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**Before Carter starts another Vietnam War**

# Demand U.S. troops out of Africa!



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## NYC action hits president of Senegal as puppet of imperialism

NEW YORK, June 6—Last night, a spirited demonstration here condemned Leopold Sedar Senghor, president of Senegal for the 18 years of its "independence" for being a puppet of U.S. and French imperialism. Chanting "U.S., France, Belgium out of Africa," and "CIA out of Africa," the protesters picketed outside of a YMCA where Senghor was reading his poetry.

Senegal supplies bases for the

French intervention in the Western Sahara. It was a stopover for the 6,000 Legionnaires fighting in Chad and for the U.S. planes carrying the Legionnaires who dropped into Shaba.

Senghor was in Paris last week consulting imperialism on the best procedure for creating a pan-African army of puppet mercenaries to replace the Legionnaires. Today, the first contingent from the Senegalese

army landed in Lumbumashi capital of the Shaba province of Zaire, on U.S. planes.

The demonstration was called by some African students sympathetic to the RND (Democratic National Assembly), a mass-based, anti-imperialist organization in Senegal. Senghor has refused to recognize it as a legal political party, even though he claims Senegal is democratic.

By DEIRDRE GRISWOLD

JUNE 7—The Carter administration and its NATO allies have embarked on a dangerous escalation of their military intervention in Africa.

First under the cover of transporting and providing logistical support for French paratroops in Zaire, and now as the suppliers and trainers of a so-called "pan-African" force drawn from France's former colonies, U.S. troops are moving into a direct role in Africa in increasing numbers.

They are supplementing the many hundreds of "former" U.S. military personnel already serving in the Rhodesian and South African armies and in various mercenary forces recruited to protect imperialist investments in the resource-rich continent.

The plans to form a puppet force for intervention anywhere in Africa were made at a secret meeting in Paris this week attended by the major NATO countries, even though NATO has no legal jurisdiction over Africa.

The excuse for the present stepped-up intervention is the imminent collapse of the hated Mobutu dictatorship in Zaire. Like the Diem regime in Vietnam, which also had been put in power by the United States and which "invited" in U.S. "advisers" and then combat troops, the Mobutu regime has no popular support and has survived the many attempts to overthrow it thanks solely to U.S., French, and Belgian arms and troops.

### CARTER STONEWALLS SENATE COMMITTEE

President Carter has tried to find a quasi-legal cover for the U.S.-NATO intervention by

claiming that the rebel Congolese forces which held the town of Kolwezi for a few days last month had received Cuban support and training. Yet he has refused to provide intelligence information supposedly verifying this charge to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which has demanded that the administration back up its charges with facts. Instead, the administration has selectively briefed those in Congress it believes will support its claims, beginning with the intelligence "watchdog" committees which have consistently approved whatever the CIA and other secret police agencies have demanded of them.

Carter has also been challenged by the Congressional Black Caucus, which yesterday accused the administration of carrying out a "cold-war oriented" policy in Africa.

Today, in a major policy speech at the Annapolis Naval Academy's graduation ceremonies, Carter repeated his earlier belligerent attack on the Soviet Union, and Cuba, accusing them of "intrusion" in Africa and of "disruptive behavior" in the world.

He also stressed U.S. military strength, boasting that the U.S. now had the "highest defense budget in history" and that the U.S. military capability "is and will be second to none."

What Carter didn't mention in relation to the presence of Cuban troops in Africa is that in both Angola and Ethiopia, where several thousand Cubans have helped defend the popular regimes, they were invited in only after those countries had been

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## Congressional Black Caucus warns on Zaire

JUNE 7—Members of the Congressional Black Caucus yesterday held a press conference to warn that U.S. military involvement in Zaire could create a situation "comparable to Vietnam."

Rep. Parren J. Mitchell, chairman of the caucus, called on the U.S. to "take steps toward the recognition of the Peoples Republic of Angola" instead of using African nations "as a ploy" in an attempt to whip up a cold-war atmosphere against the Soviet Union and Cuba. Black African leaders, he said, have

told the caucus that "the Cuban presence and the Soviet presence is an internal matter for the African nations themselves to deal with. We believe it is their right to work out their own problems, calling on who they want to call on for help."

Referring to the Paris meeting of NATO countries this week on Africa, the caucus said, "We should note that tactics recently employed by the European powers in the Zaire crisis are reminiscent of colonial and neocolonial ventures. This could set a dangerous precedent."

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## THE STRUGGLE IN BRIEF

### Buffalo

## Meeting hits racism

By E.B. HARRISON

BUFFALO, June 3—Fight racism from Buffalo to South Africa was the theme of a public meeting tonight called by the African Liberation Support Committee (ALSC) on the second anniversary of the Soweto uprising. Concerned over increasing attacks on the Black community and the growing threat of war in Africa, 34 people gathered at the North Jefferson Library to discuss the need to organize against these racist assaults.

Chairing the meeting, Brian Yamel of the ALSC raised as an example of this heightening racism the Appellate Court's denial of appeal to Kenneth Johnson, a young Black man convicted by an all white jury on charges of rape which he did not commit.

Larry Holmes, a leading organizer of the April 15th march in Washington to Overturn the Bakke Decision, was the key speaker. He addressed the largely Black audience on the problems confronting the Black community and the necessity of developing a consciousness to fight back. Using the example of the Soweto uprising, he showed how the rebellion has spread to all of Africa despite the murder, torture and arrests of leaders such as Steven Biko.

Larry stressed the need to build support for the African liberation movements in the U.S. and pointed to the U.S. ruling class as the common enemy for Black people in Africa as well as at home.

Yusef Alhahkk, a young Black man facing frameup robbery charges in Buffalo, read several of his poems on the struggle against police brutality and repression. The gathering also heard poetry by Nancy Dupree, a Black poet from Rochester.

The meeting concluded with a showing of the film "The Rising Tide," illegally filmed in Soweto during the 1976 uprising.

### Aurora, Ohio

## Teachers win strike

By MARTHA WATSON

AURORA, Ohio, May 26—The threat of a statewide teachers' strike, and teachers' determination here forced the Aurora Board of Education to rehire teachers fired for striking and give in on some major union demands this week.

The 26-day long strike in this small Southeastern suburb of Cleveland centered around the Board's decision to eliminate 17 teaching positions. When teachers refused to return to work, the Board informed all 115 of them that they had resigned. In other words, they were fired!

In a tremendous display of solidarity, the Ohio Education Association vowed to call a statewide strike if the teachers were not reinstated. Days later, the Board gave in.

Under the new agreement, 12 of the 17 positions will be retained. Starting pay will be raised from \$9,500 to \$10,000. While the Aurora Education Association was asking for more money than that, the Board had initially refused to give the teachers any raise.

The Board has also agreed to begin negotiations with non-teaching employees. The other school workers had honored the teachers' picket lines from the start. They struck May 9 when the Board, to punish them for backing their fellow workers, cut off their medical and dental insurance.

### STRIKES STATEWIDE

The Aurora victory was surely an inspiration to teachers in Toledo, Richmond Heights, Ashtabula, and Brunswick—where 38 teachers were jailed—who have also struck for decent contracts. It was a boost to Cleveland teachers, who threatened to strike after working several weeks without pay.

The crisis in Ohio schools has caused great hardships for school employees all over the state. But the lesson of the Aurora strike is that through **solidarity** the rights of teachers, students, and all those suffering from the crisis can be upheld.



Deirdre Griswold, editor of Workers World, speaking in Boston. The banner, in English and Amharic, reads: "Long live the Ethiopian Revolution." WW photo: Chris Meyers

### Boston

## WW editor speaks on Ethiopia

By NANCY KOHN

BOSTON, June 4—In a meeting hall draped with banners reading "Long Live the Ethiopian Revolution" in both Amharic and English, about 50 people, Black, white, Ethiopian, Portuguese, Argentinian, and Native, heard Workers World editor Deirdre Griswold yesterday describe the profound events of the Ethiopian Revolution.

The meeting, sponsored by the Boston branch of Workers World Party, included an Ethiopian dinner and slides of Ethiopia which Griswold took earlier this year on her three-week visit there as part of a group of 125 foreign journalists invited to participate in an International Press Week.

The meeting began with Marshal Yates describing the common links between the recent NATO invasion of Zaire and the repression against the Black community of Boston. Bill Cooper next described the significant impact Workers World Party was exerting in the struggle to free Alabama death row prisoner Imani (Johnny Harris) and reported on the anti-Bakke campaign. Elaine Lewis, chairperson for the meeting, gave a short history of Workers World's record of struggle in support of African liberation.

Griswold opened her talk by drawing the parallels between the press reports which have so distorted the case of Imani and other Black Americans struggling for their freedom with the hysteria in the reporting of the "brutality" in Ethiopia. Asking "When did you hear about Ethiopia before the profound revolution?" she replied that it wasn't in the news before 1974 when it was the poorest African country, receiving the greatest amount of U.S. military aid.

### MASSES PARTICIPATE IN GOVT.

Griswold described the system of government that the ruling body called the Provisional Military Administrative Council (the Derg) has helped to establish. It involves massive participation by the population in thousands of neighborhood committees called kebeles; in women's associations which deal with the problems of freeing women to participate in the transformation of society; and in peasant's associations into which the entire peasantry has been organized. Just last month all 27,000 peasant associations were united into an All-Ethiopian Farmers' Union. These people's organizations coordinate with different Marxist-Leninist groups in a Provisional Office for Mass Organizing Affairs, which works with the Derg to establish the nucleus for building a workers' party.

All the advances of the revolution have not gone unchallenged and Griswold described the counter-revolutionary attempts from within Ethiopia as well as the machinations of U.S. imperialism to crush the revolution and regain a foothold in the Horn of Africa.

She also described the Cuban contributions including supplying hundreds of technicians and medical personnel to help treat and train the Ethiopian population.

### Chicago

## Soweto rebellion to be marked

CHICAGO, June 1—A demonstration and film showing here will mark the second anniversary of the historic Soweto uprising on June 16.

Two years ago tens of thousands of African people boldly challenged the brutal racism of the South African apartheid regime by pouring into the streets of Soweto. Hundreds died fighting the fascist South African police.

Since that time the struggle has heightened in all of southern Africa, from Zimbabwe to Namibia to Azania. To remember Soweto is to renew a commitment to vanquish the forces of racism and imperialism in Africa and throughout the world.

The demonstration on June 16 will gather outside the South African Consulate, 444 N. Michigan, at 12 noon. The demonstrators will demand the banning of this symbol of racist rule from Chicago. They will then march through the Loop, stopping to picket at the First National and Continental Banks, both of which have huge financial ties to the apartheid government. The demonstration is sponsored by the Chicago Southern Africa Coalition.

That same night, at 7:30, the film "The Rising Tide," portraying the developing struggle of the Azanian people and including footage of the Soweto uprising, will be shown at the offices of Workers World Party and Youth Against War & Fascism, 542 S. Dearborn, third floor. For more information call 312-922-0326.

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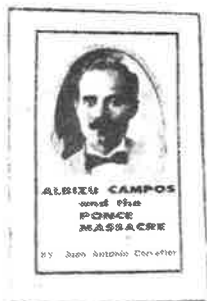
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# California's Prop. 13—'Tax revolt' aimed at poor

JUNE 7—Proposition 13, which was passed yesterday by a majority of California's voters, has been billed by the media and by its own proponents as the product of a "grass-roots taxpayers' revolt." But is it really so simple as that?

It is true that the measure, also known as the Jarvis-Gann Property Tax Limitation Amendment, will cut California's property taxes by nearly 60% from \$12 billion annually to \$5 billion. In a state where real estate values

and tax assessments have risen sharply in recent years, the bill has great appeal to the middle class and those workers with homes. Nevertheless, Proposition 13 will impose far greater costs on the people of California than its alleged benefits will ever provide.

By creating a \$7 billion deficit in the state budget, Proposition 13 will drastically affect a wide variety of essential social services, from public schools to centers for the elderly. "I don't give a damn,"

sneers Howard Jarvis, millionaire landlord and principal sponsor of the measure. According to John Bircher Jarvis, public education is "one of the biggest Mafia rackets in the country." No doubt Jarvis would like to see, along with the abolition of public education, the reintroduction of child labor, the 18-hour day for workers, and debtors' prison.

By taking the form of a state constitutional amendment, Proposition 13 attempts to throw

aside the democratic machinery of the capitalist state by tying the hands of the state's elected legislators. It compares in this with the bankers' Emergency Financial Control Board in New York which illegally abrogates the authority of the mayor and the city council.

## ANTI-WORKING CLASS MEASURE

In fact, Proposition 13 is an aggressively anti-working class measure that originates from the ultraright and smacks of neo-fascism. Rather than a "grass-roots" rebellion against high taxes, the Jarvis-Gann Amendment is a product of a synthetic, manufactured campaign orchestrated and bankrolled by the capitalist class itself.

It represents an effort to incite the lower middle class against the

workers and the poor and is a tactic borrowed right from the methods of Hitler and Mussolini. To blame high government spending on workers and the oppressed communities of Black, Latin, Asian, and Native peoples while saying nothing about the \$126 billion arms budget is sheer demagoguery.

Nor will Proposition 13 even accomplish its main stated purpose: to cut taxes. It will indeed cut taxes for the wealthy, but it will require taxes to be raised for poor and working people. The sales tax will have to be raised, bus fares will go up, new fees will be imposed for social services—these new taxes will fall on the backs of the working class.

## CUTBACKS AND LAYOFFS

Nor will these new taxes com-

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# The NYC labor contract and the strategy of the bankers

By KENNY PETERSON

NEW YORK, June 6—A new contract settlement was reached here last night between the Municipal Labor Coalition representing more than 200,000 city workers and the anti-labor administration of New York City Mayor Edward Koch.

The proposed contract, which has still to be ratified by the members of the 55 unions in the labor coalition, offers New York City's municipal workers a mere 5.5% wage increase over two years. There will be some confusion over this, however, since the agreement specifies two annual raises of 4% each. This amounts to an actual increase of less than 5.5% over the life of the two year contract since the increases do not go into effect until October.

In addition, the city unions have promised to purchase an extra \$683 million in New York City municipal bonds with the pension funds which they hold in trust for their members. Not only is this an unsound investment (the banks themselves are quietly dumping their own holdings of city bonds) but it will commit the unions to a weak bargaining position with the city in the future. This purchase will place more than one-third of the union pension funds in New York City bonds.

Mayor Koch, meanwhile, was forced to drop his demands for union "give-backs." These fascist-type demands included the abolition of such basic items as overtime pay and coffee breaks.

## BANKERS TURN THE SCREWS

But while this agreement may end for the moment the months of acrimony between the two sides, the basic issues underlying the New York City financial crisis are far from resolved. Lurking in the background during the negotiations but clearly manipulating every move of the mayor have been the huge New York banks and financial institutions. Their greed for profits not only plunged New York City into economic crisis in the first place three years ago, but they have been tightening the screws on the city ever since.

The banks have succeeded in foisting upon the eight million people of this city their own shadow government to supervise the elected officials in City Hall—the so-called Emergency Financial Control Board, or EFCB. This bankers' Control Board has the final word on all the basic decisions which the city government must make. That Koch is their willing tool in no way undercuts the tremendous significance of this illegal capitulation to the banks. The deep cutbacks in essential social services, in schools, hospitals, and so on, with the laying off of over 60,000 municipal workers, comprise only the first stage of the

bankers' plans for the people of this great city.

## STRANGLING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Well over one billion dollars a year goes into the coffers of the banks from the New York City budget. It is in order to guarantee these interest payments that the banks have imposed "austerity" on New York. It is in order to secure their ever growing profits that the banks, through the EFCB, are strangling collective bargaining through the unprecedented assertion of the right to challenge arbitration awards in disputes between the unions and City Hall and take these disputes into the State Court of Appeals.

The banks have masked their vicious attack on the rights and welfare of the people of New York by engineering the phony propaganda campaign alleging "the city is broke." This is a gigantic lie. New York is the home of the richest banks and corporations in the world, who with their tax "shelters" and evasions have dumped the burden of financing the city on the backs of the workers and the poor.

The municipal union leaders, by confining their attacks to Koch, who is a mere errand boy for the banks, have let the real enemy off the hook. This was not the case, however, in 1974 and 1975 when the crisis first hit. At that time the city unions directed their fire at Citibank, organized demonstrations against the banks, and even talked—for a moment—about a citywide general strike. Now, after three years of wage freeze, layoffs, cutbacks, and pension fund plundering, the union bureaucrats, such as Victor Gotbaum of AFSCME, say nothing about the banks, not a word to explain to the workers what is really going on. By making it a personal confrontation with just Koch, the bankers go scot free.

## WORKERS KEPT UNINFORMED

Nor have the Gotbaums worked to build an alliance with the large oppressed communities in New York—the Black, Latin, and Asian communities which have been the hardest hit by the racist attacks of the Koch administration. A very large percentage of municipal workers are from these oppressed communities and have a vital stake in building such an alliance. But the bureaucrats have kept the workers uninformed and passive in this continuing crisis. They have failed in their responsibility to awaken and organize the vast reservoir of worker-militancy, the only force that can challenge the anti-labor program of the banks.

And finally, the federal government—with its bloated

arms budget—has not been exposed by the union leadership for its role in harnessing the people of New York to the chariot of the bankers. The Carter administration and the Congress appropriate \$125 billion to the military without batting an eyelash. No wonder they have nothing left for New York and the other cities that are being pushed under. Yet New York and the other cities in the U.S. are the main "contributors" to the federal budget, since the corporations pay only a minimal tax.

The New York City crisis, and the crisis of all of the cities in America, is in the final analysis a crisis of the economic system, of capitalism. Only by breaking with the capitalist politicians, and leading a struggle against the blood-sucking banks and corporations, will the labor unions turn back the anti-labor offensive and rescue poor and working people in this country from disaster.

# Double digit inflation— are we going to be able to afford food?

By JAQUI O'SHAUGNESSY

JUNE 5—Once again, the stampede of inflation is trampling workers' wages and buying power. The month of April showed an overall rise in consumer prices of 0.9%. A continuation of this trend means that working and oppressed people will be struggling to survive under the burden of a compounded annual inflation rate for 1978 of 10.8%.

Primarily contributing to April's crunch was the 6.6% leap in beef prices and the 9.7% rise in fresh fruit and vegetable prices. Plainly speaking these figures mean that the vast majority of people—working, unemployed, those fighting to exist on meager welfare and social security allotments—are spending \$19.35 now to purchase what \$10.00 bought in 1967. The dollar—almighty as it was

said to be—is presently worth half what it was 11 years ago and its value is falling.

## BEEF, PRODUCE PRICE JUMPS—DEVASTATING THE POOR

Increases in food prices have, according to the New York Times (June 1), "risen by a compound annual rate of 18.4%," forcing many people to cut consumption of important and essential food items.

As workers and the poor face even more drastic decline in the living standard, corporate profits are heading skyward. Despite the dangerous beef price situation the administration has been stalling on measures aimed at easing the limitations on lower priced imported beef because, the New York Times says, such moves are "vehemently opposed by farmers groups." By "farmers groups" is meant huge corporations such as Swift, Armour, and Tenneco which control powerful lobbies in Washington, D.C. to make sure that import quotas remain low and U.S. beef prices high—to guarantee what is considered under capitalism to be a "fair profit."

So the spin continues: people buy less because the price is too high, the monopolies raise prices while producing less to maintain their gargantuan profit margin—at the expense of the health and well being of the overwhelming number of working and oppressed people.

# Government spends more for chemical warfare

JUNE 5—While working people, hit by double-digit inflation, are planning on a year of hot dogs and rice, the Pentagon is getting a \$129 billion "filet mignon" from the Carter administration.

What is included in the feast Carter is preparing for the 1979 military budget? Today's New York Times reveals that the Defense Department is "re-emphasizing chemical warfare."

Chemical and biological warfare, which have been used only by imperialist powers such as the U.S. (the atomic bomb used by the U.S. in World War II was the result of research for chemical warfare), is the most barbaric form of war known to humankind and is actually illegal under international law.

After World War I, the Columbia Encyclopedia says, "popular horror of gas warfare persisted, and by the Geneva Convention of 1925 the major

nations of the world agreed to ban its use."

The warlords in Washington, however, are hell-bent on building ever-greater weapons of mass destruction in their drive against the worldwide socialist revolution, particularly the Soviet Union. They could care less about international law.

Using its usual twisted logic, the reason the Pentagon gives for expanding chemical weapons is that the Soviet Union has developed equipment to defend themselves from chemical warfare.(!)

And that's why the U.S. government is spending more on war while spending less on human need. Only capitalism, driven to wars of expansion and plunder in order to maintain its system of exploitation, could try to take something so irrational and try to pass it off as "logical."



Wall Street banks have been turning the screws on the city of New York for the past three years, forcing wage freezes, layoffs and cutbacks in every social service. WW photo: Beverly Slapin

## Police budget grows as teachers laid off

# Buffalo's Mayor Griffin: the KKK's favorite

By YAMEL LEE FERRELL  
BUFFALO, June 5—Mayor James Griffin has initiated a racist drive against this city's oppressed community in order to divert attention from massive cutbacks by his administration. Griffin was elected last fall on the basis of his anti-worker, anti-Black attitude. He has served his bosses, the bankers, well.

But anti-racists in Buffalo will not stand for any more. They understand the role of Griffin, Koch, Rizzo, and others in disorienting and disrupting their fight-back efforts. The Buffalo and Rochester Committees to Overturn the Bakke Decision have scheduled a major anti-racist mobilization June 10 demanding an end to police brutality, freedom for all political prisoners, an end to the death penalty, support to the African liberation movements, and jobs at home—not wars abroad.

Griffin's efforts have created an atmosphere for biaming the victims of his racism. The KKK began creeping out of the woodwork, appearing at City Council meetings in their white robes. The KKK or others of their ilk may have been responsible for two fires directed at Black community organizations. The Urban League and the Black Development Foundation offices caught fire in the same week, arousing speculation that the two blazes were related.

### DISMANTLING GAINS MADE BY BLACKS

Nor is James Griffin's racism an isolated phenomenon. He is following the lead of New York City's Edward Koch and Philadelphia's Frank Rizzo in attempting to drive a wedge between the oppressed and workers. The administration has also directly hit at the leadership

of BUILD and GAIN, two large Black organizations, in order to strip the community of its leadership.

An article by Black writer Henry Locke in the Buffalo Courier Express hit Griffin's vicious attacks. Locke charged that Griffin has been "dismantling gains made by Blacks in city government."

Out of 48 key appointments Griffin has made, only two have been Black, far from even proportionate representation in the city's government. However, Griffin has ousted seven Black persons from top administration jobs and countless numbers of Black workers from clerical positions.

Community leaders are echoing Locke's theme. Daniel Acker, president of the NAACP chapter, said that "Griffin was the first mayor who he had dealings with who outwardly refused to listen to the problems facing minorities."

Acker added that if Griffin does not respond in a positive manner, he (Acker) and various civil rights groups will begin court action to stop the flow of federal funds to Buffalo.

### MONEY FOR POLICE BUT NOT FOR EDUCATION

Griffin has used the issue of Buffalo's recent school integration program to slash the city education budget and has received the right to veto any agreement reached between teachers and the Board of Education. Between 300 and 500 or more school personnel face the prospect of being laid off in Griffin's "crisis" budget. Just last week the administration discovered a \$2.5 million "error" in its budget figures and demanded still further cutbacks.

Where is the money from the schools going? Griffin has had no

problem finding money to open up police substations across the city and increase foot patrols. Soon after establishing one such substation in a Black community center, cops began harassing people on Jefferson Ave. Police Commissioner James Cunningham called for mass arrests of "loiterers" along this well-populated street in the heart of Buffalo's Black community.

In one incident police kicked people out of the bar and even arrested the owner. Feelings against police are running high throughout the city as a result of a mere slap on the wrist—four-year-sentence—given three cops who killed a youth last summer.

For more information on the June 10 March Against Racism, call Buffalo (716) 855-3055 and Rochester (716) 546-6429. Only a united working class can smash racism, sexism, and anti-gay bigotry.

## Evidence of police-ROAR collaboration

# Black victim arrested in hospital after Boston attack

By JULIAN FRANK  
BOSTON, June 2—Today Eugene Stokes spoke at a press conference here to condemn a racist attack on him in South Boston on May 8 and his subsequent arrest while he was in the hospital.

The press conference was organized by the Citywide Coalition for Justice and Equality

to condemn the attack and the arrest.

With his lawyer Barry Wilson present, Stokes said that the charges against him were an attempt by the police to keep him from speaking out on the attack. He was beaten unconscious by racists and sustained three fractures to his cheekbone from

blows received from a shovel. Stokes explained how he was arrested in the hospital without even being shown the arrest warrant.

Wilson pointed to collusion between the police and the racist South Boston anti-busing organization ROAR. A Black newsman present at the conference

confirmed that James Kelly, leader of ROAR in South Boston, had called his program to inform him of Mr. Stokes' arrest **before it happened**. When Wilson was asked if he viewed this as collaboration between the police and ROAR, he replied, "In what other way could a private citizen have had prior knowledge of an arrest when no one, including the media, was aware of it? It is suspicious."

Harvard Stephens, co-chairman of the Citywide Coalition for Justice and Equality, read a statement from the coalition condemning the attack, the frame-up arrest in the hospital, and the use of rape charges to smear and attack the victim. "The Citywide Coalition for Justice and Equality demands that all of the charges against these and other victims of racist frame-ups be dropped, and that those who attacked Eugene Stokes be brought to justice and dealt with severely," Stephens said. He explained that Timothy Martin, a South Boston man charged with hitting Eugene Stokes in the face with a shovel, has been released on a low \$3,000 bail.

Stephens also described plans of the coalition for a benefit for all the victims of racist attacks on Saturday, June 24, at the Ballroom of Northeastern University at 9 p.m. Food and entertainment will be provided as well as speeches by those who have been directly under racist attack.



Eugene Stokes, showing his wounds.

Also speaking was Mrs. Mary Harris, mother of Eddy Soares, one of the Puopolo defendants. Soares, along with Robert Allen and Leon Easterling, was sentenced to natural life in prison in the death of a Harvard football player. One of the defendants was not even at the scene. The other two were themselves under attack for defending a Black woman who was being beaten gang-style by the entire Harvard football team, drunk in their post-season traditional "bash." The death of Puopolo was in self-defense.

It was revealed in the trial that these vile racists traditionally brought a young Black woman back to their dorm on this occasion! Yet it was the defendants who were the object of a massive media hysteria throughout the trial and who are now in jail for natural life.

Mrs. Harris made a moving plea that this racist injustice be corrected and that her son be set free.



In Boston, 25,000 march against racism on Dec. 14, 1974. Historically, right-wing movements have been stopped only by organized mass resistance. WW photo

# Rochester cops brutally wound Black teen, beat her twin sister

Special to Workers World  
ROCHESTER, N.Y., June 5—On the afternoon of May 23, as hundreds of elementary school children were dismissed from their school building, a young Black woman was brutally assaulted by the Rochester City cops at the school tennis court.

Mary Ann Perry, 17 years of age, received a serious chest wound when the two city cops, one in plain clothes, opened fire on her. In spite of several eyewitness accounts of what really happened, the police managed to twist and distort the story to cover up for their brutal and trigger-happy behavior.

To add to the injustice already committed by the cops, Mary Ann Perry, the victim of the real crime,

was the one charged with second degree criminal possession of a weapon and menacing. Her older sister Odeall was charged with second degree assault and reckless endangerment for coming to the aid of Mary Ann. As Mary Ann lay wounded, her twin sister Martha rushed and bent over to help her when the cops ("officer friendly" as taught to many school children) started to beat Martha.

### COMMUNITY ORGANIZING TO FIGHT BACK

Within Mary Ann Perry's community many expressed their anger over the police shooting incident, and against the racist cops in general who have increased

the patrols in their neighborhood, terrorizing the Black and Latin communities.

In response to the Perry family's plight, the community people, with the Rochester Committee to Defend Imani (Johnny Harris) and Stop the Death Penalty, formed the Mary Ann Defense Committee to coordinate the legal defense of both Mary Ann Perry and Odeall Griffin. The Mary Ann Defense Committee is demanding: drop the charges against Mary Ann Perry and Odeall Griffin, indict the cops, stop police brutality, stop the death penalty.

To quote one of the people who lives in Baden Street Settlement, where Mary Ann also lives, "We are not going to take this injustice lying down."

# Racist fire-bombing in Baltimore

By MARIE ANDERSON

BALTIMORE, May 27—Community members here are outraged at a recent attack and the burning of the home of a Black family generally felt to be caused by a firebomb.

On May 13, Mark Reid, a young Black man, was a victim of a racist assault in the multi-national working class community of Waverly.

As he was walking past a bar three young bigoted thugs picked a fight with Reid, followed him home, then hurled a trash can through the front storm door while shouting racist epithets at Reid, his family and neighbors.

Later that evening his family's

home was gutted by fire. Mrs. Fulton, Mark's mother, believes the cause was a firebomb. Witnesses saw three whites running from the home, and other neighbors smelled petroleum fumes shortly before the fire began.

People in the neighborhood were especially upset by what they consider a coverup by the police and fire departments whose reports state that, though highly coincidental, the fire was caused by faulty electrical wiring.

To date there have been several community meetings to organize a fund raising dinner for Mark Reid's family and to confront police and fire officials.



## Hundreds march for justice in Texas

# Maria Contreras death blamed on Border Patrol

### Special to Workers World

SAN JUAN, Tx., June 5—The U.S. Border Patrol's harassment of Maria Contreras resulted in her death and the community wants justice, the Texas Farm Workers union told **Workers World** today.

The week after Maria Contreras' death, members of her family and 100 supporters drove for three hours to confront INS head Leonel Castillo in Laredo, Texas. On May 27, more than 400 people demonstrated in Progreso.

"There will be another march this Saturday in Hidalgo. The march will go to the border to confront La Migra—the Border Patrol," added Douglas Kellar, of the Texas Farm Workers union (TFW).

On May 16, Maria Contreras, a U.S. citizen, was forced from her car by the U.S. Border Patrol in Progreso, Texas, as she was crossing from Mexico into the U.S. The reason they gave was that one passenger in Contreras' car allegedly did not have documents. Contreras, who was 8 months pregnant, informed the patrol that she had a heart condition. Their

reply was: "All women use the same excuse," and they then intensified their harassment.

Maria Contreras' daughter reports that she demanded that the patrol officers stop their attempts to intimidate her mother, explaining about her mother's heart condition.

The interrogation continued. Mrs. Contreras began to vomit and

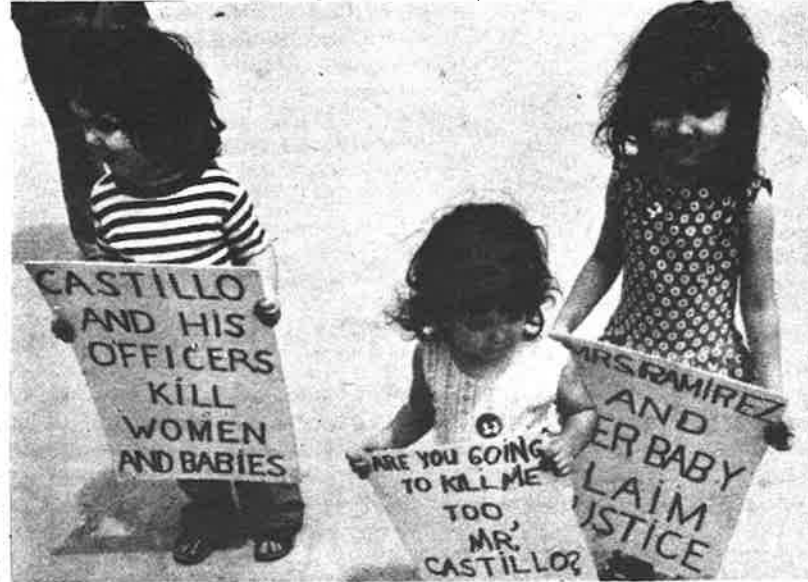
her daughter demanded an ambulance, but the patrol refused. Finally, Mrs. Contreras had a heart attack, and by the time medical help arrived, she was dead.

"We have been picketing every week since then," said Kellar. "We are demanding that the officer responsible be suspended until there is an investigation. He's

still working there," Kellar added. That the TFW had contacted the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) before this had happened about this particular border crossing because of continual harassment by the Border Patrol. "We are also demanding that there be no more harassment of undocumented workers," Kellar said.



Maria Contreras, who was eight months pregnant, died while in the hands of the INS in Progreso, Texas. Attempts to save the unborn child were unsuccessful. Her sister, Sara Camarena



Ramirez weeps while she talks to reporters in Laredo [left], while outside a demonstration is held to demand justice.

Photos: El Cuhamil/Castro

## At bosses' mercy

NEWARK, June 2—Due to severe unemployment in oppressed countries dominated by U.S. imperialism, many workers have been forced to leave their homes and accept jobs in U.S. sweatshops in order to survive. However, once here, especially if they cannot get green cards, they are completely at the mercy of their bosses and are made to work under the most intolerable conditions for the lowest pay.

The Newark Star Ledger, on May 22, reported on miserable working conditions in a Passaic, N.J., plastics factory where 17 undocumented workers had been arrested in an INS raid. The workers, The Ledger reported, "were paid \$1.65 per hour, far below the current \$2.65 hourly minimum wage," and "machinery was crammed into the factory," so that workers were forced to squeeze between equipment. Fire doors were padlocked and other exits were blocked by piles of boxes.

By persecuting undocumented workers the Carter administration encourages their superexploitation. Only the labor movement has the power to take on these sweatshops and organize to demand and win decent working conditions and union jobs for all workers.

## Workers World interview with Jose Medina

# 'Stop anti-labor practices of INS'

By JESSE LEE

JUNE 4—"We are pulling together the legal struggle with the political struggle. We are seeking to stop the anti-labor practices of the INS," Jose Medina told **Workers World** today. Medina, a lawyer and union organizer from Mexico who is seeking political asylum in the U.S., is active with the Labor and Immigration Action Center in Los Angeles.

The Center is a broad coalition of progressive groups and individuals who have joined together to get the INS out of the factories.

INS raids frequently come during a union organizing drive. "In early May at Bat & Sons Poultry, the INS raided during the middle of contract negotiations. The boss wanted to decertify the

union," Medina explained. The Labor and Immigration Action Center showed up during the INS raid.

"We were there to tell the workers of their rights," Medina said. "But the INS denied the workers the right to be informed of their rights. And many of these were people who are here legally—they have their green cards, but they are not aware of their rights."

"On May 47," Medina continued, "another INS raid hit a shoe factory with about 750 workers. On May 16 they had voted in the union. One hundred twenty people were picked up. The INS again denied us entry to tell the people of their rights."

This was the fifth time in two months the INS had blocked the Center from informing people of their rights. The Center went to court that same day and got a temporary restraining order against the INS.

"They had already taken the people to San Diego and were ready to deport them. But the INS was forced to return the people. This is very important. Never before has the INS been forced to return people."

Medina emphasized the importance of stopping the INS from carrying out the racist and union-busting raids. "The people returned to work. This was a real victory in the fight to defend the people's right to work. The most important thing in general is that the company was forced to keep the people working."

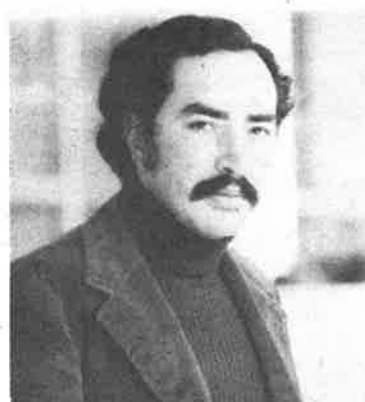
## FIGHTING FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM

Medina knows personally the importance of having the right to work. Since he left Mexico because of political persecution and assassination attempts by right-wing paramilitary groups that operate under the protection of the government, Medina has been fighting for political asylum in the U.S.

Medina was active in the student rebellion in 1968 in Mexico City, and has helped to

organize peasants and workers, particularly the railroad workers independent movement.

The U.S. government has refused him the right to work since this fight began in 1973. "This is hard when you have a family," Medina said: You must have the



Jose Medina

right to survive while you are waiting for the State Department to decide. But when I go there to get work authorization, they say 'you're crazy.' That's what they say."

When fascists, rich men, and exploiters seek asylum in the U.S. because they are running from a

socialist revolution or for other reasons, the U.S. government is quick to act. When poor people come to the U.S. seeking relief from exploitation and poverty, there are long delays and frequent deportations, and while poor people are waiting for a decision, they are denied the legal right to work. The Jose Medina Defense Committee is now preparing to go to court to challenge this inhumane situation.

Medina expects the State Department to rule on his request for asylum within a month or two. "We are filing affidavits that show the political persecution and the conditions in Mexico," he said.

Letters of support should be sent to Sec. of State Cyrus Vance, the State Department, 2201 "C" St. NW, Washington, D.C. Copies of support letters should also be sent to the Jose Medina Defense Committee, 1523 E. Brooklyn Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90033.

Anyone interested in helping or being helped by the Labor and Immigration Action Center, should call (213) 389-1321 or write Labor and Immigration Action Center, 712 South Granview, Los Angeles, CA 90057.

## Ku Klux Klan kidnaps Mexican workers

By RACHEL DUELL

JUNE 2—The Ku Klux Klan has carried out yet another act of terror in their racist campaign against Mexican workers and U.S. citizens of Mexican descent.

According to a recent issue of el Tiempo Chicano, a California-based paper, four admitted members of the racist KKK kidnapped a Mexican worker who had been travelling alone on an interstate highway near San Clemente, confiscated his U.S. residency papers, and drove him to the Border Patrol checkpoint for deportation, claiming that the worker was "illegally" in the country. The Klansmen provided the office with their names and then drove off.

A patrol agent, under pressure, later returned with the worker to the site of the kidnapping and there found the U.S. residency documents tossed along the side of the road.

Although the harassment by the Klan was a clear violation of the civil rights of the Mexican worker, the San Clemente Police, the Immigration and Naturalization

Service (INS), and the Justice Department have refused to take action against their junior partners in the Klan. A full investigation of the kidnapping has been demanded by Mexican and Chicano community groups.

The kidnapping occurs at a time of increased and admittedly armed vigilante raids against Mexican workers by the Klan along the Southwestern U.S.-Mexican border and into Mexico. The Klan says the purpose of these attacks is to "assist" the INS.

The same issue of el Tiempo Chicano reports that in October 1977, the INS in San Ysidro, Cal., gave the KKK a "red-carpet tour" of their facilities. It was in San Ysidro that the Klan announced their "border watch" against undocumented workers.

Although these fascist paramilitary raids have caused international alarm, Carter and the INS have turned a deaf ear, and have in effect openly condoned and encouraged the racist terror against workers of Mexican descent.

## From the pages of Workers World

# There Are No Borders in the Workers' Struggle



"Just as the higher-paid must fight for the upgrading of the lower-paid within the shop; just as the white must fight for the rights of the Black workers within the shop; just as men must fight for the right of women in the plant to receive equal pay for equal work—so, and for the same reason, the U.S.-born workers must fight against the deportation of the non-U.S.-born workers."

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## Pentagon plan for Zaire

# Airlift of 'African force' excuse for troop buildup

By SHARON SHELTON

**JUNE 7**—The U.S. war buildup in Africa continued this week with an ominous announcement by the Pentagon yesterday that along with the U.S. airlift of Moroccan and other troops and arms, 325 U.S. military personnel would be flown into Shaba Province in Zaire. The airlift is part of a joint effort by NATO countries to put down a rebellion in Shaba against the hated, corrupt, CIA-installed puppet regime of Mobutu Sese Seko.

Although referring to the personnel as "support specialists," the Pentagon announcement had an all-too familiar ring, recalling the involvement of U.S. "advisers" in the early days of the Vietnam War.

### WITHDRAWAL IS REALLY A BUILDUP

The Carter administration claims that the U.S. airlift is to substitute African troops for French and Belgian soldiers, who are supposedly leaving Shaba. However, both France and Belgium have announced they will maintain a military presence in Zaire indefinitely. While France has not specified the exact number of its troops to remain in Shaba, according to yesterday's New York Times at least 700 Belgian paratroopers will stay on.

Add these troops to the nearly 1,700 from Morocco, and 500 from a handful of other pro-imperialist African countries, and what is really going on with the U.S. airlift is a troop buildup in Zaire.

And if these belligerent measures weren't enough, representatives from the U.S., France, Belgium, Britain, and West Germany plotted behind closed doors in Paris this week to expand the NATO adventure. Although details of the hastily convened Monday meeting were kept from the public, the five imperialist countries vaguely indicated they had agreed on unspecified "recommendations to the governments" concerning short-term military and economic action to prop up the tottering Zaire regime.

### IMPERIALIST "SHADOW GOVERNMENT"

According to today's New York Times, some participants in the meeting revealed that part of the discussion had involved plans for actual participation in key areas of the Mobutu government by "outside experts and advisers" who would constitute a "shadow government." This brazen plan to directly intervene in the day-to-day workings of the Zairian government will be on the agenda of an upcoming meeting in Brussels, where delegates from the five NATO countries, Saudi Arabia, Iran, the International Monetary Fund, and the World Bank will gather to discuss rescheduling Zaire's \$3 billion foreign debt.

Saudi Arabia and Iran have been included because of their willingness to serve as conduits for U.S. arms to Mobutu.

Ironically, Zaire's economic woes come from its wealth—its wealth of copper and other minerals coveted by the imperialist transnational corporations. Zaire's payment crisis, resulting from no-holds barred plunder by the companies and banks, has created incredible misery and poverty for the people of Zaire. Inflation has reached 75%, shortages are widespread, and doctors in rural areas are reporting an increase in

kwashiorkor, a protein deficiency in infants suffering malnutrition.

The imperialist banks and corporations know that the days of their puppet are limited and they are desperate to preserve exploitation as usual in Zaire. Not only are concerns such as Fiat, Standard Oil, Citibank, Chase Manhattan, the Belgian mining firm Gecamines, and others reaping fantastic profits, but one West German company, OTRAG, owns almost a tenth of the country, enjoying complete autonomy.

### OTRAG'S REAL IDENTITY

OTRAG, which describes itself

as a "rocket testing company," is in reality a NATO base, according to information in the April edition of the New African. This magazine quotes an article by Tad Szulc, which previously appeared in Penthouse magazine, and which details how OTRAG secretly functions as a cruise missile base under the auspices of the Pentagon, with its scientists and other personnel recruited and trained by the CIA and West German intelligence.

In a recent statement before the United Nations, Lopo do Nascimento, Angola's Prime Minister, termed the OTRAG

project "the barrel of a gun aimed at the heart of my country." This "private corporation" has in effect enabled the U.S. militarists to get cruise missiles on African soil without having to go through congressional channels or answer to the people of the U.S., who are already becoming increasingly alarmed at the Pentagon's war preparations.

The U.S. and other NATO countries have tried to cover their aggression in Zaire by creating a hysteria over a supposed Soviet and Cuban involvement, yet not one Soviet, Cuban, or Angolan soldier has been found in Zaire

and no evidence has been produced that any of these countries has had any part in any so-called invasion by "Katangese" as Mobutu has claimed. Instead it is NATO, and particularly U.S. imperialism, that are the real invaders.

But all the guns of NATO cannot change the people of Zaire's hatred of Mobutu and already he faces new rebellions in northeastern Zaire and in central Kasai province, according to press reports from Belgium. This mass struggle will ultimately triumph and win back control of the wealth for the African people.

## Fighting four wars; 14,000 troops in Africa

# French imperialist aggression rooted in crisis at home

### BULLETIN

**JUNE 7**—Thousands of demonstrators protested the NATO meeting on Zaire in Paris Monday. The mass demonstration was held outside the International Conference Center where the five leading Western imperialist powers were meeting to work out plans to rescue the repressive Mobutu regime from economic and military collapse. The protest, called by the French Communist Party and several other organizations on the left, demanded that the imperialist powers stop all intervention in Zaire and the rest of Africa.

By P. MEISNER

**PARIS, May 31**—The rebellion in Shaba province against the repressive Mobutu regime in Zaire provided the French imperialist rulers a phony pretext to extend their neo-colonial tentacles deeper into Africa. Under the guise of a "humanitarian" operation to rescue white Europeans, the regime of President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing sent more than 600 of the infamous, Nazi-trained Foreign Legion paratroopers along with 1,800 Belgian troops to beat back the rebellion in Shaba which had already engulfed the mineral-rich city of Kolwezi.

With the complete backing of U.S. imperialism, the Giscard government dispatched its Legionnaires led by an officer who made his reputation as a torturer in the war against Algerian independence. The Legionnaires and Mobutu's troops actually committed most of the atrocities blamed on the Shaba rebels by the imperialist press. In fact, it was the French Foreign Legion force which refused an offer by the National Front for the Liberation of the Congo (FNLC) to ferry out Europeans with the aid of the International Red Cross.

It soon became clear, even in the French imperialist press here, that French government objectives in Zaire were not humanitarian but designed to crush the Shaba rebels and bolster the corrupt and hated Mobutu dictatorship. And since the latter is a virtual prop of U.S. imperialism, Washington could not but be pleased with the French and Belgian military operation in Zaire.

### INTER-IMPERIALIST RIVALRY

However, inter-imperialist rivalry over the control of colonial markets has played a role in the Zaire invasion, especially between France and Belgium. The more aggressive French invasionary force can be partly explained by the lack of substantial French investments in Zaire (only \$20



Thousands of communists and other progressives in France joined this demonstration in Paris on June 5 to protest the NATO planning session for further imperialist intervention in Zaire and the rest of Africa.

million, compared to Belgium's \$1 billion investment in that superoppressed country). Also, the disintegration of the Mobutu regime would pose a threat to the fascist apartheid regime in South Africa, where French investments are rapidly growing.

The invasion of Zaire, then, represents a continuation of the drive by French imperialism to expand its neo-colonial empire. There are currently 14,000 French troops throughout Africa—including Senegal, Ivory Coast, Chad, Gabon, Djibouti, Mayotte, and Reunion. But more significant, French military forces are in actual combat against liberation movements in Chad, Mauritania, and Western Sahara, besides Zaire.

### PRESS IS CAPTIVE OF GOV'T PROPAGANDA

The capitalist press here in Paris has been a virtual captive of the "rebel atrocity" propaganda machine of the Giscard d'Estaing government. Facing a severe economic crisis at home (inflation is running at about 15% annually and may even go higher now that industry has been relieved of all price controls; also, a strike wave throughout France is hurting the French capitalist bosses), the French imperialist rulers may be looking abroad to improve profits.

Among the major French newspapers, only in the Socialist Party-leaning Le Monde and L'Humanité of the Communist Party (PCF) has there been any criticism of the criminal imperialist invasion into Zaire. But two weeks after the invasion, the PCF has not yet called out the French masses to protest the imperialist intervention. However,

a coalition of radical left organizations did organize a demonstration of 5,000 people in the streets of this city on May 22, despite a police ban. Smaller demonstrations were subsequently held in other cities in France, such as Nanterre, Rouen, Caen, and Grenoble.

Although French imperialism is now engaged in relatively small wars against four different African liberation movements, it could not survive another war adventure of the type experienced in Algeria or in Indochina. The current economic crisis in France renders the French imperialists too

weak to support a major colonial war by themselves—in fact, only the material support of U.S. imperialism, overt and covert, allows the Giscard d'Estaing government to carry out the wars in Africa.

The French working class has yet to intervene decisively against their capitalist masters as they did during the Indochina and Algeria wars. And with the great rebellion of May 1968 only ten years old, the French imperialist ruling class fears any hint of a major political action on the part of the French proletariat and its allies.

## Frolinat battles French Legion, neo-colonial regime

By JESSE LEE

**JUNE 5**—Only two weeks after France sent troops into Zaire to attempt to save the puppet Mobutu government, it has been admitted in the international press that French Legionnaires and paratroopers based in Chad openly joined the fight to stop the rapidly advancing anti-imperialist Front for the Liberation of Chad (Frolinat).

French imperialism, which is now fighting in four African countries, sent a 1,500-man "expeditionary force" into Chad on April 27. At that time the French government described this entire force as intended to protect French citizens only! (The leftist magazine Afrique-Asie in Paris reports that actually 5,000 French troops were sent in April.)

The battle this past week is

reported to be the heaviest since Frolinat began its struggle twelve years ago.

From 1969 to 1975 French troops tried—unsuccessfully—to crush Frolinat. Although France then withdrew its main force, several hundred soldiers were maintained in the capital city of Ndjamena "to protect French citizens and interests."

Frolinat has been highly successful. Last February, they captured 2,500 of the 4,000-man Chad army. "Frolinat controls about 80% of the territory of Chad," reports the International Herald Tribune (June 3).

As the NATO forces meet this week in Paris, it is clear that more imperialist adventures into Africa are being plotted in a desperate attempt to turn back the tide of liberation that is flowing over the African continent.



## While imperialist subversion continues

# Ethiopia pledges 'full support' to Patriotic Front

By DEIRDRE GRISWOLD

JUNE 6—The Ethiopian government has pledged its "full support" to the cause of Zimbabwe liberation. Robert Mugabe of the Patriotic Front said in Addis Ababa on May 15.

Mugabe told the press he had visited Ethiopia to consolidate the ties of the Patriotic Front with the Provisional Military Administrative Council and the people of Ethiopia and to request material, diplomatic, and political assistance for the Patriotic Front in its armed struggle for the liberation of Zimbabwe.

U.S. imperialism has not responded directly to this challenge, nor have the U.S. media publicized this significant statement, yet the prospect of a strong Marxist Ethiopia lending its support to the liberation struggles elsewhere in Africa is undoubtedly one of the main reasons for Washington's continued attempts to undermine the Ethiopian Revolution.

The imperialists are already using the smokescreen of a hysterical campaign against "Cuban troops in Africa"—meaning Ethiopia as well as Angola—to bludgeon public and congressional acquiescence for a much larger U.S. military role in Africa.

### U.S. "TOP PRIORITY"

The Washington Post this Sunday (June 4), in a major analytical article on the U.S. and Africa, made it quite clear that it is the prospect of liberation for the African peoples that is so agitating U.S. imperialist policy makers.

"A senior State Department official," states the Post, "said that after the experience in Ethiopia, the United States had to assume that—in the absence of countermeasures—the communist forces will be prepared to move on to the explosive black-white conflicts of southern Africa. That would mean Soviet-backed Cubans in Rhodesia in the near future, a prospect so ominous to the administration that its top priority now is to avoid it." (Our emphasis.)

Because the fascist settler states of Rhodesia and South Africa have been condemned by almost the entire world for their barbaric suppression of the rights of the vast majority, the U.S. imperialists have been pretending to be for "majority rule" there through some sort of "negotiated" transfer of power from the ruling white

minority to the black majority. But the utter falsity of this can now be seen in the panic in Washington over the prospect that the people of Zimbabwe and elsewhere may be getting closer to the day when they will have adequate armed strength to wrest real freedom from their oppressors at last.

While a storm of propaganda continued to be whipped up here this week against support to progressive African states from the socialist countries, particularly the Soviet Union and Cuba, U.S. imperialism quietly went about the work of upping its own intervention on the side of reaction in Africa. In addition to its machinations in Zaire, it has sent a military mission to Somalia to pledge assistance to the Siad Barre regime.

While this aid is supposed to be for "defensive" purposes, similar "defensive" weapons were supplied to Somalia before its invasion of Ethiopia last July. The fact that the U.S. could not openly support the illegal invasion created an "agonizing problem" for the administration, according to the Washington paper, which admits that "Brzezinski and others considered military aid to Somalia, perhaps through third countries." The paper does not go on to admit that this is what happened, even though there were many reports at the time in the U.S. press telling how U.S. indirect aid to Somalia was implemented through such U.S. puppets as the Shah of Iran and King Khalid of Saudi Arabia.

But while the Carter administration may hope to rebuild the shattered Somali army into a force for future harassment of Ethiopia, or at least to strengthen the reactionary elements in Somalia through these military links, the main focus of Washington at this time is on utilizing the Eritrean secessionist movement as both a military and a political weapon against Ethiopia.

### CIA AND ERITREA

Evidence has been emerging in the press in the last few weeks of direct U.S. intervention in the Eritrean conflict. On June 1, in an article by Seymour Hersh showing that CIA covert actions continue despite supposed restraints having been imposed by Congress, the New York Times revealed that the CIA has been carrying on a covert anti-Cuban propaganda campaign in the Horn of Africa during the

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Revolutionary Ethiopia, where the oppressed masses are making their own history, is a potent ally for all the oppressed peoples of Africa. Above, May Day in Addis Ababa. Photo: Ethiopian Herald

## South Africa Briefs

### South Africa

## Vorster hails NATO

Arch-racist John Vorster, Prime Minister of South Africa, saw in the latest round of anti-Soviet and anti-Cuban attacks from the NATO countries a basis for support for his apartheid regime.

"There have been statements from the U.S. which I welcome," Vorster said, according to the New York Times, June 1. "I am glad that the President of the U.S., Mr. Carter, has expressed his concern about the strength of NATO and that there is talk of NATO being strengthened. The onslaught, however, is not only against South Africa but against the whole Western World."

The Western imperialist powers, led by the U.S., may be embarrassed sometimes by Vorster's blatant racism, as contrasted to their more subtle variety. Nevertheless, Vorster felt they'd rather stick with him than chance having their whole oppressive system overthrown, and the new aggressive stance by NATO encouraged him.

### Zimbabwe

## Nkomo: West must go!

On June 1, Joshua Nkomo, co-head of the Zimbabwe Patriotic Front, dismissed the charges made by the Western imperialist countries about the dangers of Soviet and Cuban intervention in Africa.

At a news conference in London, Nkomo said, "All this worry about Soviets and Cubans is an insult to Africans. It makes us look as if we are morons who need to be rescued from the Western World."

"The West is not prepared to work with the real forces in the country," Nkomo added. "You want to safeguard Africa for the Africans. Who gave you that right? Please leave us alone. We can look after ourselves."

### Zimbabwe

## 50,000 protest Smith

On May 27, 50,000 Africans rallied to a call by the Zimbabwe African People's Union (ZAPU) in the city

of Mobutmen, Rhodesia. The meeting protested the agreement reached between the racist Ian Smith government and three conciliatory Black leaders which leaves the bulk of power in the hands of the settlers.

The large turnout was even more impressive considering that less than a month before a similar protest meeting was fired on by the Rhodesian army, killing 94 of the Africans attending. The May 27 meeting was the first legal meeting of ZAPU in 15 years, and those who came knew they were risking their safety.

Josiah Chinamano, spokesperson for Joshua Nkomo, a leader of the guerrilla freedom fighters of the Patriotic Front, said that the accord tended to uphold the white administration "with Black faces. If that is the situation, we will continue to combat these Black faces," he said to the applause of those gathered in Mobutmen.

### South Africa

## Gov't sued for racism

In a legal battle that might be the first of its kind, the fascist government of South Africa was recently forced to pay a former resident of that country for the racism practiced against him.

This came out in a lawsuit brought against the South African government by Dr. M. Farid Edwards, a former South African resident who was considered "coloured" under apartheid law. Edwards is presently chairperson of the Department of Anesthesiology at a Columbus, Ohio, hospital.

The racist South African government had first sued Dr. Edwards, trying to force him to repay loans made while he was studying in Capetown. Edwards charged that the racism practised against him was a violation of his rights as a resident of the U.S. to due process and equal protection. Among other things, Edwards asked the Columbus court to declare that the government of South Africa "is not the legitimate or proper government of the people of Azania."

South Africa offered to drop its lawsuit if Edwards would dismiss his counterclaim. He refused. Finally, to avoid publicity, the South African government paid Edwards \$350 and released him from the loan.

Edwards promptly turned around and contributed the \$350 to the Committee to Oppose Bank Loans in Africa, a group opposing the apartheid regime.

## The Ethiopian Revolution and the Struggle Against U.S. Imperialism



This updated, well-illustrated, 90-page pamphlet contains reprints from *Workers World* newspaper from August 1977 to January 1978. Covers such topics as: the Somali invasion; the leadership in Ethiopia; the role of imperialism; and the Eritrean question. Contains, as an appendix, the Program of the National Democratic Revolution of Ethiopia.

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## EDITORIAL

# Police state ruling on the press

The Supreme Court has made another landmark decision in its determined effort to turn the entire legal-judicial system in this country further and further to the right.

In a 5 to 3 decision the court overturned the traditional exemption of the press from police search and seizure. Overruling two lower court decisions the high court ruled, in effect, that any police agency can invade the premises of any organ of the media without warning, search their files, notebooks, photo and film files, or anything else provided that they obtain a court warrant. All the cops have to do is show that there is "probable cause" that a crime has been committed and that the newspaper could have information about the case.

Significantly, the ruling arose out of a 1971 case at Stanford University in which the Palo Alto police invaded a student newspaper seizing photographs of demonstrators at a hospital saying police had been injured.

This ruling makes great inroads in dismantling the basic First Amendment bourgeois democratic right of freedom of the press. Of course this right has been violated numerous times in relation to organizations of the working class and the oppressed. And "freedom of the press" in this country pertains overwhelmingly to the freedom to manage the news of the millionaire and billionaire syndicates that own the major newspapers, T.V., and radio.

Nevertheless, freedom of the press has been used by the capitalist class as a whole as a weapon against any minority within that class seeking to impose its own domination. The case of the Pentagon Papers and Watergate are classical recent examples in which the majority of the capitalists used the constitutionally protected position of the media to enforce their will on the minority around Nixon which had gained control of the state apparatus and was pursuing dangerous policies such as the losing imperialist war in Vietnam and the turning toward a totalitarian police state.

Just seven years ago, when Nixon and Agnew sued the New York Times and Washington Post over the Pentagon Papers, the entire bourgeois establishment raised a hue and cry about freedom of the press. The Supreme Court at that time ruled in favor of the Times and the Post. It is all the more ominous therefore that neither of these prestigious organs of the ruling class nor any of the major networks has seen fit to raise any more than a perfunctory protest against this reactionary ruling. On the one hand it is a total capitulation by the liberals to the right wing trend in Washington (the Carter administration's Solicitor General argued in favor of the ruling). On the other hand, in the present atmosphere of war-mongering anti-Sovietism and economic crisis, the silence shows an increasing readiness by the bourgeoisie to accept police state measures in anticipation of the inevitable coming protests against war and economic and racist oppression.

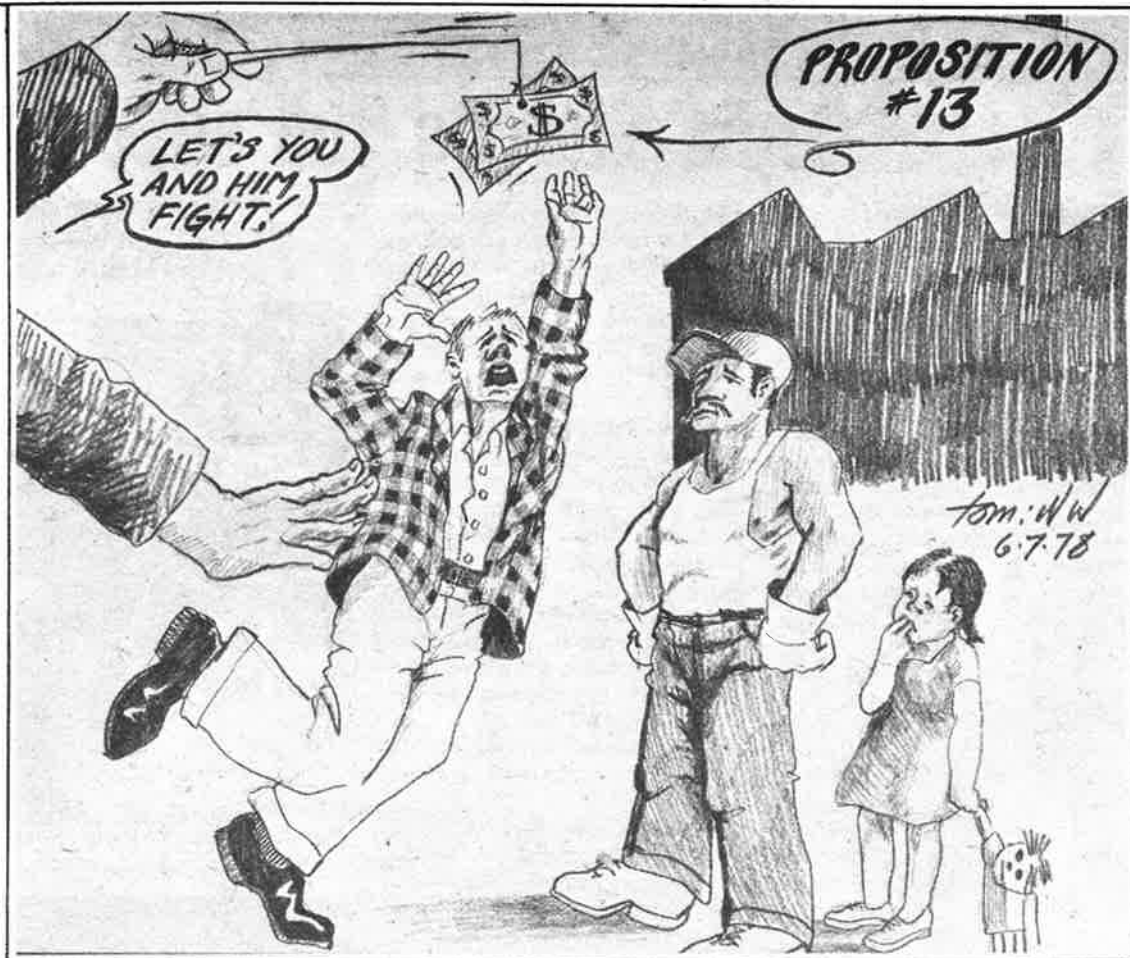
## RULING AIMED AT PROGRESSIVE PUBLICATIONS

It is a certainty that this new ruling will be used first and foremost against the publications of the working class and the oppressed and all progressive publications that champion their cause. After all, what are "crimes" in the eyes of the courts and the cops? Strikes for workers' rights, struggles of the people for daycare, health care, schools, housing, jobs, against the racist death penalty and police brutality, etc. And don't these struggles inevitably come up against anti-labor laws, injunctions, and other repressive laws and lead to police attack and police frameups? And who writes most about these struggles but the progressive and revolutionary publications of the workers and the oppressed, often on the basis of intimate knowledge of and sometimes direct participation in these struggles.

The courts will think long and hard before they ever issue an injunction against any powerful media corporation. But racist and anti-labor judges who work hand in hand with the police on a daily basis will be inclined to routinely issue warrants against Black, Latin, Asian, Native peoples and working class publications (which are often the centers of their organizations).

It is no accident that the Supreme Court made this ruling against demonstrators. Instead of trying to conceal the reactionary character of the decision the Court signalled the ruling class as to the political intention of the ruling.

But this should also be a signal to the working class and the poor to get ready to defend the freedom of our press whatever capitulations to police measures are made by the cowardly and hypocritical big business media. If they want to surrender their rights and tear up the constitutional right of freedom of the press that is their affair. But the working class is not bound by their lawlessness. We know that freedom of the press is a constitutional right which the workers and the poor must have for themselves and we should stand ready to give a firm rebuff to the court and cops should they try to enforce this reactionary and unconstitutional judge-made law.



## LETTERS

### Likes line on USSR

Dear Mr. Marcy:

Some one called my attention to an article you had in the **Workers World** on China's attitude toward the USSR. I was quite impressed by it. It seems both honest and sensible.

Down here in Appalachia we sometimes are out of contact with some of the big goings on in places like New York. But we have our own struggles, too, and the interests and concern of the working poor and oppressed are the same the world over. Human welfare is indeed indivisible.

Thank you for the article.

Sincerely,  
Don West  
Pipestem, W.V.

### Wants Ethiopia pamphlet for Bay Area

Dear **Workers World** Staff,

It would appear that most people in the Bay Area are relying on Reuters and the Guardian for information on the Ethiopian Revolution. What a shame. Listening to KPFA (a Pacifica, supposedly progressive station) and KSAN (I have to listen to it at work). I hear things about "Eritreans are to the left of the Ethiopians," and "The recent attack by Ethiopians is the most devastating to Eritrean civilians since their struggle for liberation began over 16 years ago." They'll just have to be straightened out. Enclosed is \$2.00 for 8 copies of "The Ethiopian Revolution and the struggle against U.S. imperialism." If possible, could you also send a few copies of **Workers World** that have been printed since the pamphlet and have articles on what's going on in Ethiopia. The additional \$2.00 enclosed should go toward 2 other pamphlets: Czechoslovakia 1968: The Class Character of the Events" and "The Gay Question: A Marxist Appraisal."

I think the letter from Cleveland, Ohio from May 5's paper was really good.

E.G.  
Oakland, Ca.

### Industrial accidents

Dear Kenny Peterson,

I read your article in the May 5 issue of **Workers World**, and I'd like to know where you got your

information from, i.e., that 25,000 workers are killed each year, 100,000 die from occupationally caused diseases, and 500,000 contract disabling diseases. Plus, can you tell me who the author is that you quote, and, what the quote was from.

The reason I ask is that first, I am interested in this, and second, I am sure that when I go around and mention these numbers to people they will ask me where I got the information from.

Thank you,  
S. S.  
Chicago, Ill.

This information can be found in **Work is Dangerous to Your Health** by Jeanne M. Stellman, Ph.D. and Susan M. Daum, M.D. and **Muscle and Blood** by Rachel Scott. The quote is from **The**

**Working-Class Majority** by Andrew Levison.

### Brings news to community

I am a disc jockey at a Binghamton radio station (WHRW) and have been receiving **Workers World** free as a source of Third World news for our news programs. We have no budget and are but students with other financial problems (cutbacks and stuff) and cannot afford to subscribe to the paper. However, if you are still willing to share yourselves with us as in the past we can then continue to bring the news to the people of our community. Thanks for your considerations.

L. R.  
Binghamton, N.Y.

## —Prop. 13

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pensate for the lost revenues. Massive cutbacks in vital services and layoffs of public employees are imminent, further deteriorating the living standards of poor and working people. Whatever savings may accrue to small homeowners in lower property taxes will be wiped out. Only the rich will benefit.

In the face of a growing economic crisis and the prospect of anti-capitalist struggles, the rich are trying to create an alliance with the lower middle class against the workers and the oppressed. They hope to broaden their base against the poor and to deflect away from themselves the struggles which the crisis of

capitalism is igniting. Thus the rich are blaming the ills of their own system—inflation, high taxes, unemployment—on its chief victims: the workers, the poor, and the oppressed.

Yet Proposition 13, because it is so drastic, has not won the unanimous approval of the corporations and their politicians in California. While they will pocket several billion dollars overall, some fear the instability that such heavy-handed attacks on the people will give rise to. In this they are correct. Proposition 13 will compel California's working and oppressed people to struggle that much harder to retrieve what is rightfully theirs.

K.P.

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# Fascists surface in Western Europe

By HILLEL BAILIN

**JUNE 6**—In West Germany, Italy, France, and England the rotten smell of fascism is in the air again. Old Nazis and new followers have appeared more and more frequently on the streets and in official posts. Meanwhile, elements in the governments of these countries, particularly Italy, France, and West Germany, which call themselves "Western democracies," are using the present "anti-terrorist" campaign and the Moro case to encourage the anti-democratic scum of old and new fascist organizations plotting for a rightwing overturn. In the Federal Republic of Germany (known as FRG or West Germany), Nazi gangs in the city of Hanover have beaten up Jewish people who survived the extermination camps of World War II. The gangs also stand on street corners in Nazi-style uniforms and hand out their hate literature.

For the last thirty years, many "former" Nazi officials have had government posts in the FRG, most notably as judges and army officers, and until now have tried to hide their Nazi past. But more recently, these war criminals are wearing their Nazi war medals on their "democratic" army uniforms. One of Hitler's officers, Franz-Joseph Schulze, has become a four-star general in the FRG army and commander-in-chief of NATO Armed Forces in Central Europe. And Schulz is by no means alone in the West German military Bundeswehr.

In Italy, the Italian Social Movement has become a significant party with members in the Italian Parliament. This group is led by "former" followers of Benito Mussolini and its members do not bother hiding their admiration of fascism.

Members of this and other right-wing terrorist organizations have fire-bombed the offices of Italian workers' parties and have beaten up and shot dead progressive Italian youth who were taking part in demonstrations for jobs.

Since World War II it has been supposedly illegal in Italy to try to revive Mussolini's Fascist Party. But just last winter more than 100 admitted fascists were acquitted by a government court because the judge said the anti-fascist law was "too vague."

In France, a number of fascist gangs have appeared recently and have attacked the members and offices of pro-labor and anti-fascist organizations. The French fascists have focused their attacks on very poor, immigrant workers who are mostly North African.

In England, the National Front has increased its racist campaign against Black immigrant workers from the West Indies and Asian immigrants from India and Pakistan. Fascist gangs of the National Front have assaulted Black youth and have threatened

violence against picket lines of striking workers.

England's news media has given the National Front a great deal of free publicity. And the top contender for Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher of the Conservative Party, has adopted virtually the entire racist, anti-immigrant National Front program as her campaign platform.

## WHY FASCISM NOW?

Fascism is the most brutal form of rule by big business. Socialist and communist parties, trade unions and all worker's organizations are outlawed. Workers have no right to organize, strike, or even protest oppressive working conditions. The only ones with rights under fascism are the bosses, the landlords, and the police and military officers.

Under fascism the most extreme forms of racism and oppression of women become the written law. Unemployment is massive, prices are enormous, and wages are very low. The purpose of fascism is to use violent police methods to prevent the workers and oppressed from doing anything to change the awful conditions.

Right now the capitalist countries of Western Europe are in the biggest economic crisis since the Great Depression. Inflation and unemployment are growing at the same time. In response, the class conscious workers are becoming more militant in their demands for economic justice. Strikes for higher wages are more frequent. Demonstrations against unemployment are larger and angrier.

Although the situation has by no means come to a head, big business is indeed worried. That is why some elements of the capitalist class are looking to the fascist movements to provide a solution to the crisis by crushing the workers organizations. Industrialists make money available, the bourgeois media gives free publicity, the police and governments help where they can—in this way each "democratic" ruling class supports a fascist movement which it can call upon "in case of emergency." Hitler Germany, Mussolini Italy, and present-day Chile are clear examples that the super-rich are quite willing to kill by the thousands to protect their stolen wealth.

But the workers and oppressed are not powerless in the face of the fascist menace. Already in each of the West European countries, communist youth and other anti-fascists have carried out successful mobilizations against the right-wing terrorist gangs. A militant, fighting workers' movement could smash the fascist danger before it grows. Whether in Rome, Paris, Hamburg, or London; whether in Chicago, Boston, Milwaukee, or Skokie, Illinois—the fascist movements can and must be stopped.



The struggle against fascism in Europe. Up to 100,000 people demonstrated in London on April 30 against the increase in racist attacks. Chanting "Black and white unite and fight—smash the National Front," the march and rally was a militant answer to the threat of fascism.

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subjected to intense military attack instigated and supported by imperialist reaction—notably the U.S.

In Angola, for instance, Cuba was asked for its assistance only after the CIA had poured in millions to build up opposition forces which eventually marched on Luanda, the capital, under the command of South African officers. The Cubans arrived just in time to enable the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola, which had conducted a long guerrilla struggle against brutal Portuguese colonial rule, to stop the South Africans from setting up a puppet regime.

Cubans were first sent to Ethiopia last November 28, over four months after an invasion by a large, mechanized force of the Somali Army, which had been encouraged in its aggression by direct messages from Carter.

## U.S. IN COMPANY WITH COLONIALISTS

Carter's partners in the present desperate effort to prop up the rotten Mobutu regime in Zaire are no strangers to Africa themselves. Belgium, the former colonial power in the Congo and still holding major investments in what is now called Zaire, was notorious for its unparalleled cruelty and mass murder of the African people. Under King Leopold in the last century, the population of the Belgian Congo was reduced from 20 million to 6 million. Hundreds of thousands of Congolese had their hands cut off for resistance to their overseers, and the Belgian rule became one of the most odious chapters in human history.

France, Washington's other major partner in building the so-called pan-African force to police the continent, is another main oppressor and exploiter of the African people in the colonial period, and continues to maintain a string of French-speaking neocolonies there today.

It is widely understood throughout Africa that the present propaganda campaign against Cuba and the USSR and the attempts to put an "African face" on neocolonialist intervention are mere smokescreens to hide the real purpose of the U.S.-French-Belgian "humanitarian" scramble: to insure their vast economic holdings in Africa, from which all three reap enormous profits at the expense of the development and well-being of the African people.

## PEOPLE NOT CONSULTED

The throwing of French and Belgian troops into Zaire, via U.S.



The decaying regime of Mobutu Sese Seko in Zaire, which has left the vast majority of the population in misery, has stayed in power only through the constant presence of Western imperialism. For almost 20 years there has been a struggle for liberation in Zaire [Congo]. Above, a demonstration last year in Shaba. The banner reads: "Down with Mobutu, servant of imperialism. The struggle continues against Mobutism." Photo: Afrique-Asie

transport and logistical support, had not a shed of legality in regard to the will of the French, Belgian, and American people. President Giscard d'Estaing of France has already been challenged in the National Assembly for his unconstitutional act of sending French troops without consulting that elected body.

And in the U.S. the chief executive has once again flouted the War Powers Act, which was passed by Congress after the U.S. illegally invaded Cambodia and was supposed to prevent such actions happening again.

The Carter administration, to cover what it has done, has gone onto the offensive with a series of speeches and interviews by Carter

and his "National Security Adviser" Zbigniew Brzezinski accusing the Soviet Union and Cuba of being aggressive and expansionist—language reminiscent of the consternation in imperialist circles when Cuba and Vietnam received aid from the Soviet Union to defend themselves from imperialist attack.

Carter has also utilized this time to attack the Soviet Union for an "excessive" military build-up—even though it has been known for years that it is the U.S. which has stockpiled enough nuclear weapons to "overkill" everyone on earth about six times!

Huang Hua, Foreign Minister of

the Peoples Republic of China, also got into the act this week and went to Zaire after first conferring in New York with U.S. Secretary of State Vance. In Zaire he pledged his support to the Mobutu regime and said that further military aid to Zaire would be discussed, according to the French press. China's foreign policy has become almost indistinguishable from that of the U.S., especially since the present grouping took power after Mao's death and purged the left-wing in the Chinese Communist Party.

Behind the supposed indignation in the U.S. government over Soviet and Cuban aid to Africa is the assumption that only

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## Worldwide support for protest against repression

# Chile hunger strike grows

By BILL HACKWELL

NEW YORK, June 2—On May 22, nearly 70 relatives of "disappeared" prisoners began a series of hunger strikes in the Chilean capital of Santiago. The strikes, which began in the UNICEF office in Santiago and in several Catholic church centers, has now grown to more than 180 men and women in 29 cities and towns around that country, including 31 political prisoners in the Santiago penitentiary.

Simultaneous hunger strikes of support are now taking place on a world wide scale. Strikes led by Chilean refugees have begun in over 40 cities in 17 countries.

On June 2, in New York, eight Chilean political exiles participating in one of the support strikes in Riverside Church, declared in a press conference that, "we are ready to sacrifice our lives."

Voltare Pincheira, a former political prisoner in Chile talked to **Workers World** about the con-

ditions in his country. "From the moment the armed forces took charge in Chile repression began in all aspects of life. There was an immediate elimination of all political expression and economically it meant high inflation and near starvation for working people. We are conducting this support strike to show solidarity with the striking relatives and as a protest to the general repressive conditions in Chile."

The strikes are aimed at forcing the fascist U.S.-installed Pinochet regime to release information as to the whereabouts of the over 2,500 political prisoners who have not been heard from since they were arrested by government forces.

The protest began in Chile after a general amnesty was declared, but interpreted by the courts as a pardon for all former government security forces convicted of using "excessive violence" against political prisoners, at the same

time the investigation into the cases of missing persons was dropped.

According to Non-intervention in Chile (NICH), a U.S. based group, messages of solidarity with the hunger strikers have been received from over 16 Chilean trade unions, including the Ranquil National Peasants Union, the National Miners' Federation, and the Dockworkers' Federation. In addition, over 100 people, risking severe governmental reprisals, demonstrated in downtown Santiago on May 29 to show their support to the strikers and to express their opposition to the gestapo-like tactics of the military junta.

The Chilean Movement of the Revolutionary Left (MIR) has called for "international solidarity with the hunger strikes in the struggle for liberty, justice, trade-union rights, and genuine amnesty that allows the unconditional return of all those in exile."

## U.S. banks use big stick: demand copper concessions from Peru

By PADDY COLLIGAN

JUNE 6—Details are coming to light which show exactly how large imperialist banks like Chase Manhattan drain off capital, resources, and labor power from economically dependent countries like Peru.

Chase Manhattan Bank has told Peru that it will halt a \$54 million loan to an American-owned copper mining project there unless Peru's central bank will guarantee laws will be passed favoring the company.

Southern Peru Copper Corporation Inc. is entirely owned by U.S. companies; 52.3% of it is held by its managing firm ASARCO, Inc., based in New York. The entire \$726 million invested in the mine and smelter project was borrowed from abroad in a series of loans which added significantly to the big debt Peru already had.

### FOREIGN DEBT

Peru's total foreign debt now stands at \$7 billion, a good part of which falls due within the next two years. The Wall Street Journal

reports that scheduled interest and repayments on the principal amount to 55% of Peru's annual foreign exchange earnings. The government is now negotiating with its U.S., European, and Japanese creditors in an attempt to get much of these rescheduled.

Already \$250 million in bank loans which fell due this year have gone unpaid with the banks letting it go by without calling it default. Private companies are in a worse situation since the foreign currency is controlled by the government and they can get neither country to pay their debts nor more credit abroad to buy vital materials.

This situation would be serious for any country, but for Peru it is particularly so. Peruvian industry must import much of the raw materials which it uses. For example, 60% of the material for locally produced steel must be imported.

On top of the amount earmarked for repaying foreign banks, perhaps another 40% of the yearly foreign exchange earnings

goes for arms purchases. What is left—only 5% as things now stand—must stretch to cover imports of food, petroleum, and materials for productive sectors of the economy.

### BANKS FIRST, PEOPLE LAST

Rapacious foreign creditors have forced the military government to make repaying foreign banks top priority, even over the welfare of the Peruvian people. The mechanism of this is the following: Companies operating in Peru must keep hundreds of millions of dollars tied up in advanced accounts. This means that with the notable exception of Southern Peru Copper Corporation Inc. all companies must deposit in **soles** (the Peruvian currency) an amount equal to what they expect to make on **exports when they export the goods**. (It may be several months before they can expect to receive payment.) To cover their imports they must deposit **in advance** the whole cost of the imports.

Chase Manhattan is now seeking a guarantee by law of this exemption arrangement. Southern Peru Copper says a lot of money including some profits by being able to operate on letters of credit. The banks which own Southern Peru would rather not have to put together more loans to the company if they can bully the Peruvian government to go along with the plan.

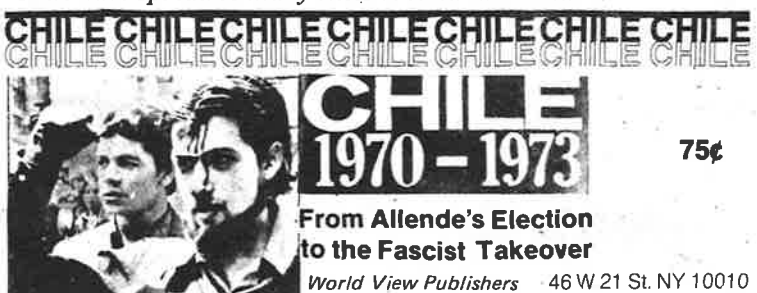
### THE PEOPLE REBEL

However, the Peruvian people do not look kindly on a government willing to turn their country over to foreign capitalists. Last year the International Monetary Fund tried to impose two separate austerity plans on the Peruvians but they successfully resisted with rebellions and a general strike.

The government eliminated all food subsidies in May this year. The anger of the workers, peasants and unemployed urban residents exploded in a general strike that virtually shut Peru down. No matter how much the big U.S. banks may bleed Peru ultimately the Peruvian masses will stop the imperialist plunder once and for all.



Demonstrations such as this one in Mexico City to support the Chilean hunger strikers and the disappeared political prisoners in Chile have spread to many cities around the world.



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the imperialists have the right to assist their allies around the world. And who are these allies? As in Vietnam, or Taiwan, or south Korea, or Saudi Arabia, or Chile, or Zaire, they are the worst enemies of the masses of poor and working people. They are the paid agents of the vast corporations and banks that milk the world's resources for the profits of a small class of super-rich.

For over a century, the workers and oppressed have been in a worldwide struggle against this class of parasites. It has been difficult because the ruling class started out with a monopoly on resources, both economic and military. All along, the main weapon in the hands of the common people has been their solidarity—their willingness to sacrifice in support of one another, whether that has been displayed on a picket line or on the barricades of civil and class war. There have been many examples of such solidarity: the international brigades that fought fascism in Spain in the thirties; the "roving pickets" who helped build the miners' union in this country. Cuban and Soviet assistance to the besieged revolutionary nations in Africa is in this spirit of workers' solidarity.

The imperialists have always had their own form of "internationalism." The French Foreign Legion recruits the Nazi-like, depraved scum of the earth for its death legions. U.S. imperialism has legitimized its intervention in every continent in the world through setting up military pacts like NATO, SEATO, CENTO, etc. And through its

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intensified fighting in Eritrea.

Earlier, the Washington Post of May 24 had brought out information about a meeting between Brzezinski deputy Richard Aaron and Senator Dick Clark of the powerful Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Aaron had approached Clark "to talk about possible indirect aid for Eritrean rebels fighting the Ethiopian army..." (Richard Aaron wore a different hat in February when he led a U.S. delegation to Ethiopia and told the government that the U.S. viewed Eritrea as an "internal problem." Thus Washington plays a two-faced game—with the same actor in both roles!)

On May 19 the same paper reported that "Another concept that has been pushed behind the scenes is to encourage greater covert assistance by Saudi Arabia and other wealthy anti-Marxist nations to the various liberation fronts fighting in Ethiopia's Eritrean Province."

These admissions in the press only confirm, however, what has clearly been the secret U.S. policy ever since a year ago, when Ethiopia broke its ties to U.S. imperialism right after having gone through an internal struggle in which the leftist elements in the military were victorious.

The revolutionary Ethiopian government, which has since 1974 abolished the feudal landowning class and broken the influence of the bourgeoisie through the nationalization of all major industries, banks, and all land, and the organization and arming of the masses, has tried to resolve the Eritrean problem through a negotiated settlement on the basis of regional autonomy within a united revolutionary Ethiopia. It has advanced this position toward the national question in general,

international secret police, which according to ex-CIA agent John Stockwell often get a budget ten times that of the American Embassy in oppressed countries, it is constantly intervening in the internal affairs (to put it mildly) of other countries, subverting left movements and progressive regimes, hatching schemes of murder and mayhem.

The countries of Africa facing this adversary have every right to call on the socialist countries for support. And the people of Zaire have every revolutionary right to overthrow the corrupt regime of Mobutu.

It is the imperialists who are the illegal interlopers in Zaire. Stockwell, in his book *In Search of Enemies*, writes of how the CIA chief of station in Leopoldville (Kinshasa) rode around in his car for several days with the body of Patrice Lumumba, the first President of the independent Republic of the Congo, wondering how to dispose of it! After drowning the Congo Revolution in blood, they installed Mobutu as "President" and now claim the right to intervene in his behalf.

Carter spoke today of wanting to bring "peace" and "security" to Africa, but it is clear there can never be peace as long as the millions suffer under the most horrible oppression while the wealth of their continent is being extracted by foreign companies; as long as racism and apartheid are used as a justification by which those in power can hold the vast majority to be beneath any human consideration.

The days of the oppressors' "peace" are long over. The masses of the oppressed cannot and will not surrender their right to fight for a better life. Only by staying the hand of the arrogant master-class can the working people and oppressed everywhere find peace.

for Ethiopia is composed of 90 different peoples and its survival as an independent nation depends upon the solidarity of the masses based upon respect for their regional differences.

### REACTIONARY POLITICS

The Eritrean secessionist groups which claim the allegiance of the various peoples in the province have openly declared that they are subordinating the struggle against feudalism and capitalism to a national united front of all classes against what they call "Ethiopian colonialism." The reality of what this kind of reactionary politics means for the oppressed people within Eritrea itself has been spelled out graphically in the behavior of the Eritrean Liberation Front (ELF) in the area around the town of Barentu.

The London paper The Observer on May 7 told how some of the poorest Eritreans are siding with Ethiopia in the fighting.

Richard Trench wrote from an ELF-held area near Barentu, "To make matters worse, the Bazzia tribe, a Nilotic and semi-pagan hill people from around Barentu, neglected and despised by the majority of Eritreans and victims of pro-ELF Beni-Amer cattle raiding, threw in their lot with the Dergue, the Ethiopian military regime."

"Eritrean reaction was ruthless. All the tribe's members were forcibly evicted from their homes. Pathetic columns of men, women, and children—hardly out of the Stone Age—were taken away, some to a work camp, others to an internment centre."

It is the "despised" in Ethiopia, the very poorest, who make up the backbone of the Revolution. It is no accident that these oppressed Eritreans find common cause with them.

## POLITICAL PRISONERS



# Supreme Court decision condemns JoAnne Little to extradition

NEW YORK, June 5—The United States Supreme Court unanimously and without comment today refused to block the extradition of JoAnne Little. This followed a series of New York State court refusals to grant a hearing where defense attorney William Kuntsler could bring forward witnesses to testify that Little's life is in grave danger if she is returned to the clutches of the vengeful North Carolina prison system from which she fled.

Upon hearing the callous decision of the Supreme Court JoAnne Little issued a statement that said, "I have long prepared myself for the day when I would have to go back to North Carolina, I intend to continue to fight in that state to save my life and obtain my constitutional rights to equal and just treatment."

"I hope that all people, both in and out of North Carolina, who believe in that struggle will continue to support me and other Black people who, like the Wilmington 10 and the Charlotte 3, are fighting for justice."

Monica Moorehead, a leading member of the Norfolk Prisoners Solidarity Committee, long active in support of JoAnne Little, told *Workers World* today, "We are outraged at the decision by the Supreme Court not to grant JoAnne Little a hearing. The fate of JoAnne Little should not have been put in the hands of rich, anti-working class racists who have time and time and time again proved their lack of concern for the lives of poor and working people."

"All poor and working people should unite and fight for the

release of JoAnne Little from prison. She must not stand alone against the North Carolina racists and Workers World Party will continue to organize and struggle for the freedom of JoAnne Little."

### "IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO HER"

Reverend Timothy Mitchell spoke to *Workers World* following the brick-wall response of the court to Little's appeals to stem extradition. Mitchell, the pastor of Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church in New York City has been a tireless organizer and has brought about 100 supporters to her court appearances here. He said today, "I think that we should accuse the Supreme Court and every other court that she has had to go before, of potential murder and if anything happens to her—they are accessories."

Little has long been a victim of racist persecution by the legal system. Shortly after her arrest in 1974 on charges of breaking and entering, Little was alone in a cellblock—caged because she was poor and Black and could not raise the high bail.

When a racist jailer entered her cell with an ice pick and sexually assaulted her, she stabbed the jailer in self-defense and fled. When she was recaptured and tried for murder a vociferous outcry of protest across the country arose against the state's attempt to convict JoAnne Little, the victim of the crime. "The real criminal is dead, now free JoAnne!" demanded her supporters.

### LITTLE IS ACQUITTED: A BLOW TO RACISM

In August of 1975 racism was

dealt a blow—JoAnne Little was acquitted. Her act of self-defense and her subsequent acquittal set a national and truly historic precedent for the right of self-defense for prisoners and nationally and sexually oppressed people.

### ESCAPED FOR HER LIFE

The state of North Carolina forced Little to continue serving her original sentence. During her incarceration, she was the target of a policy formulated to harass and sabotage any chance for parole.

After repeatedly being denied parole and after being removed from a work-study program on contrived charges, Little escaped. Little was seized by New York City cops who repeatedly fired on the car in which she was riding, and later brutally beat her.

New York State Governor Hugh Carey's flimsy protestations that he "had" to sign papers then ordering her extradition back to North Carolina were shown to be a transparent rationalization after California Gov. Jerry Brown, under public pressure, refused to extradite American Indian Movement leader Dennis Banks to South Dakota where Banks stated very clearly that his life would be in danger.

William Kuntsler has persistently and to no avail called for a hearing to present testimony of at least eight witnesses who, according to the attorney, would show that Little's life is in jeopardy in North Carolina. One of these witnesses, Kuntsler says, is a person who actually overheard a plot to murder Little if she is returned.



Pickets demand: "Free the Wilmington Ten!"

WW photo: Anthony

### Protesters tell Bell:

## Free the Wilmington 10!

By TANA MARIE LOY

NEW YORK, June 4—Over 250 people turned out today to demand freedom for the Wilmington 10. The demonstration took place in front of New York's Lincoln Center where Attorney General Griffin Bell addressed the graduating class of New York Law School.

The Wilmington Ten are nine Black and one white civil rights activists who were framed up and convicted in Wilmington, North Carolina. They have been in jail since 1972. Anne Sheppard Turner, the one white person

among the Ten, is out on parole. On June 2, William Wright II was also paroled. The total prison sentence of 282 years given to the Ten was also slightly reduced last year by North Carolina Governor James Hunt due to public pressure.

Chanting "Human rights in the USA, Free the Wilmington 10 today," and "FBI, CIA—ain't no justice in the USA," the demonstrators carried placards and banners pointing out the racism of the case.

Lennox Hinds of the National Conference of Black Lawyers told

the crowd that it was an outrage that Griffin Bell speak on the question of law but not on the outrage of injustice to the Wilmington Ten. He pointed out that the case of these ten political prisoners is known throughout the world, that the Carter administration is noisy about human rights abroad but conspicuously silent about the Wilmington Ten. Rev. David Garcia spoke of the reinstitution of the death penalty as a continued racist offensive.

The demonstration was called by the National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression.

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## Invasión sudafricana contra Angola hecha en los EEUU

Por P. MEISNER

8 de mayo—Las fuerzas militares del régimen fascista de Sudáfrica desafiaron de nuevo la opinión pública mundial, al llevar a cabo una guerra relámpago desde el territorio ocupado de Namibia hasta lo profundo del territorio angoleño.

El Ministro de Defensa Pieter Botha admitió a reporteros que sus tropas sudafricanas habían penetrado en Angola 155 millas desde la frontera con Namibia. El gobierno de Vorster dijo que estaban “solamente” desarrollando una “operación de limpieza” en contra de las guerrillas de SWAPO, cuyas bases están localizadas en Angola. Sin embargo, una resolución de la ONU pasada en 1966 declara que Sudáfrica está ocupando a Namibia ilegalmente, y en 1974 la ONU reconoció a SWAPO como: “El único y auténtico representante del pueblo de Namibia”.

El diario francés Le Monde del 9 de mayo, reporta que el gobierno angoleño ha dado la cifra de 600 personas asesinadas en el ataque sudafricano. Un corresponsal francés en Luanda que estuvo en el aeropuerto 3 días después del ataque

reportó que aviones llenos de heridos todavía estaban llegando, él escribió:

“La mayoría de los heridos, un gran número de ellos niños e infantes, son atendidos primeramente en el aeropuerto antes de ser transportados al hospital militar en la capital, donde son recibidos por el servicio de salud angoleño y por ayudantes cubanos del servicio médico

“En una esquina de la sala de espera del aeropuerto que ha sido transformada en un hospital temporal, una mujer angoleña alimenta a un infante de meses de edad, que ha sido herido en el brazo por un fragmento de bomba. Ella cree que la madre está muerta, a menos de que haya sido trasladada a una villa cerca de Cassinga.

“Los heridos están aturridos, sus ojos llenos de terror. Esos que pueden responder a las preguntas confirman que las primeras bombas, entre las 7 y 8 de la mañana fueron las más mortales. Una joven describe el lanzamiento de paracaidistas en la villa después del primer ataque con aviones de combate a reacción-Mirage.... Un joven pregunta por un intérprete, para darle gracias al

enfermero cubano.

### PLAN DE “INDEPENDENCIA” SUDAFRICANO

El ataque fue planificado para coincidir con el acuerdo de independencia para Namibia, aceptado por el régimen de Vorster. Dicho acuerdo fue redactado por las cinco potencias imperialistas miembros del Consejo de Seguridad de la ONU, los EEUU, Alemania Occidental, Francia, Inglaterra, y Canadá.

El plan ha sido rechazado por SWAPO porque deja intacta la policía sudafricana en el territorio ocupado de Namibia por un “periodo de transición”, que estaría seguido por elecciones supervisadas por la ONU. Aún el vocero del imperialismo yanqui, el New York Times ha tenido que admitir en su editorial del 7 de mayo que el plan no es aceptado por el pueblo de Namibia. “Los líderes de SWAPO han dudado aceptar el plan, temiendo que una vez que ellos depongan sus armas, Sudáfrica romperá el tratado dejándolos imposibilitados”.

Los editores del New York Times también revelaron las esperanzas ver-

daderas del eje Sudáfrica—potencias imperialistas, así como los objetivos del ataque sudafricano en Angola: “El ataque en efecto notificaba a SWAPO, cuyas bases fueron atacadas: Acepten el tratado o corran el peligro de una guerra más salvaje. Los cinco gobiernos imperialistas cínicamente escondieron su apoyo al régimen en Pretoria al “apoyar” la resolución unánime del Consejo de Seguridad condenando a Sudáfrica por su ataque criminal en Angola.

Sin embargo, los diplomáticos imperialistas mostraron su mano cuando bloquearon una moción iniciada por las naciones negras de África, que demandaba sanciones inmediatas contra la dictadura rapaz de Vorster.

El complot imperialista detrás de la brutal invasión sudafricana no es menos cínico que la reciente invasión israelí en Libano (que obvia pero calladamente fue apoyada por Washington). De hecho, los oficiales sudafricanos han alardeado y comparado su ataque con el de Israel. Y a la luz de las recientes revelaciones acerca del apoyo masivo dado por la CIA y el Pentágono a la guerra de Sudáfrica contra Angola revolucionaria empezando en 1975, la “inocencia y sorpresa” expuesta por los diplomáticos imperialistas sobre la actual invasión sudafricana, no engañará al público en los EEUU esta vez.

El ex-agente de la CIA John Stockwell recientemente ha dado información a la prensa acerca de su nuevo libro sobre la “guerra secreta” de la CIA en Angola. Stockwell revela que la invasión por Sudáfrica contra Angola en el 1975 fue instigada por la CIA y no pudo haber sucedido sin el apoyo de la CIA.

Stockwell el ex-jefe de la CIA en Angola, dijo que William Colby, entonces director de la CIA, mintió en el congreso norteamericano acerca del papel de los EEUU en la guerra angoleña. Colby testificó que la CIA “estuvo bien lejos de las tropas sudafricanas” en Angola. Sin embargo altos jefes militares sudafricanos juraron que aviones del Pentágono (supervisados por personal de los EEUU) brindaron apoyo a las tropas sudafricanas en territorio angoleño.

Además, Stockwell dijo que la CIA también gastó grandes sumas de dinero para reclutar mercenarios que apoyasen a los títeres imperialistas del FNLA y UNITA contra el MPLA.

“La CIA, ha simpatizado tradicionalmente con Sudáfrica, teniendo una estrecha relación con B.O.S.S. (Oficina de Seguridad del Estado, la versión sudafricana de la CIA—Mundo Obrero). Así es como sin ningún memorándum escrito en los cuarteles generales de la CIA, que diga: ‘vamos a coordinar con los sudafricanos’, la coordinación fue llevada a cabo en todos los niveles de la CIA, y los sudafricanos aumentaron su participación de acuerdo con la nuestra”. No importa cuántas negativas aún salgan del Pentágono, la CIA, el Departamento de Estado o la Casa Blanca, el gobierno imperialista yanqui sabía muy bien de los planes sudafricanos de invadir de nuevo a Angola revolucionaria.

Es evidente entonces, que las potencias imperialistas dirigidas por Washington,

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Pueblo cubano saluda al pueblo etíope (vea pag. 3)



Mengistu y Fidel, sonrientes, responden a los saludos emocionados del pueblo en el aeropuerto internacional José Martí.



# Breves Mundiales

## El Salvador

### La crisis política se acentúa

En 1932 un levantamiento campesino, en protesta por las terribles condiciones de vida y por una mejor distribución de la tierra, es usado como excusa por el gobierno militar para desatar una campaña de exterminación entre la población indígena y campesina, y son asesinados más de 40,000 personas.

Este año, las contradicciones en la sociedad salvadoreña han llenado de espanto a la burguesía que clama por un nuevo 32.

Sus llamados han tenido eco a nivel mundial, así es como el "New York Times" del 3 de mayo habla de la situación en el país, y dice: "La discusión entre los ricos es, si 20, 50 ó 100 mil campesinos deben ser eliminados para restablecer la paz", más adelante estima el número de miembros del Bloque Popular Revolucionario (la organización que el N.Y.T. considera responsable por el agitación) en 17,000 miembros. Es obvio que el imperialismo yanqui a través de su vocero más categórico, está preparando la opinión mundial para asestar un golpe mortal a la clase trabajadora salvadoreña.

¡Estamos seguros que un nuevo 32 no ocurrirá, el pueblo y sus organizaciones no lo permitirán!

## Nicaragua

### Protestas continúan

Los violentos choques entre el pueblo nicaraguense y los miembros de la odiada Guardia Nacional de Anastasio Somoza continúan.

Este pasado 16 de mayo miles de trabajadores y estudiantes de todo el país y de nivel secundario, iniciaron una serie de protestas en las ciudades de Mangua, Jinotepe, León y Granada. El pueblo nicaraguense demandó la libertad de los prisioneros políticos. Al mismo tiempo, las fuerzas del Frente Sandinista de Liberación Nacional continuaron la lucha armada contra el régimen somocista.

En otro desarrollo, el gobierno de Carter, continuando con su política de decepción, de hablar en el nombre de "derechos humanos" mientras militar y económicamente apoya la represión de ellos, anunció la semana pasada que el gobierno somocista "no viola los derechos humanos" y le concedió 14 millones de dólares a Nicaragua.

Somoza por su parte, como muestra de su "agradecimiento" en una visita reciente a Nueva York expresó: "...las relaciones entre Nicaragua y EEUU son buenas, pero la política de derechos humanos de Carter es mal interpretada... como una autorización para subvertir el orden y tratar de derrocar al gobierno por medios violentos".

¡La verdad es que la violencia en Nicaragua ha sido siempre practicada por el régimen somocista contra el pueblo, que sufre un desempleo de 40 por ciento, analfabetismo mayor de 50 por ciento—en el área rural alcanza el 70 por ciento—y el ingreso medio de más del 50 por ciento de la población es apenas de 90 dólares al año!

## Zaire

¿Quiénes son los verdaderos intervencionistas?

EEUU y países de OTAN invaden a Zaire

Más de 3,000 tropas de Bélgica, Francia y Marruecos, coordinados por los Estados Unidos, invadieron la provincia de Shaba en Zaire. Dicha invasión tenía como propósito aplastar el movimiento rebelde dirigido contra el gobierno títere—de los países imperialistas occidentales—encabezado por Mubutu Sese Seko.

La invasión se llevó a cabo bajo el pretexto de salvar la vida a 3,000 europeos blancos, empleados de las grandes corporaciones occidentales que explotan las riquezas de Zaire.

La administración de Carter, responsable por planificar la invasión, y por los cientos de asesinatos y crímenes



Soldados del ejército dominicano arrastrando las urnas.

cometidos por los imperialistas, miente descaradamente al acusar a Cuba y la Unión Soviética de intervenir en el movimiento rebelde.

El régimen de Sese Seko ha puesto a la nación zaireña a disposición de los países capitalistas que se encuentran saqueando los recursos naturales del país, causando hambre y miseria. ¡La ausencia de servicios sociales, empleos y justicia son las verdaderas causas de la rebelión!

## República Dominicana

Militares intervienen en elección dominicana

La dictadura Balaguerista, instalada en el 1965 después de la intervención por 25,000 tropas norteamericanas, fue frustrada en las elecciones de ese país—llevadas a cabo el 16 de mayo de 1978. El presidente del Partido Revolucionario Dominicano Salvador Jorge Blanco anunció que el PRD ganó la mayoría de votos en 20 de 26 provincias.

Pero antes que se pudiera concluir la computación en los comicios, soldados del ejército dominicano agarraron las urnas y ocuparon las oficinas de la Junta Central Electoral. Al mismo tiempo cientos de militantes del PRD fueron arrestados y golpeados en diferentes ciudades del país en choques con los militares. Por mucho

que querían bloquear el resultado echaron un paso patras bajo la presión popular y cuando el Departamento de Estado de EEUU exhortó a Balaguer que cumpliera con los resultados.

Títeres como Balaguer son dispensables a los señores imperialistas de Washington cuando ya no pueden ocultar el carácter corrupto y represivo del régimen y se les hace difícil cumplir las tareas de sus amos.

Hay también que recordar que Washington nunca apuesta todo su dinero detras de una mano, pero frecuentemente apoya los dos lados y así trata de controlar el juego entero.

## Chile

### Huelga de hambre

SANTIAGO—Nuevamente, familiares de los desaparecidos del régimen fascista de Pinochet se han declarado en huelga de hambre para exigir que se cumpla lo dispuesto por las Naciones Unidas, en el sentido que la dictadura informe del paradero de más de 2,000 desaparecidos; y que, Pinochet todavía no cumple, a pesar de la intervención personal del Secretario General de las N.U. Kurt Waldheim.

Alrededor de todo el mundo se han organizado huelgas de hambre en solidaridad con la causa de Chile. Aquí en los EEUU se mantienen en Nueva York, Atlanta, San Francisco y Washington, D.C.

## Puestos en libertad...

# Archuleta y los hermanos Rosado

NEW YORK—El pasado 8 de mayo, los hermanos Julio, Andrés y Luis Rosado junto al compañero Pedro Archuleta fueron puestos en libertad después de haber estado detenidos en el centro penal metropolitano por haberse negado a prestar información a un gran jurado escogido por el FBI. Su libertad coincidió con la fecha de expiración del período de vida del gran jurado.

Los grandes jurados de Nueva York y Chicago reclaman estar autorizados para investigar el FALN (Fuerzas Armadas de

Liberación Nacional), un grupo puertrorriqueño pro-independentista. No obstante, nadie debe dejarse engañar por semejante ardid. El gran jurado es en concreto, un instrumento del gobierno, residuo de la época McCartista, que está siendo usado desde hace más de dos años con propósitos represivos. En su cacería de brujas el gobierno se encuentra conduciendo una campaña para recopilar información sobre activistas políticos de las comunidades chicana (mexicanas) y puertrorriqueñas.

Archuleta, quien fue encarcelado el 4 de julio, es un activista chicano que participó en la lucha por la recuperación de tierras en el condado de Río Arriba al sur de la línea fronteriza en el estado de Colorado. En dicho condado, la población chicana ha estado luchando durante los últimos 50 a 60 años para recobrar las tierras que fueron heredadas de sus antepasados, pero que les fuera arrebatada por el gobierno y por los caciques locales. Al participar en esta lucha Archuleta y los otros compañeros se han convertido en "blanco" del hostigamiento "oficial".

Cuando una persona es llamada a responder a preguntas de un gran jurado federal, se le niegan todos sus derechos elementales tales como representación legal, un jurado regular y hasta el derecho a guardar silencio. Y si la persona se niega a contestar, entonces se le encierra por tanto tiempo como dure oficialmente el gran jurado federal. El término puede ser hasta de 18 meses y tal vez más si el gran jurado es

restablecido.

Andrés Rosado quien fue encarcelado por 9 meses declaró recientemente: "El gran jurado hizo posible que yo viera con más claridad la clase de instrumento represivo que es y cómo se usa contra los militantes políticos. En poco tiempo pudimos comprender que es preferible ir a la cárcel antes que cooperar con el gran jurado federal". El mismo sentimiento fue también expresado por los otros compañeros militantes que fueron encarcelados.

... "Dado que gran jurado federal es un instrumento para destruir las organizaciones que representan a las masas desposeídas, yo no cooperaré con esta represión... Lo que hice hoy, lo hice con orgullo. Pueden mandarme a la cárcel por uno o diez años, pero nunca hablare, pues me siento muy orgulloso de ser un chicano que lucha por la justicia".

Pedro Archuleta, antes de ser llevado a la prisión.

## —Invasión sudafricana

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están intentando crear regímenes neocoloniales en Africa donde sea que los viejos regímenes coloniales racistas se están tambaleando bajo la presión de las masas. Los imperialistas también planean seguir empleando gente como Vorster y Smith para utilizar su maquinaria represiva, cuando sea necesario proteger los intereses económicos de las potencias imperialistas en la región.

Pero la agresión fascista emanando de Pretoria y secretamente apoyada en Washington, Londres, Paris, Bonn y O tawa no puede revertir la marea hacia la liberación de Africa negra. Las masas del mundo están del lado de los pueblos de Angola, Namibia y Zimbabwe, así como del heroico pueblo cubano. Como su gobierno tan claramente enunció en la reciente sesión del Consejo de Seguridad de la ONU "Cualquier agresión en contra de nuestros hermanos y hermanas de Angola es considerada como una agresión en contra del pueblo cubano... nosotros daremos a SWAPO apoyo incondicional hasta que se haya puesto fin a la ocupación de Namibia".



Julio Rosado, Pedro Archuleta, Andrés Rosado y Luis Rosado, saludando con el puño cerrado en señal de rebeldía.



Masivo recibimiento...

# A Mengistu Haile Mariam en Cuba

Reproducido del Granma 7 de mayo de 1978.

Discurso pronunciado por el comandante en jefe Fidel Castro, primer secretario del Comité Central del Partido Comunista de Cuba y presidente del Consejo de Estado y del Consejo de Ministros, en la concentración popular con motivo de la visita a Cuba de Mengistu Haile Mariam, presidente del Consejo Administrativo Militar Provisional y del Consejo de Ministros de Etiopía, efectuada en la Plaza de la Revolución.

Compañero Mengistu Haile Mariam: compañeros de la delegación etíope; compatriotas:

Nos encontramos hoy frente a un acontecimiento histórico: el encuentro de nuestro pueblo con el gran dirigente revolucionario etíope Mengistu Haile Mariam y la delegación que preside (Aplausos).

Etiopía ha sido, durante miles de años, un Estado independiente. Cuando en el

siglo pasado todos los países de África, sin excepción, fueron ocupados por las potencias coloniales de Europa, el pueblo etíope, por su fuerza, sus tradiciones de lucha y su heroísmo, se mantuvo independiente.

El ejército italiano fue severamente derrotado por los etíopes en 1896. Decenas de años más tarde, en el 1935, las tropas fascistas italianas de Benito Mussolini, partiendo de Somalia y de la región que ocupaban al norte del país conocida por Eritrea, invadieron Etiopía con empleo de las armas más modernas, apoderándose de todo su territorio después de dura y fiera resistencia, que no cesó un instante durante la ocupación que se prolongó sólo durante cinco años.

Pero, a la inversa, cuando después de la Segunda Guerra Mundial los países africanos, uno a uno, se liberaban del colonialismo y muchos de ellos iniciaban un camino progresista, Etiopía se mantenía como un Estado absolutamente

feudal, donde existía incluso, oficialmente, la esclavitud.

La Revolución Etíope no fue organizada ni dirigida por un partido o movimiento político. Era tanta la injusticia, la opresión, la pobreza y el hambre, que el país un día estalló. En ese sentido, los hechos y las circunstancias nos recuerdan mucho la Revolución Francesa de 1789.

La monarquía fue abolida, la esclavitud suprimida radicalmente, y el feudalismo y sus relaciones de producción literalmente barridos del escenario del país. Siendo un país absolutamente subdesarrollado, la clase obrera era muy poco numerosa, el grueso de su población, un 90 por ciento, estaba constituido por campesinos.

La Revolución, como es lógico, estalló también en el seno del ejército. Oficiales jóvenes de baja graduación, sargentos y soldados, barrieron con la alta oficialidad de espíritu feudal, y tomaron los mandos. La ausencia de una organización política de carácter nacional determinó su rol decisivo en la conducción del proceso.

Etiopía, por otro lado, es un país integrado por numerosas etnias que hablan diferentes idiomas, y regiones con diversos matices nacionales. Los problemas heredados del régimen feudal no eran pocos, la pobreza y el hambre habían llegado a situaciones extremas. La opresión del gobierno feudal había originado descontento amplio y movimientos secesionistas.

## ETIOPÍA FEUDAL ERA EL ALIADO MAS INCONDICIONAL DEL IMPERIALISMO EN EL CONTINENTE AFRICANO

A los problemas heredados se sumaron otros nuevos. Los elementos feudales desalojados del poder y los altos oficiales del antiguo régimen se levantaron en armas por todas partes. A esto había que añadir un hecho fundamental: Etiopía feudal era el aliado más incondicional del imperialismo en el continente africano. Como era de esperarse, éste comenzó inmediatamente a maniobrar contra la Revolución Etíope en alianza con los países reaccionarios de la región, estimulando el secesionismo y las ambiciones territoriales de Somalia. El

Estado somalo estaba considerado entre los países de línea progresista, incluso postulaba el socialismo como objetivo. En realidad, como lo han demostrado los hechos, la ideología prevaleciente en sus dirigentes era el chovinismo. La idea loca de la "Gran Somalia" los arrastró al campo imperialista, considerando que había llegado la gran oportunidad de realizarla aplastando la Revolución Etíope, y a ese precio apoderarse de una tercera parte de su territorio, con el visto bueno y el aplauso de Estados Unidos, la OTAN y los países reaccionarios del Medio Oriente. El propio Siad Barre ha declarado que comunicó oportunamente al Gobierno de Estados Unidos sus intenciones de invadir a Etiopía.

La agresión somala, con numerosas fuerzas bien armadas, se convirtió en un extraordinario peligro para la integridad, la revolución y la propia existencia de Etiopía. Sin el más decidido apoyo internacionalista, la revolución habría podido ser aplastada.

Cuando combatientes cubanos partieron hacia Etiopía para apoyar a su pueblo en la justa lucha contra la agresión exterior (Aplausos), los gobiernos de Estados Unidos y de los países de la OTAN, que no habían pronunciado una sola palabra durante los largos meses en que se desarrolló la invasión somala, reaccionaron enfurecidos contra la acción noble y solidaria de Cuba en ayuda de un pueblo que se cuenta entre los más sufridos y pobres del mundo.

Conversando con algunos visitantes norteamericanos, les he dicho: ¿Cuál sería la actitud de su gobierno si México los invade reclamándoles por la fuerza la devolución de Texas, Nuevo México, Arizona, California y otros territorios que ustedes le arrebataron por medio de las armas en el siglo pasado, donde viven 10 millones de mexicanos? (Aplausos). Pues bien, tiene mucho más derecho México a eso que Siad Barre para reclamar el territorio de Ogaden, que forma parte de Etiopía hace cientos de años, y no perteneció nunca a Somalia (Aplausos).

Del mismo modo, el imperialismo yanqui pretende cuestionar el derecho de Etiopía a defender su integridad (vea página 4)



## En la República Dominicana: El paraíso de la Gulf y Western

Por J. SOREL

CHICAGO—¿Qué significa un paraíso para el capitalista? Seguramente debe ser un paraíso tropical libre de uniones, impuestos y beneficios para los trabajadores. Súmese un gobierno local que provea tropas para romper todo intento de formar sindicatos, y el sueño del capitalista está completo.

Tal sueño jamás podría convertirse en realidad, uno ha de suponer. Ninguna compañía podría tener todo a su manera. Pero desafortunadamente este sueño es una pesadilla realidad existente aquí mismo en este hemisferio. En la República Dominicana, en una ciudad llamada La Romana, una gran corporación transnacional estado unidense, Gulf y Western posee y controla una zona libre industrial la cual ha sido considerado por la AFL-CIO como una de las ciudades más perfectas controladas por una corporación en el hemisferio occidental.

Las veinte fábricas en dicha zona son administradas por 18 compañías y más de 28,000 personas trabajan para la Gulf y Western. El salario consiste en 45 centavos por hora. No hay seguro de salud, ni pensión de retiro, ni programa de compensación por accidentes, ni seguro de desempleo a pesar de un desempleo nacional de 24 por ciento.

Los trabajadores que no cumplen sus cuotas productivas tienen que trabajar horas de más hasta lograrlas, sin recibir pago por el tiempo suplementario. Cuando un trabajador desea ir al baño, debe levantar la mano y esperar por espacio de

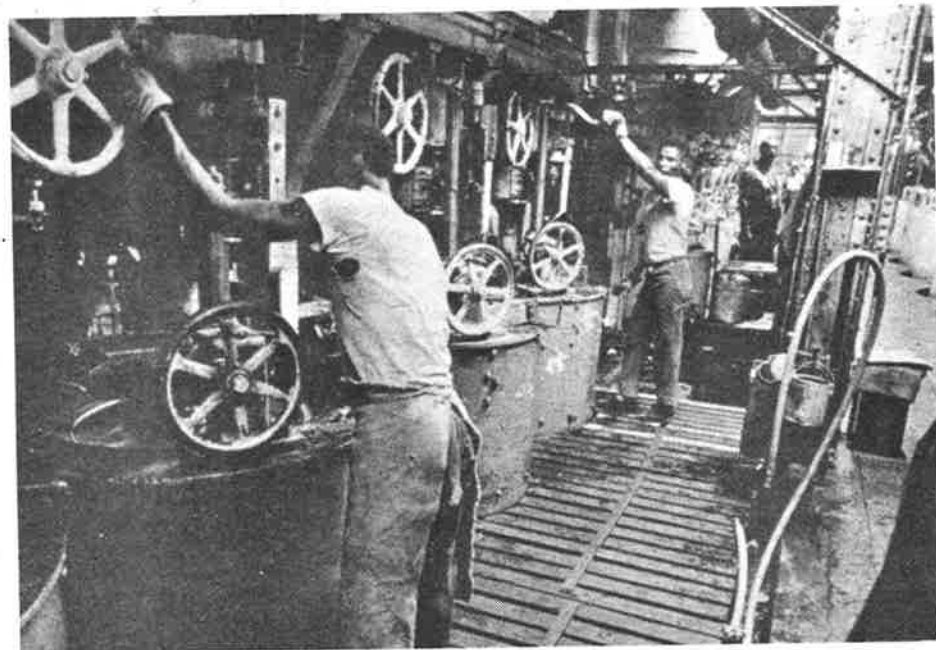
media hora o más antes de recibir el permiso.

Hay un programa de aprendizaje en el que los trabajadores reciben solamente 17 centavos por hora y por lo regular son despedidos antes de completar el programa. La mayoría del personal está constituido por mujeres quienes son obligadas a someterse a registros al final de cada día.

### POLICIA PROTEGE "ZONA LIBRE"

La razón que los salarios son tan bajos y las condiciones tan miserables es debido a que las uniones han sido mantenidas fuera de La Romana. La "zona libre" está cercada con unas vallas coronadas con alambres de púas. Cada entrada está vigilada por miembros de la policía nacional con sus carabinas para impedir la entrada de organizadores sindicalistas. Un reciente intento para organizar un sindicato fue aplastado por la Gulf y Western y su colega, el gobierno dominicano. Los Trabajadores simpatizantes fueron despedidos y luego arrestados y los organizadores fueron arrestados y deportados o heridos a tiros. También un club de motoristas financiado por la compañía fue reclutado para atacar a trabajadores que apoyaban la unión, y una manifestación fue disuelta por tropas militares armadas con ametralladoras.

La Gulf y Western tiene un ingreso mundial de 4 billones de dólares, que es casi equivalente a la producción nacional de la República Dominicana. Aquí en



"El hambre del pueblo dominicano es el trabajo de compañías como la Gulf y Western". Aquí trabajadores de la azucarera Gulf y Western en La Romana.

Chicago, Gulf y Western posee dos hoteles Hilton, dos hipódromos y varias fábricas. En la República Dominicana, posee 264,000 acres de terreno incluyendo la más grande central azucarera, y ganadería en el mundo, además de muchas fincas. En cuanto a la zona libre industrial, el comentario de Victor Nutt, un vicepresidente de la Gulf y Western habla por sí solo: "En el contexto de la economía un salario de 45 centavos por hora es bastante bueno". Debería él tratar de sobrevivir de salario semejante.

La República Dominicana está habitada por más de 5 millones de personas. Un sacerdote católico estimó recientemente que 70 por ciento de los campesinos viven sumergidos en el hambre y la miseria.

Sólo 11 por ciento toman leche, 4 por ciento carne, y 2 por ciento huevos. El pescado que abunda en las aguas constaneras es exportado para el beneficio de las transnacionales. El hambre de este pueblo es el trabajo de compañías como la Gulf y Western.

Estas compañías estadounidenses que operan en todos los países latinoamericanos (excepto Cuba) son la base económica de la explotación imperialista. Son las mismas que explotan a los obreros norteamericanos también. Por eso es necesario el esfuerzo unido de trabajadores de todas partes para ponerle fin a su dominio criminal: y ese día está más cerca de lo que los ejecutivos de la Gulf y Western y sus colegas piensan.



## El papel de los Estados Unidos...

# Las Brigadas Rojas y el PCI

El siguiente artículo sobre la crisis italiana fue escrito una semana antes de que se llevara a cabo el asesinato de Moro.

Por SAM MARCY

2 de mayo—Italia se está moviendo, lenta pero seguramente, a una resolución tipo-Chile, frente a la crisis política que enfrenta el pueblo italiano. Naturalmente, este proceso podría ser interrumpido por la intervención de las masas, a un nivel verdaderamente espontáneo y elemental. Pero si esto no sucede, pudiera acontecer un desarrollo espantoso que tendría grandes consecuencias en toda Europa. Transformaría ciertamente, la situación política en el continente y tendría repercusiones en el mundo entero.

Lo que está en juego para los pueblos oprimidos y para la clase trabajadora internacional es realmente valioso, porque el resultado de la crisis italiana tendrá efectos duraderos.

### CRISIS BASADA EN UNA POBREZA CRECIENTE

En las últimas semanas, los titulares acerca de Italia, en la prensa de los EEUU y de otros países capitalistas, han sido predominantemente sobre el secuestro de Moro. Sin embargo, cualquier forma que uno mire el caso de Moro ya sea como un simple rapto llevado a cabo por una organización anarquista, o, como un complot esencialmente derechista que se esconde detrás de la pantalla del rapto de las Brigadas Rojas, es un síntoma de una aguda crisis social.

La crisis no comenzó ayer, se viene arrastrando por un número de años, desde el fin del llamado milagro industrial de los años del auge capitalista de post-guerra en Italia. Después del crecimiento de los años 50 y 60, una inflación galopante—que llegó a los más altos índices en Italia—anunciaba la venida de ésta crisis capitalista con sus consecuencias de desempleo, alza del costo de la vida y la imposibilidad para grandes sectores de la juventud de encontrar una salida o alguna esperanza de trabajo.

La crisis capitalista ha estado, “tranquilamente”, tomando las más altas proporciones en Italia, más que probablemente en cualquier otro país de Europa, con las posibles excepciones de Portugal o Grecia. Italia no es Alemania Federal, Bélgica, Holanda o Gran Bretaña, que se hicieron ricos con sus imperios coloniales.

Italia como país, es rico en desarrollo industrial (especialmente en el norte del país), en talentos y habilidades; y podría, bajo un sistema socialista llegar a ser un país muy poderoso satisfaciendo no sólo

las necesidades humanas de sus habitantes, sino la de otros más allá de sus confines.

No obstante, como un país imperialista que sirve de ancla de la OTAN (Organización del Tratado del Atlántico Norte), es un país pobre—real y verdaderamente pobre—que no puede salir de su pobreza sin romper las cadenas de la explotación capitalista y la opresión imperialista.

En este momento, vista desde este lado del Atlántico, toda Italia aparece completamente absorbida en el caso Moro; y, toda Italia aparece, unida, como una sola contra las Brigadas Rojas, que se cree son los captores de Moro. Moro mismo, aparece no sólo elevado a la calidad de mártir—a pesar de que todavía está vivo—sino, que virtualmente a la santidad. Pero, una pequeña reflexión sobre esto, nos demostrará que todo eso es superficial.

Aunque aquí, hay un hecho que la prensa capitalista deliberadamente ha dejado de mencionar durante estas semanas de la

crisis. Es bastante conocido que Moro es un político capitalista corrupto. Cuando él era Primer Ministro su gabinete cayó por los escándalos de la Lockheed, algo que ninguno de los periódicos quieren recordar, pero que, muchos trabajadores italianos no han olvidado.

Se supone en los medios informativos de los EEUU, sobre el caso Moro, que el gran peligro para Italia y para el “estado italiano” (para la “sociedad civil”) proviene de las Brigadas Rojas, cuyo terror, se sostiene, tendría la posibilidad de desestabilizar todo el orden social. Se ha reportado que las Brigadas Rojas, han dicho en muchas ocasiones, que ellas existen para “destruir el estado”. Los atentados terroristas individuales que dicen haber llevado a cabo están destinados a cumplir, precisamente, dicho propósito.

### BRIGADAS ROJAS: ¿UN PELIGRO PARA EL ESTADO?

Bajo estas circunstancias, uno es llevado a creer que toda la sociedad

italiana está convulsionada por el terror de las Brigadas. Por tanto, se argumenta que la “unidad nacional” debe ser lograda, entre opresores y las clases oprimidas de Italia, como la primera y fundamental tarea para poder combatir este demonio.

La primera y la más importante cuestión que hay que entender acerca de la naturaleza de la crisis política actual de Italia, es que, la clase dominante no está ni asustada ni convulsionada, ni realmente agitada por las Brigadas Rojas—asumiendo que ellas existan en el número que la prensa capitalista les atribuye, y que son todos anarquistas o anarco-comunistas.

A menudo se dice que Italia es una nueva nación, sin embargo, su clase dominante es antigua y con experiencia. Ellos saben que el estado no puede ser destruido por el terrorismo individual. Sus ideólogos, como sus políticos, a diferencia de los anarquistas, saben que el estado como actualmente existe en Italia es—en su esqueleto—un cuerpo de hombres armados. Como Engels dijo, es al aparato represivo de los servicios secretos, militares y policíacos; y el estado es un instrumento de la clase dominante que sólo puede ser destruido por las acciones colectivas de las inmensas masas de trabajadores, campesinos y soldados, en el curso de una lucha revolucionaria de clases.

Lo que las Brigadas Rojas están haciendo, ni remotamente daña el funcionamiento del estado capitalista. Aún más importante, de ninguna forma detiene o demora la explotación de los trabajadores por la clase capitalista. La extracción de la plusvalía continúa inexorablemente, y la acumulación capitalista continúa como antes. El proceso de producción capitalista no es en ninguna forma afectado por el terrorismo individual, el cual es una expresión de la frustración de la pequeña burguesía, y no una inspiración o una exhortación a la lucha, para la clase trabajadora.

### ANARQUISMO, FRUSTRACION Y OPORTUNISMO

Ciertamente, la existencia de las Brigadas Rojas indica la presencia de una tendencia anarquista fuerte; pero el anarquismo es el precio que la clase trabajadora paga por el oportunismo de sus líderes. Es en esta forma como las Brigadas Rojas deben ser entendidas, y no como la burguesía las coloca. El peligro que la clase trabajadora enfrenta, dentro del movimiento proletario, es la completa rendición de su principal partido político, el Partido Comunista Italiano (P.C.I.) a la política de la burguesía. Este es el peligro interno dentro del movimiento de la clase trabajadora.

El peligro real externo yace en una dictadura militar neofascista y este peligro es inherente en el caso Moro y es precisamente lo que ha sido ocultado.

### ATENTOS DE GOLPE FASCISTA

No fue hace mucho que el actual Primer Ministro, Giulio Andreotti, quien era en ese entonces el Ministro de Defensa, dirigió una investigación sobre complots para derrocar el gobierno italiano. De acuerdo con él, desde enero de 1970 a agosto de 1974, por lo menos 3 complots derechistas fueron planificados para derrocar al gobierno italiano.

En diciembre de 1970, el movimiento Julio Valerio Borghese planificó el derrocamiento del gobierno con la ayuda de los militares.

En enero de 1974, un plan detallado fue organizado por movimientos neo-fascistas para tomarse el palacio presidencial (Quirinale), el Parlamento, los ministerios, los centros de radio y televisión y otros medios de comunicación e información.

En agosto de 1974, la conspiración de la “Rosa Dei Venti” estuvo lista para explotar. Esta era una conspiración política y militar para derrocar el sistema democrático e instalar una junta militar. “La conspiración incluía a más de 75 generales, políticos, y agentes policíacos, todos pertenecientes a movimientos neo-fascistas”, (Vea “Italia en Peligro” por

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“Un golpe de estado tipo-Chile fué realmente considerado por Kissinger, como una solución alternativa a la crisis italiana”. Arriba: OTAN practica “juegos de guerra” en Italia.

Después de la derrota de los agresores en Ogaden, el imperialismo y sus aliados reaccionarios exigen rabiosamente la retirada inmediata de los combatientes cubanos en Etiopía. Cualquiera comprende que esto significaría también el inicio inmediato de nuevas agresiones.

Nosotros, por una cuestión de principio, nos negamos terminantemente a discutir con Estados Unidos este punto (Aplausos), o cualquier otro relacionado con la solidaridad de Cuba a las justas luchas de los pueblos de Africa.

¿Acaso Estados Unidos discute con nosotros la presencia de unidades militares suyas en decenas de países del mundo?

El personal militar cubano estará en Etiopía el tiempo que acuerden los gobiernos de Etiopía y Cuba para apoyar al pueblo etíope contra cualquier agresión exterior (Aplausos prolongados).

Por ello debe quedar bien claro que nuestros combatientes no se cruzarán de brazos, si se produce cualquier nueva invasión a Etiopía (Aplausos prolongados).

Con Etiopía colaboraremos también ampliamente en el terreno civil. Ya hay allí un numeroso contingente de médicos y personal de salud cubanos, y así lo haremos en otros campos (Exclamaciones y aplausos).

¿Qué dejaron el imperialismo y su aliado, el régimen feudal, en Etiopía? Ciento cincuenta mil leprosos, 400,000 tuberculosos, 6 millones de palúdicos, 14 millones de personas con diversos grados de infección en la vista, ciento de miles de

seres humanos que murieron de hambre durante las sequías, 95 por ciento de analfabetos y 125 médicos, para citar únicamente algunos ejemplos.

Estas cifras aterradoras hablan por sí solas lo que significa el imperialismo para los pueblos del llamado Tercer Mundo.

No quiero ser muy extenso, ya que debemos escuchar el discurso de Mengistu en amárico y español (Aplausos).

Deseo señalar que nosotros tenemos una gran confianza en el compañero Mengistu, por su claridad revolucionaria, su carácter, su audacia y su valentía (Aplausos). Mengistu es, por encima de todo, un hombre honesto y revolucionario (Aplausos). Mengistu es un firme abanderado del marxismo-leninismo (Aplausos).

Martí dijo que los hombres no hacen los pueblos; pero que en determinadas circunstancias se expresan en un hombre. Mengistu es el eslabón fundamental que vincula la Revolución Cubana a la Revolución Etíope (Aplausos).

En la etapa actual del proceso revolucionario es necesaria toda su autoridad, su valentía, inteligencia y capacidad de dirección, para conducir la Revolución Etíope en el duro y difícil camino que tiene delante.

Nuestro pueblo y nuestro partido le expresan con este multitudinario y gigantesco acto de hoy su confianza ilimitada, y su más profunda solidaridad (Aplausos prolongados).

¡Patria o muerte!

¡Venceremos!

(Ovación)

## —Mengistu en Cuba

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territorial y su unidad frente a los secesionistas de Eritrea.

Los propios Estados Unidos tienen su amarga experiencia histórica sobre secesionismo, cuando los estados esclavistas del sur pretendieron separarse de la Unión en la segunda mitad del pasado siglo. Un hombre tan pacífico, de la talla y la nobleza de Lincoln, se vio obligado a acudir a las armas para impedirlo (Aplausos). Ahora pretenden negar a Etiopía el derecho a defender la integridad del país.

### CUBA ES DECIDIDAMENTE PARTIDARIA DE QUE EXISTA LA PAZ ENTRE ETIOPIA Y TODOS LOS ESTADOS VECINOS

Cuba es decididamente partidaria de que exista la paz entre Etiopía y todos los Estados vecinos, sobre la base del respeto a la integridad de cada uno y la no interferencia en los asuntos internos de los demás (Aplausos). Etiopía no reclama territorio de ningún otro Estado.

Etiopía necesita también paz interna. Cuba es, por ello, igualmente partidaria de soluciones políticas justas, partiendo de los principios leninistas, al problema de las nacionalidades, dentro de un Estado revolucionario etíope que preserve como derecho irrenunciable su unidad, su absoluta integridad y soberanía (Aplausos).

## —Las Brigadas

Pellegrino Nazzaro en Historia Presente, marzo de 1975).

¿Qué les ha pasado a todos estos elementos neo-fascistas y a sus vínculos con la clase dominante? ¿Han sido todos ejecutados, muertos, o raptados? ¿Por qué se oye tan poco del peligro de derecha? ¿Es que la derecha se ha desintegrado completamente?

¿No indicaría la investigación previa de Andreotti que es mucho mayor el peligro de la derecha, que lo que la clase dominante está dispuesta a reconocer, y que la prensa de los EEUU no está dispuesta a escribir?

### EL PAPEL DE MORO EN EL "COMPROMISO HISTÓRICO"

Estas interrogantes nos traen nuevamente al caso Moro. Se ha dicho que Moro era el principal líder en el Partido Demócrata Cristiano que estaba dispuesto a "permitir" que el PCI se uniera a los demócratas-cristianos en una coalición basada en el llamado "compromiso histórico". De ese modo, él obtuvo presumiblemente, el apoyo total del PCI en los esfuerzos que la clase dominante hacía para resolver la crisis capitalista en base al sacrificio de la clase trabajadora.

Las Brigadas Rojas—se ha dicho—detestaban tanto el compromiso histórico que ellos lo veían como una traición de parte del PCI (que de hecho es cierto). Siendo así, ellos se aventuraron a detener la consumación de este compromiso a través del rapto de una figura política del Partido Demócrata Cristiano, cuya inmensa autoridad era capaz de hacer que, tanto las facciones de izquierda y de derecha del Partido Demócrata Cristiano, aceptaran la entrada formal del PCI en el gobierno.

No vamos disputar que los anarquistas son capaces de una lógica torcida como ésta, lo cual es una posibilidad; pero el anarquismo que se basa en la desesperanza, frecuentemente llega a toda tipo de extremos hasta llegar a derrotar sus propósitos.

No obstante, es mucho más relevante a la presente crisis política de Italia, en los que al caso-Moro concierne, mirarlo desde el punto de vista del capital financiero norteamericano.

### COMO LO VE WASHINGTON

Desde el inicio de OTAN, los EEUU han visto a Italia como su ancla más fuerte. El capitalismo italiano es un satélite del imperialismo norteamericano, y éste no ha cambiado con los presidentes que se han sucedido.

Es bien conocido, que los EEUU se han opuesto consistentemente a permitir que los demócratas-cristianos hagan ingresar formalmente al PCI en el gobierno. El hecho que el PCI ha renunciado completamente al Leninismo, y está actuando más servil, y descaradamente al servicio de la burguesía italiana, ha hecho poca diferencia a la estrategia de Washington. No importa cuánto los líderes del PCI traten de asegurar—tanto a Washington como a Wall Street—que ellos están en corazón y alma por el "sistema democrático", es decir a favor del capitalismo, la cumbre dominante del capital financiero norteamericano, prefiere tratar sin la ayuda del PCI, y preferiría ver al PCI eliminado antes que de colega de los demócrata-cristianos.

La triste realidad es que a pesar de la reciente visita a Estados Unidos de Giorgio Napolitano—miembro del Comité Central y del Secretariado del PCI—y su renuncia pública al marxismo, y aun más, al socialismo (vea New York Times—19 de abril) la administración Carter no parece convencida, y esto no es accidental.

Se recordará que justo antes de las elecciones francesas, el Presidente Carter dictó públicamente un virtual ultimátum a los gobiernos de Francia e Italia, de no permitir coaliciones gubernamentales con el Partido Comunista. Al hacerlo, él siguió los pasos a la amenaza hecha con anterioridad por Kissinger, en un "documental" de la NBC, sobre el eurocomunismo. En este programa, Kissinger utilizó un lenguaje fuerte y calculado, para inhibir a los demócrata-cristianos de aventurarse en el campo de las coaliciones políticas con el PCI.

En esta conexión es importante recordar que Giovanni Leone, el Presidente de Italia, confirió con el Presidente Gerald Ford en septiembre de 1974 sobre la situación en Italia. Ford prometió el apoyo total de su administración para

"ayudar a Italia en la restauración de su equilibrio económico". La visita de Leone ocurrió inmediatamente después de la creación de un "comité super-secreto" por el Secretario de Estado de los EEUU, Henry Kissinger (de acuerdo con el artículo "Historia Presente" que se mencionó anteriormente).

### COMITE SECRETO DE KISSINGER SOBRE ITALIA

No se sabe mucho acerca de este comité, pero, de acuerdo al artículo de Nazzaro: "la esfera de este comité era el estudio serio del desarrollo político y económico de Italia". El comité acordó que la crisis italiana era básicamente económica y que con ayuda económica masiva, podrían prevenirse cualquier tipo de aventuras políticas. El informe enfatizaba que los EEUU debía dar a Italia asistencia económica y monetaria. En cuanto a las consecuencias políticas de la crisis, el comité informaba que la crisis económica podría dar paso a un gobierno de extrema derecha. Esto podía resultar en una coalición de católicos conservadores, neo-fascistas, monarquistas y liberales, con el apoyo de la Iglesia".

El informe también, veía la posibilidad que "un golpe de estado extremista podría

PCI, tiene que verse necesariamente a la luz del acuerdo de 1974 entre Ford y Leone, con respecto a la coalición gubernamental con el PCI. Si, como se ha dicho frecuentemente desde el rapto de Moro, él está a favor de abrirle la puerta al PCI—y efectivamente lo hizo—entonces él actuó en contra del entendimiento que él y su partido estaban presumiblemente comprometidos a mantener con los EEUU.

Aunque pueda ser verdad que las Brigadas Rojas esten manteniendo a Moro captive, es ciertamente plausible que Washington no está totalmente descontento con este desarrollo, y puede en efecto estar detrás de este hecho. Las Brigadas pudieron ser, sin quererlo, guiadas o controladas por la CIA, y sin siquiera saberlo.

El liderazgo del PCI está temeroso de acusar a los derechistas de un complot, por miedo de polarizar la lucha entre la derecha y la izquierda. Aun más, teme llamar a la Brigada particular que capturó a Moro, como herramienta de las fuerzas neo-fascistas o monarquistas, y de ultra derecha, trabajando en coalición con la CIA. Eso habría permitido que a Giorgio Napolitano se le considerara persona no grata en los EEUU.

Así es que hay algo como un acuerdo

entre los líderes del PCI, para caracterizar generalmente al rapto como un trabajo de criminales y asesinos, sin dar ningún vistazo a lo que las raíces del rapto pudieran ser. Por supuesto, los derechistas en Italia no son tan acomodaticios, ellos hablan de una conspiración y de una oscura trama cuyos orígenes pudieran estar en Checoslovaquia: que es otra forma de acusar a la Unión Soviética o alguna "conspiración comunista internacional."

En el curso de la eventual polarización, después que la fachada de unidad alrededor del caso Moro se haya desvanecido, los líderes de PCI enfrentándose a una situación como Chile, tendrán que—en defensa propia—retroceder frente a su precipitada claudicación ante la burguesía.

### LA CIA NO HA CAMBIADO

En vista de las recientes revelaciones de la CIA, la pregunta que asalta es: si la administración de Carter alentó o pudiera ser el arquitecto de una operación secreta como la del caso Moro.

El 30 de enero, en una conferencia de prensa presidencial se le preguntó a Carter, si todas las operaciones secretas estaban prohibidas.

Periodista: "La orden ejecutiva que Ud. firmó la semana pasada, el 24 de enero, estipula el procedimiento para que el Consejo Nacional de Seguridad apruebe manipulaciones secretas, y yo me pregunto, ¿si el pueblo norteamericano ha tenido ya su cuota de manipulaciones secretas, porque Ud. continúa estableciendo procedimientos para permitir las?"

Carter: "Yo no creo que la orden ejecutiva permitiría lo que Ud. llama manipulación secreta".

Periodista: "La sección 4212 de esa orden ejecutiva define a las actividades especiales como aquellas actividades dirigidas hacia afuera, las cuales son planificadas y ejecutadas para que el papel del gobierno de los EEUU no este aparente o públicamente reconocido, lo que parece ser una operación secreta".

La crisis de Italia es más profunda que el caso Moro, el que es sólo una manifestación de ella. Pero es importante no confundir al movimiento de la clase trabajadora y desviar su atención en forma tal que lo saque de su guardia y se encuentre desprevenido. El anarquismo, como un peligro ideológico y político, en el movimiento de la clase trabajadora es una cosa pero, las operaciones secretas de los conspiradores y de la maquinaria militar criminal de la CIA son algo totalmente diferente.



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traer a los militares al poder, apoyados por los neo-fascistas y monarquistas. Era también posible que una coalición de centro-izquierda (burguesa) fuera restaurada, con el apoyo decisivo del Partido Comunista. Esta tercera alternativa, aunque más efectiva, fue rechazada por el comité como no factible por sus consecuencias internacionales. El comité concluyó que la mejor solución para los problemas políticos y económicos de Italia, residía en la restauración de la fórmula (burguesa) de centro-izquierda, y trabajar para salir de la crisis económica".

Como se puede ver, en este informe del llamado comité supersecreto, un golpe de estado tipo-Chile fue realmente considerado por Kissinger, como una solución alternativa a la crisis italiana. Y la alternativa que fue rechazada, no era siquiera la coalición formal con el PCI sino que su apoyo externo.

### MORO VIOLO EL ACUERDO SECRETO

Uno es llevado a la inevitable conclusión de que el resultado de la visita de Leone a Washington, fue su compromiso en nombre de la Democracia Cristiana, de no formar una coalición con el PCI. Sin embargo la situación económica en Italia se deterioró y la crisis política se agudizó a pesar de los esfuerzos del PCI de ser tan acomodaticios como fuera posible desde fuera. Entonces, cuando Moro abrió la puerta a una colaboración con el PCI, aunque no en forma oficial, parecía que violaba el espíritu sino la letra del acuerdo entre Leone y Ford.

La intransigencia de Ford y Kissinger, como la de Carter y de Brzezinski, sobre el

## Brutalidad policiaca provoca rebelión de chicanos

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HOUSTON, 10 de mayo—Precisamente un año después de la muerte del compañero José Compos Torres, tomó lugar una rebelión por parte de la comunidad chicana (mejicana) de Houston. Dicha rebelión comenzó por la tarde del domingo 7 de mayo, cuando se celebraba el Cinco de Mayo, fecha en que los mejicanos conmemoran la victoria sobre las tropas colonialistas francesas. Al mismo tiempo, se estaba recordando el asesinato de José Torres quien fue brutalmente asesinado el 6 de mayo de 1977 por miembros del Departamento de Policía de Houston. Su cuerpo fue encontrado días después de su arresto, severamente maltratado, y se tiene entendido que los policías racistas lo golpearon y lo echaron en una ensenada donde se ahogó.

Después de las investigaciones correspondientes, los policías culpables fueron juzgados y sentenciados por un juez de la Corte Federal a un año de prisión. Cabe mencionar que anteriormente a la intervención de la Corte Federal los policías habían sido juzgados por una Corte local y como castigo se les había multado la ridícula cantidad de un dólar y luego fueron puestos en libertad.

Durante las actividades del pasado 7 de mayo en el parque Moody, un automóvil de la policía irrumpió en la celebración bajo la excusa de arrestar a

un par de bochincheros. Tomando en cuenta el estado de ánimo de los celebrantes y el racismo tan obvio de los policías, esta provocación ocasionó una ola de indignación e ira que cundió el parque en poco tiempo. Al cobrar la rebelión más fuerza, refuerzos policiacos fueron llamados y en las horas subsiguientes la confrontación entre la comunidad chicana y los agentes de la opresión creció hasta el punto que se extendió por los próximos dos días.

Diez cuadras de la ciudad fueron bloqueadas y puestos bajo vigilancia policiaca y al cabo de las dos noches de confrontación dieron como resultado 82 personas arrestadas, cuatro policías heridos y un gran número de chicanos golpeados.

El 10 de mayo el Consejo Municipal autorizó al Alcalde Jim McConn a declarar un estado de emergencia en la parte norte de la comunidad chicana. La autorización incluye el poder para declarar toque de queda, la prohibición de la venta de bebidas alcohólicas y armas de fuego y hasta la distribución de hojas sueltas de carácter político.

En concreto, la policía se encuentra ocupando la comunidad bajo el pretexto que agitadores forasteros son responsables por la violencia. La verdad es que la explotación, opresión y la persecución del pueblo chicano por la clase dominante de Houston son las causas de la rebelión.