

World Bank admits

Living standards drop in entire capitalist world

By ANDY STAPP
NEW YORK, Dec. 27—The New York Times reported on Dec. 26 that, "the standard of living declined for most countries last year, according to statistics released today by the World Bank."

This very important news article which the Times buried inconspicuously back in the fourth section of the paper (to avoid the sort of public furor a front-page headline would have triggered), bleakly continued, "economic

stagnation in the developed countries was the chief reason for the virtual halt of economic growth."

"The slowdown continued the trend of 1974," when "economic growth for the world's richest countries suddenly ended," the article concluded.

Now, when the bosses themselves are forced to admit to such a development, one may be sure that the crisis is deep indeed, and likely as not, even worse than the official figures indicate.

For poor and working people the situation has become disastrous. Just in the United States another 180,000 persons were forced into the swelling ranks of the unemployed last month.

And, as the World Bank survey shows, it is not the U.S. alone that has become derailed economically but Canada, Japan, Australia, and Western European countries as well, not to mention the numerous neo-colonial nations of Latin America, Africa, and Asia which remain locked into the imperialist

orbit.

For many months now U.S. governmental officials and the big business media have tried to explain away the problem by laying the blame on the special circumstances of the various countries involved. Great Britain is in trouble, we were assured, because its labor government had made too many concessions to the workers. Italy's conservative Christian Democrats have brought their nation to the verge of ruin by gross mismanagement and corruption.

In Chile the chaos is laid to the ineptitude of the military dictatorship, while the regime in Portugal is accused of not being strong enough.

And in the U.S., of course, Democratic Party politicians have had a field day lambasting Ford for his "lack of initiative" in coping with the severe downturn.

The World Bank study, however, amply demonstrates that the peculiarities of the various capitalist countries are not the decisive factor and that the crisis cuts across all party lines and various forms of bourgeois rule. Its very universality proves that it rises not merely from false policies, but from the organic decline of capitalism as a system.

Only the armaments industry seems immune to the ravages of the depression, and weapons sales remain the one major sector of the economy that moves along at a fast clip.

ONLY ARMAMENT INDUSTRY IS GROWING

In a blatant appeal for even greater concentration on Pentagon spending and its inevitable corollary, another armed conflict, Senator Barry Goldwater stated on Nov. 1, "Jimmy Carter and Walter Mondale know as well as we do that a full-employment economy has never been achieved in this country and probably never will be. The closest we have ever come was in the midst of an all-out war when many in the labor force were in the military and our munitions industries were running at capacity."

Capitalism, in the words of one of its most enthusiastic cheerleaders, can only "cure" the agony and destruction of economic bust with the agony and destruction of war!

NO ECONOMIC CRISIS IN SOCIALIST COUNTRIES

How different are the conditions in the socialist countries. The World Bank survey can find no crisis there (although the workers' states have had some problems caused by the impact on their economies of the dislocations in the capitalist countries, since they are linked, to some extent, to the

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Resolution calls for higher pensions, shorter work week

Steelworkers, retirees demand full employment

Workers World recently received the following highly unusual resolution recently passed by a steelworkers' local in Cleveland. This is the first time, as far as we know, that a steel local has passed a resolution of this character. Hopefully many other steel locals will do the same.

Cleveland, Ohio
December 17, 1976

Knowing that pensioners are affected by unemployment and inflation, Retirees Local of United Steelworkers of America (USWA), No. 1298, recently passed a resolution calling on USWA to include the following in the new contract to be negotiated next

spring: 1) Shorter work week; 2) lower the retirement age to 60; 3) raise the pension benefits for the older retirees to come up to that of new retirees; 4) rotation of unemployment for workers in the

plants and shops with the unemployed getting full unemployment compensation and Supplementary Unemployment Benefits for the full period of the unemployment; 5) cost of living increases for all

pensioners—across the board (not percentage) raises to equal real cost of living; 6) free medical coverage for pensioners and spouses, paid by the companies; 7) life insurance for pensioners and spouses paid by the companies; and 8) money for increased Social Security to be paid by corporations.

The retirees felt that monies that are spent on welfare, and other non-productive jobs could be used to alleviate the conditions of the aged; they felt that if there were full employment, the welfare rolls would be smaller and that even some jobs could be available for the needy retirees. They know that their incomes are more fixed and that inflation hits them hardest.

This resolution was sent to Local 1298 of the Steelworkers and that local passed it also.

It is true that here is a program for full employment for steelworkers and if it were adopted, it could serve as a goal for all the workers in the country.

We know that if these demands are to be met, the workers would have to put up a real struggle. But what benefits have the workers ever gotten without a struggle against the bosses? Without struggle there is no progress!

Four progressive Iranians face possible deportation

By BILL MASSEY
CHICAGO, Dec. 26—A vicious campaign of harassment, break-ins, arrests, and detentions, all meant as acts of political repression, has been instituted by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service against the Iranian Students Association (World Confederation) in Chicago.

These progressive Iranians have been singled out for harassment because they actively oppose the U.S.-backed Shah of Iran and his repressive regime.

Most recently, four Iranian Students Association (ISA) members have been arrested by immigration authorities here and now face charges for allegedly violating their student visas. It is probable that deportation charges will be initiated against these Iranians.

On Nov. 30, some nine members of the ISA were brutally attacked and then arrested by the Chicago police while presenting their legitimate demands to the French Consulate here for the release of two Iranian students who had previously been imprisoned in Paris on frame-up charges of shooting a notorious SAVAK (Iranian Secret Police) agent known as an "Iranian diplomat" in France.

Eight of those arrested here at the instigation of the French Consulate were charged with trespassing. The ninth was charged with assault and battery on a policeman.

As the nine students and their supporters were leaving the courtroom several agents of the Immigration Service swarmed in

on them, grabbed two students, handcuffed them, and led them away. Since then two other ISA members have been arrested by Immigration authorities. All four face charges of violating their student visas.

Since then U.S. authorities have continued their attempts to intimidate the ISA members for their opposition to the fascist regime of the Shah and its U.S. backers. Two weeks ago Immigration officials went to the schools attended by ISA members to spy on them and to harass them. Several homes of the students have been illegally entered, searched, and left in an extreme manner of disarray.

MOBILIZATION OF SHAH'S SECRET POLICE

According to the ISA, "The recent events should be seen in view of the massive mobilization of the Shah's secret police (SAVAK) to Europe and the United States, and their enormous freedom as well as the complete cooperation offered to them by the European and the U.S. local and federal police. These agents come abroad under the cover of members of the Iranian Diplomatic Corps for the sole purpose of espionage and harassment of Iranian students fighting the corrupt and the dictatorial regime of the Shah. The Shah himself was recently forced to make an admission of this fact when interviewed on the CBS TV Sixty Minutes Program."

The ISA asks that all progressive minded persons join in their defense against the combined actions of the U.S., French, and Iranian government agencies.

Groups and individuals should contact the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Agency and demand that they immediately end their brutal campaign of repression against all members of the ISA, that they release all students and end the questionings, break-ins and arrests.

The ISA also urges progressive people to contact the agencies of the French government (Consulates, Missions, Trade Associations) and demand that they drop charges against the members of the ISA in Paris as well as the charges against the Chicago Nine.

Donations to help pay for court costs of the arrested ISA members can be sent to: ISA-U.S., P.O. Box 11908, Chicago Ill. 60613.

Correction

In the Dec. 24 issue of *Workers World*, in the article about the death of Carmelo Rivera Colon entitled "Boston cops murder Puerto Rican man," the context implied that Larry Largee was a Black or Latin youth. He was in fact a 17-year-old white youth beaten to death by Cambridge police three years ago.



Jan. 1 will mark the 18th anniversary of the Cuban Revolution. Long live the continuing struggle of the Cuban people!

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HIS CHRISTIAN DUTY

Boston Globe, Nov. 23:

"Dundee, Fla.—A man caught making a bologna sandwich in a church was sent to jail because the minister felt it was his Christian duty 'to apprehend those involved in criminal acts.'"

"Virgil Hughes, 52, a migrant farmworker employed on a local farm, said he was outside the Dundee Baptist Church on Sunday, penniless and unable to remember the last time he had eaten. A passerby suggested he try the church kitchen, he told police.

"The minister filed a complaint and Hughes was arrested on burglary charges.

"I told the fellow that I was concerned that he find God's plan for life. . . . I feel as a Christian that I have a duty to society to apprehend those involved in criminal acts," the minister said. He also said he invited Hughes to join him for Thanksgiving dinner.

"Said Hughes, 'I'll never go into another church.'"

BIG BROTHER AND THE ROBOTS

New Times, Nov. 12:

"In Chicago's South Side, a food processing plant has installed 35 television cameras on the factory floor to monitor the

activity of over 450 workers. From a central command center management keeps detailed charts on every move of the workers to find out who is goofing off on the job or working too slowly, and to make sure an employee isn't taking a leak or making a phone call without first securing the required travel pass.

"If despite this, productivity still lags, there is always the final solution: robots! They're predictable, efficient; they never join a union and they require no coffee breaks. 'Who can afford to be without them,' asks the headline in a recent industry trade journal. General Motors already has over 200 robots busying themselves on the assembly line and other major industrial firms are following suit.

"A market study by Frost & Sullivan, Inc. predicts a 35 percent per year growth rate in the sale of robots and a market reaching \$1.1 billion by 1985."

FOR ROBOT OWNERS XMAS WAS BIG

Buffalo Evening News, Nov. 27:

"It takes unlimited pocket money to get some of the nation's retailer offerings, from a \$2 million, one-acre amusement park to a diamond ring of 10.86 carats, at \$195,000.

"Or there are 'his' and 'her' Russian crown sable coats, his version coming just below the knees, for \$20,000, hers to the floor, at \$45,000.

"You can give a pair of chandelier earrings of rubies and diamonds for \$77,000.

"Among the holiday suggestions are of course the usual collection for the man or woman who 'has everything else.' How about as a starter, purebred male and female buffalo calves if he, or she, wants to get into the American bison business. You can give a home for buffalo to roam for \$11,750.

First concession in 30-year-old fight for Harlem library

Black community forces U.S. funding for Schomburg Center

By BRIAN BECKER

NEW YORK, Dec. 28—In what appears to be the first substantial concession in the thirty-year-long fight to save the Schomburg library located in Harlem, the Federal government announced on Dec. 13 that \$3.7 million would be allocated from Public Works money to construct a new Schomburg facility in Harlem.

The Schomburg contains the world's largest collection of materials on Black people.

The government decision is due largely to an intense organizing campaign to win a new building and other demands made by the Citizens Coalition to Save the Schomburg Center, a broad-based national coalition of community, labor, and legal groups and individuals.

The Citizens Coalition has generated widespread support from every part of the country and in particular from the Harlem community around its demands that a new facility be built in Harlem and that the Schomburg be given equal funding with the other research libraries in New York City, like the glamorous Lincoln Center library which is located in a high-income white area.

The Coalition has also demanded the reinstatement of Laure St. Juste and Keith Kern, both of whom were staff members at the Schomburg and fired without cause by the NYPL.

A grievance on Kern's behalf (he was fired because of his par-

ticipation in a protest over the dismissal of Laure St. Juste) was filed by the Library Guild Local 1930 of District Council 37, AF-SCME, AFL-CIO, more than six months ago. An arbitration hearing has been set for Jan. 4.

St. Juste, the Archivist and a Haitian national, had also filed a grievance with the American Arbitration Association (AAA) and recently the Human Rights Commissioner ruled that he also had probable cause to file a complaint against the NYPL for his firing. A date has not yet been set for St. Juste's arbitration hearing.

Such firings and forced resignations have reduced the staff at the

Schomburg Center by more than 20 percent in the last two years and, hence, there has been a 20 percent reduction of hours and services. And, as a result, most of the remaining staff members of the Schomburg Center are now working out of job classification and title, at low pay, and locked into positions with no opportunity to transfer or for advancement in the library system.

SUPPORT FIRED SCHOMBURG EMPLOYEES

The Citizens Coalition is urging supporters of the Schomburg to show their support for Mr. Kern at his arbitration hearing to be held on Tuesday, Jan. 4, 1977, on the ninth floor at 140 West 51st St., in

New York City starting at 10:00 a.m.

The Citizens Coalition is also calling a picket line outside the next meeting of the NYPL Board of Trustees scheduled for 5:00 p.m., Jan. 12, at 42nd St. and 5th Ave. at the Main 42nd St. Library. The Coalition will demand, among other things, that Schomburg be granted equal annualized funding with the other research libraries, re-instatement of fired Schomburg staff members, and an upgrading of current staff positions.

For information, leaflets, or buttons contact the Citizens Coalition to Save the Schomburg, 2nd floor, 166 5th Ave., NYC 10010, or call (212) 741-0633.

National actions planned on Jan. 8

Demand political asylum for Jose Medina!

By JOYCE BETRIES

NEW YORK, Dec. 29—January 8 will be a day of national activities in support of Jose Medina, a member of the Los Angeles chapter of the CASA-General Brotherhood of Workers whom the U.S. government is attempting to deport to Mexico.

On that day demonstrations will be held in Los Angeles, San Jose, Houston, San Antonio, Seattle, Chicago, and New York to demand immediate political asylum in the U.S. for Medina and an end to the persecution and deportation of all undocumented workers.

A licensed attorney in Mexico, Medina came to the U.S. in 1973 seeking refuge from a government opposed to his many activities in defense of the peoples' rights. He had been a leader in the left-wing student and workers' struggles in Mexico since 1968.

If deported, Medina faces long-term imprisonment and possible death.

NO CASE AGAINST MEDINA

Rosa Moreno, who is active in the Committee to Defend Jose Medina and is married to Medina, told Workers World in a telephone interview that the charges against him are "illegal entry, which is entering the country at an unknown place on an unknown date." She added that the charges are due to the U.S. government's "own negligence because Medina was inspected when he crossed the border. They really have nothing to base their case on," she said.

"All they want to do is railroad him through the courts," she continued, adding that the Immigration and Naturalization Service is being illegal according to its own procedures.

According to Moreno, one of the reasons that the government is trying to railroad Medina is because he is using his case to establish the right of due process for undocumented workers who now don't even have the right to free counsel. (A Bar Association study recently revealed that only 5 percent of those deported in 1975 were represented by legal counsel.)

Moreno continued, "What Jose has been trying to establish is jurisprudence to change the laws for those who go behind him." Medina is fighting to extend rights to the undocumented that include time to gather evidence, a guarantee that all court proceedings will be translated into their native language, and an extension of the

Fifth Amendment against self-incrimination to all people living in the U.S. Under this amendment to the Constitution, it should be illegal for INS to ask if a worker has documents.

Describing the serious challenge Medina is putting up to the present laws, Moreno explained, "We've taken nine months already for a procedure that usually takes a day."

Medina's ninth deportation hearing will take place in Los Angeles on Jan. 11. The Defense Committee is asking people from the Los Angeles area to attend a rally in support of Medina on that day.

ISSUE FOR WHOLE WORKING CLASS

Jose Medina told Workers World, "The object of my Defense Committee is to help other organizations representative of other nationalities—Black people, Anglo-Saxon people—to understand that the issue of the undocumented worker is an issue of the whole working class." Speaking of class unity, he added, "We must fight together to defeat illegal practices of the U.S. government. It's like a strike," he continued. "You must defeat the boss in order to get concessions. Here you must defeat the Federal government in order to get concessions."

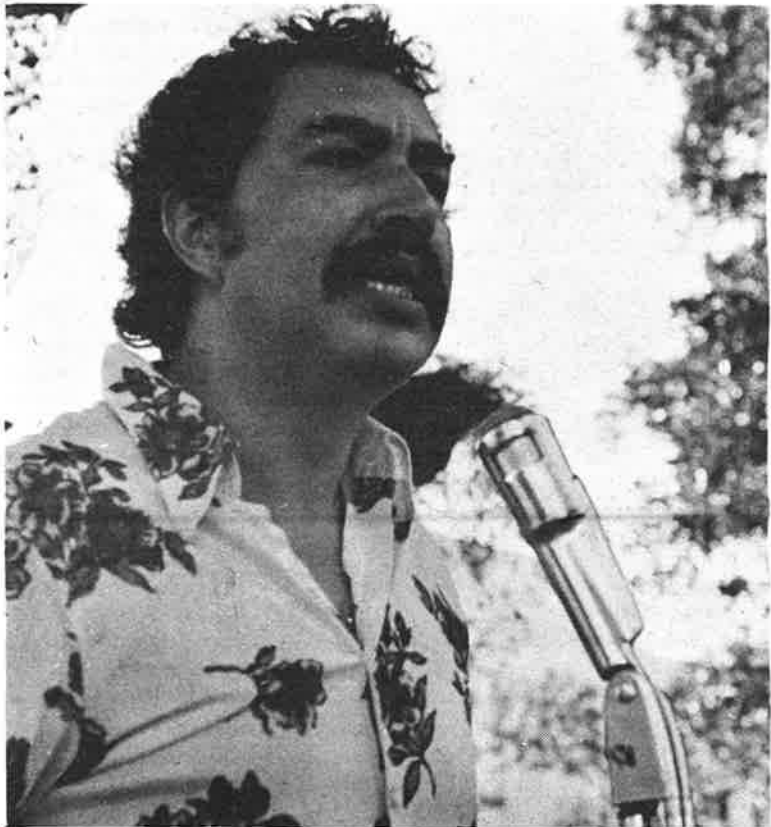
Of undocumented workers, Medina said, "We are an integral part of the working class." Like all workers, he continued, "We have the right to representation, the right to a contract, the right to organize."

On Jan. 10 the day before Medina's ninth deportation hearing, a delegation of his supporters will deliver a protest to the Department of State in Washington, D.C., demanding immediate political asylum for Medina.

The Jan. 8 demonstration in Los Angeles, called by the Committee to Defend Jose Medina, will be held at 11:30 a.m. at La Placita Park which is located on Olvera Street, between the Mexican Consulate and the Federal Building. The New York demonstration, called by Workers World Party, will take place at 1 p.m. at Times Square.

For information on the Jan. 8 national activities, contact Steve Hollopeter at (213) 255-1479.

For information on the New York demonstration, phone (212) 255-0352.



Speaking at a Dec. 11 rally in La Placita Park in Los Angeles sponsored by the Coalition for Fair Immigration Practices, Jose Medina condemns the racist Eilberg Law, which goes into effect Jan. 1, 1977, and demands amnesty for undocumented workers.

Elderly man loses legs because of heat shut-off

By STEPHEN MILLIES

RACINE, WIS., Dec. 15—Phillip Chambers, who is 72-years-old, became another victim of a utility shut-off. Today, both of his legs were amputated below the knee, because of a gangrene infection caused by no heat in his house. The blame for this tragedy falls at the door of the Wisconsin Gas Company which shut off his service when he couldn't afford the bills. And what was the amount of money that Phillip Chambers owed the Gas Company, the amount for which they shut off his service and cut off his legs? \$124.

Since his heat was shut off on May 20th of this year, Mr. Chambers has had to endure extremely harsh weather. According to a nephew he spent nights wearing a pair of workshoes, socks, pants, a flannel shirt, two jackets, an overcoat, and a cap with earflaps pulled over his head.

Because of the concern shown by his neighbors, Phillip Chambers was not killed by this shut-off. In 1971, Harold R. Radtke was not so

fortunate. His body was found in Peshtigo, Wisconsin, after the Gas Company had shut off his heat in the middle of winter.

RICH HAVE PLENTY OF HEAT

Both of these shut-off victims were elderly; both were forced to live on fixed incomes. Each year many people in Wisconsin and thousands in the country at large have their lives and well-being endangered by having their utilities shut off. All these victims, young and old, share something in common: they are all poor and working people. You never saw a rich man with his heat shut-off.

The Wisconsin Gas Company admitted recently that the typical residential heating bill for the month of November, 1976 will be nearly 72 percent larger than it was in November of 1975. This confession of price-gouging shows what really causes shut-offs—corporate greed. Adequate heating of homes and apartments should be a right of all people.

PEOPLES' VICTORY

While the Citizens Coalition feels that the \$3.7 million grant for a new Schomburg building is a significant accomplishment, the struggle to win justice for the Schomburg is far from over. As Larry Holmes, a member of the Center for United Labor Action and a leading organizer of the Citizens Coalition told Workers World, "This was not some humanitarian gesture by the government, but a concession forced on them by the people and especially the Harlem community. We want to inform everyone who picketed outside the New York Public Library (NYPL) Board of Trustees, who rallied in Harlem, confronted politicians at City Hall, who organized meetings, and who collected thousands of petitions that this is their victory."

"We see the \$3.7 million grant as a step in the right direction," Mr. Holmes continued, "but we won't forget for a minute that this sum is but 10 percent of what was promised the Schomburg just four years ago. We see this as a down-payment and we'll keep fighting until the Schomburg's existence is guaranteed by receiving equal funding with the other research libraries from the NYPL."

Another organizer of the Citizens Coalition, Glenderyn Johnson, who is also a member of the Schomburg staff, said, "The fact that the government felt compelled to make this concession is really an impetus to keep on fighting. Look what happened before the Citizens Coalition was in existence. This is just a new beginning."

Commenting on the problems still facing the Schomburg, Ms. Johnson explained, "The Schomburg is still outside of the annualized funding structure of the NYPL. It is treated as a step child by the racist Board of Trustees. We are still demanding equal funding, we want the fired staff re-hired, an upgrading of the current staff positions, representation from the minority communities on the NYPL Board of Trustees, and minority people in administrative positions. In short we want real equality."

POLICY OF RACIST NEGLECT

The present Schomburg building is in an advanced stage of deterioration due to a policy of racist neglect by the NYPL. Irreplaceable manuscripts have been permanently damaged because of the leaking roof and lack of any air conditioning or climate control system. The 73-year-old building has been plagued by a broken boiler, falling plaster, lack of shelf space, and overcrowded conditions (the maximum seating capacity is 36!).

Despite increased repression

Thais uniting against U.S.-backed junta

By PRESTON WOOD

NEW YORK, Dec. 26—Faced with growing opposition, increased armed resistance, and an ever-deepening economic crisis, the vicious ruling junta in Thailand has intensified its wave of repression against all opponents of the fascist ruling military regime there.

Since seizing power in October, the U.S.-backed Thai junta has suspended all democratic rights and arrested over 6,000 students, labor leaders, workers, and farmers.

At the same time U.S. military aid to the Thai government has increased from \$11.4 million in 1975 to over \$89.5 million since October.

INCREASED REPRESSION

The brutality of the present regime has earned it the just hatred of all the Thai people. The Thai economy, dominated by U.S. big business, is racked by soaring inflation and unemployment. Incapable of resolving the ever-deepening capitalist economic crisis, the junta has resorted to increased anti-communist hysteria and more brutal repression.

The junta, a clique of right-wing

militarists, has made public its commitment to eliminate all progressive opposition and has openly predicted an increase in political prisoners to over 30,000.

Thailand's prisons are presently overflowing. Because of lack of food within the prisons thousands already face starvation.

All those arrested face trial by military tribunal if tried at all. Some prisoners have been tortured and murdered.

GUERRILLA ACTIONS

Alarmed by recent successful armed guerrilla actions in the south and northeastern areas of the country, the junta has recently granted regional authorities the power to designate certain regions as "communist infiltrated areas." Anyone in these areas is to be considered "insurgent" and can be detained without trial.

A recent Thai government study recommended using the following indicators for determining if an area is an "insurgent stronghold": "The sudden disappearance of drug addiction; increased demand for books, paper, and pencils; improvement in public sanitation; and a great improvement in the

internal cleanliness and order of the villages."

VIETNAMESE PLACED IN CONCENTRATION CAMPS

In an attempt to divert public attention from the increased suffering and deplorable conditions which afflict the workers and farmers of Thailand, the junta has recently initiated a chauvinist campaign of terror against the Vietnamese people who reside in Thailand. In recent months scores of Vietnamese have been arrested as "communist sympathizers" or for "giving material assistance to communist insurgents."

Homes and restaurants operated by Vietnamese people have been destroyed by "mysterious" fires, and vicious lies about Vietnamese residing in Thailand have been circulated by the junta.

On Oct. 26, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Foreign Ministry, charged the Thai junta with herding thousands of Vietnamese into concentration camps, and warned the reactionaries of the consequences of continued persecution of Vietnamese residing in Thailand.

THAI PEOPLE UNITE AGAINST JUNTA

The intense campaign of persecution and repression being conducted by the reactionary junta against the Thai people has united the people in their struggle against the junta and their U.S. masters. Under the leadership of the Communist Party of Thailand (CPT), guerrilla forces have liberated significant areas in northeastern and (more recently) southern Thailand.

On Oct. 20, the Socialist Party (SP) of Thailand declared that it was joining with the CPT in armed struggle against the junta. In a statement broadcast on CPT-controlled radio, the SP leaders urged all mass units in both rural and urban areas to take up arms and join the fight. It is expected that other activist organizations, such as the powerful National Student Center of Thailand, will join the alliance.

As in Cuba and Vietnam, all the might of the U.S. military and its corrupt reactionary puppets is weak in the face of a united and determined people. The Thai people will be victorious in their struggle against the Thai junta and its U.S. imperialist backers.



"The Krugerrand symbolizes the toil, misery, and death of Black Africans demand a ban on the sale of the Krugerrand."

Sale of South African 'blood money' protested by Cleveland demons

Special to Workers World

CLEVELAND, Dec. 18—Chanting "Merrill Lynch gets rich, Black Africans die," and "Ban the Krugerrand," today 60 people, Black and white, picketed the downtown Cleveland office of Merrill Lynch, local dealer for the Krugerrand. The Cleveland Coalition Against Racism and Oppression, the sponsor of this event, demanded a ban on the sales of the Krugerrand, a one ounce gold coin from South Africa.

Paul Dickson, speaking for the Coalition, stated, "The Krugerrand symbolizes the toil, misery, and death of Black Africans. We do not want it sold here because dollars from the coin sales could be used to purchase more of the same kind of guns used to kill Black children in Soweto." The picket line and interview received extensive coverage on TV, radio and in the newspaper. The picket line was followed by a march throughout downtown



Rhodesia jails 870 striking Black transit workers

NEW YORK, Dec. 27—In a Christmas Eve mass arrest, 870 Black transit workers were jailed by the racist white-settler state of Rhodesia. Their crime? The bus drivers, conductors, and maintenance workers went out on strike and, according to a Reuters dispatch, "paralyzed Salisbury's public transit system." Salisbury is the capital and principal city of Rhodesia.

The strikers are still in jail, being held at the Chikurubi Prison outside the capital. Tomorrow they will be brought to court, where further severe penalties may be imposed if they continue to refuse to end their strike. Most, if not all, strikes are illegal in Rhodesia.

Virtually all of Rhodesia's workers are Black.

The racist Rhodesian regime, modeled after the South African apartheid state on its southern border, is now facing its deepest crisis as the national liberation movement of African guerrilla fighters strike closer and closer to Salisbury. The strike of the Black transit workers therefore, takes on menacing proportions to the white racist ruling class.

Having sought to suppress the struggles of the Black working people by erecting a racist economic and political system, the Rhodesian fascists have thereby contributed to forging a national unity of the African people that will soon crush the colonialist system into dust.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27—The U.S. government knows full well that the poor and working people in this country will not allow U.S. troops to be sent to oppress the Black liberation struggle in Zimbabwe (Rhodesia). However, U.S. big business interests are actively recruiting mercenaries to bolster the dwindling colonial army of Prime Minister Ian Smith's white racist regime there.

There are presently over 400 U.S. mercenary soldiers, most of them Vietnam veterans, fighting against the Zimbabwean liberation forces.

Thousands of racist settlers are leaving Rhodesia each month in response to the heightening struggle there on the part of the Zimbabwean people. According to

bourgeois news sources, over 2,280 white people left Rhodesia in the first six months of 1976.

In the U.S., a group called American Aid for Rhodesia has been actively recruiting soldiers and raising money for the racist Smith regime since last May. The paramilitary group is openly operating in San Antonio, El Paso, Houston, Phoenix, and other cities in the southwestern United States.

1,000 RACIST MERCENARIES

All in all, there are well over 1,000 racist foreign troops fighting in Rhodesia: Vietnam veterans, Portuguese colonial soldiers who fought in Mozambique and Angola, Britons, South Africans, Germans, and Greeks. Most are placed in

command positions, often over Black troops.

However, the most important addition to the Rhodesian army is, of course, the U.S. mercenaries who are trained in the most vicious, genocidal warfare practices.

Major Nick Lamprecht, a Vietnam war butcher, is a chief army recruiter for the mercenary army. Lamprecht is insisting that the foreign troops are not mercenaries. But according to the September 1976 issue of Southern Africa, "Adverse publicity on the recent use of mercenaries in Angola has led the Smith regime and its collaborators to develop new language to explain their efforts to recruit and pay

U.S. mercenaries in Rhodesia

Leaked UN document exposes

CIA planning for secret war in Namibia

By DEIRDRE GRISWOLD

NEW YORK, Dec. 28—The stated position of the U.S. government on southern Africa is support for "majority rule" in Namibia (South West Africa) and Zimbabwe (Rhodesia).

But a recently leaked confidential UN document shows that in reality the secret U.S. goal is to create a phony "independent" regime led in name by Black Africans who have been carefully groomed to serve the interests of U.S. and South African imperialism.

Namibia has been fighting for its freedom from South Africa under the leadership of SWAPO, the South West Africa Peoples Organization, which has both carried out guerrilla warfare and set up grassroots social organization among the oppressed African population. SWAPO has recently been recognized by the United Nations as the only organization legitimately representing the Namibian people.

South Africa ruled Namibia after World War I under a League of Nations mandate, but that mandate was withdrawn in 1968 by the UN and for the last eight years South Africa has been occupying Namibia without the least shred of international legitimacy. Not one country in the world will formally recognize South Africa's claims to Namibia, although Washington secretly has been backing Pretoria all along.

Now the publication of a confidential UN document in the December issue of Counterspy shows concretely how the U.S. government, through the CIA and the Agency for International Development (AID), and South Africa are going to great expense to create a phony "majority rule" government to take over Namibia when it is supposedly granted "independence" by South Africa. In this way, Washington and Pretoria hope to bypass SWAPO and the genuine representatives of the Namibian people.

CIA MOUNTING SECRET OPERATIONS AGAINST SWAPO

According to the document entitled "Apparent Covert Operations against Namibia" and dated Oct. 31, 1976, "covert operations appear now to have been mounted against the leadership of SWAPO, against the UN Commissioner for Namibia, against the internal wing of SWAPO in Namibia (and) in support of a Kapuuo-Mudge interim government." The document mentions the South African secret police agency BOSS and the CIA as apparently involved in these operations.

Chief Clemens Kapuuo is evidently the U.S.-South African choice for the head of an "independent" Namibia. Two U.S. firms are involved in a campaign, according to the UN document, "to make Chief Kapuuo a credible political leader in the eyes of international public opinion." They are the New York law firm of Schwartz, Burns, Lesser, and Jacoby, and the marketing consulting agency Psychographic Communication (PsyComm). Both firms refuse to say who is paying their bills in promoting Chief Kapuuo. But PsyComm had a plush banquet at Delmonico's to introduce Kapuuo to the press. And on Kapuuo's last trip to the U.S., he met and talked with Cyrus Vance (now Secretary of State-designate), Henry Ford, the

editorial boards of Newsweek, Time, and the New York Times, as well as the publisher of the New York Post.

This publicity campaign is estimated to have cost over \$500,000 but the marketing agency says it is doing it all just because it "believes in Kapuuo."

At the same time that this well-financed campaign is going on to create "leadership" in Namibia, the U.S. Agency for International Development, long a cover for CIA programs, has set up two projects which the UN study characterizes as "clearing the ground for aid to a South Africa client regime and placing counter-insurgency assets in Namibia."

One is a \$350,000 contract study to the African-American Scholars Council. Despite its high-sounding name, this group has as its "Principal Investigator" one Robert Rotberg of MIT who, the UN document says, is "believed to have connections with the Central Intelligence Agency." The purpose of the study is to assess "the willingness of political, social university, nonprofit, foundation, corporate, and other U.S. institutions or groups in the U.S. to support or assist U.S. Government programmes and policies related to the transition to majority rule in

Zimbabwe and Namibia."

The second project is the AID Southern African Regional Development Plan. This million-dollar program is run by suspected CIA agents, too, some with many years of experience under AID cover in Vietnam. Overall supervision of the project is by Owen Cylke, the Deputy Director of AID's Office of Central and West African Affairs, who, the UN report says, is believed to have joined the CIA in the late 1960s.

Day-to-day supervision is in the hands of Terry Lambacher, who is identified as a "senior management analyst" at AID and is believed to have been recruited into the CIA around 1967 when he joined the Saigon office of AID. He later became the AID advisor and liaison officer to the Minister of the Interior of the Government of South Vietnam, the top official in charge of the police.

The kind of "economic growth" which this project will promote, according to the UN study, will "leave the distribution of income roughly the same; leave the structure of production the same; maximize foreign capital inflows; accentuate the present specialization of the economy; and increase the degree of economic dependence upon South Africa."

In addition, the authors of the UN study feel that there is more in this than meets the eye. "Sources suggest," they say, "it is very probably in part a cover for the development of counter-insurgency assets which the U.S. could use in Namibia in the event of 'need.'"

THE WAR AHEAD

The people of Namibia are in a growing revolutionary struggle to win back the land that has been brutally taken from them. Increasingly, the guerrilla warfare led by SWAPO is being supplemented by strikes in the mines, boycotts by students, demonstrations by Blacks and even whites against the imposed system of apartheid.

Now the U.S. ruling class is secretly bending every effort to subvert this liberation struggle and preserve Namibia as a neocolony. And the kind of undercover operations set into motion today will inevitably lead to increased U.S. military involvement tomorrow.

Certainly the Namibian people are justified under these circumstances in fighting back by whatever means are necessary, and in finding aid for their struggle from whoever will give it.

SASO Nine conviction condemned

By JUDY GREENSPAN

NEW YORK, Dec. 23—"The SASO (South African Students Organization) Nine have committed no crime. The South African government has obviously used the trial of these nine young men as a pretext to brutally attack the entire Black Consciousness Movement (BCM)," said Cheryl Greene, a member of the SASO Nine Defense Committee at a press conference held here today.

The press conference was called by the Defense Committee to condemn the recent conviction and sentencing of nine courageous members of SASO, seven Black South Africans and two Indians, under the fascist Terrorism Act of the Vorster regime.

The nine men have been held in solitary confinement for over two years for their participation in a rally in support of FRELIMO, the liberation army of Mozambique.

Six of the SASO Nine were sentenced to ten years in prison and the remaining three were sentenced to five years for their activities in the liberation struggle.

"Yes, the SASO Nine are indeed guilty," Greene added. "They are guilty of standing up against the fascist South African regime which daily oppresses their people; they are guilty of educating students, workers, men, women, and children to stand up

against oppression, to eradicate exploitation, to struggle to regain their land," she said.

VORSTER BOLSTERED BY U.S. BANKS

"As the situation in South Africa unfolds, we become more and more aware of the courageous work of the BCM, which has roused the people to fight on every level for their liberation," Greene, also a member of the Pan African Students Organization in the Americas (PASOA), commented. The young woman also pointed out that the Vorster regime was being bolstered by U.S. banks and corporations and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Jeff Dumo Baqwa, Projects Director of the South African Student Movement (SASM), who escaped from a Transkei village in 1974, explained that the charges against the SASO Nine are part of South Africa's plan to repress the liberation forces.

"The struggle in South Africa is not against apartheid," Baqwa continued, "the struggle there involves deeper issues, the struggle for power, land and control of the means of production." Baqwa, who has worked closely with the SASO Nine, said that the SASO Nine were involved in this liberation struggle.

Several speakers at the press

conference, which included such organizations as the Patrice Lumumba Coalition and the National Conference of Black Lawyers, commented on President-elect Carter's recent appointment of Andrew Young to the United Nations.

"We are not deluded by the placing of Andrew Young in the UN," said Baqwa. "The U.S. has one policy in South Africa, maintenance of U.S. imperialism—and changing faces of ambassadors will not have any substantial effect on the fact," he said.

BOYCOTT SOUTH AFRICAN PLAY

The SASM Director urged that all progressive people boycott the new South African play, Ipi-tombi, due to open on Broadway Dec. 28. Baqwa pointed out that the play is a white racist view of South Africa and that the play is being used by the Vorster regime to bolster South Africa's image in the world. Several Black organizations have called a demonstration on Dec. 28 to protest the play's opening here.

The speakers from the Defense Committee and from SASM urged progressives from all countries to support the struggle to free the SASO Nine and the movement for the liberation of Azania (South Africa).



Cheryl Greene, Kasmara, Jeff Dumo Baqwa at press conference condemning the conviction of the SASO Nine.



WW photo



Black Africans." Cleveland demonstration. WW photo: Pat H.

money' nstrators

Cleveland. Leaflets were distributed telling shoppers about the coin. The signs and banners read, "Ban the Kruggerand," "Merrill Lynch, Broker for Apartheid," "U.S. Out of Africa," and "Kruggerand Means Unemployment at Home."

The Cleveland Coalition Against Racism and Oppression vowed to continue its vigorous struggle until the sale of the "blood money" Kruggerand is halted.

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foreigners to fight against the Zimbabwe liberation struggle."

U.S. soldiers are being enticed to fight in Rhodesia by such magazines as "Soldier of Fortune," which is known to be connected with the CIA. Also, despite the existence of U.S. legal sanctions against Americans enlisting in foreign armies, no U.S. citizens fighting in the Rhodesian army have been penalized by the U.S. government.

Thus, the U.S. mercenary army is being organized with the tacit approval of the U.S. government.

Despite the influx of U.S. mercenaries, the people of Zimbabwe are escalating their struggle to overthrow the racist minority Smith regime.

J.G.

EDITORIAL

Carter and the new cold war

It's still three weeks until the hoopla of Inauguration Day, when "Jimmy" Carter will forgo a silk hat and tails and grasp the helm of state in the subdued regalia of a workaday business suit. But despite this gesture intended to unburden the people of their strong suspicions that the government is run by a clique of billionaires, and despite the fact that Carter has been posing for the press attired in his "down home" costume of flannel shirt and loafers, the political actions of this man soon-to-be-President should dispel any thoughts of comfort and relaxation, should set the heart to beating and the brain to racing.

For Carter has been assembling a Cabinet that threatens a more ferocious renewal of the cold war, an ever greater and more terribly burdensome spiraling of the arms race, and raises yet again the insane spectacle of nuclear war.

HAWKS, BOMBERS, AND SCANDALOUS CONTRACTS

What has he done so far? He has picked as the most prominent members of his Cabinet two men who are key figures to the military-industrial complex, Cyrus Vance and James Schlesinger. Vance, as we have already explained in this paper, distinguished himself as second civilian in command of the Vietnam war in his role of Deputy Secretary of Defense.

Schlesinger, as is noted in the accompanying article, may have been given a lesser post for the time being, but his very presence in the Cabinet is a signal of a hawkish attitude on nuclear policy.

Next there is Carter's silence on the B-1 bomber program. This is a pet and lavish Pentagon bonanza that will run into the tens of billions of dollars—an insufferable burden for a people already bled dry by the monstrous war budget. With the blessing of the Ford administration, the Pentagon has gone ahead with handing out the contracts for the B-1. Carter's silence on this subject can only be interpreted as consent, even though he campaigned with promises to halt the project. But he has allowed the plane to go into production already, and this alone will cost the American people billions.

It is also sure to fuel the arms race, for it cannot but be interpreted by the Soviet Union as a major escalation in weaponry that will have to be answered in some way.

The reluctance of the new Carter "team" to tread on anyone's toes at the Pentagon can also be seen in their conspicuous silence toward other key and controversial military contracts awarded in recent weeks, such as the \$3.4 billion Sikorsky helicopter deal and the \$82.1 million Raytheon contract to evaluate a missile it also designed and will produce. Both these contracts have become minor scandals.

PUTTING THE HEAT ON

Already the strategy of the Carter grouping is to start putting pressure on both the Soviet Union and China. The appointment of Schlesinger is a direct and hostile message to the USSR, while the recent statement by Carter's UN Ambassador Andrew Young that the U.S. "needs a strong Vietnam" to "be a buffer against China" is not only ludicrous in view of the fact that only a few years ago the U.S. was trying to bomb Vietnam off the map, but is an unparalleled insult to the Peoples Republic of China.

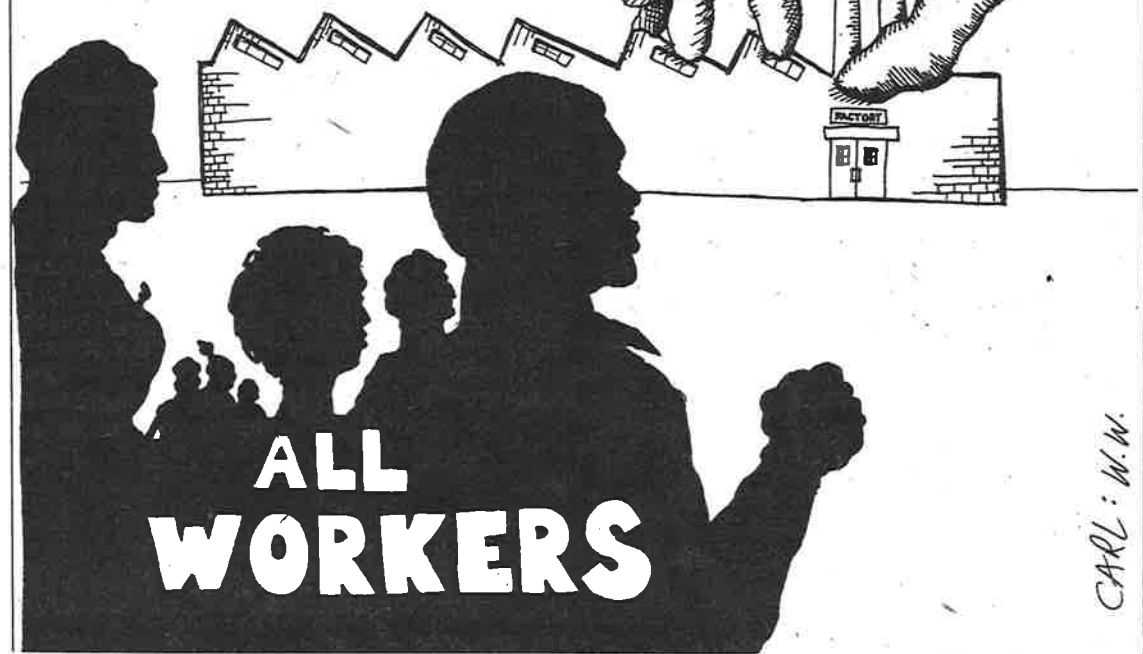
And what is this capitalist government's most serious grievance against the USSR at the present time? That it is threatening the "status quo" in Africa. That by aiding the liberation struggle in Angola, and possibly elsewhere in the future, it is creating a "dangerous situation." This is the great crime in the eyes of the imperialists—helping a cruelly oppressed people gain their liberation after so many years of trials and so many rivers of blood. But the gathering storm of revolution in southern Africa can not be blown away by the slavemaster's threats.

All these threats are made, of course, amid typical pronouncements on peace, world harmony, etc., meant to lull the masses of people just as Carter's choice of Walter Mondale for his running mate, back aeons ago before the election, won over so many "doves" and genuinely confused people who hoped that the slate of militarism and monopoly arrogance would indeed be wiped clean by a new administration.

Finally, another breath of the gathering new cold war was felt in Washington last week when news of a CIA report on Soviet military progress was released with well-orchestrated fanfare. Reporters were told to say that the analysts see the situation as "grim." The Soviet Union is trying to develop superiority in modern weapons, the "experts" said, seemingly forgetting that only two weeks ago Kissinger and NATO rejected a Warsaw Pact proposal that both sides should renounce a first-strike nuclear

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SEEKING SCAPEGOATS
FOR THE UNEMPLOYMENT IT CREATES,
CAPITALISM CALLS HUMAN BEINGS
'ILLEGAL ALIENS'



LETTERS

Abel and big business

Cleveland, Ohio

Letter to the editor,

I.W. Abel, president of the huge Steelworkers Union, hit a new low with the U.S. workers and a new high with the Big Business interests when he came out in favor of steel price increases. He stated that if the companies don't get higher prices and profits, they won't be able to give increases in wages to the workers.

What does this mean? Does he really believe that prices of all commodities should rise so that workers could get raises and that would be good for the workers? If this were so, why doesn't the labor movement press for higher prices on all commodities?

One does not have to be a president of a huge union, like the steelworkers, to know that price increases are inflationary and are really wage cuts. Price increases are not in the interests of the workers and the vast majority of the people. The position of Abel is the same as the position of the corporate heads. They too want price increases and profits.

Now if Abel's proposals are good for the workers, why do the corporations fight against giving workers raises as they did this last summer when the auto workers had to strike? The truth is just the opposite of what Abel says. We know that "What is good for the boss is no good for the workers."

Mr. Abel also supports the ban on steel imports, ostensibly to create more jobs. (We have been always told that competition keeps prices down. Is that no longer true? We can see what monopolies, such as utility companies, do. A monopoly in the steel industry does the same thing.) But since Abel is so hot about imports, why isn't he also hot against imports from countries that have really slave-labor conditions and make goods that are then dumped on the U.S. market?

We mean countries such as south Korea, Taiwan, South Africa, Chile, etc. These are the countries that are ruled by U.S. multinational corporations through local or fascist-like stooges. Wouldn't it be better if these countries were free of exploitation and allowed to

produce for their own benefit rather than for the benefit of U.S. corporations? It is the imports from these dictatorially ruled countries that should be stopped by the U.S. getting out of those lands.

No. Mr. Abel, like George Meany and his kind, support these low wage areas by supporting the U.S. government's controls of those countries to keep them enslaved. This too is big business policy.

It seems that Mr. Abel and the others like him are on the wrong side of the class battles. They seem to be really "The Labor Lieutenants of the Capitalist Class."

A Retired Steelworker

UE organizes despite frame-up

The following is taken from a press release issued on Dec. 10 by Local 259 of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE).

Holyoke, Mass., Dec. 10—If the ATF (Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms Bureau of the Treasury Dept.) thought that by accusing UE organizer Alex Markley with conspiring to use explosives during a strike they were going to scare workers away from the union, they must be disappointed with the results. Yesterday UE and Alex Markley won their third bargaining rights election in Western Mass. in a little over two weeks.

The workers at Wesco, a recently formed electronics parts factory in Greenfield, voted yesterday 56 to 47 to join UE.

Wesco is known as a low-wage sweatshop, where the boss openly brags that he's a tyrant, and fires people at will. Valerie Lavin, of Greenfield, a winder and a leader of the drive to organize the shop, explained the union's goals: "We want job security, better benefits, higher wages, and we want more concern. We've been treated as a group, not as individuals."

"The company was violently opposed to the Union. They sent out leaflets full of lies, made speeches, and intimidated people. We got seven findings of unfair labor practices against them for in-

timidation, interrogation and false statements, but they kept right on doing it.

"We voted for the Union, and I think we're going to get it."

The other two shops organized here recently are Northeast Wire in Holyoke, which voted for UE 50 to 40 on Nov. 23, and the women clerical workers of the Greenfield Town Hall, Library, and Police Department, who voted 25 to 5 for UE. In addition to Alex Markley, David Cohen and John Case helped organize these three shops. But as with most UE shops, the biggest part of the organizing was done by the workers themselves inside the shops.

A hearing is being held in Boston today to set an election date for the daily Greenfield Recorder, where 80 of the workers have signed UE cards.

The case of the ATF, or Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Bureau of the Treasury Department, against Alex Markley has been branded a frameup and entrapment, aimed at forcing Alex to become a paid undercover agent for the ATF within the labor movement. Apparently the labor movement in this area agrees, because all the major labor bodies and many of the larger union locals in Western Mass. have denounced the proceedings and joined the call for a Congressional investigation of the ATF.

When asked what the effect of the ATF's charges has been on UE's ability to organize, Alex said: "If anything it's helped us. People hear about us through all the publicity we're getting around this case, and they come walking into our hall looking for a union. Workers don't believe too much of what the government says anymore until they've had a good look at the facts. If you explain things to them, tell them the truth and take them step by step through the problems they face they'll trust you."

Have you renewed your sub?
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The new breed of 'military intellectual'

By SAM MARCY

DECEMBER 30—In its protracted struggle to win hegemony and bring about a victorious socialist revolution, the proletariat has of necessity sought to win over the so-called middle strata of society. This was done successfully both preceding and during the October Revolution in Russia and later in China. Also, in pre-revolutionary times and particularly when the proletarian cause is in the ascendancy, the success of the proletariat has been marked by winning over wide strata of the intellectuals, including some of the most brilliant of the period.

"The bourgeoisie can howl all it wants against intellectuals," said Rosa Luxemburg on the occasion of a dinner in honor of the 50th birthday of Franz Mehring, the biographer of Marx and celebrated literary critic. "But we have won over the best from their class," she said, pointing to Mehring.

It has not always been easy, even for the greatest Marxists, including Marx himself. He had his difficulties with the intellectuals. Certainly this was the case with his friend Ferdinand Freiligrath, the famed German poet.

Lenin too spent a great deal of time and energy cultivating Maxim Gorki but during the crisis of October 1917 Gorki veered away.

The intellectuals as a social grouping tend, on occasion, to veer back and forth depending upon the tide of battle. It is small wonder, in a society split into warring, antagonistic classes, that intellectuals often find themselves, especially during periods of great crisis, seeking shelter in the camp of the stronger.

Much more often than not their sympathies are with the poor, the exploited, and the persecuted. The freedom which they seek and need is only rarely available to them in a society based on private ownership of the means of production and class privilege. Only socialism and the abolition of classes will afford complete freedom because, among other things, it will abolish or certainly narrow the great differences between physical and intellectual labor.

Intellectuals have been particularly under fire in the past two decades in the United States. In fact, the entire academic community has lived in fear not only during the McCarthy period, but during the Kennedy, Johnson, and Nixon eras as well. Nor has this period come to an end.

PRIVILEGED AND SECURE

There has been, however, one segment of the academic community which has been almost totally immune from any attack or abuse. It is completely sheltered and secure in its privileged position. It maintains a low profile in public and only on rare occasion does an individual from the group seek public visibility.

This segment of the academic community is in reality a new breed altogether. It is made up of the military intellectuals; more precisely, the nuclear military intellectuals. The engineers, designers, and architects of the gas ovens in Buchenwald are gentlefolk compared to this new phenomenon.

Their profession is nuclear war. They vie with each other in presenting variations of nuclear war games as though they were playing with toys. It is impossible

to take them seriously—and yet it is impossible not to.

To call them intellectuals is to debase the human intellect. They are a product of the latest phase of imperialist militarism and represent a new low in the degeneration of bourgeois elitism. Unfortunately, they are not an endangered species as are many scholars, students, and teachers in times of depression. The truth is that they play a most significant role in the American military establishment.

James Schlesinger is the outstanding public figure of this new breed.

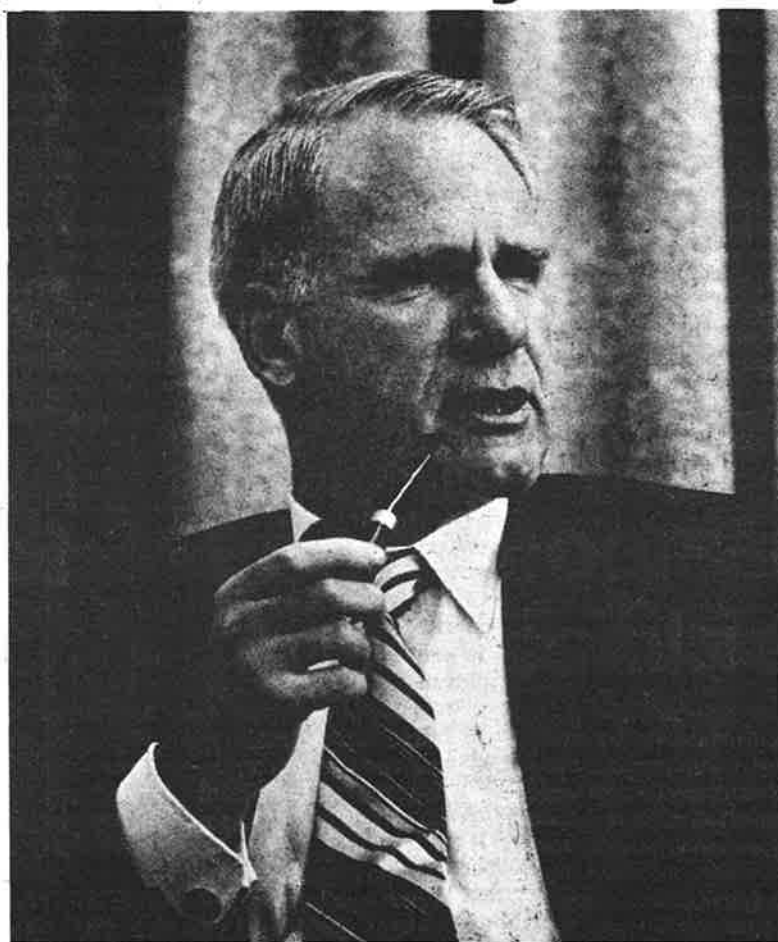
PERSONIFICATION OF "FIRST-STRIKE" THEORY

In early 1974, when Kissinger's prestige was at its height with the ruling class, he permitted himself to repeat the admonition attributed to Eisenhower in his farewell to the White House in which the latter warned against the dangers of the military-industrial complex. But Kissinger broadened the phrase "military-industrial complex" to read "military-industrial-intellectual complex."

He thereby brought into the open a long-smoldering conflict over nuclear strategy and exposed Schlesinger as the proponent of the so-called "first use" in nuclear war. Since then Schlesinger has become the symbol as well as the major proponent of the first strike theory, or what was previously known as the "preemptive" nuclear attack.

Schlesinger has steadily modified his formulations, but in essence his line remains the same—the use of tactical nuclear weapons first by the U.S. in a conflict. He is not, however, its only proponent in the military establishment. Indeed, there are no opponents there; no one has voiced opposition.

Schlesinger's dismissal by Ford from his post as Secretary of Defense in November 1975 was based upon Schlesinger's tactical errors and had more to do with his handling of Congress than with his



James Schlesinger is the outstanding example of the new breed of nuclear 'military intellectuals.'

"first-use" nuclear strategy. He had openly berated millionaire Senators over budgetary matters at a time when Ford could ill afford to antagonize them, especially in the light of the impending struggle with Reagan.

SCHLESINGER AS ADVISOR...

For all his high standing with the Pentagon and with the hawks in the civilian establishment, Schlesinger is in the final analysis merely an employee of the capitalist establishment. He is unlike, for instance, Secretary of State-designate Cyrus Vance who is part of the establishment, of the very core of Wall Street insiders, and speaks for that so-called "constituency."

For a while it seemed that

Schlesinger, having served as head of the Atomic Energy Commission, later as head of the CIA, and then as Secretary of Defense, exercised power independently of any groupings in the ruling class or the military. This certainly seemed the case in the days immediately following the Nixon resignation, when a flood of publicity built Schlesinger up as the man who kept watch on the military itself in the days preceding Nixon's downfall and thereby prevented a military coup.

But this was groundless speculation. The so-called Seven Days in August, when a military coup seemed to be possibly imminent but did not come off, was due to vacillation in the military itself and not the authority or

alleged power of Schlesinger as Defense Secretary.

No civilian Defense Secretary has wielded that sort of authority over the military in this century, with the possible exception of during the First World War. In the final analysis, Schlesinger is a mere professional advisor, not a power wielder. His dismissal by Ford proved this.

... AND AS COLD WAR SYMBOL

Schlesinger's inclusion in Carter's Cabinet is another matter altogether. It has much more to do with Machiavellian diplomacy vis-a-vis China and the USSR than with his role as a power wielder.

Carter can use Schlesinger as a connecting link with the People's Republic of China and as a symbol of anti-Soviet resolve by the Carter administration. Should the new cold war between the U.S. and the USSR grow colder, it is very possible that the Carter administration will shift Schlesinger from his post as Energy Adviser to one more intimately linked with foreign policy, which would, of course, have the effect of signaling the USSR that the Carter administration has become more belligerent in its struggle with the Soviet Union.

In any case, Schlesinger's inclusion in the administration serves multi-purpose military ends. Certainly his function in the administration will not be confined to energy matters. His job will unquestionably exceed the job description given by Carter.

WHO'S DR. STRANGELOVE?

Finally, there is the matter of the affinity that Carter has to Schlesinger. Carter claims credentials as a nuclear engineer. In his recent interview over the Public Television Network with Bill Moyers, he was asked what he would do if he were faced with a situation similar to Truman's in

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Book Review:

The Rape Of Our Neighborhoods

THE RAPE OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS by William Worthy. New York: William Morrow & Company, Inc., 1976. \$8.95.

From the late 1950s up to the present recession, swelling capitalism launched a maniacal torrent of construction—super highways, high-rise, high-rent buildings, and super-high office buildings—much of it ugly, unnecessary, and destructive. Alongside grew a movement of resistance from people who were shoved aside to clear ground for whatever project the government, the institutions, or the real estate hustlers were sponsoring.

On this scene came William Worthy, noted Black journalist—activist as well as social critic. Worthy often puts his body where his pen is. His defiance of the government ban on travel to China and Cuba resulted in the lifting of his passport. He waged a 10-year battle, inventive, courageous, and with a relentless persistence that caused a detractor to exclaim, "When Worthy gets his teeth on something, that b----- just won't let

go."

Well, Worthy got his teeth in a tenant struggle in 1971. For five years he and other tenants of a building menaced by the wrecking ball worked to save it. Columbus Hospital (owner-operator, The Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart) coveted the 48 rent-controlled apartments in a pleasant neighborhood to make a 27-car parking lot. How and why the tenants won can be learned from "The Rape of Our Neighborhoods." The names dropped, the anecdotes told, the clear sharp style make it good reading for anyone. Tenants, homeowners, or conservationists trying to save their apartments, their homes, or some open land will find effective and indispensable ammunition to make their struggles stronger.

The tactics used by Columbus Hospital and its agents to defeat and demoralize the tenants varied from keeping a snarling dog in the halls, wrecking the boiler on the coldest days, "forgetting" to order oil, enticing rats with uncollected garbage and uncleaned vacant apartments, urinating in the

hallways, obscene phone calls, to \$10,000 "relocation" offers to selected tenants.

The attitude of the hospital and all ruthlessly expanding institutions is summed up by Worthy:

"Yes, I'll hustle all the public funds I can lay my hands on because that's what this institution of mine is all about. No, I care nothing about the patients, students, our tenants, or those low-income neighbors just outside our gates. Yes, I know all about the private misery beneath and behind the glitter of my new publicly financed buildings."

TENANTS SPEAK UP—IN LATIN

As for the tenants, they chose their arsenal from every tactic imaginable—every legal channel was explored and used. Demonstrations were held. The public relations and use of the media was masterful.

Particularly amusing was the telegram sent to the Pope in Latin (since the hospital was owned by the Catholic Church). Another

time, Worthy confronted a tenant about to yield. Trying to appeal to him on his own ground (he was a actor), Worthy recalled the scene from the movie "The Informer" where the police agent came to the British to collect his informer's fee. The actor, however, was not moved by this moving appeal—he moved.

The book focuses on the struggle at 210-14 East 19th Street in New York City, but it gathers information and episodes from similar struggles nation- and world-wide. Especially dramatic is the tale of 103 French peasant families resisting expansion of a military base onto their sheep-grazing and farming land. They brought their sheep to graze under the Eiffel Tower. They drove their tractors hundreds of miles to Paris. These colorful demonstrations resulted in August 1973 in a rally of 80,000 French persons in solidarity with the peasants.

In terms of class war, Columbus Hospital vs. the tenants of 210 East 19th Street was a small skirmish—but the good guys won this one.

—R. Neidenberg

A mass campaign has forced the Federal government to allocate \$3.7 million to construct a new facility for the Schomburg Center, the world's largest Black library. See page 5.

Demonstrators demand that racist charges be dropped

Colorado Chicanos fight police brutality

By TIM MURPHY
GREELEY, Colo., Dec. 26—A spirited picketline of nearly 100 people was held in front of the Weld County Courthouse here on Dec. 15 and 17, to expose the vicious repression faced by Chicano people in this city.

The demonstrations, organized by a regional Anti-Police Repression Coalition, were called to protest the trial of Dan Ulibarri, one of several Chicanos facing jail because of two incidents of police brutality here this summer.

Demonstrators demanded that all charges be dropped; that Police Chief Parkinson resign; full democratic rights for Chicanos and all oppressed nationalities, and an end to all police repression.

On June 26, over 25 police arrived at what they called a "disturbance" involving two young Chicanas who were attending a youth dance here. People at the dance were ordered to leave under threat of arrest as the exits were blocked off by police reinforcements. Gas guns were brought in, beatings occurred, and eleven people were arrested including Dan Ulibarri and Vivian Espinoza.

Dan was charged with assault on a police officer and faced up to ten years in prison. Vivian was charged with assault for "beating" three policemen!

Again in Greeley a similar incident occurred on July 24, when 250 Chicanos defended themselves against the police who had just beat a Chicano youth unconscious. Eight Chicanos were arrested including two 51-year-old farmworkers.

COMMUNITY MARCHES ON POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Greeley community responded by marching on the police department as racist vigilantes threatened to take "the law into their own hands." The community of northern Colorado

reacted by organizing a coalition to struggle against the racist police and court system.

Addressing the crowd before the Dec. 15 demonstration, Workers World member Bill Handel drew attention to the long history of oppression faced by minorities in Colorado. He also pointed out that all workers and oppressed in this country face the brutality of the police and courts. He cited the recent cases of JoAnne Little and the Baltimore Two as examples of how people could unite and struggle in the courts and in the streets to win victories against injustices.

Despite the disclaimings of the Assistant District Attorney, it was clear to Dan Ulibarri's supporters who paced the courtroom that the case was really one of the State and its police vs. the Chicano community.

This fact did not go unnoticed by the jury, which remained hopelessly deadlocked after three days. According to all indications the majority of the jurors were unconvinced by the State's "evidence" and held out for acquittal.

A re-trial on lesser charges will be scheduled in January.

Guillermo Garibay, one of the defense attorneys from the Chicano Legal Workers, a group involved in the Coalition, felt that the hung jury was definitely in Dan's favor and that support from the people had had a visible effect in the courtroom.

At a meeting of the Anti-Police Repression Coalition held on Dec. 19, it was decided to continue the struggle to free Dan, and to continue the struggle against all racism and repression in Colorado.

In addition, the Coalition expressed its determination to link together with other people and organizations fighting against police repression and court frame-ups throughout the nation.



In Greeley, Colo., in front of the courthouse on Dec. 18, a spirited picket line accuses the police of brutality in the frame-up arrest of several Chicanos.
WW photo: John Blackman

—Living standards

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imperialist countries through trade).

Economic development in the

USSR has displayed none of the stagnation cited in the World Bank study of the capitalist states. On the contrary, the gross national product of the Soviet Union leapt from \$463.5 billion in 1970 to \$665.9 billion last year, a 43.6 percent increase! The same healthy trend is evident in People's China and the other socialist lands.

In contrast, the inhuman capitalist profit machine, which serves no one but a privileged few at the expense of the vast majority, can be kept functioning only by increasing doses of fraud and violence.

The comparison is stark indeed. Could there be any stronger evidence that what the human race needs is a world socialist order based on a planned economy rather than the outworn capitalist system?

—New cold war

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policy. Instead, Kissinger said pointedly that NATO reserved any and all options to itself.

These truly grim insights into the real "Jimmy" Carter may sow pessimism among those who had hoped against hope that if only this

time, and so on. But for those armed with the class truth of Marxism-Leninism, they but confirm the utterly rapacious character of monopoly capitalism, and the need to build a revolutionary working class movement as the only force capable of offering an alternative to capitalist crisis.

—Schlesinger

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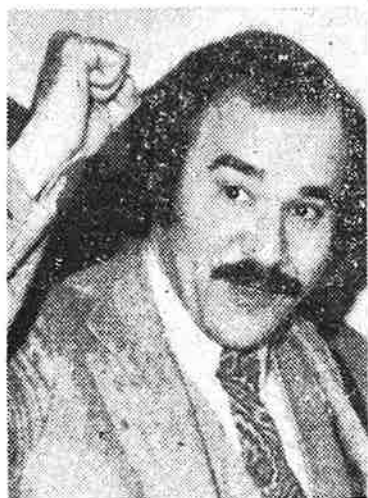
1945. Would he use the atomic bomb?

His answer was an unqualified yes.

It is not that the American working class has, in the person of Schlesinger, a Doctor Strangelove with whom it has to reckon. Rather, it may very well be the case that the American people have unwittingly elected to the White House a Dr. Strangelove in the person of Jimmy Carter.

The problem does not lie with a single individual carried away by addiction to a military Armageddon. It lies with the organic tendencies of the ruling class, to whom war is congenital and imperialist disasters a periodic recurrence.

Dr. Edelin wins court battle against racist right-to-lifers



Dr. Kenneth Edelin

By LEE BRADFORD

BOSTON, Dec. 21—The manslaughter conviction of Dr. Kenneth Edelin, the first Black Chief of Obstetrics at Boston City Hospital, was overturned last Friday by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court.

Edelin had been convicted in February of last year after being indicted for performing a legal abortion in October, 1973.

The trial of Dr. Edelin had brought every reactionary element in Boston out of the woodwork to attack the right of women to have an abortion if they so choose and also to attack a Black doctor. During the trial itself, one alternate juror told the press that racial

slurs had been used against Dr. Edelin in the jury room.

According to the Massachusetts high court's decision this week there was no basis for finding Edelin guilty of wanton or reckless conduct in the performance of the abortion. The court said that Judge James P. McGuire, who presided at the trial, should have ordered a directed verdict of not guilty rather than let the case go to the jury.

In a public statement following the decision, Dr. Edelin said that he was "overjoyed." He added, "I haven't changed my practice of medicine nor do I have any intention of changing it."