

## While Vance lays down 'peace' smokescreen

# Carter pushes bomb shelters in war scare

## Meeting of 1,000 denounces strangling

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By SHARON SHELTON  
JUNE 20—While Secretary of State Cyrus Vance talked "peace" in highly publicized testimony before the House International Relations Committee on Monday, the Carter administration was also busy in Congress presenting a proposal aimed at stepping up the anti-Soviet war drive.

Though Vance's testimony and subsequent speech on Africa were billed as major policy statements, it was the Carter proposal that showed the real direction in which U.S. policy is moving. Carter's scheme, which would consolidate several existing agencies into a Federal Emergency Management Agency to deal with natural disasters and "civil defense," is in reality an ominous, provocative war move.

Hailed as giving the U.S. nuclear "preparedness," the true goal of the Carter proposal is to prepare the people of the U.S. psychologically for war, much in the same way that bomb shelters, air raid drills in the schools, and civil defense groups were pushed by the Pentagon in the 1950s as a way to create an anti-Soviet hysteria and pave the way for U.S. nuclear build-up efforts.

### VANCE'S PROPAGANDA SMOKESCREEN

It was Vance's words, however, that got the headlines. Speaking before Congress on Monday and to the Jaycees in Atlanta on Tuesday, Vance's remarks on U.S. Africa policy revealed more a calculated effort to project an image of restraint than any real restraint. This was admitted outright by a State Department official who was quoted in today's Washington Post as saying that "the shift in rhetoric has been much greater than the explicit shift in policy."

Despite Vance's noises about "cultivating relations" with

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## Federal gov't aids Nazi march in Chicago

By JOHN HUTTON

CHICAGO, June 21—Sixteen elected Black officials here today charged that the U.S. Justice Department had intervened with the local courts to let a Nazi group demonstrate in the city's Marquette Park.

The Metropolitan Black Caucus of Chicago stated that "a conspiracy against Black residents of Marquette Park was instigated by the community relations division of the Justice Department."

The group made the charges shortly after Federal District Judge George Leighton told the fascists that they were free to demonstrate in the Park without putting up the \$60,000 bond that had previously been required of them.

The group, made up of 16 Black ward Committeemen immediately pointed out that waving this insurance bond requirement for the Nazis was grossly unfair to the Black groups which in the past had been forced to pay it before they were permitted to march in Marquette Park. (The Nazis openly call for the massacre of all Black, Latin, Asian and Jewish peoples and the violent suppression of all progressive organizations. During the years 1933-1945 Nazis in Europe ex-

terminated over 12 million people in concentration camps.)

The Chicago Nazis have announced that this Saturday they will demonstrate in the city's loop area and that they will march in Marquette Park on July 9.

The Reverend A.D. Dunlap, President of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Movement Coalition said today that his organization would hold an anti-fascist counter march in the Park if the Nazis demonstrated there.

Meanwhile, there is growing doubt that the Nazis will march on June 25th in the Chicago suburb of Skokie, as they have been threatening to do. Skokie is the home of more than seven thousand survivors of Hitler's death camps, and Chicago's Nazi party boss Frank Collin first called for a fascist march there back in the fall of 1976, saying his goal was to "get thousands of people to take to the streets against the Jews."

The Skokie village government attempted to block the Nazi march by local ordinances; these were toppled at the end of last January by a Federal Court order in favor of the Nazis. A last-minute appeal to the U.S.-Supreme Court failed earlier this month, and the final legal barriers to the Nazi

demonstration in Skokie have been removed. But now the Nazis are saying they never really wanted to go to Skokie anyway.

### NAZIS SMASHED IN ST. LOUIS

The Nazis perhaps have had a change of heart since the press reported that as many as 50,000 people were expected for an anti-fascist counter-rally should they appear in Skokie. (Whether the Nazis march in Skokie or not, the counter-demonstration is still expected to take place.)

In addition, an attempted Nazi "builder" march in St. Louis last March turned into a debacle, with Nazis cowering in their trucks behind a heavy police guard while more than 3,000 local residents pelted them with snowballs, eggs, and rocks.

What a break for the fascists that at this point the Justice Department has rushed to their rescue with the offer of Marquette Park!

It is interesting to compare the kid-glove treatment accorded these Nazi thugs today with the way the Martin Luther King Jr. Movement was treated in 1976. In the summer of that year, the King

Movement responded to Nazi-led rampages against the Chicago Black community with a series of marches into Marquette Park where the Nazis have a store-front office. The Chicago City government denied the anti-fascist protestors a permit and harassed and arrested the King Movement on trumped up charges.

Both the Federal government and the American Civil Liberties Union, which has been representing the Nazis in Court,

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## Gays fight rightists' attacks

By CONNIE HARRIS

JUNE 25—The modern wearing of the pink triangle, the badge that those imprisoned in the concentration camps of Nazi Germany for being homosexual were forced to wear, is not only a reminder that 250,000 homosexuals perished in Hitler's death camps and that countless others were tortured and brutalized; it is an act of defiance, a declaration that lesbians and gay men will not submit to fascist extermination.

By conducting effective, mass struggles against the demagoguery of Anita Bryant and her bigoted kindred, lesbians and gay men have shown a strong determination to stop this new wave of right-wing attacks. In these struggles, much can be learned from European

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By S. ARTHUR

BALTIMORE, June 12—Today the Plaza in front of the Baltimore City Hall resounded with shouts of "Pomerleau must go!" as the City Council reappointed the hated police chief to another six year term.

Nearly 25 people picketed the council's decision in a demonstration called on a few days' notice by the Baltimore Welfare Rights Organization and Youth Against War & Fascism.

Among the speakers during this demonstration were Bob Cheeks and Annie Rodgers, Executive Director and Chairwoman respectively of the Baltimore Welfare Rights Organization. Mr. Cheeks spoke of the wanton brutality of the police in oppressed communities. He stated "Have you ever heard of the cops beating up kids in a rich neighborhood?" Mr. Cheeks also talked about the frame-up charges of assaulting a police officer pending against himself. Annie Rodgers talked about the so-called curfew laws and how they are used almost exclusively in the Black community. Jeff Bigelow, president of Local 75A of the United Furniture Workers Union, talked of the role that the police play in breaking strikes and hindering unions.

#### "I DON'T CARE ABOUT YOUR CIVIL RIGHTS"

Even to people informed of the record of sadism and brutality that marks the record of the Baltimore cops during the twelve year reign of Donald D. Pomerleau as Police Chief, it must have come as a shock to hear his racist and arrogant remarks just before being reappointed. In response to Congressman Parren Mitchell (head of the Congressional Black Caucus), who testified about the threats and harassment that he had received, Pomerleau stated, "I don't care about your civil rights. . . I will spy and spy again before this town burns down." These words, which conjure up a vision of a Baltimore Himmler, are an apt reflection of what the Baltimore cops are really like.

Pomerleau was responsible for the Inspectional Services Division which, according to hearings of the Maryland Senate conducted in 1975, conducted spying activities that included infiltration of organizations in the Black community and the election campaign of Congressman Parren Mitchell, head of the Congressional Black Caucus. Evidence was also shown of

widespread wire tapping and surveillance of progressive individuals and organizations.

The City Council voted for Pomerleau by a margin of 17 to 2. Even the Baltimore Sun, a pillar of capitalist class rule, admitted that this 17-2 vote was hardly reflective

of the widespread opposition to Pomerleau. It was a vote of fear of the files which Pomerleau is known to keep on political figures and fear of what he might do with them. Several of the Council members admitted as such. It was then this fear and 100% support

given to Pomerleau by the rich in this city that steam-rolled his reappointment through.

The poor and working people of Baltimore are sick of police brutalities and killings, and six more years of Pomerleau means six more years of struggle!

## 'Down with the Shah!' echoes through streets of Washington

By SUSAN LESSER

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 5—Thousands of anti-Shah demonstrators filled the streets here today to commemorate the June 5, 1963 uprising in Iran and to demonstrate solidarity with the current anti-Shah actions taking place in many cities in Iran over the last several months. The demonstration was the result of a coalition of several Iranian student groups.

During the early 1960's with the help of the imperialist U.S. government, headed at that time by John Kennedy, the Shah of Iran instituted the so-called "white revolution," a front of quasi-

reforms designed to fool the masses of Iranian people and, in essence, consolidate the rule of the Shah and the control over Iran's resources by the U.S.

Many Iranians demonstrated against these "reforms" and the domination of U.S. imperialism over their lives. When one of their leaders was arrested by the Shah's police force, thousands of workers, peasants, and students poured into the streets of Tehran the next day, June 5, 1963. As the chants of "Down with the Shah" spread through many more cities, the Shah's fascist troops responded by massacring more than 15,000 men, women, and children

throughout the country. Many more were arrested, imprisoned, and tortured.

The Shah's blood-stained regime is still in power today only because of the massive military and economic aid of the U.S. government, whose interests it serves in the Middle East.

Today in Iran, in a mood reminiscent of the June 5th movement, more and more Iranians are joining the struggle against the Shah's dictatorial rule. Many have been shot and many have been arrested, but the anti-Shah, anti-repression demonstrations continues.

## Cuban cultural tour explodes a myth

### Does socialism stifle the arts?

By BILL DEL VECCHIO

JUNE 19—The myth that socialism stifles creativity and cultural expression has suffered a loss of credibility over the past year as a result of the exposure of a number of outstanding examples of Cuban culture to U.S. audiences. Among these were the tours by the musical groups Los Papines and Grupo Moncada, the showings of the recently produced movies *The Last Supper* and *Angola, Victory of Hope*, and the current tour of the Cuban National Ballet.

The excellence of these past two weeks' performances by the Cuban National Ballet at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York City has forced a little truth out of the anti-communist imperialist press, providing a small break in the constant barrage of hysterical propaganda against Cuban and Soviet support for the

African liberation struggle.

Writing for its more privileged and upper class readers (from which the ballet in the U.S. primarily draws its audience), the New York Times said, "An exuberant company with an exuberant public wound up to a high pitch—this has been the scene at the Met this week when the Cuban troupe has been making its first New York appearance. . . The special atmosphere in the house was already apparent on opening night when the audience roared—quite unusually—through a passage danced not by a soloist but by the corps de ballet in Giselle. This is indeed a magnificently disciplined corps."

Even the New York Daily News, which feels duty-bound to slander socialism to its working class readers at every opportunity, could only come up with, "Cuban

National Ballet—Well Trained But Dull."

Unlike the U.S. and other imperialist countries, where dance, theater, and live musical performances primarily exist to amuse the wealthy and privileged, the Cuban revolution has opened a broad spectrum of the arts to the masses. The Cuban National Ballet provides an excellent illustration of this.

The dancers in the troupe were trained at the National Arts School in Havana, where they won scholarships when they were elementary school age that provided them with completely free tuition, clothing, housing and medical care. Jorge Esquivel, the current male lead of the troupe now touring the U.S., was given a scholarship by National Arts School recruiters who found him in an orphanage in 1962 at age 11. He had been placed in the orphanage by his parents, who couldn't cope with raising him in the poverty of the years of rule under Batista.

The ballet is but one of the variety of excellent dance troupes, which perform folkloric dance and modern and traditional West African dances which were preserved by the descendants of the Yoruban people, who had been brought to Cuba by the Spanish to be slaves.

In music, salsa, jazz, and classical music all thrive as musicians are paid by the Cuban government to perform at the concerts, cultural events, and dances which are held continually throughout the country. And Cuba has received world renown for its movies such as *Lucia* and *Memories of Underdevelopment*.

Rather than strangle the arts, the revolution has nurtured them. There were no ballet or modern dance troupes, cinema institutes, schools for the arts, or scholarships when Cuba was an economic colony of U.S. imperialism. The existence of all these cultural institutions is due solely to the revolution.

The current tour of the Cuban National Ballet is giving U.S. audiences a lesson in one of the revolution's many accomplishments.

## —War scare

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Angola (while still refusing to recognize its government), the net result of his two addresses was to provide a propaganda smokescreen to cover U.S. aggressive moves in Africa. Certainly his words didn't usher in any reduction in the bulging Pentagon war chest or any let-up in the demands by Carter that his hands be "untied" so he can openly support the pro-imperialist counter-revolutionaries of UNITA, or even any call by the U.S. that its racist ally South Africa stop its murderous border attacks on Angolan women and children.

Instead Vance called upon the Soviet Union and Cuba to join in the "U.S. commitment to solving the conflicts in southern Africa through negotiations." What these pretty words hide is that the U.S. is madly scrambling to stop the liberation struggle in Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) and is maneuvering to achieve some sort of neocolonialist solution while doing everything it can to bolster the hated settler regime of Ian Smith in the meantime.

Just this week one of the guerrilla leaders fighting the Smith regime, Joshua Nkomo, appeared on CBS's *Face the Nation* saying that the U.S.-British scheme for a negotiated settlement was "becoming out of date" and that it would be the armed struggle that would determine the fate of the Zimbabwean people in the very near future. Nkomo also revealed that the U.S. is covertly aiding UNITA forces via South Africa in its efforts to destabilize the Angolan government.

Besides imperialist hatred for the Angolan Revolution, one reason that has been advanced in the bourgeois press for the frantic U.S. efforts to support attacks on Angola is that the Pentagon would like to tie up Cuban troops so that they would not be able to lend revolutionary assistance should the Zimbabwean people request it. What makes the imperialists so frantic is that the Ian Smith settler state is getting shakier every day. The situation inside Rhodesia, according to the May issue of *African Affairs*, is this:

"The war, which is costing the Rhodesian exchequer an estimated \$1.5 million a day and roughly about 60% of the national budget,

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# Counter-offensive to Proposition 13 launched by labor, community groups

By JESSE LEE

JUNE 20—Labor unions, community groups, and organizations of the nationally oppressed in California are already beginning the counter-offensive to the severe cutbacks that are being dictated by the Proposition 13 property tax limitation.

Proposition 13 was initiated by two right-wing landlords—Howard Jarvis and Paul Gann—who are in the hire of a giant real estate association. It is a boon to the banks, big business, and landlords in the form of a walloping \$4.6 billion cut in property taxes. With sharp rises in real estate and taxes on homes, Proposition 13 has been supported by the middle class and those workers with homes. However, this bill will take away from the poorest far, far more than it will provide for home owners.

The effects so far in California from the Proposition 13 cuts include a freeze in state workers' pay, layoffs in several cities, and elimination of all "special" services such as summer school and transportation for the elderly.

"Affirmative action programs are being axed," Edsel Matthews of the Third World News Bureau in Oakland told *Workers World*. "Seventy-five percent of the minority workers in Oakland face layoffs because of Proposition 13. The projects that they were forced to set up for minorities are now being cut."

Patty Segal of the Child Care Switchboard in San Francisco told *Workers World* that 3,000 children in San Francisco will be affected. She added that "Women will be forced out of the job market."

California Gov. Edmund "Jerry" Brown said yesterday that while needed services are being cut, there will be no cuts in the number of cops who will get "top priority" from the state.

## LABOR AND COMMUNITY FIGHT BACK

Those who will be most affected, especially in the Black, Chicano, Native, and Asian communities and women, are not taking this attack sitting down.

Labor unions in San Francisco have initiated the Save Our Services coalition which includes many unions and community groups.

Across the bay, in Oakland, the Labor, Community to Save Jobs and Community Services coalition includes over 100 organizations, from county workers' unions to the disabled, from senior citizens to Chicano and Asian community health groups.

## CALL FOR GENERAL STRIKE

Following the announcement that state employees' pay would be frozen with no cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) paid, unions representing the 130,000 workers began to mobilize. The California State Employees Union has called for a general strike if wages are frozen. The larger California State Employees Association has called for mass meetings this week in 30 locations across the state to map out their strategy.

A spokesman for the Association, Keith Hearn, told *Workers World* that "state employees should not be forced to bear the brunt" of the tax amendment that only "helps the landlords and big business." Hearn added that various responses to the wage freeze will be discussed at the mass meetings

"including job action such as a strike, which some of our members support."

In Los Angeles, yesterday, teachers and parents demonstrated in front of the Los Angeles County School Board to protest the cutoff of special summer programs for the handicapped.

Unions have organized demonstrations in several cities. Teachers' unions have stated that if funds were cut for schools they would go on strike rather than work in a "concentration camp." Students in special education programs have been picketing the

state capital all week.

San Francisco trade union activist Mary Merrill detailed to this reporter in a telephone interview what a human tragedy the cutbacks could mean statewide.

"Playgrounds, libraries, day care centers, and so on will be closed," Merrill said. "Proposition 13 is an attempt to pit the lower middle class against the workers at the time of an economic crisis."

Merrill had good news, however. "There are actions all over the place," she said. "In fact, my friends tell me that organizing has never been easier."

## On 25th anniversary of execution

# 5,000 in NYC honor Rosenbergs



Robert Meeropol, one of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg's sons, introduces Vietnam veteran Ron Kovic at a Union Square rally on June 19 in New York City. WW photo: G. Dunkel

By KATHY DURKIN

NEW YORK, June 19—Exactly 25 years ago today, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were murdered by the U.S. government, in one of the most calculated political frame-ups in history.

The Rosenbergs were the victims of Cold War repression, anti-communism, anti-Sovietism and anti-Semitism. Their case was used by the U.S. government to try to stifle all dissent to their Cold War policies and war of aggression against the Korean people. It was part of the McCarthyite attempt to squash the progressive and working-class movement of the time.

On the evening of June 19, 1953, thousands of people gathered in Union Square to protest the execution of the Rosenbergs. And this year, over 5,000 people again gathered in that spot to pay tribute to the Rosenbergs, to hold the U.S. government accountable for their murders, and to protest the growing cold war drive being engineered by Carter and Brzezinski today.

## SPEAKERS WARN OF NEW WAR DRIVE

The slogan for today's rally was "Pay Tribute to the Rosenbergs—Unite Against Today's Repression." Many of the over 20 speakers at today's rally, who represented a wide-range of groups within the anti-war and anti-racist movements, as well as many who had themselves been victims of the 1950s witchhunt, warned of the cold war danger and the need to fight against it. Speakers from the Black, Puerto Rican, and Native movements, as well as the women's and gay movements, told of the links between the Rosenberg case and the wave of political repression today.

The rally was co-chaired by

Michael and Robert Meeropol, who are the Rosenbergs' sons, and Morton and Helen Sobell. It has largely been through the work of the Meeropols in their campaign to clear the Rosenbergs that the nature and extent of the government's frame-up is being uncovered and brought to public view.

Representatives of the Committee to Re-open the Rosenberg-Sobell case spoke at today's rally and demanded that the prosecuting attorney in the case and Judge Irving Kaufman, who sent the Rosenbergs to the electric chair, be held accountable for their part in the conspiracy to frame the Rosenbergs. Other speakers included Ossie Davis, disabled Vietnam war veteran Ron Kovic, Puerto Rican Socialist Party leader Jose Alberto Alvarez and American Indian Movement



Parents and students rally in Los Angeles to protest education cutbacks due to the passing of Proposition 13.

leader Russell Means. Anti-war activist Dave Dellinger linked the current phony espionage case of Ronald Humphrey and Truong Dinh Hung to that of the Rosenbergs and said both cases were trumped up to whip up hysteria.

## SPEAKER FROM ZANU

Tirivafi Kangai, a representative of the Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU) criticized Washington for charging that Africa was being colonized by the Cubans and Soviets and he said, "That is a lie! We have a right to receive weapons from our friends. We are suffering from threats of a renewed Cold War from people like Brzezinski."

The Rev. Ben Chavis, one of the Wilmington Ten, sent a message to the rally from his North Carolina prison cell which called on people to "honor the Rosenbergs by constant struggle against the racism, anti-Semitism and anti-communism that brought about their execution."

Stevye Clostreschiu, a representative of Dykes and Tykes and the Committee of Lesbian and Gay Male Socialists, told of the history of repression against lesbians, and particularly, lesbian mothers. She was present at Union Square on June 19, 1953, the night the Rosenbergs were executed, when she was ten years old, and said that while she had been raised to think that the government respected the sanctity of the family, she realized it was a lie when she saw the Rosenberg family being destroyed. She drew a parallel to the deliberate destruction of the families of lesbian mothers by the government and especially against those who speak out to defend

their rights.

The Rosenbergs were falsely accused of conspiring to steal the A-bomb plans for the Soviet Union. Despite the protests of millions of people world-wide, the Rosenbergs were executed in this lynch-mob atmosphere and Morton Sobell, their co-defendant, was sentenced to 30 years in jail, of which he served 19 years.

In the 1960s, the government admitted that the alleged sketches of the "A-bomb" which were used to convict the Rosenbergs were worthless. Through litigation the Meeropols have gained FBI and other government files which reveal the extent of the frame-up: that the FBI and prosecution manufactured trial testimony and contrived evidence and coerced witnesses; that the trial judge, Kaufman, collaborated with the prosecution and the FBI before and during the trial to get convictions and the death penalty.

"The Rosenbergs," said Black leader W.E.B. DuBois on June 21, 1953, at their gravesites, "were killed because they would not lie." They would not cooperate with the government's attempt to smear the progressive and working-class movement at that time.

In a poem written to her sons on January 24, 1953, from Sing Sing prison, Ethel Rosenberg wrote, "Work and build, my sons, and build

a monument to love and joy, to human worth, to faith we kept

for you, my sons, for you.

It is past time to exonerate the Rosenbergs. And it is time to free Imani, the Wilmington Ten, and all political prisoners and victims of the racist, anti-human courts.

## While threatening postal workers with austerity

# Carter aide praises steel price hikes

By JAQUI O'SHAUGHNESSY

JUNE 19—While inflation is ravaging people's buying power and living standards, the huge steel monopolies announced yet another price increase.

Last week, U.S. Steel Corporation said, according to the New York Times, "that it would increase its prices on steel by 3% effective July 30." This hike, the Times goes on, "has been endorsed by the leaders of the Carter Administration's drive to limit inflation...." Strange that Carter's idea of "limiting" inflation is one that has allowed steel prices to soar 30% from April 1976 to April 1978!

Since steel is essential to most other industries such as construction, auto, railroads and

others, galloping steel prices have heavily fueled the flames of inflation—flames that burn workers' frozen earnings almost before the paycheck is cashed.

The slap-in-the-face irony of it all, is that Robert S. Strauss, Carter's chief inflation fighter, according to the New York Times, "welcomed" the 3% price increase for steel. Meanwhile, on another page of the same newspaper, Strauss was described as willing to "lean hard on the 600,000 postal workers to sign a new contract that would slow wage gains." (!)

So Carter, on the one hand, is all too cooperative with the steel companies' price hikes while, on the other hand, he is threatening to call out troops against the postal

workers if they strike. Carter wants to force the Postal Workers Union to accept a 5.5% wage increase, which will amount to a wage cut, the way prices are skyrocketing. The administration is seeking to make an example of the Postal Workers Union by forcing a settlement that won't even pretend to bridge the inflation gap.

So while smilin' "Jimmy" and Strauss are happy to accept 30% steel price jumps in two years, the program to curb inflation won't work "if we don't get that restraint on the part of labor." It becomes all too clear that what the Carter administration means by fighting inflation is more give aways to the rich, and more cutbacks for poor and working people.

# The lessons of the Guild strike

By KENNY PETERSON  
NEW YORK, June 20—In this age of "scientific" union busting, the workers at The Daily News struck an important blow in defense of their trade union rights by relying on "old fashioned" militant labor solidarity. The strike by the New York Newspaper Guild against The News proved that a small

group of workers who are determined can take on a corporate empire.

On Saturday, June 17, members of the Guild unit at The News voted to accept a company offer and end their 5-day strike. The Guild strikers, who numbered only 1,340, along with workers from the 9 other unions at The News had

successfully shut down the largest circulation daily newspaper in the U.S. The agreement represents a significant defeat for the union-busting intentions of The News.

While the new contract does not fully reflect the measure of the workers strength, the central issue in the struggle—the survival of the union—was decided in favor of the

workers. This was due entirely to the intervention of the rank and file, particularly of the drivers' union who had to defy their own leadership in order to support the strike.

## THE EXPERIENCE OF THE WASHINGTON POST

There is no doubt that the bitter

defeat of the pressmen's union at the hands of The Washington Post loomed large in the minds of the the News strikers. They were determined not to allow a union-busting corporation to strip them of all their rights. All of the workers at The News understood that the attack on the Guild was merely the opening wedge in a war against all of the newspaper unions.

The Guild was compelled to strike The News when that paper's management refused to withdraw its retrogressive, union-busting demands from the bargaining table. The News was demanding that the new contract with the Guild include a system of so-called "merit raises," whereby management reserved the right to distribute one-half of all pay increases which the union won as they saw fit. Allowing management to reward its favorites and to punish militants would create a climate of flunkeyism and seal the doom of the union. The News was finally forced to shelve this plan.

Also, The News was demanding reduced pay scales, job security, automation protection, and severance pay for all future workers. These demands, at least in part, have been incorporated in the new contract. Higher pay increases for reporters, editors, and photographers were won than for clerical and office workers, widening the already large pay differences between the two groups. By accentuating the already existing inequities, and by even creating new ones, dangerous divisions within the union are being imposed upon the workers.

Nevertheless, these concessions by the Guild should not obscure the central fact of the struggle: the workers at The Daily News saved their unions from being crushed by a media monster intent on following the example of The Washington Post. The News, apart from being the largest newspaper in the U.S., is just one arm of a media empire that includes WPIX and the Chicago Tribune. The biggest factor in this victory of the workers was the rapid attainment of near-complete labor solidarity at The News, resulting in a total shutdown of the paper.

## EVENTS MOVE SWIFTLY

The events of the strike moved swiftly. It began on Tuesday, June 13, when the Guild set up picket lines around the News Building. The strikers were immediately joined by workers representing the 9 other unions at the paper. This was despite the fact that the president of the Newspaper and Mail Deliverers Union, Doug La Chance, had refused to allow the members of that union to vote on the question of respecting the Guild picket lines. Instead, he ordered them to drive the delivery trucks laden with scab papers across the lines.

This the drivers refused to do. Most stayed out while many joined the picket lines bearing hand-lettered signs reading "Drivers support the Guild." Some drivers, however, did attempt to deliver the scab papers and the strikers blocked their path. The police then brutally attacked the strikers and arrested thirteen.

By Thursday, however, the determination of the rank-and-file drivers to support the strike forced La Chance to announce: "Nobody is going to drive a truck." He hypocritically added, "I will not have my union divided. I will not

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## Lockout entering seventh week

# RCA trying to break union

By NANCY KOHN  
NEW YORK, June 20—"Who locked you out?"

"RCA!"

"Who stole your pay?"

"RCA!"

"Who broke FCC regulations?"

"RCA!"

"Who's going to win?"

"LOCAL TEN!"

As Fifth Avenue became crowded with workers on their lunch breaks, nearly 100 RCA workers marched through midtown Manhattan and picketed at Rockefeller Center yesterday.

Locked out of RCA Global Communications since May 10, the workers demanded that RCA begin negotiating with their union, Local 10 of the American Communications Association.

In San Francisco, Local 9, which represents the RCA workers there,

organized a simultaneous picket line at NBC which coordinated with the New York action. Workers have been locked out in Guam, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, California, Massachusetts, and Washington, D.C.

The issue is RCA's attempt to bust the union. The company locked out over 1,000 workers nationwide when the union attempted to block the shutdown of the RCA communications facility in Lodi, Cal. The company arbitrarily threw 50 people out of work and refused to discuss the matter with the union leadership as provided in the contract. The workers then sat in at the New York City facility for 30 hours.

After calling in police to forcibly eject the workers, the company fired six workers, including the president and other leading union

officials, and suspended nearly 100 others.

The picket line has gone round the clock at RCA headquarters in the heart of Wall Street since the shutout. The police have continued to play their role of strike-breakers, and, on at least one occasion, with a gun. There has also been garbage and glass thrown on the picket lines. It comes as no surprise that the RCA workers have also been the victims of a press blackout, since the corporation bosses have direct ties to the news industry.

To drive their point home, 10 car loads of Local 10 members drove to Plandome, Long Island, Sunday morning to picket RCA President Eugene F. Murphy's house. Murphy, who has refused to even open negotiations with the union, refused to show his face and stayed hidden in his own home for the duration of the 45-minute picket.

Following the picket line, the workers proceeded to Murphy's church to distribute a letter to the parishioners informing them of his union-busting tactics.

Local 10, which is affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, has gotten support from other workers and other

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## —Chicago Nazis

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refused any help to the King Movement. Such is the racist nature of the U.S. legal system!

But millions of people feel different. They hate the Nazis for their anti-Semitic and white supremacist filth. Recently a multi-national community in Chicago was able to close down a Nazi recruiting center passing itself off as a book store. Feelings run high that there is no place for Nazi garbage in Skokie, Chicago or any other city of this country.



Despite protection from over 100 Milwaukee cops, a rally of Nazis fizzled when confronted with this militant, anti-racist demonstration. WW photo

Angry residents joined in some of the chants such as "Nazis, Klan, scum of the land."

As one outraged woman

commented to this reporter when the Nazis were scurrying into their truck to leave, "It's time we got rid of these fascists once and for all."

# Kunstler hits ACLU stand on defense of fascists

By KATE DOLAN  
NEW YORK, June 13—The growing movement to oppose the neo-Nazi and Ku Klux Klan groups in this country has provoked a debate within the confines of the liberal establishment on the question of civil liberties for fascists.

At a conference on "free speech" held by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) in New York City today, the ACLU's defense of the Nazis and other ultra-rightists came under sharp criticism by William Kunstler, noted progressive lawyer and staff attorney for the Center for Constitutional Rights. The question is "a political rather than a legal one," he said.

The ACLU has taken cases in defense of the "rights" of Nazis and KKKers in many states, and is

currently defending the Nazis' "right" to march in Skokie, Ill., a community in which thousands of Jewish survivors of the Nazi concentration camps reside. The ACLU's defense of the Nazis in Skokie has been opposed within the ACLU itself and thousands of ACLU members have sent in letters of resignation in protest.

## LESSONS OF HISTORY

The ACLU has long maintained the view that in order to protect civil liberties for all, free speech must be defended for Nazis and members of the Klan and other racist groups. As Kunstler emphasized, however, this view "does not take into consideration any of the concrete lessons of history." The examples of the pre-Nazi Weimar Republic in Germany and the

Allende government in Chile prove that faith in the ACLU premise is "sadly and tragically misplaced."

Kunstler began his remarks, it should be noted, with the assertion that he subscribed to the view that fascists should have free speech rights. While thus agreeing "in the abstract" with the ACLU, he nevertheless went on to oppose any real support for such "rights." His position is thus distinct from that of Marxists who have always opposed—in principle—the "right" of anyone to preach genocide or race hatred.

ACLU support for the Nazis was an act of "perilous self-deception," Kunstler charged. "It is wrong on every realistic (as well as moralistic) level and should cease at once."

WW photo: Nancy Kohn

"Who's going to win? Local Ten!" RCA workers picket in New York City.

## Despite heavy police protection

# Milwaukee Nazis shouted down

By JUDY GREENSPAN  
MILWAUKEE, June 10—Despite short notice, over 50 people demonstrated today against uniformed members of the Nazi Party who were holding a rally in Humboldt Park on the south side of this city.

Armed only with a battery-powered bull horn and chants of "Nazis are a tool of racist rule" and "The people of Milwaukee will drive out the Nazis," the angry protestors managed to drown out the fascist rally. Despite the protection and encouragement of over 100 city cops, the Nazi rally fizzled when confronted with the anti-racist demonstration.

This is the second summer that the Nazis have brazenly attempted to parade their racist, anti-semitic and sexist hatred before the people of this city. Last summer, a broad coalition of community groups formed to protest the Nazi presence and was able to mobilize hundreds, Black and white, straight and gay, old and young, against Nazis, and racism.

Fearing the same response from working people, the Nazis did little or no publicity for their rally today, hoping that they could find a sympathetic audience among those passing by for their vile racism.

Over 50 people responded to a last minute call by Concerned Jewish Citizens to demonstrate against the Nazis. The demonstrators kept up a militant picket line in the hot sun for over two hours.

A large grouping of people from the south side gathered near the sight of the Nazi rally and while few of them actually joined in the anti-Nazi picketline, they made it quite clear that this was the side they were on.

Young people heckled and taunted the Nazis, especially one Nazi youth, who was hiding behind the layer of blue-shirted cops.





*Under a Black liberation flag, angry marchers cross the Brooklyn Bridge to confront New York City Mayor Koch about a police gang murder of a Black businessman.*

## Cops strangle leader of Brooklyn Black Community

By TANA MARIE LOY

NEW YORK, June 20—Brooklyn Court was filled yesterday morning with 250 people from the Crown Heights community of Brooklyn, a Black community that, last Wednesday night, witnessed the openly racist and violent police murder of 35-year-old Arthur Miller. A father of four, Miller was a leading community activist. Last night, 1000 community members attended a meeting to denounce the murder and the subsequent coverup.

They had gone to court in support of Miller's younger brother, Samuel whom police had been harassing that Wednesday. Samuel was shoveling debris into a truck from a building that the Miller family was renovating. The police complained that dirt was being heaped into the street. When,

Samuel had loaded the truck and drove off, the police made him pull over and said he was driving with a suspended license. But it wasn't true, the suspensions had been lifted and Miller had proof of the fines he had paid. The police then handcuffed him.

When Arthur Miller came to see what was happening, he called out "It's me. Cool it. Cool it. You're wrong."

Arthur had raised his hands in the air in a gesture of surrender. Police say both men "became extremely violent." But it's the racist police who were violent and brutal. Some 50 cops swarmed into the area, with as many as 20 beating and punching a double-handcuffed Miller until his eyes bulged.

An autopsy showed that Miller had been choked to death by a

forearm or a police stick. Even though scores of witnesses told reporters that Miller had been savagely and needlessly beaten, the initial police investigation found nothing wrong. One young witness had said, "They were over him like roaches on a piece of candy."

### WOULDN'T PAY OFF COPS

James Haynes, a partner in Arthur Miller's construction company, said Miller had told him several times that the police had asked for bribes to avoid tickets for minor violations. When asked if this was the reason for the police attack on Miller last Wednesday, he said, "What other reason could there be?"

After the last Monday morning hearing (Samuel Miller is charged with assault!), the angry (Continued on p. 8)

## Student protests continue despite beatings by Georgia troopers

By HEIDI SILVER

ATLANTA, June 16—After state troopers had attacked demonstrations protesting racism in education twice in the past week, 125 Atlanta Junior College (AJC) students and their supporters picketed Gov. George Busbee's office at the State Capitol here today. The pickets protested racism in the Georgia University system and the use of state troopers to brutally suppress anti-racist demonstrations.

Despite the police attacks and administration attempts to stifle the Atlanta Junior College student, faculty, and staff opposition to racism, the struggle for the AJC Five continues to draw increasing student and community support. The students have vowed that they will never give up and that spirit was certainly evident in today's demonstration. In the face of the same troopers who had attacked them before, they carried the slogans, "We ain't gonna live in a racist state," and "The people united will never be defeated."

Just two days ago 17 AJC students and supporters were brutally beaten and arrested after attending a meeting of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. The students had wanted a full hearing for five professors (the AJC Five) who have been denied summer contracts because they organized to expose racism in education and proposed an alternative to the state's official do-nothing desegregation plan. They also demanded a restoration

of the teachers' summer contracts.

### NO FAIR HEARING, JUST BUSHWHACKING

The students and the five professors who had just held a press conference in the same building, were suddenly confronted with 25 state troopers who rushed into the crowded hallway, clubs in hand, and began beating and arresting anyone who got in their way as they charged for the student and faculty leaders. The deadly racist, fascist intentions of the police were shown clearly when one student leader, Omar Ujama, was thrown into a glass door and troopers then attempted to slice his throat with the broken glass. The troopers' racism was further exemplified by their use of handcuffs on Black women while leaving white women's hands free. Seven of those arrested were taken to Grady Hospital for treatment of police-inflicted wounds. All but 2 of the 17 arrested were booked on four charges including trespassing, resisting arrest, and simple battery, resulting in bonds of \$2,000 each.

Less than one week before this attack the same squad of state troopers had assaulted a demonstration for the AJC Five outside the church where the AJC commencement was taking place. In that attack nine people were arrested and six were injured.

In response to these attacks on AJC students, over 200 community supporters attended a mass rally at the Wheat Street Baptist Church

on the evening of June 15.

### CHILDREN OF LITTLE ROCK

At this rally, Modibo Kadalie, one of the AJC Five, explained the historical significance of the AJC struggle by comparing it to the civil rights struggles of the 1950s and 1960s. "We are the children of Little Rock," Kadalie said, referring to the 1957 integration case in which Gov. Orville Faubus of Arkansas called on the National Guard to prevent Black children from entering an all-white high school. Kadalie then went on to explain that Black students find themselves in a particularly reactionary whirlwind at this point in time, symbolized nationally by the Bakke case now before the



*Demonstrators picket Georgia Gov. George Busbee's office in Atlanta on June 16 to protest racism in the Georgia University system.*

WW photo: Tom Gardner

U.S. Supreme Court. He also pointed to increased reactionary demands for more standardized testing in Georgia schools. He explained how those tests have always been racist and biased against poor and working class

people.

The Rev. Hosea Williams, at whose church the rally was held, said that Atlanta "Gov. (George) Busbee and the state troopers have done to Atlanta in '78 what George Wallace did to Alabama in '65."

## Supporters march in Rochester to

## 'Free Mary Ann Perry!'

ROCHESTER, June 17—"Mary Ann Perry must go free. Stop police brutality!" Thousands of people on the streets in the Black community and downtown Rochester heard this message loud and clear today. A spirited demonstration of 125 people, organized by the Mary Ann Perry Defense Committee, marched from the place where Mary Ann Perry was shot by police on May 24 to rally at the police station downtown.

The demands of the march were that charges against Mary Ann, a 16-year-old Black woman, and her sister, Odeall Griffin, be dropped, and that the real criminals, the cops, be indicted. Demonstrators also demanded an end to the ongoing brutality and harassment of the Black community by the police.

### ORGANIZING IS THE ANSWER

Despite the length of the march and the hot weather, the march grew in size as people along the way joined in to express their agreement with the demonstration.

Gary English, speaking for Workers World Party at the rally, voiced the sentiment of the marchers when he said, "The only thing that's going to keep the cops from shooting our brothers and sisters is to organize like we've organized today."

Mary Ann's mother, Juanita Perry, thanked the marchers for

showing their support, and said the message that the cops should get from the demonstration is that "We don't want any more shootings of children."

One of the main organizers of the Committee and the march, David Preston, said, "One hundred fifteen years after the Emancipation Proclamation, we're still fighting for our very survival." The shooting of Mary Ann, he said, is by no means an isolated incident of brutality, and every man, woman, and child in the oppressed communities knows that.

Solidarity with the demonstration was also expressed in

speeches by Brian Yamel, of Buffalo Workers World Party, Carlos Quinones of the Movimiento Agueybana, and Reverend Ross of the First Baptist Church in Rochester.

Nancy Dupree, a well-known Black poet in Rochester, addressed the rally and recited some of her poems. One of them, "Protection," eloquently expressed the feelings of many people in the community about the shooting of Mary Ann and of the police in general.

The Committee plans to continue activities to build for Mary Ann's defense.

## Dayton jail murder linked to police-run drug ring

By PRESTON WOOD

JUNE 18—On May 25, Theodore W. Thompson was found dead from hanging in his jail cell in Dayton, Ohio. Thompson, who had been Dayton's only Black Civil Service examiner, had been arrested for "questioning" only hours after he had charged the Dayton Civil Service Board with racism and improprieties in hiring. The Dayton Police Department has called his death a suicide.

The Dayton Black Police Association, however, has maintained that Thompson was murdered, and has demanded a federal investigation of Thompson's death. The Black officers stated on June 8 that an investigation of the circumstances surrounding Thompson's death

would "lead directly to a police operated narcotics ring."

Because of pressure from the Black police officers and because of the outrageous claim of suicide, a federal examination is scheduled to get underway this week.

The Black officers' organization has described the Dayton Police Department as being "infiltrated with filth."

The racist cops in Dayton and in all cities in this country are pushing drugs, murdering Black people, and maintaining a constant siege of terror against the poor and the oppressed.

It is the poor and oppressed, however, who are organizing to fight back, and who will succeed in driving this racist filth from the land.

## Protection

By NANCY DUPREE

Wonder how it feels to get shot.  
Wonder how it feels to have your 16-year-old Black female chest busted open by police bullets.  
Maybe police bullets don't hurt so bad, cause we all know the boys are only there for our protection.  
Maybe the blood that came gushin' out of her 16-year-old Black female chest was fake, and she only went to the hospital to please her mama.  
You reckon they meant to kill? See, there was the leg, the foot, the hand. . . the hand. That would have made some sense cause that's where they say she had the gun.  
Besides, I always heard that the police boys were expert marksmen, so they be knowin' what they be doin'.  
Maybe they shot her in the chest for her own protection.  
I pray to God I never come face to face with police protection.  
And unless you got connections, you better pray for the same thing.

**Begin government announces**

# Israel won't budge from occupied territory

By HILLEL BAILIN

JUNE 19—This week, the government of Israel came out firmly behind Prime Minister Begin and announced that it is not willing to give up one inch of the Arab territory that Israel has occupied since 1967.

At a meeting in Jerusalem yesterday, the Israeli Cabinet decided that the military occupation of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip would continue for five years and that after five years the

occupation would be reviewed but not changed. This decision shows that the Israeli government, despite Sadat's capitulation and visit to Jerusalem last November, is determined to hold on to the stolen territory and is not in the least interested in making any concessions towards a Mideast settlement.

Israel took over the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, the Sinai Peninsula and the Golan Heights in the 1967 war of aggression

against the Arab people. For 11 years now, the Palestinians living on the West Bank have suffered a brutal military occupation. In countless demonstrations, rebellions, and other acts of resistance, the Palestinians on the West Bank have protested the horrible conditions.

While all Israel is in fact occupied Palestine, the whole world recognizes that Israel has no right whatsoever to what is known as the "occupied territories," including

the West Bank. However, the government of Israel, headed by Menachem Begin, has shown once again that it is an outlaw regime with nothing but contempt for world public opinion.

U.S. imperialism has always been the real force behind Israel. The U.S. provided the military hardware for Israel's many aggressions, including the 1967 war, and continues to be Israel's arms supplier and chief supporter. Without continuous and enormous

economic and military aid from the U.S., Israel itself, as well as its West Bank occupation, could not last a week. Israel, in turn, serves as U.S. imperialism's garrison state in the Mideast.

Even the U.S. government has been forced to admit, at times, that Israel should quit the occupied territories and the Carter administration may not be happy with Israel's public stand. According to accounts in the establishment press here, the Carter administration wanted Israel to say in words that it planned to withdraw. Such a verbal pledge would help spread the lie that Israel and the U.S. are indeed willing to make concessions.

Any difference, however, between the United States and Israel on this question is merely a difference of approach. The goals of expansion and suppression of the liberation movements of the Palestinians and other Arab peoples are goals shared by the U.S. and its servant, Israel.

**LEBANESE FASCISTS REPLACE ISRAELI TROOPS**

In a related development last week, Israel removed most of its troops from Lebanon. But instead of leaving control of the area to the United Nations troops as promised, the Israeli regime has given control to Lebanese fascist military units known as the Phalangists. Kurt Waldheim, Secretary General of the United Nations, in a statement released on June 14, sharply criticized this move.

Who are the Phalangists? They take their name from the fascist party of Spain. During World War II, the Phalangists were supporters of Nazi Germany and fought side-by-side with Hitler's troops and some of the Phalangist leaders still openly admire Hitler. During the civil war in Lebanon, the Phalangists fought against the progressive Lebanese National Movement and the Palestinian revolutionaries.

However, even with enormous military aid from Israel and the earlier intervention of Syria, the Phalangists could not suppress the Palestinian people in southern Lebanon. Then last March, Israeli troops armed with U.S. weapons, crashed through the Lebanese border in a massive invasion, killed thousands of Lebanese and Palestinians, and dislodged the armed defense units of the Palestine Liberation Organization. Now under international political pressure, the Israelis have withdrawn from Lebanon but have left their weapons and fortified positions in the hands of the Phalangists.

The United Nations had sent a "peacekeeping force" to Lebanon to replace the Israeli troops. The UN troops were recruited from pro-imperialist countries and are by no means friends of the Palestinian or Lebanese people. But the UN is subject to some political pressure from the socialist and other progressive countries and the UN troops did not fight the Palestinian guerrillas returning to the areas as aggressively as the Israelis would have liked. Israel therefore, chose to violate its pledge and gave control not to the UN force but to its close allies, the Phalangists, who will try to maintain complete military and political influence for Israel in southern Lebanon.

It is ironic that Israel, which pretends to defend the interests of the Jewish people, finds its most reliable Middle Eastern ally in the openly pro-Nazi Phalange.

**Aimed at Arab, Ethiopian revolution**

## U.S. imperialism reviving CENTO?

By ANDY STAPP

JUNE 18—According to a report appearing in today's New York Times, "Iraq, Iran, and Saudi Arabia are discussing a Persian Gulf security arrangement that could create a major shift in the strategic balance of the oil-producing area."

Whether or not Iraq will really be pulled into such a scheme—a move supported by the reactionary pro-Saudi faction in the Iraqi regime—is problematical. Nonetheless, it is clear that the creation of such a military pact would amount to nothing less than the revival of the old Central Treaty Organization (CENTO) under a different cover.

A counter-revolutionary alliance

rigged up by the U.S. government during the height of the Cold War in the 1950s, CENTO tied the governments of Pakistan, Iraq, Iran, and Turkey to the U.S. and Great Britain in the struggle against communism and the Arab revolution.

It was, in fact, the great and heroic uprising of July 14, 1958, that enabled the Iraqi people to pull free of CENTO by overthrowing the hated and ultra-repressive regime of Iraq's British stooge, Nuri Said.

Now, apparently the U.S. is hoping to rope Iraq back into the fold.

**FEARFUL OF ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION**

As for the rulers of Iran and

Saudi Arabia, it is no mystery why they should want to form such a pact. Both are extremely fearful of the Ethiopian revolution, terrified that the revolutionary wave that wiped out the Haile Selassie monarchy will topple them too.

For that reason, the Shah of Iran and the Saudis have been aiding the Eritrean secessionists against revolutionary Ethiopia. The Shah especially has plenty of reason for nervousness, considering the mass uprisings that have rocked his pro-U.S. fascist regime all this year.

An editorial in the May issue of Saut Al-Thawara, the publication of the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman, says that the projected "Gulf security project is

nothing but the twin of the CENTO pact," noting that "the U.S. is leading these notorious projects."

The attempt by the imperialists to beef up their forces in the Arab Gulf area is just one more indication that the Pentagon, Wall Street, and the Carter administration are reverting to the ultra anti-Soviet era of Eisenhower and Dulles when pacts like CENTO were set up in the first place.

Unlike the 1950s, however, the relative strength of U.S. imperialism has greatly declined, a fact underscored recently in Africa by the victory of the revolutions in Angola, Mozambique, and Ethiopia.

**Carter escalates war threat over Korea**

## U.S. backing of Pak regime now \$1 billion yearly

By DEE KNIGHT

NEW YORK, June 20—The U.S. House Armed Services Committee investigations subcommittee recently called the demilitarized zone in Korea "the most explosive and volatile spot in Asia." These imperialists should know, since they just completed (or at least ended) an "investigation" of the Koreagate scandal, and they are supposed to monitor and approve every U.S. tax dollar that goes to the fascist Pak regime.

During his election campaign, President Carter acknowledged by implication that the cause of Korea's "volatility" was the U.S. garrison of more than 40,000 troops—which he promised to withdraw. But now, more than two years later, a paltry 800 troops are scheduled to leave Korea by the end of 1978, and the Air Force presence there has been beefed up by 20%.

This broken promise parallels Carter's reversal on the whole "defense" budget, where his pledge of a \$5-7 billion reduction became its opposite after he was

elected.

Meanwhile, to make up for the troop reduction that isn't happening, the U.S. has escalated military aid to the tottering Pak regime to nearly \$1 billion per year for the next four years. And the 680 nuclear warheads on Korean soil are poised and ready to wreak unspeakable havoc on the people of north Korea; the "war games" instigated by Washington and the Pak regime this past March included simulated nuclear attacks by U.S. bombers and missiles.

If Carter were seriously concerned about self-determination, as he claimed hypocritically in his recent Annapolis speech, not one American soldier would now defile Korean soil. If he were concerned about international law, or world opinion as reflected at the recent UN disarmament conference, not one nuclear warhead would be in Korea.

If "human rights" were anything more than a Big Lie to Carter, the fascist Pak regime would not receive a dime. Even the U.S. big business press carries frequent reports of mass jailings of

Koreans who dare to criticize the government in any way. Trade unions are illegal, as are all types of free associations of the people.

**AIM TAX REVOLT AT THE MILITARY**

Those who want a "tax revolt"—like those who voted for California's Proposition 13—should demand an end to military spending instead of hurting themselves and all poor and working people by voting for an end to taxes which pay for education and social services. The attack on the poor will reportedly "save" \$7 billion in California. But the Pentagon budget is almost 25 times that much. Throw in military and economic aid to fascist regimes like south Korea, and it's much more.

Carter and all the other ruling class politicians have been quick to accept the "tax revolt" along the reactionary lines of Proposition 13. But it will take a fight to get them to stop their aggression in Korea and the rest of Asia—not to mention Africa, the Middle East, Europe and Latin America.

As Defense Secretary Brown told the World Affairs Council in Los Angeles Feb. 20, "We are and will remain a major force in the Pacific... Our military presence and planned improvements to our forces are designed to insure that we have the ability to protect our interests and commitments."

The "commitments" are to the fascist governments of south Korea, Taiwan, the Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand, and the U.S. big business partner in the Far East, Japan. There are close to 150,000 U.S. troops in these countries or patrolling near them on the U.S. Seventh Fleet. The "interests" are in controlling the seething revolt of the masses, who have suffered slave conditions long enough and have many times

already showed their determination to rebel.

**NEW "RAPID REACTION STRIKE FORCE"**

But this military occupation is not enough for the U.S. The March 30 Philadelphia Inquirer detailed U.S. plans to build a "rapid reaction strike force" capable of military intervention anywhere in the world. Korea is one of the main "trouble spots" for the strike force, which will consist of more than 100,000 ground troops, tactical air and naval forces including at least one aircraft carrier and more than 70 fighter-bombers, and long-range strategic bombers and transport aircraft.

The constant U.S. aggression of course is a drain on the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea (DPRK) and its socialist allies, who must divert huge portions of their human and material resources to defense, instead of using them to build and develop their countries. The DPRK has only about half the population of south Korea, so it feels the pinch caused by its need to be constantly on guard. Nevertheless, the standard of living is much higher in the north than the south for an average worker. In the socialist north, there is free medical care for all, universal education, and free child care for all working parents. Weekly or 24-hour child care is available for those who need it.

These concrete human advantages are the telling factor. As was proved in Vietnam, the U.S. with all its military might and sophisticated technology is no match for the power of a people determined to be free. But, as with Vietnam, the people of Korea need support, especially from the people of the United States, to hold back the brutal arm of U.S. aggression.



Photo: Women of Korea

**Demonstration in India demands "Yankees out of south Korea." Such demonstrations have been held over the past year in cities in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and Europe.**



## Workers World interview with Ethiopia's Foreign Minister

## Ethiopia has chosen the socialist path

By DEIRDRE GRISWOLD

NEW YORK, June 17—Dr. Feleke Gedle-Giorgis, the Foreign Minister of Ethiopia, told *Workers World* recently that his country will be host for an international congress of solidarity with the African and Arab liberation struggles this fall because "Ethiopia believes that the only genuine path to independence lies through armed struggle."

Dr. Gedle-Giorgis was here to represent the revolutionary government of Ethiopia at the UN Special Session on Disarmament. In his talk to that assembly, the Ethiopian Foreign Minister had explained the views of his government on the dangerous situation facing the world, putting it within the context of the arms race begun and expanded by the imperialist countries and showing how it was the repressive and exploitative nature of capitalism that keeps the world on the razor's edge of war.

"Social orders based on oppression, on the degradation of man by man, and, above all, on colonialism and exploitation in the pursuit of profit are, by their very nature, aggressive and therefore can only be countered by armed struggle," Dr. Gedle-Giorgis told the UN.

U.S. imperialism in particular has mounted a tremendous political, diplomatic, and military campaign to prevent the people of Africa from achieving genuine liberation from foreign exploitation. From covert support to Somalia in its invasion of Ethiopia last summer, to CIA funding and training of mercenaries in Angola, to last month flying in paratroopers to Zaire to prop up the crumbling Mobutu dictatorship, Washington has been carrying out an aggressive policy against

revolutionary movements and countries in Africa, but all under the cover of accusing those who would assist the liberation struggles—particularly the Soviet Union and Cuba—of "intervention" and "threatening world peace."

Dr. Gedle-Giorgis gave a revolutionary answer to imperialism's threats when he told the UN, "In our view, detente cannot be invoked to reward aggression at the expense of the victim, nor can it be required to be an instrument for the preservation of the status quo and the prevention of the fulfillment of the legitimate rights of the people of any country for fundamental socio-economic and political restructuring of their national institutions."

Ethiopia itself is an example of just such an attempt by imperialism to prevent the people from changing their social system. The Foreign Minister explained in an interview with *WW* that the "Ethiopian people have chosen the socialist path as the only system to remove feudalism, improve the economic system, and better the life style." But this choice horrified the U.S. ruling class, which many times in the past has intervened openly to prevent oppressed countries from taking the socialist path.

## FOUR YEARS OF IMPERIALIST SUBVERSION

Through the CIA and its reactionary allies in the area around the Horn of Africa, imperialism tried to strangle the newborn revolution and dismember Ethiopia.

"Over the past four years attempts by the U.S. to subvert the Ethiopian Revolution have been continuous," said Gedle-Giorgis. "When the Revolution began, it was the intention of the U.S.

Rockefeller and including many leading imperialist financiers and politicians. This group, to which 16 top Carter aides including Vance and National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski belong, paid a visit to Carter only days before the Vance speech and Carter's provocative announcement of the "civil defense revival."

It is this group of top imperialists who are conspiring to maintain their position as a shadow government of Africa, but the struggle of the African people will succeed in toppling them and achieving true independence from imperialism.

government to subvert it on the basis of antagonisms within the country. But the Ethiopian government stopped that threat, the masses organized quickly, and the progressive forces took the upper hand. When imperialism saw it could not subvert the Revolution from within, through methods such as paid assassins who killed many comrades, they incited neighboring states to intervene directly. Iran, Saudi Arabia, the Gulf States, Sudan, and of course the U.S. have all sent arms to Somalia for its invasion."

He confirmed to *WW* that border skirmishes with Somalia have continued since the Somali army was forced to hastily retreat from Ethiopia in March, and

charged that the U.S. and other reactionary powers are trying to build up Somalia's armed forces again.

The Foreign Minister pointed to the struggle in the region of Eritrea as another area where reaction has intervened in an attempt to weaken the Ethiopian Revolution. "Egypt, Sudan, Pakistan, Syria, Iraq, Iran, and Saudi Arabia are all providing the secessionists with military assistance and arms," he said. "Yet the Eritrean people—who are not a homogeneous nationality—are coming to understand what the Revolution means for them, even though this has been hard due to the work of imperialism."

The position of the Ethiopian

government is that all nationalities in Ethiopia—and it is a very multinational state—are guaranteed respect for their languages and cultures under the program of the National Democratic Revolution adopted in 1975, and that a just solution of the Eritrean question can be worked out in the framework of regional autonomy, within a sovereign, united, and revolutionary Ethiopia.

The Foreign Minister added that many Eritrean leaders who had responded to the peace efforts of the government since the 1974 Revolution had been assassinated by the secessionists. "Actions together with political measures will be the solution to the Eritrean problem," he concluded.

## South Africa police fire on student memorial meeting in Soweto

By FRED GOLDSTEIN

JUNE 20—Heavily armed racist South African riot police opened fire with bullets and tear gas on unarmed Africans in Soweto this past Saturday as they were leaving a memorial meeting on the second anniversary of the momentous Soweto uprising.

The police would not reveal the extent of the casualties but they say that they opened fire after the stoning of police cars and buses.

Brown uniformed police carried out a virtual occupation of Soweto for the anniversary. There are reports that 600 people were arrested in the township during the two days marked for the commemoration. The entire township was surrounded by a police cordon.

The attack took place after a service that became a protest meeting at Regina Mundi Cathedral. More than 5,000 people crowded into the church to protest the apartheid regime. They chanted and sang "Power is in our hands." The main speaker, Dr. Nthato Motlana, drew a roar of approval when he declared that the land of South Africa "will revert to its owners." The theme of the meeting was that the regime had not done anything to ease up on the oppression of the African masses since the uprising two years ago. The reading of poetry, and songs and speeches at the meeting made clear the need for continuing the struggle.

Over 1,000 people were killed in that rebellion which lasted over a month and included pitched



Soweto students at a memorial meeting last week: "Power is in our hands."

battles with the police and workers strikes that rocked the fascist regime to its foundations.

The meeting took place in an atmosphere of tension and repression. Dr. Motlana himself has only recently been released from a five-month period of detention. He is a member of the Committee of Ten which advocates self-rule for Soweto.

Soweto has a population of 1.2 million who serve as a reservoir of cheap labor for the mine owners, industrialists, and bankers of

Johannesburg. Despite the widespread unemployment and extreme poverty of the workers there, police reported a 40% drop in traffic to Johannesburg during the two-day anniversary, indicating that many of the workers showed their solidarity with the protest by staying home from work. (Political protests are illegal for Africans in Soweto under the state of siege imposed by the racist government of John Vorster.)

The Soweto uprising set off worldwide protests against apartheid.

## Soweto uprising commemorated

NEW YORK, June 16—"Vorster's army shoots to kill, Manufacturers Hanover foots the bill," was the cry raised on Wall Street here today to commemorate the Soweto uprising two years ago.

Over 200 people attended a lunchtime demonstration that demanded that Manufacturers Hanover cease lending money to South Africa. These loans are an essential financial support of that racist, fascist regime.

Manufacturers Hanover has about 30% of all U.S. bank loans to South Africa out of an official total of \$1.4 billion. (The real total, according to a UN study, is considerably higher—over \$2 billion.) These loans let South Africa buy oil and other essential supplies and industrial products on credit, while socialist African countries like Angola have to pay cash in advance.

Contingents from at least three unions were at the demonstration: Fur, Leather, and Machine Workers (FLM); District 65; and the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union (RWDSU). Besides the group that called the demonstration, the Committee to Oppose Bank Loans to South Africa, there were also delegations from Youth Against War & Fascism, the Catholic Worker, and other progressive organizations.

At the rally, there was a skit attacking the hypocrisy of bank loans to South Africa, and three union leaders spoke: Gloria Ford, from RWDSU, Henry Foner of FLM, and Cleveland Robinson of District 65. Prexy Nesbit of the Committee to Oppose Bank Loans to South Africa was the chair.



## —War scare

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exacts about 20 lives daily.

"The infrastructure of civil administration in the rural areas has collapsed in several areas. The local councils, which were responsible for the running of schools, maintaining roads and general local administration have been dismantled as a result of the fighting. The upshot of this is that the rural dwellers have been cut off from the main commercial centres and are unable to obtain access to basic commodities like salt, sugar, and other essentials."

The magazine also cites a bank report that notes that industrial output is "struggling" and that the balance of payments is in deficit and the gross national product down, while inflation is running higher than 10% and is on the increase.

It would be clear from the above that the racist Ian Smith regime is totally incapable of continuing its rule and would not have lasted this long without the aid, sympathy and support of the Carter administration.

## TRILATERAL COMMISSION: SHADOW GOVERNMENT

All of U.S. imperialism's maneuvers in Africa, Vance's talk of "peace," and the Pentagon's war moves add up to the same thing: preserving in any way possible Wall Street's profits in Africa. This subject was undoubtedly on the agenda of last week's meeting of the Rockefeller-established Trilateral Commission, headed by Chase Manhattan bank chairman David

## EDITORIAL

# The Rosenbergs: 25 years later

Twenty-five years ago, the U.S. government, in the culmination of a monstrous frameup, murdered Ethel and Julius Rosenberg. The fake nature of the charges, the false and contrived evidence, the hysterical atmosphere whipped up against the two, the McCarthyite Cold War mania for hunting after "communist spies" under every bed, all this robbed the Rosenbergs of even the pretense of a fair trial.

As the Red Scare atmosphere reached fever pitch, with Vice President Richard Nixon bragging that "6,926 communists, fellow travelers, sex perverts, drunks, dope addicts, and other security risks have been removed under the Eisenhower security program," the Rosenbergs were led off to their execution.

As in the case of Alfred Dreyfus, who was unjustly charged with treason by the French General Staff and subsequently spent 12 years on Devil's Island, the Rosenbergs were victims of anti-Semitism. In addition, of course, they were also casualties of the anti-Soviet and anti-communist crusade engineered by the U.S. ruling class in order to justify the aggressive and genocidal Korean War adventure that the Pentagon was then embarked upon. In fact, the judge passing the death sentence on the brave Rosenbergs, shrilly accused them of starting the Korean conflict!

### CONSPIRACY TO OBSTRUCT JUSTICE

As more and more evidence is coming to light about how J. Edgar Hoover and others in the police establishment rigged the evidence against Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, the day is drawing closer when they, like Sacco and Vanzetti and the Scottsboro Brothers will be publicly exonerated. After Watergate and the FBI's murderous campaign to destroy Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it is no longer so unthinkable to the average person that the government would carry out a massive conspiracy to obstruct justice in plotting to destroy its enemies.

But while government credibility may have been badly damaged by Watergate and other scandals, government savagery against the oppressed continues in the tradition of the Rosenberg lynching.

There is Imani, a Black prisoner activist facing the electric chair in Alabama on trumped-up charges of killing a guard.

There is Rubin (Hurricane) Carter and John Artis, still in jail long after the indictment against them was exposed as a sham, railroaded by a jury that succumbed to the prosecutor's racist appeals.

There is JoAnne Little, heartlessly sent back to the North Carolina prison system where she was so monstrously abused that her case became world famous.

There is the Wilmington Ten, sentenced to 282 years behind bars for their civil rights activities.

There is Johnny Spain of the San Quentin Six, the Puerto Rican Nationalists, Jose Medina, Herb Powless, Karl Armstrong, Susan Saxe, and so many, many others.

All were framed up in one way or another. All targets of racism or anti-leftism or anti-gay bigotry or some other reactionary lies being peddled by the ruling class. Just as the Rosenbergs were victims of the old witchhunt, the Wilmington Ten and the rest are the victims of the new witchhunt. And foreign policy being merely an extension of domestic policy, the old Cold War is now being followed up by a new Cold War, a frameup on an international scale of Cuba, the USSR, and other socialist countries, especially for their role in supporting the African revolution.

New witchhunts, a new Cold War, but it's the same old rotten ruling class, and the task of the socialist revolutionary movement remains the same too—to overthrow it and build a just and sane society.

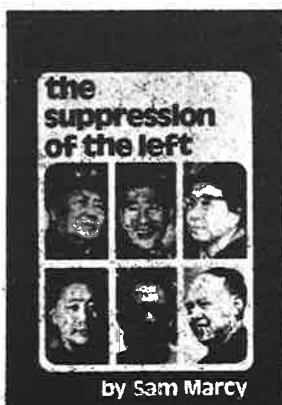
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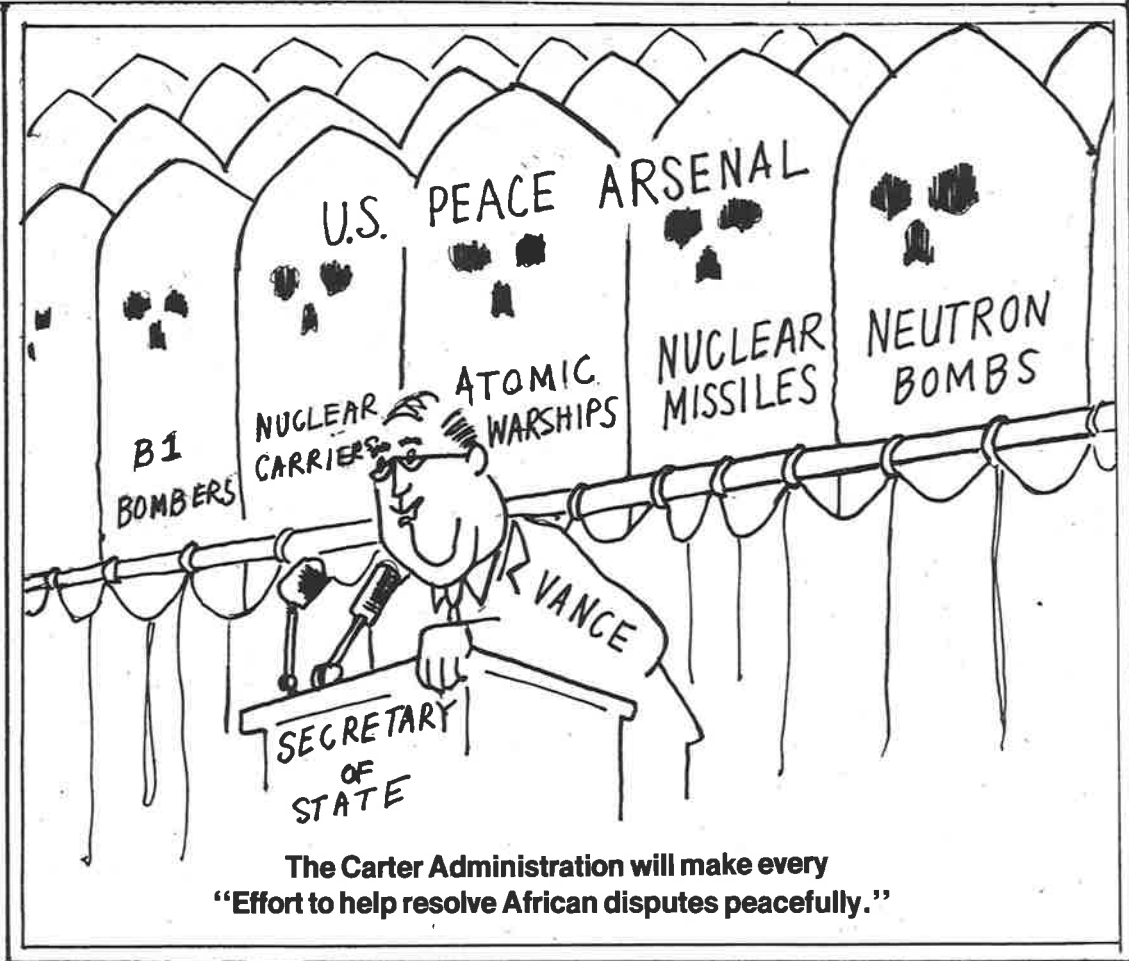
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### Back from Southeast Asia trip

## Antiwar activist: China harasses Vietnam

By NAOMI COHEN

NEW YORK, June 19—"Vietnam faces a future that is potentially productive, important, and marvelous. At the same time, it is beset by problems, most of which can be ended if outside influences permit."

This assessment of Vietnam today was offered by Cora Weiss, a long-time activist in the anti-war movement, who recently returned here from a two-week trip to Vietnam. Clearly on her mind, however, when she spoke of "outside influences" was the ominous development of China's recent attacks on Vietnam and the role that the United States government—and in particular Brzezinski—is playing in exacerbating these hostilities. She noted that it was "curiously coincidental" that the hostilities escalated just at the time when Brzezinski was in Peking.

"Vietnam is now subject to harassment from China on the north," Weiss told this reporter. "It is curious that the Chinese who profess communism should be siding with the bourgeois elements of Vietnam."

Weiss was referring here to the recent exodus of ethnic Chinese (Hoa) people from Vietnam and the charge by China's leaders that Vietnam was persecuting them. China has even gone so far as to cut its aid to Vietnam and has unilaterally forced the closing of three Vietnamese consulates in China.

The Vietnamese Foreign Ministry answered these charges on May 27 with a strong rebuttal, pointing out that "At present, a campaign to transform the private capitalist commerce and industry is going on in South Vietnam. Among the capitalist traders there, there are Vietnamese and Vietnamese of Chinese origin. Many of them have complied with the policies of our Party and State, but a few of them, because of their class enmity, have tried by every means to elude the transformation."

### BRZEZINSKI IN PEKING

In relation to the Sino-Vietnam dispute, Weiss clearly implied that there was in fact an alliance between the U.S. and China against Vietnam. She pointed out that "Brzezinski was in Peking on the very day we were on the border

with Kampuchea and in those days the fighting escalated in An Giang Province. And I think it is curiously coincidental about Brzezinski's presence in Peking. But there is no question that Brzezinski's politics are confrontational."

In addition to the direct dispute with China, Weiss noted that the border conflict with Kampuchea "can only continue with Chinese support of Pol Pot. It is not based on the traditional reason of ethnic hatred, but rather on a concerted design to wear down Vietnam's strength so that it cannot exert regional leadership. . . . (But) the Vietnamese are determined to negotiate a settlement because the dispute involves a 70-kilometer area of land and a small area at sea, which are easily negotiable if the will of the Kampuchean leadership is there."

In addition to these problems, of course, the U.S. government policy toward Vietnam is yet another obstacle to their rebuilding and developing their country. Weiss cited the U.S. embargo and Washington's refusal to even recognize the existence of Vietnam as "a continuing hostility against Vietnam."

Weiss traveled to Vietnam from May 11 through May 27 along with six other Americans as part of a Church World Service (CWS)

delegation to meet a shipment of 10,000 tons of wheat donated to help alleviate the serious food shortage Vietnam now faces. The shipment, organized by CWS, was sponsored by a broad sector of American churches and peace and community organizations. Weiss was a consultant to CWS for the wheat shipment and a former director of Friendship, a coalition of many groups that has worked since the end of the war to give aid to Vietnam and to press the U.S. government to recognize Vietnam, end the trade embargo, and grant the reconstruction aid that Nixon originally promised in the Paris Peace Accords.

In the light of apparent U.S. attempts to exacerbate relations between Vietnam and China, and in the light of the escalating hostilities between Vietnam on the one hand and China and Kampuchea on the other, Weiss appealed to "the majority of American people (who) opposed the war in Vietnam. . . (to) continue to be concerned that the Vietnamese be left free to develop their nation. We have a continuing moral responsibility," she said, "to press the administration and Congress to accept negotiations with Vietnam that would allow trade and would eventually lead to the normalization of relations."

He was denounced by the demonstrators.

Today, a memorial service was held for Arthur Miller and the community came to mourn this savage death. But last night, a thousand angry people came to a meeting, overflowing into the streets. They denounced the murder and the cover-up, demanded the closing of Precinct 77 and spoke of defending themselves against racist police murder. They, the community, would conduct an investigation and a trial.

Every racist cop is on trial every time another Black, Latin or Native person is beaten, jailed or killed. Every cop is always guilty. It will be the oppressed communities who will one day give out the just punishments. The outrage of the people of Crown Heights is not going to subside, not even if their demands are met, because it is the racism of the system that has to be stopped.

## —Leader strangled

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demonstrators marched to Borough President Howard Golden demanding that the 77th Precinct, notorious for racist pigs, be shut down, that all police involved in the murder be removed from the force. All Golden did was give alibi after alibi.

The demonstrators then marched across the Brooklyn Bridge to City Hall demanding to see Mayor Koch. He was no different from Golden. After all, this is a mayor whose administration has been blatantly anti-poor, anti-worker and racist from the beginning. Both had said there would be an "investigation."



## Political and theoretical problems of

# The China crisis

By SAM MARCY

JUNE 20—A central theoretical and political problem confronts the international working class and oppressed people as a result of the truly incredible developments stemming from Chinese foreign policy.

How is one to explain how a great socialist country would go so far as to actually send a naval task force to defend the Mobutu regime, a regime that even the bourgeois press admits is a corrupt tool of the imperialists, particularly France, Belgium, West Germany, and the U.S.? Certainly China's vessels could not possibly reach the waters of Zaire unless the imperialists had agreed to it in the first place, and allowed the People's Republic of China to defend Mobutu on their behalf. And what is there in it for China or even for the narrow interests of its current leaders?

How is it possible for the Chinese leaders to embark on such a violent campaign of vilification against a small socialist neighbor, one which fought imperialism under circumstances which made it a shining light in the struggle against imperialism? How is it possible for China to **unilaterally** decide to send its ships to Vietnamese ports to pick up Chinese nationals (called in Vietnam the Hoa people)?

How can China, which has long crusaded against "hegemonism," so belligerently intensify its hostile campaign against Vietnam as to order the closing of three Vietnamese consulates and the departure of their staffs "in the shortest time"?

Isn't this in the worst tradition of the old colonialist gun-boat diplomacy? Has China not itself been subjected to just such types of practices by the foreign imperialists?

Why the sudden concern for corrupt compradore elements of Chinese descent in Vietnam, when China herself has carried on a valiant struggle against such bourgeois elements in its own socialist revolution?

Why is Foreign Minister Huang Hua roaming all over the globe passing on Washington's message, "The Russians are coming, the Cubans are coming," in such hysterical terms as to make his frantic approach utterly incomprehensible to progressives all over the world, the advanced workers and oppressed peoples in particular?

Why are so many rabid militarists from the West finding such a warm welcome in Peking? And why—but what is the use, the list is already too long.

It has become more and more obvious since the Brzezinski visit to Peking and the U.S.-NATO intervention in Zaire that the Chinese leaders have taken a headlong gallop into the embrace of Pentagon-NATO imperialism. Unquestionably an alliance between Western imperialism and the PRC leaders is rapidly taking shape. The great question confronting the international working class movement and the oppressed people is whether it is too late to be reversed or whether there are sufficient grounds for believing that new progressive social forces on a wide scale can assert themselves from among the workers and peasants to reverse the tragic course pursued by the current PRC leaders.

In analyzing the situation in China, it is tempting to go way back into the historical antecedents of Chinese development, to go over the long and tortuous

road the Chinese Revolution had to take in order to achieve the monumental victory which occurred almost thirty years ago. It is best, however, to first examine the contemporary reality that is China today.

## DANGER OF TENG GROUP UNDERESTIMATED IN COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A great mistake was made in the Communist movement and in some of the socialist countries in assessing the significance of the ouster of Chiang Ching, Chang Chun-chiao, Wang Hung-wen, and Yao Wen-yuan. In general it was viewed as a "positive" development; the character of the new leadership was completely underestimated. Sad to say, the imperialist bourgeoisie more quickly and more accurately sensed the significance of the events which overturned the so-called "gang of four" and brought Teng Hsiao-ping back to positions of great authority.

The view in the international communist movement was that a small group of ultra-left Maoists was turned out and that a new,

But it does not depend on them alone.

## A RIGHTIST RESOLUTION OF MAO'S CONTRADICTION

Under Mao there was a deep contradiction between his struggle to continue the process of reforming China's social and political institutions on a revolutionary basis, and his reactionary foreign policy in relation to the USSR and other socialist countries which was expressed as a false thesis on the class character of the USSR. What is not fully understood about present-day China is that the current leaders are bent on "harmonizing" the domestic situation with their foreign policy, but their resolution of this truly fundamental contradiction is a reactionary one; that is they are attacking the revolutionary domestic achievements of the Mao era.

The new leadership, or perhaps it would be more accurate to say the Teng leadership, is bent on eliminating and completely dismantling the progressive and revolutionary achievements of not

No new progressive social system arises from the old without bearing birthmarks—characteristics of the old system from which it issued. Nor will the new social system yield to destructive, reactionary forces unless its potentialities for taking up the torch of progress have become exhausted.

more reasonable grouping, one which conceivably might be anti-Maoist, was taking over; that this increased the possibility for collaboration between the Soviet Union and China and that it would even be possible to restore party-to-party relations and of course to solve the Sino-Soviet border dispute.

But this was a mistaken view. The mistake was not so much in analyzing the Chiang grouping as ultra-left—yes, there were excesses in the Cultural Revolution and ultra-left errors. But that's not the basic element in the analysis of what had happened. The basic error was in not realizing the **depth** of the right-wing swing of the historical pendulum which had taken place on the social landscape of this great socialist country.

This is the crux of the error. The bourgeois press also saw the Chiang grouping as "extremists," but was quick to realize that the "moderates," the "pragmatists" would be far more amenable and far more accommodating towards imperialism than were their predecessors. Communists, however, tended to view the significance of the "pragmatic" trend as merely a relief from ultra-leftism and the opening of a more reasonable approach towards relationships with other socialist countries which could lead to an abandonment of hostility to the USSR and a renewal of the Sino-Soviet Friendship Treaty.

Certainly this possibility was always there and still is there as long as the socialist foundations and the class character of the Chinese regime remain. But the depth of the political reaction that has ensued on the heels of the ouster of the Chiang grouping is so deep and pervasive that it will take much more than even the best diplomatic and political tactics and strategy at the disposal of the leadership in the other socialist countries to reverse the situation.

only the Cultural Revolution but of previous revolutionary gains made during the Chinese Revolution after the country was liberated.

The new leaders could be divided into two groupings. There are, in our view, the so-called "old capitalist roaders," many of whom merely had a deep affinity to the Soviet Union and were reluctant to take up the cudgels in the struggle against the Khrushchev regime. By and large they were sympathetic to the trend that Khrushchev brought about in the USSR during the period of his ascendancy. But generally these were really the smaller and less significant

elements in the internal struggle in China. They in turn, however, stimulated and brought to life far more powerful and more abiding regressive and anti-revolutionary social elements, many of whom could scarcely be distinguished from the bourgeois dissidents in

The New Right is propelled to do so by its assault on the progressive social achievements of the Chinese Revolution and in its haste to achieve military standing in the world arena.

Along with that has come a degeneration into chauvinism.

It is incumbent upon all progressives to unmask the reactionary character of the Teng-Hua leadership whose alliance with the most unbridled militarist and reactionary imperialist forces in the world poses the greatest danger to the whole working class.

the USSR about whom the West writes so much.

## NEW RIGHT AND MAO'S FOREIGN POLICY

The coming to power of Teng and Hua represented the victory of the New Right. And this is what the imperialist bourgeoisie quickly realized. These are the people who are not only eager to dismantle the remains of the Cultural Revolution, but view the Maoist foreign policy quite differently than did Mao himself.

Mao saw in the Nixon visit to Peking and in the Shanghai Communiqué a tremendous victory that would end the isolation of China, soon win the restoration of Taiwan as a province of China, and bring about the normalization of relations with the U.S.—but without an alliance with U.S.-NATO imperialism. Rather, the view in Peking at that time was that there was a diplomatic and political struggle against the two "super-powers," even though the USSR was the "most dangerous one." All of this, however, still remained in the stratosphere of diplomatic maneuvering and within the context of China, relying principally upon itself, with peripheral economic and diplomatic contacts with the West. The watchword was "self-reliance."

The New Right has gone much further. It has moved from diplomatic maneuvering to action; since the imperialist intervention in Zaire, it has moved headlong towards a Sino-U.S. alliance.

## SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND LENIN'S DEFINITION

China, like the USSR and other socialist countries, is called socialist not because it has achieved a fully developed socialist mode of production where classes have been abolished and where inequality has been substantially reduced between the various strata of the population, but because of the aspirations of the workers and peasants, the perspective of the leaders of the Revolution, and because of the collective ownership of the basic means of production which entails the abolition of private ownership of large means

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# China's moves against Vietnam

The government of the People's Republic of China has taken a number of specific steps in recent weeks that have led to a serious deterioration of Sino-Vietnamese relations. Here is a brief outline of what has happened:

• May 12—China unilaterally cancelled 21 aid projects to Vietnam and withdrew a large number of Chinese specialists, thereby cancelling agreements it had made with Vietnam in 1973.

• May 30—China cancelled another 51 projects which pretty much brought to an end all Chinese aid to Vietnam. This aid had been agreed upon in an understanding that Vietnam's struggle against U.S. imperialism was a significant victory for all the oppressed people of the world and that it was the internationalist duty of fraternal socialist countries to help in post-war construction.

• June 2—China announced that it would send ships to Vietnam to "evacuate" ethnic Chinese (Hoa people) who it claimed were being "persecuted and ostracized" by the Vietnamese

government. The Vietnamese replied on June 5 that there had been no campaign against the Hoa people, but that many of them had been frightened into wanting to leave Vietnam by rumors that had been spread saying a large-scale war would break out with Kampuchea, that China was supporting Kampuchea in the conflict, and that the Chinese government was calling on overseas Chinese to come back.

Vietnam also pointed out that while most of the Hoa people are workers who have shared in the revolutionary struggle of Vietnam against imperialism, some merchants among them, especially in the south, have been subject to expropriation in the general revolutionary campaign to dissolve capitalist ownership of the means of production. In the Chinese Revolution, they pointed out, similar measures had to be taken in order to convert the economy to socialist ownership—a fact which the present Chinese leaders do not mention.

China had announced it was sending the ships to Vietnamese

ports before clearing such a move with the Vietnamese government. Nevertheless, Vietnam on June 5 announced that it would allow the ships to enter specific ports as of June 20, and called on China to send a team to Vietnam to work out the details for the departure of Hoa people who wished to go to China.

On June 13 and 16 Vietnam handed the Chinese Embassy a text containing six concrete points regulating the way in which the ships would be received and would behave while in Vietnamese ports. As of June 19—a day before the first Chinese ships were due to arrive in Vietnam—no reply had been received from the Chinese and no team had arrived to discuss the arrangements.

• June 16—China announced that it was closing three Vietnamese consulates in southern China and demanded that the staffs leave China in the shortest time. In a note to the Chinese Foreign Ministry, the Vietnamese government characterized this move as "another extremely serious act of the Chinese side."

## British ruling class pushes racist offensive

# Fascists assault Bengalis in London

By BRIAN BECKER

JUNE 20—In the latest of an increasing number of right-wing, racist attacks that have occurred in Great Britain, a group of 150 fascist youth carried out a vicious mob assault on June 11 in the oppressed Bengali community in East London.

Shouting racist epithets and armed with pipes, chains, bottles, and rocks, the fascist band smashed windows, hurled chunks of concrete, and beat any Bengali residents who happened to be in their path.

The so-called neutral police were nowhere to be found while these storm troopers rampaged through the neighborhood. The police arrived only when a spontaneously formed self-defense group of community people came out into the streets, confronted the racists, and caused them to disperse. The cops arrested a handful of racists, releasing all but three of them in a few hours. The police authorities asserted that the attack was not a "premeditated racial assault" and charged the three fascists only with "threatening behavior."

This latest racist attack was organized and carried out by the National Front, a well-financed fascist organization led by John Tyndall, who succinctly revealed the character of his organization in his widely published article, entitled, "Why I am a Nazi." The National Front has been organizing around the so-called immigration issue with the aim of

placing the blame for the acute capitalist economic crisis in Britain on the Asian, African, and Caribbean immigrant population.

### RULING CLASS PUSHES RACIST OFFENSIVE

At a time when unemployment in Britain is at its highest peak since the end of World War II, British big business is working overtime to try to prevent a unified struggle of the workers. The main weapon in the bosses' arsenal is to undermine class solidarity by whipping up racism. In the U.S. they use the term "anti-busing" and in Britain it's called "immigration."

But in both cases these are only code words designed to mask the real issue—**racism**.

While the fascist National Front has been calling for the wholesale deportation of all Black and Asian immigrants from Britain, the Conservative Party (the traditional party of British big business) has adopted an almost identical program as the extreme right. Margaret Thatcher, the Conservative Party candidate for Prime Minister, has made "immigration" the main issue in the campaign to unseat the current Labor Party government.

The proclamations of Thatcher rival those of the National Front in their blatant racism. Virtually calling for a step-up in the racist offensive, she recently told a television interviewer, "People are really afraid that this country might be swamped by people with

a different culture," (!) and called for an "end to immigration."

Most recently, the Conservative Party-controlled London City Hall has proposed its own apartheid-style solution to the continuing racist attacks against minority people. The proposal calls for the forced relocation of all Asian people living in the East End of London into segregated public housing developments.

The outraged Bengali community immediately denounced this so-called solution. Speaking for the community, Golam Mustafa, a neighborhood leader, told the London newspapers, "We are strongly opposed to any idea that we should be made to live in a ghetto of the City Council's making. How would a ghetto stop the stone-throwing, the attacks, and insults? Would the white hooligans, a tiny minority, stop picking on us just because we moved house?"

In another revealing example of how the ruling class is egging on the racist campaign, David Duke, the "Grand Wizard" of the Ku Klux Klan, successfully entered Britain on March 2. Even though Duke was officially banned from entering the country, he was able to "sneak in" and before being deported was able to participate in several cross-burnings, appear on radio and television programs, and pose in front of Parliament in Klan robes. Duke obviously couldn't have stayed in Britain five minutes without the active complicity of the British ruling class.

Behind the scum who carry out

pro-labor and progressive forces. In England, the racist National Front has been carrying out an "anti-immigration" campaign directed at Black workers from the West Indies and Asian workers from India and Pakistan.

Lesbians and gay men have also been targets of fascist attacks. Recently a Paris gay film festival was attacked by fascist thugs. English gays have reported an increase of anti-gay violence in the wake of the prosecution of the editor of a leading English gay newspaper on contrived charges of "blasphemy." The racist National Front also calls for the liquidation of lesbians and gay men.

### GROWING ANTI-FASCIST MOVEMENT

European and English lesbians and gay men have strongly responded to these attacks by joining the growing anti-fascist movement. On April 22, in Cologne, West Germany, 15,000 protesters from West Germany, France, and Poland held an anti-Nazi demonstration.

On April 30, a gay contingent was part of a march of 80,000 in London against the National

Front. The coalition of organizations in the Anti-Nazi League, which organized the march, includes CHE, Britain's largest gay organization.

By these actions, lesbians and gay men are responding not only to the specific attacks against them as gays, but to the threat that the resurgence of fascism holds for them as workers, as nationally oppressed people, as immigrants, as women. Their participation helps to create the working-class unity which can defeat the fascist threat.

It is this kind of unity which is being sought and which must be increasingly sought by lesbians and gay men in this country. In the fight for civil rights, it must be recognized that the opponents of these rights are the same right-wing, racist forces whose goal is the theft of every right won by working and oppressed people.

The past year has seen increasing participation by lesbians and gay men in the struggle against the Bakke decision, against apartheid in South Africa, and against the Nazis and the Klan. It is this struggle which must and will be deepened.

the fascist attacks against the immigrant population stand the "respectable" bankers, industrialists, and corporation heads who are desperately seeking to divert the growing class struggle in Britain.

But the movement of the workers and oppressed people, who represent the majority sentiment, can defeat the racist offensive. A dramatic example of the effectiveness of the anti-racist

force was shown last Aug. 15 when 1,000 supporters of the National Front attempted to demonstrate in a multi-national community. Even though 4,000 cops tried to protect them, the fascist demonstration was smashed by 3,000 angry anti-racists. This—a militant anti-racist counter-offensive—one that builds labor solidarity in the struggle, is the only way to defeat the divide-and-conquer tactics of the bosses.

## —Guild strike

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have brother against brother." This change in tune by La Chance, who on the first day of the strike personally led some drivers through the picket lines, was a result of the near total support which the drivers' ranks gave to the Guild.

### LABOR SOLIDARITY PROVES EFFECTIVE

Thus, the struggle of the workers forced The News to suspend publication for the first time during the 5-day strike. A threat by The Times and The Post to shut down in support of The News failed to materialize and The News management threw in the towel shortly thereafter. By Saturday afternoon the new agreement was ratified by the Guild membership.

Pressure was brought to bear, however, on the Guild to accept The News' offer from labor's own corner in a rather high-handed manner. George McDonald, president of the Allied Printing Trades Council "took the unusual step," according to New York

Times reporter Robert McFadden, "of publicly endorsing a Daily News settlement offer before it was even taken under consideration by the full Guild negotiating committee." Implicit in McDonald's statement was the threat of withdrawal of support by the council. This was the threat, rather than that of the Times and Post to shut down the entire industry, that compelled the Guild membership to vote for the settlement.

The attempt by The Daily News to destroy the Newspaper Guild has its roots in the nationwide conspiracy of the newspaper monopolies to drive the unions out of the industry. This in turn is only part of the general anti-labor offensive which the corporations have been gearing up for several years. The National Association of Manufacturers, for example, has proclaimed as its goal: "to make unions unnecessary."

The union-busting offensive of the bosses can be stopped. The Guild strike proves it. Not only can it be stopped, but it must and will be stopped. As the Guild strike shows, a combination of labor solidarity and militant rank-and-file participation is the formula for success.

## —Gays fight

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lesbians and gay men, who have also been facing reactionary attacks on their rights and their lives.

### FASCIST RESURGENCE IN EUROPE

As in the U.S., the capitalist countries of Europe face a deepening economic crisis and like U.S. workers, European workers have become increasingly militant in their demands for jobs and higher wages.

Big business fears the rising anger of the workers. It tries to dissipate this anger by covertly appealing to the prejudices instilled in working people by centuries of class society, seeking to use the most oppressed as scapegoats for the suffering that all working people feel as the capitalist economic crisis deepens. But this has provoked a militant response from progressives that far overshadows the mobilizations of the right wing.

In the U.S., the ruling class is fostering division by encouraging the mobilization of the Nazis and the Klan, by supporting the racist Bakke decision, and in general, by giving free publicity in the bourgeois media to all campaigns against the oppressed, including those against lesbians and gay men. In Europe, similar support is given to right-wing movements, which in many instances are taking an overtly fascist turn.

In West Germany, some former Nazi officials now openly wear their World War II medals, and anti-Semitism is on the rise. In Italy and France, fascist gangs have mounted violent attacks on

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## —China crisis

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of production and the expropriation of the former property owners and landlords.

For lack of a more accurate terminology, Lenin defined the Soviet state as one based upon the workers and peasants and he called it a "workers' state with bureaucratic deformations." Although 60 years have gone by and the Soviet state has become enormously strengthened from the point of view of the growth of the productive forces, the well-being of the people, and its tremendous military, industrial, and technological prowess, there is no question that the USSR has still not gone beyond the stage of a workers' state with bureaucratic deformations.

There are concrete historical circumstances both of an internal and especially of an external character which have enforced this sociological definition on the USSR and for other reasons on other socialist states.

China without the Cultural Revolution, China with the New Right as its ruling group, is a workers' state in the sense that Lenin used that term. It's a workers' state not merely with bureaucratic deformations but with a weakened social system and more in danger of a relapse than at the height of the struggle between the Right and the Left during the critical days of the Cultural Revolution.

There are those who see the Teng leadership as a continuation of Maoism. But the truth of the matter is that the new leaders, the New Right that is, who it must be remembered are hampered by centrist and leftist elements within the coalition, regard Maoism as an albatross around their neck and are only precluded from chucking it all overboard by the fear of the many millions who still adhere to Maoism, even as it is proclaimed by the current leaders.

The broad historical context in which these events in China must

be understood is that of the great world transition period between the capitalist and socialist systems. This is much more profound and decisive for the future of humanity than was the transition from feudalism to capitalism.

Furthermore, the parameters in understanding the crisis in Chinese politics should be viewed in the light that no new progressive social system arises from the old without bearing birthmarks—that is, some of the characteristics of the old system from which it issued. Nor will the new social system yield to destructive, reactionary forces unless its potentialities have become exhausted or incapable of taking up the torch of progress, the torch of the working class and the peasantry.

This cannot be viewed as a uniquely Chinese phenomenon, but rather as a general one affecting all the countries of the socialist camp which, in spite of everything, are all bound by common ties of a class character.

### DON'T THROW OUT THE REVOLUTION!

There are those who are so justifiably enraged by the reactionary alignment with imperialism to which the PRC leaders are gravitating so rapidly that, seeing the current leaders as a mere continuation of Maoist doctrinairism, they would chuck overboard all of Maoist ideology and the entire course Mao pursued, which for almost all purposes covers virtually the entire Chinese Revolution. That would be throwing the baby out with the bath water. It would lay the foundation for compounding Mao's error on the false sociological characterization of the USSR as a capitalist or imperialist state by repeating it in regard to China.

If the revolutionary working class and oppressed people are to find a way out of the abyss toward which the contemporary leaders of China are pushing, it is necessary to have an objective evaluation of the current state of affairs in China. Above all it is necessary not to read China out of the socialist camp, not to disqualify it as a socialist state in the sense that it is popularly understood and currently used throughout the world, and to remember that although the socialist foundations and the progressive social structure of China have been weakened, basically what prevails in China is a new mode of production that is progressive as against the old bourgeois system.

All preceding history in the imperialist era attests to the speed with which political reaction can be superseded and swept away by the revolutionary action of the masses. This applies to the socialist countries as well as to the imperialist system. The Soviet Union itself has to a large degree overcome periods of political reaction, especially in its foreign policy with relation to the national liberation movements, although the struggle in the USSR against political reaction is by no means over.

Political reaction is now having its day in China. But the creative initiative, the revolutionary energy of the masses is sure to assert itself in one form or another and rescue the socialist revolution in China from the hands of reaction.

Nevertheless, it is incumbent upon all progressives, all workers, all oppressed people, to unmask the reactionary character of the present Teng-Hua leadership and point out that their alliance with the most unbridled militarist and reactionary imperialist forces in the world poses the greatest danger to the whole working class. Its role as a tool of U.S.-NATO imperialism must be fought with uncompromising vigor to the end.

## POLITICAL PRISONERS



### July 4 march in Carter's 'backyard'

## Demand Dessie Woods' freedom!

By ELEANOR RIGGS

ATLANTA, June 19—The National Committee to Defend Dessie Woods has announced plans for a march and rally on July 4 in Plains, Ga., to demand freedom for Dessie Woods, a Black woman who was unjustly convicted Feb. 2, 1976, on charges arising from her successful defense of herself and a friend, Cheryl Todd, against a rape attack by an armed racist.

Woods is now serving a 22-year sentence in the Women's Institute of Corrections in Hardwick, Ga. Here drugs have been forced upon her, she has been subjected to beatings, extended periods of isolation, she has been stripped of her clothing, and denied proper medical care.

In Dessie Woods' words, "This is a racial issue. See, the United States government says that Black women do not have the right to self-defense. And this is not true. Every woman has the right to protect herself. We must stand up and fight and bring this out to the world, that injustice has been brought to many a Black person. And by freeing Dessie Woods, we will free the entire Black race."

### "HUMAN RIGHTS" RHETORIC EXPOSED

The National Committee to Defend Dessie Woods sees the case of this brave Black Georgia woman as clear evidence of the phony and hypocritical character of Jimmy Carter's "human rights" rhetoric. The Committee has said, "As James Earl Carter and his representatives travel around the globe admonishing people and governments for violations of human rights, African people in the U.S. are fighting for our very lives!"

Citing massive unemployment among Black people, the ever-escalating crisis of food, housing, and other necessities, the continued deterioration of minority communities, and the attempts by the courts and legislatures to turn back many of the hard-fought-for victories of the past decade in education, job opportunities, etc., the Committee has said, "Indeed, if there is a human rights problem in the world today, it is within the U.S. that Black people are confronted with the problem most sharply."

Under the slogan of Independence in our Lifetime, the National Committee calls on all progressive people of all nationalities to demand freedom

for Dessie Woods and an end to colonial violence against Black women, as well as the release of all political prisoners, an end to the brutal conditions present in all the jails and prisons in this country, and jobs, housing, and education for all.

### MARCH IN PLAINS

The Plains city government attempted to deny the National Committee a permit to march and rally there, claiming that all the land there was owned by Jimmy Carter and two other people and there wasn't any public property to march on. (!) Once it became clear to the city officials that their

tactic had not discouraged march organizers, and that the demonstration would go on as planned, with or without their permission, a permit was granted.

Activities are scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. in Plains on Tuesday, July 4. Buses will be leaving from Atlanta. A support demonstration has also been called for the Bay Area of California on July 4. Financial contributions for this effort are greatly needed.

For more information, contact the National Committee to Defend Dessie Woods, P.O. Box 92084, Morris Brown Station, Atlanta, Ga., (404) 758-1577.

## JoAnne Little whisked to North Carolina



JoAnne Little

June 18—JoAnne Little was indicted in North Carolina today in connection with her escape last October from a prison in that state. Conviction on the escape could add from six months to two years to her sentence.

Above, Little, on the right, is taken to the plane in which she was flown under shotgun-toting guard from New York's Rikers Island to North Carolina Correctional Center for Women in Raleigh on June 9.

Little was denied her right to a hearing by courts all the way up to the Supreme Court, which recently refused to postpone her extradition from New York State. She had been fighting in the courts for a hearing where witnesses could testify that her life would be in danger if she is returned to North Carolina.

JoAnne Little has been harassed and threatened almost daily by North Carolina's ruling powers since a jury acquitted her in 1975 of any wrong-doing for killing a prison guard as an act of self-defense during a racist rape attack. She has been imprisoned since then on other charges, but managed to escape last fall after being denied parole several times by a vindictive parole board.

In North Carolina, prison officials have put Little under "close custody" in the maximum security section supposedly for her "safety." Only vigilance by her supporters can protect an isolated JoAnne Little from harm.

## Norfolk public meeting raises support for Brother Imani

By MEGAN McKEWAN

NORFOLK, June 10—"Martin Luther King, George Jackson, and Fred Hampton all were executed because they were leaders in the Black freedom movement, and they were executed in a way that they couldn't do anything about. But this time, we can fight to stop an execution before it happens."

The speaker was Tom Gardner, a leader in the Atlanta-based Committee to Defend Imani (Johnny Harris) and Stop the Death Penalty. He was speaking here today at a public meeting sponsored by the Norfolk chapter of the Prisoners Solidarity Committee.

Gardner was in Norfolk to discuss the case of Imani, a Black

man on death row in Alabama. One of the purposes of today's meeting was to inform people in the Norfolk area of Imani's case and build support for him in his fight against the death penalty. Imani is facing execution because of his participation in a prison rebellion in 1974 at Atmore prison in which a guard was killed. Imani was already serving five life sentences, for crimes he did not commit. A Confederacy-era statue dictates execution for any prisoner convicted of first-degree murder while serving a life sentence.

The Committee to Defend Imani has been fighting to stop his execution. Thousands of telegrams to the Alabama Attorney General's office resulted in a stay of execution only 59 hours before

Imani was to be put to death. Currently he is still under sentence of death but no new execution date has been set.

The audience of some 40 Black and white people also heard reports on the cases of JoAnne Little, the Wilmington 10, Black Liberation Army member Safiya Bukhari, and Vernon Lee Jo, a young Black man from Suffolk, Va. serving a life sentence as a result of a frame-up rape case.

Lonnie Jo of the Vernon Lee Jo Defense Committee expressed the feeling of the meeting when he said "We are willing to go to North Carolina to help free JoAnne Little, and if we have to kick down some prison walls we're willing to do that too."

## —RCA

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locals in the international telecommunications industry. Local 111 of the Western Union International (which is a main competitor of RCA) has sent two full-time people to help, and has donated office space. Their members regularly walk the picket line—thirty of them turning out in the rain last week.

The workers from ITT, another main RCA competitor, took up a collection for the RCA workers, and gave tremendous moral support to the line on their lunch breaks.

Not one truck has crossed the picket line and the Joint Council of Teamsters has contributed substantial money to the strike fund. The International in D.C. helped to contact the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) at the beginning of the dispute, because it is supposed to have jurisdiction over the closing of any facility. RCA had avoided even asking the FCC for permission.

In fact, as yesterday's leaflet stated, it was the union's efforts to force RCA to uphold the law that resulted in the lockout.

As the weeks wear on, the Local 10 members continue to be creative in their efforts to regain their jobs along with union recognition. As their leaflet said, "We will use every means and enlist all support for our survival. RCA is not going to turn the clock of labor history back 50 years."

**Exclusive interview with Puerto Rican Nationalist Andres Figueroa Cordero**

## 'Our task was to awaken others'



Andres Figueroa Cordero

Photo: Claridad

**By TOM SOTO**  
NEW YORK, June 21—Andres Figueroa Cordero, Puerto Rican independence fighter, returned to New York City last week after 24 years of imprisonment.

Figueroa, along with Lolita Lebron, Irvin Flores Rodriguez, and Rafael Cancel Miranda, carried out an armed attack against the U.S. Congress in 1954 demanding independence for Puerto Rico.

Four years earlier, in 1950, Oscar Collazo and Griselio Torresola, in support of the anti-colonial uprising which had taken place in the city of Jayuya, had opened up an attack on Blair House, then the home of President Harry S. Truman. Torresola was killed and Collazo imprisoned.

The five comrades jailed in the two attacks against U.S. imperialism have become a symbol of the Puerto Rican people's struggle for liberation and their actions mark an important chapter in the history of that struggle. The Five, members of the Nationalist Party, are the longest held political prisoners in the Western Hemisphere.

Figueroa, who is 53, is stricken with cancer. He was released only after hundreds of mass protests were carried out in Puerto Rico and in the United States demanding his freedom.

Upon being released last October, it was expected that he would live only a very short period but his dedication to the struggle and the enthusiastic welcome and solidarity he has received from tens of thousands of supporters has given him a new strength and determination to continue the struggle.

At present he is living on one lung which is 40% operational.

While in New York City, Figueroa attended a reception honoring Ricardo Alarcon Quesada, departing Cuban

Ambassador to the United Nations. He also visited the Puerto Rican community of El Barrio in Manhattan where he was warmly received and attended a reception in his honor at Casa de las Americas organized by the U.S. Committee to Free the Four.

At a news conference held June 14 at 777 UN Plaza by the Comité Nacional Pro-Libertad de los Presos Nacionalistas (National Committee for the Freedom of the Nationalist Prisoners), Figueroa said, "I would like to thank the people of the United States for the struggle they have carried out for my freedom and the struggle still being waged for the release of my compañeros: Lolita Lebron, Oscar Collazo, Irvin Flores Rodriguez, and Rafael Cancel Miranda. My release was achieved by the combined efforts of the people of Puerto Rico, the people of the United States, and friendly peoples all over the world."

During his brief stay, **Workers World** was able to speak with Andres Figueroa Cordero. The following are excerpts from his remarks.

### ISOLATION AND GROWING CONSCIOUSNESS

Reflecting on the 24 years of incarceration, he noted that he was kept very isolated from other prisoners, though there were small groups of progressives whom he was able to meet and work with. He made special mention of the growing consciousness during that quarter of a century of imprisonment.

"During all those years, the minds of the people were awakening. I got the first demonstration of this consciousness and its strength in Chicago (en route to Puerto Rico after his release—T.S.)"

"When I arrived in Puerto Rico and saw all those demonstrators (10,000 at the airport and 6,000 in



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his home town of Aguada—T.S.), I was surprised. I think that our task, of demanding liberty or death, was to awaken many others."

### ON THE WORKING CLASS AND CUBA

Figueroa commented that the working class would play an "extraordinary" important role in the struggle for liberation. "The working class must continue its struggle to stop imperialist oppression. . . . It must continue in the forefront until all the working masses of the entire continent are triumphant, as well as in Asia, Africa, . . . and North America itself."

"All of us make up one single person and in that person are the working masses and we must stand firm in our cause and always look to the first free country in the Americas, the Republic of Cuba."

Explaining how Cuba and Puerto Rico had a common history of oppression and struggle, Figueroa mentioned all the common heroes such as the Maceo brothers, Emiliano Rojas, Ramon Emtario Betances, Martin Marin, Jose Marti, and others. He praised the victorious struggle of the Cuban people and the role its revolutionary leaders such as Fidel Castro, Raul Castro, Almeida, Che, and many others have played and the "extraordinary contribution" they have made in support of Puerto Rican independence.

"The Puerto Rican people inside and outside the United States are one people. . . . They along with their North American brothers and sisters are united. The Chicanos, Afro-Americans, along with the whites all are one."

"The only thing that's white is the White House and if we are going to combat racism, first and foremost let's destroy it in the White House."

"We must always keep in mind that in the near future, our Puerto Rican people as well as the North American people, standing firm together, will obtain the liberation of all the working people of the continent, of Latin America, who are exploited by the same giant corporations that exploit the people of the United States."

"The work that North American organizations have carried out along with the people of Puerto Rico for the freedom of the Five has had success—you have me here. I think that the campaign to free the Four must continue until they are free and until all political prisoners in North America are also free."

## Two students killed in Panama, protests suppressed as

## Carter signs Canal treaties perpetuating U.S. control

**By PADDY COLLIGAN**

JUNE 22—While President Jimmy Carter was in Panama this week proclaiming that Latin America and the U.S. were "on the threshold of a new era of inter-American understanding and cooperation," two Panamanian students lay dead, and several others seriously wounded after participating in a rally two days before against U.S. imperialist control of Panama.

The casualties were the result of an eleventh-hour operation carried out by the Panamanian government to stifle the anger of the Panamanian people for at least as long as the U.S. imperialist delegation and their bought press were in the country.

The treaties signed June 16 are very important to the Carter administration's Latin American policy, a scheme to keep the U.S. as the dominant force in the hemisphere while making it appear that it favors a new type of relationship based on "equality

and mutual respect."

The outright occupation by the U.S. of a section of Panama has long been attacked by progressive people throughout Latin America. A bloodily repressed demonstration in January 1964 underscored the need for some minor concessions if the U.S. was not to risk losing the whole Canal Zone. This and other demonstrations led to the years of negotiations which produced the new treaties.

The treaties between Panama and the U.S. hardly undermine the continued U.S. dominance over the Panama Canal. They just let Panama in on some of the economic benefits of the Canal. The government of Panama will receive an increased share of revenues—about \$70 million a year—from the Canal.

Carter has also promised Panama new foreign investments as well as that, gradually, Panamanian companies could take over the business of

provisioning the ships, servicing them, and operating the Canal itself.

Of course, the teaching of necessary skills must largely be done by the Zonians, U.S. residents in the Canal Zone determined to preserve their lives of privilege. Already this impoverished country with its population of 1.5 million is the sixth largest financial center in the world because its laws provide a tax haven for huge and greedy U.S. transnational corporations.

These well-publicized treaties will not even go into effect until October 1979, over a year from now, and the Canal will not revert to Panamanian control until 22 years from now.

And according to an amendment added to the treaties by a right-wing Senator, the U.S. retains "in perpetuity," the right to intervene whenever it feels necessary to keep the Canal open.

For example, the U.S. has the "right" to send in troops to prevent labor strife from shutting down the Canal.

The right wing in the U.S. is using the Panama Canal treaties to attack the Carter administration because it is supposedly letting anti-U.S. forces take what they consider is U.S. property. In fact, Carter gave in without a fight to the ultra-right over the amendments which would allow the U.S. to invade Panama. The Carter administration is as pro-imperialist as any U.S. administration and the argument is over tactics, not objectives.

But the treaties, so lopsided in favor of the U.S. as they are, do reflect some concessions. They show the fear that the U.S. ruling class has of national liberation movements in Latin America and the Caribbean. Even relatively minor material concessions such as these must be wrung from U.S. imperialists.