Spanish.

Also Medina is fighting for a larger hearing room, since the public interest in his case has been great since the proceedings against him began.

Quite rightly, Jose Medina is insisting that the Fifth Amendment provisions against self-incrimination (a part of the Bill of Rights that was supposed to prevent the cops from torturing defendants into false "confessions") should be extended to all people living in the U.S. and not merely to those who are "documented" and have "their papers in order" as the super-patriots now claim.

Medina has also requested that the court obtain information which the government secret police agencies such as the FBI and CIA have compiled against CASA, a Mexican organization that fights for the rights of undocumented workers.

### JUDGE "UNPREPARED"

At his last hearing, the judge, Benjamin Myron, postponed the proceedings on the grounds that he was "unprepared." The fact that the courtroom was filled with Jose Medina's supporters and that a large picket line marched outside in his support obviously gave the judge cold feet.

"On both the matter of immigration as well as political asylum," Jose Medina told Workers World,

"our objective is to defeat the actual unfair practices and establish legal precedent to benefit future cases."

"At present my Defense Committee has extended its legal subcommittee with the participation of attorneys Leonard Weinglass, Peter Schey, Antonio Rodriguez, and other attorneys and law students who are participating in the research of materials for my defense," Medina continued.

"The legal struggle is a difficult and slow one, since it is subject of, and directed by, the same procedures stipulated by the State. Nevertheless, we have taken this difficult weapon to prove from its angle the contradictory character of the ruling system in regards to its incapacities to comply with the same laws it is based on."

"There are no borders in the working class struggle," Jose Medina emphasized.

As thousands of armed peasants hold seized farmlands

## New Mexican President promises more poverty

By P. MEISNER

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 3—A new capitalist president and administration were inaugurated here two days ago in a deceptively peaceful turnover of government.

Four bombs were exploded in this capital city on the eve of the inauguration of Jose Lopez Portillo, a conservative ex-finance minister with close ties to the military and propertied classes of Mexico.

But the social ferment spreading throughout the country is far more explosive than were those four bombs. Mexico is currently wracked by a deep economic crisis that has already thrown millions more Mexicans into brutal poverty. The streets of this sprawling 12-million-strong metropolis seem to be lined with thousands upon thousands more people desperately begging or engaged in small street vending to escape starvation.

The economic crisis in this country is deeply intertwined with the policies and actions taken by Wall Street and Washington. It was the U.S. imperialist colossus, after all, which in the last five months forced two devastating devaluations of the Mexican peso, once stable at 8 U.S. cents but now fluctuating between 4 and 5 cents—a near 50 percent devaluation!

Using the International Monetary Fund (IMF) as a front, the giant U.S. monopolies with large investments in Mexico demanded the devaluations as a prerequisite to stabilizing Mexico's trade imbalance (the foreign debt is now at \$23 billion) and to secure new loans. The immediate effect of the devaluations was to spur domestic inflation and make prices for U.S. goods (70 percent of Mexico's foreign trade is with the U.S.) out of the reach of millions of Mexicans dependent on them.

### WALL STREET JOURNAL PRAISES PORTILLO

The big U.S. corporations have reacted almost jubilantly to the new Mexican president, who appears to be more in favor of ex-

panding foreign investments in Mexico. The Wall Street Journal went out of its way to praise Lopez Portillo, while Chase Manhattan Bank officials predicted a "favorable climate" for U.S. investors under the new Mexican government.

When outgoing president Luis Echeverria, somewhat more liberal than his successor, left his post, Mexico was suffering from a 30 percent rate of inflation; unemployment (including underemployment) was estimated at more than 50 percent. Although he sanctioned police intervention to break a number of important strikes, and sent in army troops to occupy strike-bound electric plants last July, Echeverria tried to save face with the impoverished masses of Mexico with a last minute expropriation of rich farmland owned by wealthy Mexicans. These expropriations were made only after tens of thousands of peasants, many of them armed, had already gathered in those areas to claim the land. Thus over 240,000 acres of land in northern Mexico were expropriated by the Echeverria government last month and ordered to be redistributed to thousands of landless peasants.

Echeverria's actions naturally angered Mexico's propertied classes as well as the U.S. ruling class. This was largely reflected in the flight of \$4 billion of Mexican capital out of the country just last month alone. It is more than likely that Lopez Portillo will reverse the land expropriations, although a mass peasant movement is beginning to develop that is determined to stay on the lands. Also, landless peasants are initiating seizures on numerous other privately owned farmlands.

### FLIGHT TO U.S.

The rapid growth of a mass peasant and squatter movement in Mexico during the current economic crisis is paralleled by an ever-growing flight of Mexico's impoverished across the border and into the U.S. According to U.S.



Jose Medina



Mexico City: July electrical workers strike.

immigration authorities, there are already 5 million "illegal aliens" from Mexico either seeking or trying to maintain jobs within the U.S.

Anticipating Mexico's economic plunge, the Ford administration passed a vicious immigration bill designed to deport tens of thousands of Mexicans already in the U.S.—most of them on lands originally stolen from Mexico—and to keep out the hundreds of thousands inside Mexico trying to escape hunger, misery, and starvation.

Thus the destinies of the oppressed in Mexico and the U.S. are necessarily bound up together in one common struggle against Yankee imperialism and all of its colonial or neocolonial puppets. What affects oppressed workers in Los Angeles, Calif., also affects oppressed workers in Monterrey, Mexico.

As is already so evident, the two-day-old puppet regime of Lopez Portillo has no desire for nor can it offer a real solution to the social and economic crisis plaguing Mexico. In fact in his inaugural speech Portillo vowed to bring in austerity "not as a passing fad but as a way of life."

However, Mexican urban workers will be pressing their demands for higher wages. Fidel Velazquez, head of the 4-million-strong Mexican Labor Confederation, announced that he intended to make fresh wage demands to compensate for the drop in workers' purchasing power caused by the decline of the peso.

Those who work the factories, till the land, and beg in the streets have a solution to the economic crisis—the overthrow of Lopez Portillo and his U.S. overlords and all capitalist oppression in Mexico.

## Carter appoints new Secretary of State

# Cyrus Vance—the apostle of 'continuity'

By V. COPELAND

Who is Cyrus Vance and why is he being made Secretary of State?

As a trustee of the Rockefeller Foundation and a director of IBM and Pan American Airways, both of whose chairmen sit on the board of the Chase Manhattan Bank, there is a temptation to say that he is simply another Rockefeller man like Henry Kissinger. But his associations with big business are wide as well as deep.

As a young lawyer, Vance was a protege of John W. Davis, the old Morgan servant who ran for President in the well-staged election of 1924.

Already a man of many connections, Vance joined the Wall Street law firm of Simpson, Thacher & Bartlett (170 lawyers) of which he is now a partner, in 1947—and made many new connections.

The firm serves the prestigious Manufacturers Hanover bank and the powerful Lehman Brothers as well as various Rockefeller enterprises.

It is no accident that most dispatches and dope articles refer to Vance as an Establishment man. He has roots in not one, but at least two or three of the imperialist

factions and is more or less "accepted" by the rest.

### "CONTINUITY" OF WHAT?

In one sense he represents the post-Watergate coalition that took over after Nixon; in another and more general sense he represents "continuity."

This "continuity" is the key ruling class word in assessing Vance's credentials for his new job. The bourgeoisie are using it continually in describing him. They mean that they trust Vance to implement a continuity of predatory imperialist policy in world politics.

Much is said, of course, about Vance's quietness, his reserve, his "steadiness" and his "integrity" etc.—all of which will be devoted—as honorably and honestly as possible, we presume, to serving Wall Street's exploitative interests in the Middle East, Africa and Latin America.

Much is being said about Vance's personal style and how it differs from that of Kissinger—how Vance is not likely to go globetrotting, how he is more contemplative, probably smokes a pipe and so on.

But the reason the bankers and bosses are all greeting him so

enthusiastically is that they know that the difference is precisely that—one of style, not one of substance.

Much was said during the election campaign about a possible "big switch." Carter was making all sorts of criticisms of Kissinger and promising a number of changes in foreign policy, although it was not exactly clear what they would be.

But now Carter's appointee goes out of his way to have a very friendly meeting with Mr. Kissinger. This is meant to set at rest any lingering fears of the ruling class. It is more than clear that there will indeed be "continuity."

### A VIETNAM ARCHITECT

Meanwhile, the middle class

liberals are being told that Vance, who was once Secretary of the Army and later a Deputy Secretary of Defense (under McNamara), was "a supporter, but not an advocate of the Vietnam war." (New York Times, Dec. 4.)

Vance was close to Lyndon Johnson during the very height of the Vietnam war and was certainly one of the architects of "escalation." Like Johnson himself, he decided that the war could not be won only after the devastating NLF Tet Offensive in 1968.

Later, Vance was a "fine negotiator" in Paris; but the war went on for five more years without any objection from this "non-advocate" of war.

The new Secretary is un-

doubtedly one of the "beautiful people"—even more so than the old one; but he takes office to execute the ugly policy of finance capital in a period of international crisis and colonial uprising.

On the other hand, the ruling class prattle about "continuity" also because they want to reassure themselves that everything will continue without getting any worse for imperialism. And of course they are wrong about that.

Whether they have a "quiet" executor of their policy of mass murder and would-be world takeover, or whether they have a colorful shuttle diplomat or a loud-mouth tough-guy type, the world revolution will still develop according to schedule.

Our side has continuity, too.

## Rising unemployment, price hikes putting bitter chill on 'holiday spirit'

By BILL DEL VECCHIO

NEW YORK, Dec. 6—Almost all the stores by now have decorated their display windows with Christ-

mas trees, lights, and mechanical laughing Santas in a desperate attempt to spread the "holiday spirit" and sell merchandise.

But the "holiday spirit" was dealt a crippling blow last week when the Bureau of Labor Statistics released its figures for November showing that national unemployment had risen to 8.1 percent.

Up from 7.9 percent in October, the new unemployment level is the highest since December 1975. Even by these government figures, which hide millions of unemployed who ran out of compensation benefits, who never had a job, or who have given up looking for one, 7.8 million are jobless. And among Black youth between the ages of 16 and 19, the unemployment rate is an incredible 35.5 percent.

### PRICE HIKES

While retail stores are holding after Christmas sales before Christmas to unload their inventories which are now piling up, the prices of basic industrial commodities are being raised. The price of natural gas, thanks to a little help from the Federal Power Commission, will increase an average 6.5 percent this month. The major steel companies have all announced a 6 percent hike, which inspired the major aluminum manufacturers to follow suit. DuPont decreed that from Jan. 1 on, all its synthetic fibers such as polyester and nylon will rise 10 percent, and a few days later Monsanto did the same for their nylon cord fibers.

The price increases on these basic goods are sure to cause a chain reaction, pushing up the prices on all the manufactured items that are made out of them.

The steel increase will raise the prices of cars, appliances, building materials, and machinery. The fiber increase will raise the prices of clothes, furniture, etc. All this spells more inflation. Put it together with increased joblessness and it means an even deeper crisis is on the way.

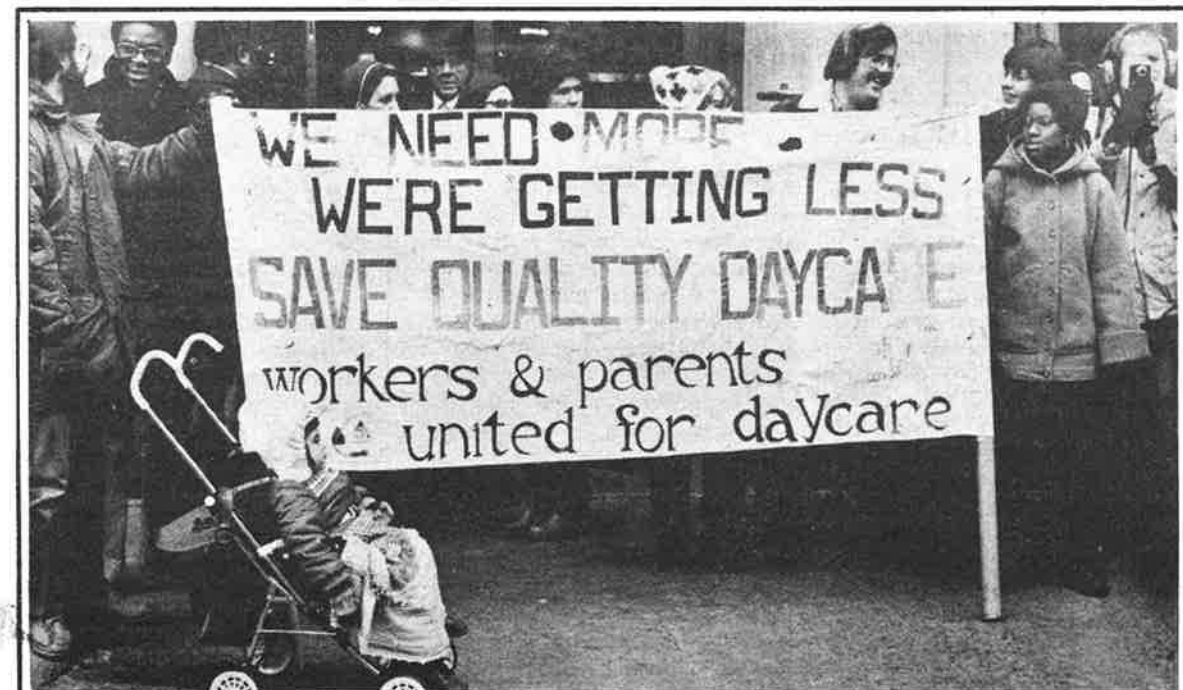
### DECREASING INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

The price increases of these basic industrial goods come at a time of decreasing industrial production, which means they are less in demand. For example, money set aside for business expansion, known as capital appropriations, fell sharply for the 1,000 largest manufacturers in the third quarter of this year.

The fact that the prices are rising for goods which are less in demand shows that these industrial commodities are controlled by monopolies which manipulate the market to their own temporary advantage. But their manipulations boomerang as the price hikes set off a new chain of business stagnation.

No wonder Carter's new appointee for budget head, millionaire banker Bert Lance, announced yesterday that the Carter administration won't be able to reduce unemployment by even 1.5 percent during its first year in office. They can read the current statistics as well as anyone and they don't want to raise anyone's hopes.

The coming months are certain to bring new hardships to the poor and working people, and along with the hardships will be new struggles as poor and working people fight these assaults against their standard of living.



NEW YORK, Dec. 2—Today workers and parents demonstrated here to demand that the federal funds slated for daycare go towards the reinstatement of service cuts and not to the banks.

## Buffalo 'shelter' tax falls heaviest on poor and elderly

By E. B. HARRISON

BUFFALO, Dec. 3—An occupancy tax on all city tenants and homeowners being levied to offset a \$1.5 million deficit accumulated by the Municipal Housing Authority (MHA) here will collect nearly \$40,000 from the MHA's own low-income tenants. Coming on the heels of a 25 percent increase in public housing rents last year, this tax for occupying space in the city creates an extra hardship for the 5,000 public housing tenants as more than 60 percent live on fixed incomes, receiving welfare, Social Security, or Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

When the occupancy tax was adopted by the Buffalo Common Council in July, Housing Authority tenants were intended to be excluded. However, the city's Law Department and Department of Administration recently "discovered" that these low-

income families were not exempt.

### POOR AND CORPORATIONS PAY THE SAME

The cost of this excise tax will be \$8 for occupants of properties assessed at \$5,000 or less; \$10 for those between \$5,000 and \$10,000; and \$12 for those over \$10,000, with the landlords to act as collecting agents for the city. While an "occupancy" tax in New York City applies only to tenants occupying for profit-making purposes, Buffalo's new tax applies to all users of residential and commercial space, even including dormitory students. Once in effect, this tax will mean an unemployed worker will pay the same as a company renting space, regardless of the immeasurable difference between an unemployment check and a company's profits.

Public pressure has forced an extension on the Dec. 1 collection

date to Jan. 15 and, for this year only, a special exemption for citizens over 65 years of age whose incomes are under \$6,500. However, no exemptions have been made for low-income families or the elderly under 65. Bankers and businessmen who occupy office space in the recently constructed multi-million dollar Marine Midland Center, however, are exempt from the tax because the building is located over a public street.

Coupled with this area's high unemployment and new increases in utility rates, the occupancy tax is one more assault on the poor that should be stopped immediately. According to Mr. Clowe, an attorney for nine senior citizens who unsuccessfully challenged the tax in court, this levy "taxes a basic necessity of life, which is shelter, and many elderly persons in Buffalo could pay it only by taking food off their tables."

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# Solidarity: the secret weapon that freed the Baltimore Two

By KENNY PETERSON  
BALTIMORE, Nov. 30—"If it can happen to them, it can happen to anybody." If there was one common theme running through all the expressions of support for the Baltimore Two, this would be it.

Supporters of Mike Pione and Ray Ceci traveled from as far as Norfolk, Va. and New York City to attend the trial. Many others, such as JoAnne Little, Phillip Berrigan, and Morton Sobell who were unable to attend, have also expressed their support to the defendants in this case of police brutality and frame-up.

"I am here for many reasons," James Harrison told this reporter as he walked the picket line held in support of Mike and Ray this morning outside the courthouse. James Harrison, whose case will come to court next month here, was himself the victim of a terrible police attack. A Black man, James was jumped and badly beaten by seven racist cops while he was sitting on his own front steps. "The same thing happened to me," he explained, "as almost happened to Mike and Ray. It could happen to anyone."

## POLICE ATTACKS NOT UNUSUAL

In this city, as in so many others, police brutality against Black people is all too common. Ann Spriggs, a Black woman and mother of four, was protesting unfair treatment from the Baltimore Dept. of Social Services when she was kicked by police, arrested, and charged with assault. She was walking the picket line here this morning, carrying a sign that read, "Stop police brutality!" Ann Spriggs was speaking from personal experience when she said, "If it can happen to them (Mike and Ray) it can happen to anybody."

Also attending the trial and supporting the Baltimore Two are several members of the Iranian Students Association (World Confederation) in the U.S. "What happened to these comrades is everybody's concern," an ISA spokesperson told this reporter.

## PSP GIVES "FULL SUPPORT"

Martin Perez, representing the Puerto Rican Socialist Party, traveled from New York City to attend the trial of Mike and Ray. "We came here to support the comrades in this case of police frameup," he said outside the courtroom. "We offer full support to the companeros," he reiterated.

Ann Gael, from the National Coordinating Council of the Native American Solidarity Committee also traveled to Baltimore to express her support for Mike and Ray at their trial. "All Indian people certainly support anybody who stands up for their rights," she declared. "They would be here today if they could, because they totally support peoples' struggles."

## "THEY DIDN'T LET US DOWN"

Kaye Boyd, chairperson of the Upland Tenants Association, a group that waged a militant rent strike that also suffered police brutality and arrests, affirmed her support for the Baltimore Two, "because they didn't let us down. Mike and Ray were basic organizers of the Upland Tenants support committee," she explained.



James Harrison, Ray Ceci and Mike Pione—three victims of police brutality. The victory of the Baltimore Two is a victory for

all those fighting against police harassment in that city.

WW photo: G. Dunkel

"They participated in the picketing, and Mike got locked up in that struggle."

Rev. Paul Mayer of the New York Theological Seminary and the July 4th Coalition was another who traveled to Baltimore to attend the trial. "We always have to stand at the side of people who are being harassed for political reasons,

particularly today as we are beginning to understand more of the systematic nature of the campaign to intimidate and destroy people who are working for peace and justice and radical change," he said.

OSSIE DAVIS  
SENDS TELEGRAM

Francis Hargrove of the Balti-

more Welfare Rights Organization came to court today in solidarity with the Two, as did Alan Howard representing the July 4th Coalition, the group that organized the massive anti-imperialist demonstration last July 4 in Philadelphia. Representatives of the Baltimore Women's Union and the Coalition to Stop Unemployment

and Inflation were also present.

There are of course many, many others who came to court today, as well as many others who were unable to be here but who are in court in spirit. Ossie Davis, for example, sent a telegram to the governor of the state, urging that the charges against the Two be dropped.

## — Baltimore Two acquitted

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attack Ray and Mike and then try to run them down with his pick-up truck.

The Black man, who was moved and angered by what he had seen, testified that when he saw Fannon assaulting Mike Pione, he began to read the leaflet Mike and Ray were posting up. He said the leaflet "talked about how the rich are stealing from the poor—and that's exactly the way it is." He told the court that he then picked up the leaflets which had been knocked out of Mike's hands and began distributing them himself.

Another eyewitness, a Black college student, observed the police arresting Ray and Mike, and while Ray was in custody, saw Fannon punch him.

All these witnesses confirmed Mike's and Ray's own testimony.

While evidence that proves

police complicity and conspiracy in the arrest and subsequent mistreatment of the two was suppressed by the judge, this was clearly the real issue at the trial. A cop's threats to "work over" Ray because "he (Fannon) is a friend of mine," the police refusal to accept Ray's and Mike's countercharges against the fascist attacker, the denial of medical attention to Ray, all were covered up. Throughout the trial the problem of police and governmental harassment was amply demonstrated by an unsuccessful attempt to hold the court proceedings in secret with the public barred. The police also harassed witnesses and newspaper reporters, and the arresting officers made loud comments threatening Ray's and Mike's lives.

Despite all of this, the tremendous organizing efforts, the courage of the defendants, the

firmness of the eye-witnesses, and the dedication of the support committee presented a show of strength which carried the day. The jury, which included seven Black people and ten women (a jury that needed no bribes such as those apparently offered by Maryland Governor Marvin Mandel who is currently on trial for taking payoffs) voted not guilty.

It is indeed a great victory and a fine example of how to defend victims of the police clubs, courts, and jails.

The struggle is far from over, however. James Harrison, one of many other frame-up victims, goes on trial in Baltimore on Jan. 12. Both Mike and Ray and their supporters intend to be at his trial to show the rich ruling class that the workers and oppressed will never surrender to their instruments of repression.

## Support builds for Washington Post pressmen as trial begins

By PAUL MELNICOFF  
WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 7—"Go tell the Post: we shall not be moved," was the message at a rally held here for the Post 15 on Dec. 6. The Post 15 are pressmen at the Washington Post whose trial here began today on charges stemming from the strike which started at that newspaper on Oct. 1, 1975.

The rally was a spirit-raiser for the defendants and their families. The program, attended by just over 250 people featured speakers from the defense committee; Larry Boyd, a defendant; Iona O'Sullivan, a defendant's wife, and a leading force in the Local 6 Legal Defense Committee; and Dave Rien, head of the legal team.

Ray Ceci, one of the newly acquitted Baltimore Two, who stood trial in that city on frame-up charges of assault, also addressed

the rally and expressed solidarity with the striking pressmen.

This morning, a spirited picket line of over 100 people took place in front of Superior Court as the trial began. Many individuals, organizations, defendants and their families walked the line for one and a half hours chanting, "We say no to union busting—stop the trials now" and "Jail Silbert, jail Graham, jail the real criminals." (Earl Silbert is the U.S. attorney who presided over the Grand Jury which indicted the pressmen. Katherine Graham is the publisher of the Washington Post who initiated the campaign to bust Local 6, the Pressmen's Union.)

Jury selection is now in progress and it is anticipated that opening arguments will commence on Thursday morning.

The pressmen at the Post are victims of a larger campaign to

bust all workers' organizations and make poor and working people foot the bill for the ever-increasing profits the corporations demand. The Washington Post wanted to increase profits to the astounding figure of 15 percent! (Six percent is the highest for any other newspaper in the country.)

This so-called liberal newspaper knew they would have to bust the union at the Post in order to increase profits. Now the courts are trying to finish up the job the Post began.

The feelings of the defendants were summed up best by Sister O'Sullivan who stated at the rally: "Let's all go forth now, in solidarity, and show the courts and the bosses that there are enough of us and we are strong enough to demand the verdict—THE POST 15—NOT GUILTY!"

## 'This verdict is a victory...'

"This verdict is a victory for all of Baltimore's poor and working people, both Black and white," commented Ray Ceci. "It was the support of the people—expressed through picket lines, leaflet distributions, and contributions ranging from \$1 to \$150—that freed us. We now intend to work to free James Harrison, Ann Spriggs, and all other victims of police brutality and frame-ups."

"We especially want to thank everyone who worked so hard to free Ray and myself," said Mike Pione, "our many friends who spread the word about this frame-up, the witnesses who testified despite police intimidation, the many prominent people who sponsored our defense committee, all the people who contributed financially, and our lawyer, Irwin Brown, for his excellent legal work. We plan to continue and expand the fight against police brutality and frame-ups."

"Justice was not served today—only a greater injustice was prevented," said Charlotte Flounders of the Baltimore Two Defense Committee. "Justice will be served only when the perpetrators of these criminal assaults and subsequent frame-ups—Thomas Fannon, Nancy Smith, police sergeant Barnes, and others higher up—are indicted, brought to trial, and sent to jail." Ms. Flounders concluded, "We of the Baltimore Two Defense Committee will turn our full attention to freeing James Harrison and Ann Spriggs. James will come to trial on Jan. 12, and Ann will appear on Jan. 24—and we'll be there."

# North Korean diplomats are target of CIA's latest 'dirty tricks'

By DEIRDRE GRISWOLD  
NEW YORK, Dec. 8—What's behind the many press reports in recent months charging foreign embassies of the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea (DPRK) with "illegal commercial transactions"?

The DPRK itself has counter-charged that the U.S. CIA and the south Korean puppet regime have embarked on a worldwide campaign to discredit socialist Korea, under a "unified operational plan worked out by the U.S. CIA."

The bourgeois press here of course fails to report the DPRK's charges, and scoffs at all pronouncements coming from the socialist north. But the facts presented by the DPRK show another picture.

## INITIATIVE CAME FROM CIA

Beginning in October, three Scandinavian countries demanded the withdrawal of DPRK embassy personnel, claiming that they had illegally imported large quantities of liquor and cigarettes. This was reported here as though the expulsions were carried out completely at the initiative of the countries involved.

But the Swedish paper Dagens Nyheter wrote on Oct. 20: "The diplomatic incident in Copenhagen had already been expected. A

small number of high police and customs officers held a consultation after they had received certain information from the U.S. CIA several months before."

The Finnish paper Uusi Suomi of Oct. 27 also reported that Danish authorities had first been "informed" of the diplomats' alleged activities by the CIA, which also contacted the police of Sweden and Finland.

According to a statement received here from the DPRK, the Finnish government had quietly withdrawn staff members of its trade mission in Pyongyang before demanding that the north Koreans withdraw their embassy personnel from Finland.

The DPRK statement also cites attempts to provoke similar incidents in Malaysia, Switzerland, and Argentina. In these countries, however, the plan went no further than press accusations, which were denied by the governments concerned.

## ABSURD CHARGES

The charges were used to make it appear that the DPRK is in serious financial difficulty and had to resort to smuggling by its diplomats to get foreign exchange!

In the early press reports of the expulsions, it was also alleged that the embassy officials had been involved in drug running, but these slanders were quietly dropped after a while—although not until they had the desired effect of raising yet another spurious issue.

Today's New York Times contained a further thrust in this campaign. In an article datelined Moscow by Christopher Wren, it is insinuated that the departure from the USSR of several Korean embassy officials over the last few months was linked to Soviet displeasure over the charges of black-marketeering in the Scandinavian countries.

Wren offers no facts to substantiate this thesis; on the contrary, the only hard information in the article is an emphatic statement by the Soviet Foreign Ministry that the charges were an "invention." All the rest of the article is supposedly based on

speculations of unnamed "knowledgeable sources."

What the Times doesn't point out, of course, is that Christopher Wren is one of three American journalists accused early this summer of being CIA agents by the Soviet publication Literary Gazette.

## CIA MOTIVES

Why a coordinated CIA campaign against the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea at this time?

The motives for such a scheme are obvious.

Korea is a cruelly divided country, where the steady accomplishments of the socialist north stand in glaring contrast to the repression, exploitation, and economic misery for the masses in the south. Pak Jung Hi, the

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Workers World editor Deirdre Griswold, author of *Indonesia: The Bloodbath That Was*, addresses meeting to salute the resistance of the people of East Timor.

## Meeting celebrates East Timor struggle against Indonesian invaders

NEW YORK, Dec. 3—The first anniversary of the independence of East Timor was celebrated here tonight at a rally which also marked nearly a year of heroic resistance by the Timorese people against the Indonesian invasion begun just nine days after the Democratic Republic of East Timor declared its independence from Portugal on Nov. 28, 1975.

The Milbank Chapel of Columbia Teachers College was packed as the East Timor Defense Committee presented a program that included speakers on U.S. imperialism's covert partnership in the Indonesian invasion and two films on the progressive struggles in both East Timor and Indonesia itself.

## "DJAKARTA IS COMING"

Professor Dick Franke of TAPOL—the U.S. Campaign for the Release of Indonesian Political Prisoners—described the CIA-

engineered overthrow of the progressive Sukarno government in Indonesia which led to the establishment of the right-wing military dictatorship now in power for 11 years. He told how the Indonesian coup was seen by Washington as a model for violent right-wing takeovers. In Santiago, Chile, the slogan "Djakarta is coming" was written up on the walls in the weeks before the CIA-sponsored military overthrow of the progressive Allende government.

But, continued Franke, the continuing struggle in East Timor has revealed the great weakness of the military usurpers in Djakarta, who rule over one of the poorest populations in the world. The inspiration of the East Timorese struggle is having a profound impact on the Indonesian people, and, he concluded, the generals must now fear that "East Timor is coming!"

Deirdre Griswold, a member of

the East Timor Defense Committee and editor of *Workers World*, reviewed the strategy of U.S. imperialism in the "post-Vietnam era." Washington is now spending billions to build up right-wing puppets to do their fighting for them. The Indonesian generals have been viewed as such a force for counter-revolution in the interests of U.S. corporate profits in southeast Asia. But in this first real test in East Timor, the strategy has failed, she said.

The Revolutionary Front for an Independent East Timor (FRETILIN) now holds 85 percent of the territory, despite a staggering death toll of 60,000 (10 percent of the Timorese population) killed in the year of occupation. These figures, Griswold explained, have recently been confirmed in a confidential report of a relief organization which visited East Timor. The report was leaked to the Australian government and press and has been widely publicized there. The report is especially significant since Indonesia has otherwise kept East Timor completely quarantined from the rest of the world.

The East Timorese people must be supported, not only because of their tremendous heroism, but because their victory over the forces of imperialism and reaction will be another victory for the working and oppressed people in this country against the ruling class.

## "A LUTA CONTINUA!"

"The propagandists of the ruling class like to say, 'The war is over,' she concluded. 'But we say—along with the people of Angola, of Mozambique, and of East Timor—not 'The war is over,' but 'A luta continua!'"

The meeting, chaired by Nick de Freitas, featured two films: *Island of Fear*, *Island of Hope*, a new documentary on the war in East Timor, and *More Than a Million Years*, also a documentary, that describes the fate of 100,000 political prisoners in Indonesia.

Solidarity statements were read to the meeting by representatives of the Pan African Students Organization in the Americas, the Iranian Students Association (World Confederation), and the Eritreans for Liberation in North America.

## Thailand protest on December 18

NEW YORK, Dec. 7—A demonstration to express opposition to the recent coup in Thailand will take place here on Dec. 18. Marchers will demand freedom for all political prisoners in Thailand, an end to U.S. aid to the Thai junta, and U.S. out of Thailand.

In October of this year the Thai right wing, propped-up and armed by the U.S., seized power. Since then all democratic rights have been abolished and over 6,000 people have been arrested.

In 1973, students, peasants and workers demonstrated and ousted the military dictatorship in Thailand. Since then, the U.S. aid to the reactionary Thai military has increased from \$20.5 million in 1974 to \$89.6 million in 1976. The U.S. support enabled the Thai right wing to seize power once again.

Extreme repression accompanied the coup. What is now known as the Oct. 6 incident is the most brutal political massacre ever to take place in Thai history. At that time students peacefully protesting the return to Thailand of an exiled dictator were attacked by the military at Thammasat University. The unarmed students were tortured, shot, beaten, beheaded, hung and burned to death. Hundreds were murdered and injured. Shortly afterwards, the junta seized power.

The Dec. 18 demonstration will take place here from 12 noon to 1 p.m. at Air Siam, 564 5th Ave., between 46th and 47th Streets.

The activity is sponsored by the Association of Vietnamese Patriots, Friends of Indochina N.Y., Union of Democratic Thais, Workers World Party, and Youth Against War & Fascism.

## Leftist parties barred from running in

# Spanish 'free election' fraud

By MOLLY CHARBONEAU  
NEW YORK, Dec. 1—Despite relentless pressure from the masses throughout Spain, the government of King Juan Carlos is loosening the grip of fascism only at a snail's pace.

Over a year has passed since the death of hated dictator Generalissimo Francisco Franco, the head stormtrooper of U.S.-backed fascism in Spain. During that year the regime of Juan Carlos, Franco's handpicked successor, has been rocked by strikes, demonstrations, and militant protests on the part of Spanish workers and leftists and particularly by the super-oppressed Basque, Catalan, and Galician peoples. This general upsurge has raised over and over the demand for an end to fascist rule and for self-determination for the three oppressed nations.

Yet the Juan Carlos regime has continued to drag its feet on promises of "reform" and to date its greatest "concession" has been the recent (Nov. 18) vote in the

fascist appointed Cortes (Parliament) to dissolve itself and hold "free" elections next spring for a new Parliament.

True, this is a change from the 40 electionless years of Franco's rule. But an amendment to the bill leaves rightists with the upper hand. This amendment stipulates that all provinces will have an equal number of seats; this means the areas with the highest population, the highly industrial and left-leaning Basque and Catalan nations, would receive next to no representation. The amendment also states that one-fifth of the seats will still be filled by direct appointment.

## FASCISTS TO CONTROL "FREE" ELECTION

In addition, the Spanish regime will hand-pick which political parties may participate in the so-called "free" election. To date the Communist Party and other left parties are forbidden from running and are still considered "illegal" by the regime. Against these

dictatorial election rules some opposition parties, including the Spanish Socialist Workers Party and the Communist Party, are organizing a campaign for abstention from the Dec. 15 referendum on the election bill.

Underlying the hesitation by the Spanish regime and its U.S. corporate backers to go too far too fast is the spectre of Portugal where the masses were actively involved in the overthrow of fascism and nearly overthrew the profit system altogether. An article in the Nov. 22 New York Times reflected the fears of U.S. big business when it stated, "Barring some disaster Spaniards should be able to vote freely for their representatives some time next year, and without the trauma, exhilaration and economic dislocation that attended the collapse of the Portuguese dictatorship."

Yet the regime's constant hedging in the face of mass pressure may bring on the storm the bosses fear just that much sooner.



## Exiled South African student leader describes

# Intense resistance to apartheid regime

By SHARON SHELTON

NEW YORK, Dec. 7—As deaths and arrests mounted with renewed demonstrations in the Cape Town area of South Africa this week, an exiled student leader of the uprising which began in Soweto last June told reporters here today that he foresees an armed struggle against the racist regime in the near future.

Speaking at a press conference organized by the American Committee on Africa, Tsietsi Mashinini, a high school student from Soweto who was president of the Johannesburg region of the Southern Africa Student Movement, explained that while he would like to see South Africa become a country where Black and white could all live together harmoniously, the Nazi-like racism of the vast majority of the white settlers has put armed struggle on the agenda.

### "STUDENTS' WORD GOES"

Mashinini, who also was president of the Student Representative Council in Soweto recently described by the New York Times as the "shadow government" of the Black township, said that if the students give out the word that something will happen, it happens.

"The students' word goes," he emphasized.

Over the past six months, students have organized strikes, enforced a one-week taxi boycott, shut down taverns, barred all sports events except soccer, organized a Christmas boycott of stores owned by racist settlers, and closed down schools.

Mashinini noted that contrary to press accounts here, the students had had overwhelming support of their parents during the massive job boycotts in Johannesburg and elsewhere. He also pointed out that there were no divisions among the Black and so-called coloured and Indian populations. "The Blacks (which Mashinini clearly indicated includes all the non-white people) in South Africa are together," he stressed. "And they're fighting together."

The young activist estimated that government-released figures

of the numbers of demonstrators who have died are generally half the real number. He said that he would put the death toll since last June "at a thousand now nationwide." He added that his figure included the most recent deaths in Cape Town.

Mashinini was referring to two Africans who were shot to death by apartheid police in the Black township of Guguletu near Cape Town during three days of militant protests beginning last Monday. At least 300 people have been arrested and jailed by a force of 600 heavily armed police, who sealed off the city in armored cars. On Friday alone, over 100 were taken in at random.

### MASS ARRESTS

Since June, many hundreds of opponents of apartheid, including students, trade unionists, and even clergy, have been arrested and held without trial. According to a teacher quoted in the Washington Post, students don't sleep at home anymore because of house-to-house raids conducted by the Vorster government.

### Despite U.S. veto last June

By JOHN C. OTTO

NEW YORK, Dec. 6—The Peoples Republic of Angola (PRA) was admitted Dec. 1 as the 146th member of the United Nations. Recommended by the Security Council, the PRA's membership was endorsed by the General Assembly, 116 to 0.

Last June the U.S. vetoed Angola's admission to the UN, using as its pretext the presence of Cuban troops in Angola. The Cuban troops had been invited by the legal government of the PRA's 5.8 million people to help stop the aggression of the racist South African regime.

Now that the masses in Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) and Azania (South Africa) have intensified their struggle, U.S. imperialism has found it necessary to pretend to be a fair mediator between the African people and the racist settler regimes. A continued veto of Angola would make this pose impossible.

To see U.S. imperialism pressured by the people's struggle to make this concession and still to remain so isolated in the UN, where it once called all the shots, is satisfying to revolutionaries all around the world. What was disappointing, however, was that Peoples China lined up with U.S. imperialism on the question of Angola by absenting itself from the vote.

### CHINA DIDN'T VOTE

This position taken by China's leaders put them objectively in a bloc with U.S. imperialism against the national liberation movements in general, and against the socialist government in Angola in particular.

Foreign Minister Jose Eduardo dos Santos of Angola drew attention to this contradiction following the vote at the UN. He said it was "incomprehensible" that China had supported the FNLA and UNITA against the MPLA, adding that there had been an "unnatural alliance" between Peoples China, imperialism, and South Africa, with mercenaries recruited by South Africa paid in

Two weeks ago, the regime moved against the Black trade union movement and religious groups. By law, Black workers can't belong to officially recognized unions, but they can belong to unofficial unions lacking the power to negotiate. In late November, 13 organizers of the Black trade unions, including 11 white people who had served as advisors, were forbidden from having any involvement in labor activities for five years, from writing or speaking for publication, and from attending public gatherings.

Also, on Nov. 25 apartheid cops raided the offices of the South African Council of Churches, the Christian Institute, and the Christian Council, arresting at least seven people. The Christian Institute had recently published a report detailing police torture of those held in detention.

### "SCARED FOR MY LIFE"

Mashinini confirmed that reports of torture of detainees were true. He said that some of the students in exile will now "never bear children" and "some are

paralyzed from the waist down" after being held in prison. He also charged that the state uses electric shocks and beatings as part of the systematic torture it carries out.

The 19-year-old activist said he himself had left his home in Soweto because "I was scared for my life." When Mashinini escaped to Botswana last August, a price of over \$500 (or an amount equal to an average Black worker's yearly pay) had been offered for information leading to his arrest. While in Botswana, the South African police tried unsuccessfully to kidnap him for return to South Africa.

### SUPPORTS MPLA

Mashinini said he had supported the MPLA in Angola during the recent war there. "Because South African troops were fighting against Angola, I identified with the MPLA regime," he said. He also said that the walkout of Black athletes from the Olympics in Montreal had been a welcome show of solidarity. "It was a hard punch on the chin of the regime, and it made us smile at home," he said.



Tsietsi Mashinini, leader of the South African Students Movement, at a New York press conference.

Mashinini said that what the solidarity movement here could do is get U.S. corporations, the military—everything that has America in it—out of South Africa.

# Angola admitted to United Nations

American dollars and killing Angolans with weapons "made by the Chinese proletariat."

NEW REVOLUTIONARY VOICE AT UNITED NATIONS Foreign Minister dos Santos

focused his attack on the U.S., charging that the Ford administration's June veto of PRA membership had been an "insult" to the international community. What morality, he asked, permitted the U.S., which had

"massacred" the people of Vietnam, to question Angola's right to have sought outside help?

Progressives everywhere will welcome the new revolutionary voice of the PRA at the forum provided by the UN.



Angolan women march through the streets of Luanda on Nov. 11, 1975 to celebrate the first day of independence from Portugal.

## Workers World Party congratulates Angola

Workers World Party and Youth Against War & Fascism sent the following statement to the Peoples Republic of Angola congratulating the Angolan people on their recent admission to the United Nations.

Jose Eduardo Dos Santos  
Foreign Minister  
The Peoples Republic of Angola

Dear Comrade Dos Santos,  
We of Workers World Party and Youth Against War & Fascism would like to extend to you and the Angolan people our enthusiastic congratulations and our warmest comradely greetings on the oc-

casion of your country's admittance to the United Nations.

The success of your country in attaining its long overdue legitimate status and rights in the UN signals a victory for oppressed people everywhere, and a political and moral defeat for U.S. imperialism which has sought through all the means at its disposal to deprive young revolutionary governments, such as yours, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, a voice in world affairs.

Our Party, in the spirit of internationalism, has steadfastly and wholeheartedly supported the victorious struggle of the Angolan

people under the leadership of the MPLA against former colonial oppressors and the forces of imperialism and pledges to continue our part in defending the Peoples Republic of Angola against U.S. imperialist aggression, and in building the friendship and solidarity between the workers and oppressed peoples of the United States and the Peoples Republic of Angola.

LONG LIVE THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA!

Comradely,  
Larry Holmes  
for Workers World Party and Youth Against War & Fascism

## Popular Movement

they rise...  
fists in the air  
eyes on the earth,  
materialistic  
in the manner of flesh,  
acting out ancient dialectics  
beyond the apprehension of the critic.

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inexorably entrenched  
in the procedure of the earth,  
well in tune with global rhythms,  
sometimes alone  
(as patrice was alone)  
often celebrated  
(as cabral is celebrated).

they rise...  
wiser with midnight  
defiant when dawn,  
struggling in the sunlight,  
building in the shadows,  
speaking for those who are unable  
to speak  
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nation with the call—A LUTA  
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John Lawrence Re

## EDITORIAL

### Rich brass, poor GIs

On Dec. 6, the Associated Press reported that the government spends \$8.4 billion a year on military pensions, most of which goes to retired officers under the age of 50. This is double the entire amount allocated for federal welfare. Quoting Congressman Les Aspin, the AP story revealed that "the average officer retiring today is a lieutenant colonel, 46 years old, who immediately begins drawing \$15,400 a year."

Compare that amount with the insufficient pension of \$3,900 per year that the typical New York City municipal worker gets after a lifetime of labor!

And yet the media, which is always editorializing against the "excessive" pensions won by city workers is strangely silent when it comes to the vast sums the government shovels out for the benefit of the military brass, most of whom obtain lucrative payoffs after they leave the Pentagon in the form of high-salaried positions with one of the big armament firms.

According to a recent congressional study, three big war profiteers, General Dynamics, Lockheed, and Boeing, each of which yearly rakes in over \$1 billion in "defense contracts," employ 418 military officers who "retired" above the rank of major. Among them, these three corporations have bought the services of 49 "ex" generals and admirals, who in addition to their new salaries—most of which range in the \$75,000 to \$100,000 category—draw Pentagon pensions averaging about \$36,000 per annum.

When government officials call for "cutting the fat out of the budget" and demand that the people "tighten their belts" and "learn to sacrifice," they obviously do not have the retired fat cats among the big brass in mind.

In stark contrast to the military's kid glove treatment for the privileged officers is its scandalous neglect of the countless thousands of enlisted servicemen crippled or disabled in the Southeast Asian war. Many veterans who suffered terrible wounds are now on the street, out of a job, and drawing little or no compensation for physical injuries incurred in fighting a war they hated. Hundreds of thousands more resisted by fleeing the military altogether and hiding in the U.S. or Canada. And while mass murderers like Lieutenant Calley now flaunt their freedom, those who refused to murder, preferring to desert rather than become accomplices to war crimes, still face arrest.

President-elect Carter says he will pardon draft resisters, a long overdue action. It should be noted, however, that most of the draft resisters are white and middle class, while most of the so-called deserters are Black, Latin or poor whites. Why should the latter be singled out for continued persecution?

Nor should it be forgotten that over one million Vietnam era soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines have been given "less than honorable" discharges condemning them to unemployment or low-paying jobs.

There should be a general amnesty for all who resisted the war, both those who refused induction and those who escaped while still in uniform. The whole rotten system of "bad" discharges should be abolished as well, since it reflects not true justice, but rather the class and racial bias of the elitist and white supremacist officer corps and their corporate backers.

### Bank failure no. 16

Another bank has failed. This time it was the International City Bank & Trust Co. of New Orleans, which last Friday was closed by Louisiana banking officials because of a "capital deficiency."

This was the fifth largest bank to fail since the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) was formed in 1934. It was the sixteenth bank failure this year. By Monday morning, a deal had been worked out with the Bank of New Orleans which paid \$800,000 to the FDIC to take over the deposits and loans of the bankrupt firm. In exchange, the government agency advanced \$121 million to the Bank of New Orleans.

What does this all mean for the poor people in this country?

First of all, every effort is made to underplay the significance of this event. Just as in the failure of the Franklin National, which was a veritable earthquake to the financial community, the news was buried deep in the back pages of the papers. Nowhere are the people being told that this is yet another grim symptom of the deepening capitalist economic crisis.

And the International City Bank is definitely a casualty of the depression. Its failure is due to bad loans; people just don't have the money to pay back what they owe.

Who pays for these bank failures in the long run? The workers do, since it is government funds that in one form or another reimburse the creditors. And this means even less money for what the people really need: decent transportation, housing, education, daycare, etc.



### JoAnne Little in plea to the people:

## 'Help me finally win my freedom!'

Dear Friends,

Last year I faced a possible death sentence in North Carolina for defending myself against a racist rape attack by a white jailor. Fortunately thousands of people throughout the country came to my defense, and through the power of the people I was acquitted. This was a tremendous victory over the forces of racism in this country.

Just last week, while I was incarcerated here in the women's prison on a previous charge, the State made every effort to strike back at me. I was charged with a probation violation which could have added six months to my sentence. I was also accused of institutional violations for having a

pair of sewing scissors and a cassette tape in my possession. These attempts at vengeance and harassment were also defeated thanks to a huge outpouring of protest letters and telegrams from around the country. The people forced the State to drop all of these phony charges.

I am now seeking release on parole, and I am once again asking for your help. North Carolina has refused to release me in this state, but it is possible that I can be paroled to Virginia on Dec. 15. I have already obtained a job and a place to live in Norfolk, Va., and all that remains is for the Virginia Parole Board to approve my release.

Those of you who have done so

much to help me in the past can now help me finally win my freedom by sending a mailgram to: P.C. Shields, Chairman, Virginia Probation and Parole Board, 3117 West Clay St., Richmond, Va. 23230.

The mailgram should state that you are asking that JoAnne Little be granted parole to Norfolk, Va. on Dec. 15, that she has met all the requirements for parole, and that she has suffered enough.

Please act at once to help guarantee that I will be free and with my family this Christmas.

Sincerely,  
Joanne Little

North Carolina Correctional Center for Women  
Raleigh, N.C.

### —North Korean diplomats

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military ruler in the south, has functioned as a hated puppet for U.S. imperialist interests for 15 years, since he took over in a military coup.

But a tidal wave of opposition makes it clear that the police dictatorship of Pak is cracking apart. U.S. strategy over the past year has been to pump additional millions of dollars of weapons into the south (especially after the pretext this August at Panmunjom) while pretending a concern for "human rights" and "civil liberties."

Making the Korean Central Intelligence Agency (itself wholly a creation of the U.S. CIA) the scapegoat for the worldwide condemnation of the Pak regime, the U.S. State Department and Justice Department have recently been carrying out an "investigation" into KCIA bribing of U.S. congressmen.

Does all this mean that U.S. imperialism has second thoughts about occupying and exploiting the southern half of Korea?

Not at all. It only shows once more the thoroughly puppet character of such a regime, and provides a case study in how the imperialists will sacrifice their individual agents when they

become totally useless in order to strengthen their long-term interests—as was done in Vietnam many times, most notably to the Diem brothers, and in the Dominican Republic with the CIA assassination of the dictator Trujillo.

It is inevitable that as the thoroughly rotten and corrupt character of the U.S.-puppet Pak regime becomes exposed to the world, the stature and appeal of the DPRK will be enhanced. Who know this better than the U.S. intelligence agencies?

In recent years, the principles for the reunification of Korea put forward by the DPRK, which depend first and foremost on the withdrawal of the occupying U.S. troops, have been accepted at such important international forums as the Non-Aligned Conference this summer in Sri Lanka and in the United Nations last November.

Several international conferences in solidarity with the Korean people have been held in the last year, and more are in the works.

The current campaign of slander against the diplomatic personnel of the DPRK obviously fits into a U.S. Plan to try and isolate and discredit socialist north Korea at a time when the puppet state of the south is in grave crisis. It is nothing more nor less than another of imperialism's "dirty tricks" intended to deceive and distract from the real issue in Korea, which is the U.S. military occupation of that long-divided country.

### —Solidarity with Azania

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Can Mission here, and mother of Shango, an Attica Brother, led the audience in chanting, "Attica means fight back," and "Azania means fight back." She also read a solidarity statement from her son, who is still in prison. He called on Black people in this country, as the children of slaves, to "solidarize with those in the motherland of Africa whose blood is being unmercifully shed."

Also speaking was Ted Dostal, retired steelworker and long-time union activist.

He emphasized the vital role that American workers must and will play in forever ridding the world of the imperialists, who rob workers here of their jobs by exploiting and enslaving workers overseas, and the importance of fighting the racist campaigns being waged in Boston, Chicago, and elsewhere in an effort to divide the workers.

Other speakers at the rally were Ed Vaughn of the Pan-African Congress (in the United States) and long-time leader in the Black community; Lorraine Loyd, AFSCME representative; Ron Scott, commentator for Channel 56's Black news; and Carolyn Wheeler, of Women United for Action.



# Eight Black marines face courts-martial for opposing KKK at California's Camp Pendleton

By JOE BUTCHARD  
NORFOLK, Dec. 3—Eight Black marines have been charged and five more face possible charges of conspiracy and assault while evidence of widespread Ku Klux Klan activity surfaces at California's sprawling Camp Pendleton, the country's largest Marine Corps base.

The charges stem from an incident last Nov. 13 in which a group of Black marines allegedly broke into what they thought was a Ku Klux Klan meeting in a barracks room of the First Force Support Group, a supply and maintenance unit.

Although the Marine Corps brass at first tried to deny that any white marines were active Klan members, the true facts are now coming to light.

Acting on information received from concerned members of the Black community in Oceanside, the town where the camp is located, Clarence Pendleton of San Diego's Urban League charged that Klan activity on the base goes back at least two years; that the brass has in fact been investigating this activity for at least a year; that in August, a Black marine from the First Force Supply Group had made a formal complaint about Klan harassment but that the only response by the brass was to send the Klan members to a "human relations" seminar; and that active-duty KKK members have their headquarters in the barracks room, next door to the one where the Nov. 13 incident allegedly took place. (Local Klan spokesmen have since boasted of membership figures between fifty and a hundred marines.)

## BRASS PROTECTS BIGOTS

Mr. Pendleton further charged that at the same time the Black marines were being arrested, a group of Klan members were quietly being placed under "protective custody" by the brass!

The Marine Corps has the worst reputation of all the military forces for institutional racism. Camp Pendleton is a military post of 32,000 marines where Black GIs

are outnumbered four to one. According to Corporal Daniel L. Bailey, the new "exalted cyclops" of the Pendleton Klan, this organization of bigots has "100 secret members."

Caught in the act of trying to protect these racist scum, the brass has been doing some quick maneuvering to save its "public image." A barracks raid produced a KKK membership list with 16 names and a brass spokesman has announced that these men are being transferred to other units around the country. But this action will only help these racists to spread their vile filth throughout the corps.

Not that the brass needs any help in spreading the doctrine of white supremacy. For 200 years, the Marine Corps has been molding racism and brutality into a ruthless determination to keep a small group of white ruling class men in control of half the world. But organizations like the Klan with their viciously racist and anti-labor ideologies have always been particularly useful to those in power in keeping Black and white working people from uniting against their bosses. So it should come as no surprise that the Klan is surfacing in the military at the very time when national unions like the American Federation of Government Employees have announced their intentions to unionize the services.

But Black marines at Camp Pendleton have shown their determination to expose and challenge the Klan on the base. And in a recent telephone interview with *Workers World*, Mr. Pendleton of the Urban League reported that he had received expressions of support for the brothers from both Chicano and Jewish organizations as well as many Black individuals in the San Diego and Oceanside communities.

The League has also called for a full investigation of Klan activity at Camp Pendleton by the Congressional Black Caucus. All of this support and more will be necessary to free the Black marines, as the next step in the campaign to defeat the Klan at Pendleton.



"Imperial Wizard" David Duke of the Ku Klux Klan [center] is clobbered by anti-racist picketers outside Camp Pendleton, Calif.

## Fraud uncovered in 'master race' research; setback seen for Jensen-Shockley

By BILL DEL VECCHIO

NEW YORK, Nov. 29—For as long as their system has existed, the capitalist class has maintained that they rule society because they are naturally smarter than everyone else. They have the right to exploit the rest of the world because nature gave them "superior genes," according to them.

### BURT REWARDED BY RULING CLASS

It was really to give this age-old rationalization of class, racial, and sexual oppression a scientific cover that the opinion makers of the ruling class in England and the U.S. gave the "research" of the late psychologist Cyril Burt respectability. Burt claimed to have proved that intelligence was determined by heredity by studying identical twins who were

separated at birth.

As a reward, Burt was made a knight and given the American Psychological Association's Thorndike Prize. In the U.S. and England, he was considered the father of educational psychology. The tracking system in England which decides a student's educational future on one I.Q. test at age 11 was based on Burt's findings.

Burt's reports inspired such bigots as William Shockley and Arthur Jensen to try to reintroduce the old genocidal master race theories of Nazi Germany into the U.S. universities. They used Burt's "facts" to argue that Black people were genetically inferior.

The ruling class created such an aura around Burt that nobody really critically examined his alleged research while he was alive. But since the prejudiced quack died in 1972, evidence has been revealed which has so thoroughly exposed Burt as a fraud that even neo-Nazi Jensen has had to publicly reject Burt's findings.

The statistic that Burt gave in his studies of twins over the years was exactly the same, even though the odds against coming up with the exact same number in over 100 experiments spread out over 21 years are more than a million to one. "It didn't take more than 10 minutes of reading to begin to suspect that it was fraudulent," said Dr. Leon Kamin, the Princeton psychologist whose recent investigation has played a leading role in exposing Burt.

### TWO "CO-WORKERS" NEVER EXISTED

To top it off, the Sunday Times of London has discovered that the two scientists who Burt claimed assisted him in his famous experiments never even existed. Even the existence of the 54 pairs of twins that Burt allegedly studied is now in doubt.

Sir Cyril Burt's motivation was evidently more his personal hatred of the workers and oppressed than his search for knowledge. He maintained that slum children

were less intelligent than children of wealthy families, Jewish and Irish people were less intelligent than English, and that all men were smarter than all women. In a formal report as school psychologist, Burt revoltingly referred to a child he was responsible for as "a typical slum monkey with the muzzle of a pale-face chimpanzee."

The discrediting of Burt's research is seen as a major blow to the white-supremacist group represented by Jensen and Shockley because their theories are based almost completely on Burt's data.

But Jensen and Shockley have never gotten much support from scientists or scholars. Their theories are so racist, contrived, and unscientific that from one end of the U.S. to the other, there was hardly a professor who would openly defend them (especially after Black and anti-racist white students disrupted attempted lectures by Shockley and Jensen all across the country).

### "MUST READING" FOR NIXON CREW

It was the government and the university administrations which are directly linked to the ruling class, who were responsible for pushing Jensen's and Shockley's theories. Daniel Moynihan, serving as domestic advisor to Nixon, distributed Jensen's writing to Nixon's cabinet, calling it "must reading." No matter how many times Shockley or Jensen was shouted down, the universities always tried to set up another speaking appearance, continued their lecture classes at Stanford and UCLA, and published their papers.

Now that Burt's experiments are pretty thoroughly rejected, the ruling class will have a hard time peddling Jensen and Shockley's "scientific" defense of racism. But the need to legitimize their bankrupt system is still there, and big business is surely working hard to replace Sir Cyril Burt's fakery with a new bigot's theories.

## Black student is suing white racist principal over haircutting incident

By RICHIE FERGUSON

NEW YORK, Dec. 3—The blatant racism of the public school system created a horror story for Venetia Bethea, a young Black woman who was held down by Dominic Parisi, her principal, and Donald Naylor, the assistant principal, while they cut off the braids of her African hair style. The incident took place on Halloween day in 1973 while she was attending Battin High School in Elizabeth, N.J.

Venetia Bethea, now 19, is suing the principal and assistant principal along with the Elizabeth Board of Education for damages.

Miss Bethea had gone to the principal's office at his request to discuss a problem in her class that Parisi felt she might be able to help him with.

"I had my hair African style with eight braids around and one wrapped in seven rubber bands standing straight up," said Miss Bethea.

Naylor, the assistant principal, entered the office and said, "look at the Indian." Then the principal told her he was going to cut her hair. Naylor held her left wrist and Parisi grabbed her right wrist and then cut the braid from the top of her head.

"I saw him with the hair in his hand and I ran out of his office crying," Miss Bethea testified before an all-male jury that heard her suit on Dec. 1.

### FORCED TO DROP OUT OF SCHOOL

After this humiliating incident Miss Bethea had to drop out of school and receive home tutoring because classmates made fun of her hair which had been cut to the scalp in one place. Eventually after becoming more and more distraught Miss Bethea required group therapy sessions at Elizabeth General Hospital.

Mrs. Bethea, mother of Venetia,

is presently seeking damages for the mental and physical anguish her daughter suffered as a result of the haircutting.

However, this incident is one of many which occur daily in the racist school system throughout this country. Black children are continually subjected to the kind of torment inflicted on Venetia Bethea. They are told how they should talk and look. They are made to learn a whitewashed history of lies which justify the racist capitalist system.

The time will come when working and oppressed people will seize control of the schools and all of society. Then no child will have to go through the ordeal that Venetia Bethea had to face. Schools will be a place where Black, Latin, Asian, and Native American children will be encouraged to express and learn about their culture.

# Rigged elections 1876-1976

## Why only 1876-1976? (Part 2)

By V. COPELAND

Up to 1824, as has been shown, there were no Presidential elections worth talking about from the point of view of size and popular participation, if not from the point of view of faction fights in the ruling class, which are as old as class society itself.

Andrew Jackson, however, cheated of his popular victory in 1824 and often viewed as a second version of Thomas Jefferson because of his popularity with the people (i.e., white people), did become President in 1828. He received by far the largest vote of any President up to that time—a number equal to about 5 percent of the recorded population.

### JACKSON AND THE NEW YORK BANKS

This is not to say there was no struggle, no politicking, no temporary alliances, etc. To the contrary, Jackson got the help of another and much more developed representative of the New York banks than Jefferson had found in Aaron Burr. This character was Martin Van Buren, who was not necessarily so much more skillful a politician than Burr, but represented bigger banks and more complex constituencies in a now more capitalistic age.

Van Buren had been Governor of New York State, which took some doing and required considerable support from the New York City banks even then. But he quit after only a few weeks of his first and only term as Governor to run to Washington, D.C. and join President Jackson as an aide and adviser, becoming Vice President in Jackson's second term and in due time, President.

From the end of Jackson's term to the Civil War, the eight Presidents who occupied the White House came and went with surprising speed, primarily because of the growing pre-war crisis. They were mostly mediocre—and mostly vicious on the question of slavery. The story of their respective elevations to First Citizen is a seamy one. But the electorate was only slightly bigger, and today's scale of corruption is a technicolor fantasy by comparison.

True, the rapidly growing population created a larger absolute number of people with the vote. And in the 1840s there began the custom of national party conventions. This opened the way to a slightly more modern type of bribery and election horse-trading. But it was still minimal by today's standards.

### THE GENTLEMANLY SLAVE MASTERS

The really important thing was

that, regardless of the favored position of the New York banks, the Southern slave owners still ruled the Washington roost. This near-monopoly of power was far more important in restraining the all-out buying of elections than is realized nowadays.

Competition between slaveholders could be quite gentlemanly, for instance. They had to keep themselves united day and night in order to keep the population that served them from rising up against them. Their duels ran rather more to fights over card games and women than over charters for banks—which had been the case with Hamilton and Burr.

More fundamental, perhaps, was the fact that, like the British lords, they did not compete with one another for the fixed land (except in multi-million acre swindles at an earlier date) nearly as much as the vulgar merchants, bankers, and industrialists of the North competed for an all too un-fixed trade, money, and capital.

The fact that the Northern vulgarians could turn capital into land and land into capital so much more easily was one of their greatest advantages over the Southern aristocrats. This, in fact, was only exceeded by their ability to turn human labor into salable commodities and commodities back into capital. This was on a larger arena and at a more dazzling pace than the Southern traders in human flesh could possibly manage.

But before 1860, this was only a potential advantage because even when things began to boom up North, the plantation lords were still in the saddle politically, and could hold back their rivals' progress.

Only Civil War and Reconstruction ended the rule of the old statesmanlike, frock-coated scoundrels and brought about the wide-open cash-plunder of the government by the modern scoundrels in that direct communication of big business with the public treasury that inaugurates the modern age.

### THIS MINORITY PRESIDENT REPRESENTED PROGRESS

Is it really fair, then, to let Abraham Lincoln off the hook in an account of undemocratic elections? Whatever his personal character, he ushered in this modern age and perhaps some will say this series should have dealt with his election first of all instead of that of 1876.

True, Lincoln received only 38 percent of the votes—of those who did vote in 1860, and that is worth recording. When Salvador Allende of Chile received only that much in

a recent election a few months before getting murdered, there was no end of criticism in the U.S. press about the undemocracy of Chile.

However, Lincoln, like Allende, complied with the Constitution of his country. And the Southern overlords, like Allende's reactionary enemies, did not. The reason was the same: no ruling class leaves the stage of history merely because the people wish it to do so, even if they express their wish at the ballot box.

Lincoln's election, even though he received a majority of electoral votes, (there were four candidates) had to be tested in civil war. And that war, which historian Charles Beard correctly calls the Second American Revolution, superceded the election process and indubitably laid a great deal of the basis for modern society in the U.S.

That does not mean the election of 1860 should not be examined and criticized like everything else in existence. In the present work, however, it does not exactly fit to do so.

Lincoln had been a railroad lawyer, and his Presidential campaign fund was high by previous standards. But he was the leader of a new class—the in-

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## 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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## Rockefeller palace a national monument?

# Monument to greed and theft!

By BEVERLY SLAPIN

NEW YORK, Nov. 29—"I am happy to be here today to designate this mansion as a landmark and to acknowledge a great humanitarian and philanthropist."

So said Gerald Ford last week as he declared the main mansion on the Rockefellers' sprawling 3,500-acre estate a national monument and historical landmark.

### HUMANITARIAN?

John D. the first, the "great humanitarian and philanthropist" Ford referred to, was a thief, pirate, and scoundrel; the son of a man who sold cures for cancer at \$25 a bottle; a congress-, legislature-, and president-buyer; the richest and most hated man in

America, who amassed his fortune over the bodies of his competitors, not to mention those of millions of poor and working people all over the world; and a ruthless wheeler-dealer who profited more than \$200 million from World War I. And oh, yes—he was responsible for the shooting, burning and killing of 52 striking miners and their families at Ludlow, Colo.

So much for the "great humanitarian and philanthropist."

Now about the national monument and historical landmark part.

National monument to what?

### MONUMENTAL GREED

For one thing, Kykuit, as the mansion is called, is a monument to the sybaritic orgies of the rich.

Built of granite, it is four stories high and contains 50 mammoth rooms. The grounds around Kykuit are decorated with rose gardens, tulip gardens, violet gardens, lilac gardens, and are graced with terraces, balustrades, portals, trails, ponds, streams, waterfalls, and fountains.

The estate itself is a fortified principality—with its high stone walls, massive iron gates, guards and police dogs and miles of electrified barbed-wire fence, it is virtually impenetrable. Pocantico Hills, as the estate is called, has ten other baronial mansions besides Kykuit, and scores of buildings for maintenance and servants, plus a "playhouse" with bowling alleys, squash court, tennis court, swimming pool, soda fountain, card room, billiard room, and a fully equipped gymnasium. The "playhouse" alone cost \$1 million to build.

One gardener told a Rockefeller biographer that the estate "showed people what God could have done if he'd had the money."

### MONUMENTAL TAX FRAUD

Kykuit can also be labeled a monument to the tax fraud perpetrated by the rich. The mansion, which cost \$2 million to build, stands on an estate that is five times the size of Central Park and costs \$500,000 a year just to keep it going. The upkeep of Kykuit alone costs \$50,000 a year. The estate is worth more than \$35 million, not including mansions, buildings, and improvements. Yet in 1965 the estate, which has been accurately called the "most valuable residential property on earth," was valued for tax purposes at \$5 million, less than what it was supposed to be worth in 1928.

It is assumed, however, that the Rockefellers would not be willing

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# POLITICAL PRISONERS



## Grand jury attacks Chicago Puerto Ricans

By JOHN HUTTON

CHICAGO, Dec. 1—The use of the Grand Jury system to repress the Puerto Rican community, which began this year in New York with the jailing of Puerto Rican Socialist Party member Lureida Torres for her refusal to testify, has spread to Chicago. Six members of the Puerto Rican community here have been subpoenaed to testify before a Grand Jury investigating alleged "terrorist bombings."

However, this attempt to repress the Puerto Rican community has been met with a strong and organized response. A broad-based Committee to End the Grand Jury has been formed, with participation from community organizations and other progressives. Today, more than 100 people (overwhelmingly Puerto Rican) demonstrated outside the Federal Building here, chanting slogans "Stop the Grand Jury!", "Free Puerto Rico!", "Stop harassment of the Puerto Rican community!" and "No cooperation with the FBI and other repressive forces!"

After a picket line and rally, the demonstrators moved into a federal court, where a motion was presented to strike down the subpoena.

Appearing ill-prepared and shaken, the U.S. Attorney was forced to admit that the Grand Jury had not issued the subpoenas and, in fact, didn't even know of them until the motion to quash

them. However, he claimed, the Grand Jury members had discussed both the subpoenas and the motion to strike them down thoroughly and supported them. (By his admission, this "thorough" discussion took exactly ten minutes!) He refused to discuss the nature, purpose, or reason for the subpoenas in open court. He was granted a week to respond to the motion to void the subpoenas.

In October, banner headlines in the Chicago press blared that a "bomb factory" had been discovered in an apartment in the Puerto Rican community. A federal warrant was issued for Juan Carlos Alberto Torres, whom the local media declared was a member of the FALN (Fuerzas Armadas de Liberacion Nacional, an underground group fighting for Puerto Rican independence).

### PUERTO RICANS TERRORIZED

Using the alleged "bomb factory" as a pretext, FBI agents swept through predominantly Puerto Rican sections of Chicago. People's apartments were searched without warrants, community residents were grilled about their political beliefs, and activists in the Puerto Rican independence struggle were followed by FBI agents and police.

When this massive search revealed nothing the FBI fell back on the Grand Jury system. Subpoenas were issued for six

residents of the Puerto Rican community, including four members of the Collectiva Don Pedro Albizu Campos, a Southside group which had been very active in the Committee to Free the Five Nationalist Prisoners.

These subpoenas were clearly aimed at intimidating the Puerto Rican independence movement in Chicago and around the country as part of the same fishing expedition which snared Lureida Torres. The subpoenas were blank, providing no charges, no clues as to what the "investigation" aimed at, and not the slightest hint as to what the Grand Jury intended to uncover.

Among those subpoenaed were Myrna Salgado, director of the Escuela Superior Rafael Cancel

Miranda (an alternative high school in the Puerto Rican community), her husband, Jose Lopez (a Professor at Northeastern University), and his brother, Juan Alberto Lopez.

According to a statement made by the Committee to End the Grand Jury, "This investigation is being used as a tool to repress and isolate these individuals, relatives, friends, and the entire independence movement. . . . You can support the efforts that are taking place in favor of the people affected. The campaign against the Grand Jury is a campaign to mobilize people in the country to fight against the abusive nature of the Grand Jury. It's important that we take the offensive and unite against these attacks."

## In-Justice Department tries to block release of dying Nationalist

By LESLIE FEINBERG

NEW YORK, Dec. 3—The U.S. Justice Department last week requested a federal judge to deny the release of Puerto Rican nationalist prisoner Andres Figueroa Cordero who is expected to live only a few more months. Due to the misdiagnosis of prison doctors, Figueroa now suffers from cancer in an advanced stage.

The judge of the district court of Washington, D.C., John (Watergate) Sirica, has directed the U.S. government to show cause why it is opposed to the consideration of a petition which demands the freedom of Figueroa.

Figueroa is one of the Five Puerto Rican Nationalist prisoners, who include Lolita Lebron, Irvin Flores, Oscar Collazo, and Rafael Cancel Miranda, whose armed activities brought worldwide attention to the occupation of Puerto Rico by the U.S. and to the Puerto Rican struggle for national independence. They are the longest-held political prisoners in this hemisphere, having spent almost 25 years in U.S. concentration camps.

On Nov. 13 of this year 2,000 people marched in New York and 250 demonstrated in San Francisco to demand the U.S. release

the Five and get out of Puerto Rico now.

### FIGHT TO FREE THE FIVE CONTINUES

A lawsuit has been filed on behalf of the Five Nationalist prisoners which accuses the United States government of violating the prisoners' human rights and their rights as political prisoners of war.

The U.S. continually clouds the reason for the imprisonment of the Five saying they are not political prisoners. However, the lawsuit clearly states that the Five are political prisoners of war since they are citizens of a nation occupied by the U.S.

The charge of violation of the human rights of the prisoners is based on the fact that the Five are not allowed to write to each other, receive literature of their choice, or receive visitors unless they were known to them prior to their imprisonment.

The suit was filed in Washington, D.C., by the National Lawyers Guild, the National Conference of Black Lawyers, the National Prisons Project, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), the Puerto Rico Legal Institute, and the Center for Constitutional Rights.

## Death row to 'life' in maximum

On Oct. 25, 1976, Governor Mills Godwin of Virginia, commuted the death sentence of four Virginia Death Row prisoners to life imprisonment. All four prisoners are Black, and all had been convicted of murdering prison guards. When they were on Death Row, they were confined to their cells 24 hours a day every day—the only times they were let outside of their cells were for twice weekly showers and visits once a week.

Malcolm Jefferson was on Death Row for four years, James Washington was on death row for two years and two months, Tony Edward Lewis for nine months, and Vernon Lee X Joe stayed on Death Row for four months.

Instead of being released to the general population after their sentences were commuted to life, they were all transferred to the maximum security of the prison where they are only let out of their cells two hours a week for recreation. The ex-Death Row prisoners feel that the only reason they are receiving this type of treatment is because they were all charged with killing white prison guards.

In June of 1972, when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled against the death penalty there were 12 men on Virginia's Death Row. After the 1972 ruling on the death penalty was handed down, they were all released into the general population. None were moved into the maximum security building.

The excuse the Virginia officials now give for moving the four Black men into maximum security is, as they put it, because of their past records. The past records they most likely are referring to is the fact they were convicted of killing prison guards.

In spite of the fact that the four men spent a total of over seven years on Death Row, and in spite of the fact that they were confined to their cells 24 hours a day while on Death Row, they were moved into an area of the prison where their confinement is close to the type of confinement they received on Death Row. They are permitted only two showers a week, they are only let outdoors for recreation two hours a week, and they are only fed twice a day.

Petitions and letters have been sent to penitentiary officials in Virginia demanding the four prisoners be moved into the general population but so far the officials refuse to comply with this request.

Anyone wishing to offer support to the four Black prisoners can do so by calling or writing Warden Robert F. Zahradnick, Virginia State Penitentiary, 500 Spring Street, Richmond, Va. 23219. Please request that the men be returned into the general population. The harassment of these four Black prisoners (just because they were charged with killing white guards) must be stopped.

Malcolm M. Jefferson

of the landmark designation. Just a bronze plaque.

Oh, yeah.

### MONUMENTAL EXPLOITATION

Although the Rockefellers have often come out against full employment in this country, it is not

surprising that Kykuit and Pocantico Hills require a staff of 1,500 servants, bodyguards, secretaries and groundskeepers to keep it going. And while city hospitals are being shut down, it's refreshing to know that Kykuit has its own, well-equipped and fully staffed

hospital—for the family's use.

But Kykuit and Pocantico Hills do have monumental potential. In some countries, the mansions and estates of the landed aristocracy (after their owners had made hurried departures) have become day care centers, schools,

hospitals, and hotels where workers can enjoy free vacations.

A spokesman for the Rockefeller family said that although Kykuit has been declared a historical landmark, the grounds would remain closed to the public.

(For now, anyway.)

## —Rigged elections

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dustrial capitalist class—which was compelled by its own needs to crush the Southern slave masters. Furthermore, it would hardly be fair to begin this series with a man who returned \$199.25 of a \$200 campaign fund to its donors after his unsuccessful campaign for Congress.

### U.S. GRANT'S CORRUPTION AND BLACK FREEDOM

It is necessary to turn, then, to the much stickier problem of the two elections of Ulysses S. Grant in 1868 and 1872 respectively. The corruption of the Grant administration has been described many times and was probably never surpassed from the point of view of the suddenness of its golden onslaught. But the political meaning of Grant's elections was qualitatively different than the succeeding ones. He did not betray those who voted for him, for example. His elections, particularly his first one, represented an outpouring of pro-Union, anti-slavery sentiment on the part of white people in the North and Black people in the South.

And even his second election took place while Reconstruction was still going pretty strong and found Grant playing the dual role of the most willing servant of big business corruption but at the same time still the leader, no matter how muddled, of a continuing revolution against chattel slavery.

Grant combined corruption, nepotism, and an anti-people support by big business (Fiske, Gould, Astor, and Morgan) with a more or less sincere collaboration with the radicals in implementing Reconstruction and continuing the revolution for more political power for the freed Black slaves.

The fact that his associates had already begun to whittle away at the gains of this revolution by the time of his second election did not fundamentally alter the above picture. His victory in 1872 was historically progressive while Reconstruction still lived and was still Republican doctrine.

That progressivism soon died—or was killed—in the virtual re-enslavement of the Black people, the de facto nullification of the 14th and 15th Amendments, and the restoration of white supremacist political and economic rule of the south. And the counter-revolution was signed, sealed, and delivered by the reactionary election "compromise" of 1876.

That is why the story of rigged elections was begun with the election of 1876, the one that was really the fountainhead of modern political corruption—that is, the legal and illegal corruption of imperialist democracy.

(Conclusion of series.)

## —Rockefeller mansion

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to sell Pocantico Hills for \$5 million.

And while property taxes have risen for everyone else in Westchester, it was recently revealed that, despite the many improvements on the estate, somehow the Rockefellers have managed to pay less in taxes than they have in previous years.

Spokesmen for the Rockefellers have assured us, however, that the estate would get no special tax benefits or federal funds as a result

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Amidst economic crisis and peasant land seizures, U.S. imperialism pressures Mexico's new president. See page 3.

**Dec. 11 march and rally in Buffalo to**

## Demand freedom for Kenneth Johnson!

By K. BONGO

**BUFFALO, Dec. 6**—Just a little over a year ago Kenneth Johnson, a Black man, was arrested here and charged with a series of rapes which he did not commit. Despite overwhelming evidence proving his innocence, Johnson now faces over 125 years in prison.

However, this blatant frame-up has not gone by unnoticed. Many people here, Black and white, young and old, women and men, have their eyes trained on Johnson's trial. Many anti-racist individuals and organizations throughout the city will express their solidarity with Johnson on Saturday, Dec. 11, by attending a march and rally in downtown Buffalo.

### RACIST USE OF RAPE CHARGE

The attempt to frame up Ken Johnson on rape charges is part of an ugly racist pattern in this

country. Historically, even the weakest accusations of rape against Black men brought on murders, lynchings, and burnings by white vigilantes.

In the case of Kenneth Johnson, the authorities have shown no interest in apprehending the real rapist. Three separate judges have refused even to read sworn affidavits which would have easily proven that Johnson is innocent.

### ARREST OF KEN JOHNSON

It was in November 1975 that a highly publicized series of rapes took place in the heart of a major shopping area here. Downtown merchants, fearful that the rash of rapes would scare away their Christmas shoppers, mounted pressure on the police for an immediate arrest. Based on descriptions given by the victims, the police announced that the rapes

were all committed by a tall light-skinned Black man and published his description and composite sketch in the newspapers. For days, police used this as a basis to stop, question, search and harass hundreds of Black men in the downtown area.

On Dec. 2, Johnson learned the police were seeking information about him in connection with the rapes and offered to meet with police to clear up the matter. The very next day, three plainclothes members of the Buffalo Police Department's infamous Street Crime Unit waited for Johnson to report to work. When he arrived the police accosted him while never offering identification as police officers.

Two of Johnson's co-workers were arrested (and later acquitted) when they intervened to restore order as the police still had not identified themselves but rather drew their guns and shouted

obscenities at the crowd which had gathered.

Johnson was charged with two counts of rape, robbery and resisting arrest. Besides having proof of his whereabouts at the times the rapes occurred, Johnson bears no resemblance to the composite sketch other than that he is Black. Yet he has had to pay \$30,000 (down from the initial \$50,000) to remain "free" on bail and now is forced to go through the pains and pressure of a trial where his very life is at stake.

### DEFENSE COMMITTEE FORMED

Friends and members of the community who know Johnson set up the Committee to Clear Kenneth Johnson to assist him in his legal defense and to begin taking the case to the people of Buffalo. Through leaflettings, public meetings, speaking engagements, radio and television shows, the committee has explained the racist

frame-up to a large segment of the city's population. The Committee itself has greatly expanded as more and more people ask the question, "What can I do to help Ken Johnson?"

On Nov. 17, when with only 20 hours' notice, the defense committee was able to mobilize a full courtroom of Johnson's supporters for the opening day of wade (identification) hearings. The hearings conducted by Justice Ann Mikoll at the State Supreme Courthouse in Buffalo were well attended until their conclusion on Nov. 23. Jury selection for the trial itself is expected to begin shortly.

For those who are unable to actively support Johnson, the efforts of the Committee require funding. Financial assistance is also needed for legal fees. Please send donations to the Kenneth Johnson Defense Fund, care of The Committee to Clear Kenneth Johnson, P.O. Box 75, Station "J", Buffalo, N.Y. 14208. (716) 885-2797.

## Schomburg coalition refutes phony 'fact sheet'

By BRIAN BECKER

**NEW YORK, Dec. 7**—"It only goes to show that the numerous activities of the Citizens Coalition to Save the Schomburg Library which has attracted widespread support not only in the Harlem community but from every part of the country, have touched a raw nerve in the New York Public Library administration." This was the response of Larry Holmes, an organizer of the Citizens Coalition, to a document recently released by the NYPL which they entitled a "fact sheet" on the Schomburg Center.

This "fact sheet" was the NYPL's answer to what they called "false rumors" circulated about the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture. By false rumors they mean the well documented accusation by the Citizens Coalition that the NYPL is guilty of a conscious policy of racist neglect and discrimination towards the Schomburg Library in Harlem, which contains the largest collection of Black history and culture in the Americas.

### NYPL UNABLE TO REFUTE CHARGES OF RACISM

However, this "fact sheet" is unable to refute any of the charges made by the Citizens Coalition. For instance, the Coalition has charged that irreplaceable materials are being permanently ruined because the Schomburg doesn't have any air conditioning or other climate control system. The NYPL "fact" sheet answers, "Materials in the Schomburg are, in general, in no worse condition than research materials in other un-airconditioned buildings in urban areas."

What the "fact sheet" doesn't explain is what other research

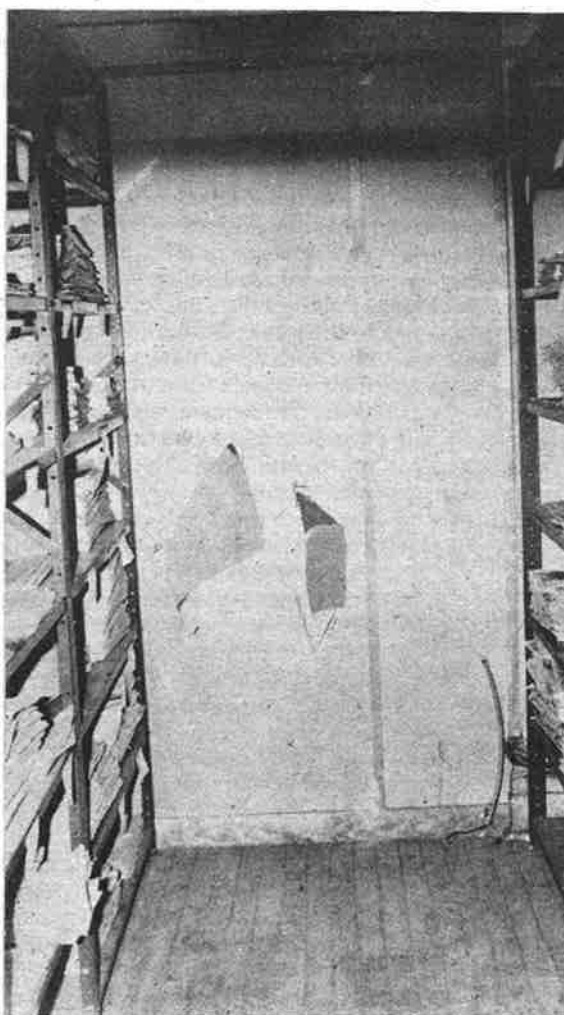
libraries are "un-airconditioned." Certainly the glamorous Lincoln Center or 42nd Street libraries, both of which are located in high income white areas, are not without air conditioning which is vital to the preservation of research materials. Nor do these luxury libraries have a leaking roof, falling plaster, or overcrowded conditions (the maximum seating at the Schomburg is 36!).

The NYPL "fact sheet" even admits that the Schomburg is in an advanced stage of deterioration. They say, "a broken boiler and resulting lack of heat has necessitated some service modifications during the fall of 1976."

The "fact sheet" never answered the primary charge made by the Citizens Coalition—that the NYPL, while crying poverty when it comes to allocating funds to the Schomburg, has been able to find millions of dollars for construction and renovations of the Lincoln Center library and the 42nd St. library. This is not some "false rumor" but the very real expression of a policy of racist discrimination practiced by the New York Public Library which by the way isn't really "public" at all. It is owned by the super rich Astor, Lenox, and Tilden foundations.

### MASSIVE LEAFLETING STAGED

While the publication of the "fact sheet" signifies that the NYPL is on the defensive, the Citizens Coalition has continued to press forward with its campaign to win a new building in Harlem for the Schomburg collection and the reinstatement of the Schomburg archivist (Laure St. Juste) and the acquisitions librarian (Keith Kern), both of whom were fired without cause by the library ad-



The Schomburg Library is being allowed to deteriorate [left] but the Citizens Coalition to Save the Schomburg is fighting this racist neglect [right]. WW photo

ministration. On Nov. 20, twenty members of the Citizens Coalition displaying signs demanding an end to the racist treatment of the Schomburg by the NYPL and equal funding with Lincoln Center, conducted a massive leaflet distribution and demonstration at Lincoln Center library. So embarrassed was the

Lincoln Center administration that they called the police in an effort to isolate the Schomburg supporters from people using the complex. Despite this attempt, the Citizens Coalition was able to attract an enthusiastic response from hundreds of people who signed petitions and bought buttons in support of the Schomburg.

The Citizens Coalition is planning future activities and urges others to join with them in the fight to save the Schomburg Center. For information about upcoming activities, leaflets, and buttons, write to the Citizens Coalition to Save the Schomburg, 166 5th Ave., New York, N.Y. 10010, or call (212) 741-0633.