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"Huyser is the ringleader of the Iranian generals!" "Carter is Bakhtiar's real boss!" are new slogans being raised in Tehran. Here demonstrators mass by the hundreds of thousands near Tehran University.

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By KENNY PETERSON

JANUARY 31—As the Iranian Revolution enters what may prove to be a period of decisive and intensified confrontation with the neo-colonial regime of Shapur Bakhtiar, speculation is mounting both inside Iran and abroad that the U.S. Pentagon and its puppet officer corp in that country are planning to unleash a bloody counter-revolutionary coup.

U.S. Air Force General Robert E. Huyser, the deputy commander of NATO, arrived in Iran three weeks ago to coordinate U.S. strategy with the Iranian military. Iranian demonstrators in Tehran yesterday were reported here as chanting, "Huyser is the ringleader of the Iranian generals," and "Carter is Bakhtiar's real boss." Huyser's presence in Iran, which is not a member state of NATO, is a violation of U.S. laws defining the jurisdiction of the military under that treaty.

Iranians need no reminder that it was the U.S. CIA that orchestrated the 1953 coup in that country toppling the progressive regime of Dr. Mohammed Mossadegh. CIA station chief Kermit Roosevelt has openly boasted of his role

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Black transvestite man still faces harassment

Plainclothes cop cripples his victim

By JIM HARLOW

ATLANTA, Jan. 15—Orion Burns, a 28-year-old Black transvestite who lives in this city is permanently crippled in his left leg thanks to a Columbus (Ga.) cop, Detective R.C. White.

Orion was in downtown Columbus at 11 p.m. on July 11 when White, in plainclothes and driving an unmarked car, offered him a ride. After getting him into the car, driving two blocks, and offering Burns money for sexual favors, White flashed his badge. When Burns tried to get out, White accelerated, taunting him to "go ahead and jump." When White turned sharply at an

intersection, Burns fell onto the street, the car's right wheel crushing his left leg.

White, after calling an ambulance, refused to give the attendants his name. At Columbus's Medical Center Hospital he told emergency personnel that Burns was under arrest. White returned to the hospital three times, the last time carrying what he called "bonding papers." Burns signed them, thinking he was arranging a personal recognizance bond. But a call to the Columbus Police Department revealed that there was no record of his arrest, no charges placed against him, and

no bond posted.

After some two months in the Columbus Hospital, Burns returned home to Atlanta. Since then he has been hospitalized twice, undergoing painful treatment for multiple broken bones and abrasions. His leg is in a cast which doctors say he must wear for six months to a year. The leg is considerably shortened, thus crippling him for life.

On Dec. 7, nearly six months after White's vicious assault on him, Burns was arrested by the Dekalb County Sheriff, acting on a request from the Columbus police. He was charged with solicitation of sodomy, prostitution, and attempted escape!

It is no coincidence that his arrest comes at a time when Burns and his attorney, Henrietta Turnquist, are preparing to file charges against Columbus police

for brutality and denial of constitutional rights. Detective White has a dirty history of entrapment arrests of gay people in Columbus, and he and his racist, sexist cronies want to keep up their daily routine of harassment and brutality, aimed especially, as everywhere in this society, against Black and other oppressed people.

Burns and his supporters are determined to make R.C. White and the City of Columbus's racist repressive apparatus pay for all the suffering he has endured these many months. Funds are desperately needed to meet Burn's huge medical bills and upcoming legal expenses. Supporters can send donations to Orion Burns, 2932 Valley Ridge Drive, Decatur, Georgia 30032. Fight back, smash gay oppression and stop police brutality against transvestite women and men!

New Jersey anti-gay bill withdrawn

By DIANE FEINBERG

HOBOKEN, N.J., Jan. 23—Last July, ultra-right-wing State Sen. Joseph Maressa introduced legislation in New Jersey that would punish sex and affection between men with 5 to 10 years in prison and/or a \$7,500 fine. Today, Maressa was forced to withdraw his hate-filled proposal.

Maressa's bill, which he hoped would later include lesbians, was part of a package that he was using to try and amend the state's criminal code which goes into effect next Sept. 1. Without the Maressa amendment, the code will do away with laws against sex between consenting adults—including gays.

FASCIST BILL

Maressa's vile proposal was part of a national right-wing campaign that has menaced the rights of lesbians and gay men to equal opportunities in housing, employment, and other areas protected by the anti-discrimination codes that exist in some cities. Those codes (although they do not by themselves protect gay people's rights) did not fall

from the skies. They are on paper because an upsurge of lesbians and gay men demanded them. But Maressa's bill was different from the right-wing attacks on gay rights because it alone made gays themselves criminals simply because of their love and affectional relationships.

26 Jersey groups, spearheaded by the Gay Activist Alliance, opposed the bill. Its withdrawal is clearly a victory, but it must be seen in the context of the need for on-going struggle. Maressa and Anita Bryant are a part of a larger movement of right-wing groups threatening the rights of nationally oppressed people, gays, transvestite and transsexual women and men, welfare victims and the right to abortion, affirmative action, and labor organizing.

When all who are in danger from these bigots stand together poised to strike as one, the Bryants and Maressas will be afraid to bring their hate-filled campaigns into the streets. In fact, a day will come when Maressa and his ilk will be afraid to be caught on the streets at all!

Racist killer cop twice escapes conviction

By NICK DE FREITAS

NEW YORK, Jan 23—A mistrial was declared today in the case of William Walker, an outspoken

racist cop who had carried out an execution-style murder of a 22-year-old-Black college student in the spring of 1975. The Brooklyn federal jury whose only Black member was replaced in the middle of the trial, said it was deadlocked in a 9-to-3 vote to acquit the 29-year-old bigot—on charges of violating the constitutional rights of his victim, John Brabham.

This is the second time that the former Brooklyn police officer will escape conviction in the incident surrounding the murder of John Brabham. Two years ago, Walker was "cleared" of the murder when an all-white jury in the state court found him to act in "self defense" by gunning down the unarmed youth in the streets of Bedford-Stuyvesant.

Walker's defense in this latest trial was largely based on the testimony of his partner over what happened on the night of the killing. Emanuel Pepitone confirmed what had long been suspected by the city's outraged Black community: William Walker murdered Brabham in cold blood, carefully taking aim at the surrendering Black youth, pulling the trigger, and placing a toy gun into the dying victim's hand, a gun Pepitone said Walker kept with

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Support Terrence Johnson!



HYATTSVILLE, Md., Jan. 27—A group of 250 demonstrators marched to the County Services Building here today to demand freedom for Terrence Johnson, a Black youth unjustly charged with killing two county police officers. This spirited march showed the widespread support that Johnson is receiving throughout Prince George's County and the DC metropolitan area, as the trial next week.

WW photo: Sue Coleman

Join the struggle!

Workers World Party and Youth Against War & Fascism [YAWF] participate in and organize many of the struggles described in this newspaper. All work together in these organizations—Black, white, Latin, Asian, and Native peoples, young and old, gay and straight, working, unemployed, and students. We fight on all the issues that face the working class and oppressed peoples in this capitalist society.

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U.S. war budget aimed at intervention in Persian Gulf, Africa

By BILL DEL VECCHIO

JANUARY 30—It was show and tell time at the Senate Armed Services Committee last Thursday, and Defense Secretary Harold Brown and General David Jones, the new chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, came prepared with charts and graphs to present the Pentagon's annual "warning on the Soviet menace."

The Armed Services Committee, long a stronghold of the most reactionary militarists in the Senate, didn't really need to be convinced of the necessity of approving Carter's proposed \$136 billion "defense" budget. So to insure that Brown and Jones' speeches and art work didn't go to waste, TV cameras and reporters were present to carry the war-makers plea for the biggest budget in the history of humankind directly to the poor and working class taxpayers who will be footing the bill.

The "Soviet menace" is threatening Western Europe, the Pentagon spokesmen claimed, and so the poor must accept the massive social service cuts, spiralling inflation, and higher taxes that the war budget will entail in order for the U.S. military to "maintain an uneasy balance."

LIBERATION MOVEMENTS—THE PENTAGON'S REAL WORRY

Regardless of the charts and graphs, the real concern and

motivation of the U.S. imperialist military in its preparation for war is not the fear that the Soviet Union will march across Europe or launch a nuclear attack. The Pentagon's primary worry is its seeming inability to suppress revolutions in countries oppressed by imperialism such as Iran, reveals an article by Drew Middleton, whose reporting for the New York Times is always dependent on "informed sources" in the Pentagon.

Citing unnamed "critics" within the military, Middleton rejects the likelihood of the Soviet Union taking aggressive action in Western Europe. Instead, he writes, "Graver risks for the United States and its allies are more likely to arise in areas distant from the European lines at places where American and West European national interest, although great, will not seem so vital in the eyes of public opinion." Iran is one such area, Middleton says, adding that **Pentagon planners have proposed a force of 100,000 men of the Army and Marine Corps for intervention in the Persian Gulf area.**

Other areas cited by Middleton where the U.S. may have to "uphold national interest" were sub-Saharan Africa, the Horn of Africa, the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, Afghanistan, Oman, Mozambique, and Angola.

The obvious connection between intervention in these areas and the

hated war against Viet Nam explains why Brown and Jones neglected to mention them in their defense of the military budget and why Middleton says they won't "seem so vital in the eyes of public opinion."

The eyes of public opinion saw their relatives come home in coffins from Southeast Asia, they saw footage of the atrocities committed by U.S. troops against the Vietnamese people on their TV sets, and they saw that the U.S.'s decade-long war was not fought for freedom as they were told.

Opposition to imperialist aggression as a result of the Viet Nam War is now so deep rooted that the Pentagon and the Carter administration are afraid to even raise the subject. So in order to get the masses of the U.S. to pay for the new Viet Nams, Carter and the military have created "the Soviet menace" in hopes of frightening poor and working people into accepting the war budget.

But it will take more than graphs and statistics and ominous speeches on Soviet military strength to erase the memory in the minds of the people of the tragedy and suffering caused by the Viet Nam War.



Ships like the new LHA-1 Tarawa, newly built at a cost of over \$200 million, are an important part of the Pentagon's arsenal against the neo-colonial countries in Africa, Latin America, the Arab world, and East Asia.

\$122.7...\$126.7...\$135.5 billion...

How big is the military budget?

It's hard to read about billions of dollars without getting confused. It's even more confusing when the sums mentioned have to do with the military budget, because the government doesn't want us to know what's going on.

Here's just one example of how, by a simple bookkeeping trick, \$13 billion (that's \$13,000,000,000!) can be left out of the military budget by those who want to make it seem that the poor Pentagon is just limping along on pin money.

Take Carter's proposed military budget for fiscal 1980. It was announced as \$122.7 billion. But this **doesn't** include the development and production of atomic weapons, which is itemized in the Energy Department's budget. (And it can't be forgotten

that the Secretary of Energy is the "preventive nuclear war" madman, James Schlesinger.)

This brings the budget up to \$125.7 billion.

But there's more.

There's another \$10 billion in funds that Congress is being asked to allocate to the military for 1980 but that won't be spent in the 1980 fiscal year. This brings the total proposed military allocation up to \$135.5 billion.

But what about the billions in interest paid to the banks for debts incurred to pay for past wars? And what about the **hidden** budgets of the CIA, the National Reconnaissance Organization, and other para-military agencies? The list seems endless.

War is a terribly, terribly costly

business. Even more than in dollars, it has to be measured in human lives. But even if all this military hardware is never used in a war—and that's a big if, considering how it's being used right now in places like Iran—the great majority of the people in the U.S. are suffering because of the stranglehold of the military-industrial octopus.

Whether you're really poor, and have to face the most horrible conditions of life and death in the U.S. slums, or whether you're lucky enough to actually be able to try and plan a future for yourself and your kids, you are being robbed of happiness in a million ways by a system that breeds ever bigger wars for ever bigger profits.

—D.G.

What price gov't studies?

By ELIZABETH ROSS

JANUARY 20—The much-publicized report by the Surgeon General of the U.S. which appeared last week in the press giving overwhelming proof that tobacco causes lung cancer was a digest of 30,000 separate studies which took years to prepare. Naturally, it cost the government a lot of money, but not so much as the subsidies the same government gives to the tobacco growers.

Jimmy Carter told the growers association recently he wouldn't let them down, even though he doesn't smoke himself, and the growers are sure he means it. The tobacco industry's sales amount to \$20 billion a year, and their profits of \$2 or 3 billion a year are sacred to the president. The White House said, "No comment" on the Surgeon General's report.

As a smoker of nearly 60 years' duration I have often repeated Mark Twain's old joke about how easy it is to quit smoking, having done it dozens of times myself, but I know it is an insidious and dangerous habit and curse my addiction to it, as do thousands of my fellow smokers. We are all incensed that the government spends so much money to find out how lethal it is while giving millions every year to keep the tobacco growers happy and prosperous.

But we shouldn't be surprised. Costly reports, entailing the work of countless high-paid professors, scientists and technicians, come out almost every month. One of the recent ones was put out by the Labor Dept. From it we learned that coal mining in the U.S. is the second most dangerous industry in the world, with only the mines of South Africa proven more deadly. Last year miners in the U.S. struck for up to seven months over the issue of safety conditions and succeeded in lowering the death-

rate for a few months after the strike, but this year there were more deaths in the mines than before the men went out.

Only a few days ago the Nuclear Regulatory Commission made a statement that completely upset the findings of a report made four years ago. The old study concluded that the chance of a serious nuclear accident was as remote as that of a meteor strike on a city—once in a million years. The Commission's statement says those calculations were misleading, but

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Connally: oil barons' presidential candidate

By ANDY STAPP

JANUARY 29—On Jan. 25, John B. Connally announced to the National Press Club his intention of running for President on the Republican Party ticket in 1980.

According to a report in last Friday's Christian Science Monitor, "The former Texas governor is staking out a position to the right of Mr. Reagan."

The Monitor continues: "He (Connally) opposes SALT II, is unhappy with the cutoff of the U.S. treaty with Taiwan, supports a constitutional amendment for a balanced budget, backs eased environmental controls, wants incentives for energy production, and asks more leeway for the CIA and FBI."

By balancing the budget, Connally means more cuts in programs that aid poor and working people, and when he speaks of "incentives for energy production," Connally means more billion dollar give-aways to the oil companies.

Connally has always been thick

as thieves with the oil barons. Back in 1945 he became a member of the Austin law firm Powell, Wirtz, and Ruhart, and through the connections he made there became chief attorney for oil billionaire Sid Richardson. When Richardson died, Connally became the sole executor of his estate, and a millionaire himself.

Then it was the Secretary of the Navy under JFK (the U.S. Navy is the largest purchaser of petroleum in the U.S.) and then back to Texas where he became one of the most reactionary governors in that state's long history of reactionary governors.

ANTI-LABOR FIGURE

When a large group of super-exploited Chicano farmworkers marched on the State Capital in 1966, asking a \$1.25 minimum wage law, Connally insulted the marchers by telling them, "Education will help you, not the state of Texas."

Later, as Nixon's Secretary of the Treasury, Connally brought his contempt for labor to the

national scene, acting as architect of the 1971 wage freeze while simultaneously waging a ruthless and successful fight to bail out Lockheed Aircraft's rich corporate owners from bankruptcy with a \$250 million loan guarantee from the public till.

Although serving in Nixon's cabinet, Connally had remained a member of the Democratic Party until the Watergate scandal broke. At that point Connally became a Republican and joined Nixon's personal staff as "Special Assistant."

During this point in time he was acting as legal counsel for the Gulf Resources and Chemical Corporation, subsequently indicted for "laundering" \$100,000 for the Committee to Re-Elect the President. Connally was also closely linked with the ITT anti-trust scandal involving the Hartford Fire Insurance Company.

Another company Connally was connected to (as a member of the board of directors), Brown and Root, Inc., got nailed for having

paid \$700,000 in illegal funds to Nixon's reelect committee.

MILK BRIBE SCANDAL

Connally himself was finally tried for taking bribes from the milk trust and at the proceedings 31 witnesses testified against him. Connally got former Secretary of Defense Robert MacNamara and Billy Graham to speak for his "good character" and was acquitted!

According to the Christian Science Monitor cited above, "Mr. Connally thinks that his connection with the milk-fund scandal—allegations that he accepted two \$5,000 'tips' from dairy producers for supporting a price increase when he was part of the Nixon administration—is fading from public memory."

Whatever people recall concerning the milk scandal, they will certainly remember Watergate well enough, and the way Connally's name constantly cropped up in the middle of all the dirt.

Sears files racist suit against anti-discrimination laws

By LARRY HOLMES

JANUARY 29—The owners of Sears, Roebuck & Company, the largest retail corporation in the world with nearly a half a million workers, filed suit last week against the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission (EEOC), and nine other federal agencies charging that the government's anti-discrimination laws—which in fact are weak and toothless—are "capricious and arbitrary" and should be abolished.

The Sears suit challenges federal enforcement of equal employment laws as they apply to all general-merchandise retailers with more than 15 workers—which means the entire industry. Sears President Dean Swift adds, "We think every company in America should have a great deal of interest in it."

The Chicago-based multi-billion-dollar company, notorious for its pervasive racist and sexist discriminatory policies in hiring and promotions, took legal action to escape pending EEOC charges that it has consistently discriminated against Blacks, Latins, and women. The EEOC found that Sears employment statistics reflected discrimination against women, Blacks, and Spanish-surnamed workers.

Over the past decade, more than 15,000 discrimination complaints have been filed against Sears. According to the EEOC, Sears has refused to make even "token" settlements with the many victims of its discriminatory policies under terms accepted by even such huge monopolies as AT&T. Such settlements typically involve giving oppressed minorities and women a few dollars to "compensate" for years of discrimination. Sears President Swift has said, "Simply scattering hundred dollar bills over a group of people who happen to be at some place at some time in history is unfairly punitive."

Through the suit, which the U.S. News & World Report called "the most massive assault to date on federal regulations," Sears bosses seek to enjoin the government from enforcing equal employment guidelines. Sears is concealing its racist motives



"Beat back Bakke!" Participants in the historic April 15, 1978, march in Washington, D.C., in defense of affirmative action.

behind charges that government anti-discrimination rules are so "confusing and inconsistent" that they are impossible to comply with, shifting the blame for their discriminatory policies onto the government. Of course, the

government, which is no friend of the oppressed, is indeed guilty of purposely adopting muddled and ambiguous equal employment guidelines that play right into the hands of the monopolies. The government's real crime, however,

is that its efforts to "combat" discrimination are wholly inadequate and ineffectual.

Sears is not interested in clarifying the government regulations so as to make them more effective in fighting racist

and sexist discrimination. On the contrary, like the backers of the anti-affirmative action Bakke and Weber cases, Sears seeks to reverse the gains of the civil rights movement. This is a case to watch closely.

Baltimore unionist in TV debate with Weber:

'There is no unity without equality'

By JESSE LEE

BALTIMORE, Jan. 21—Brian Weber's attempt to build public support here for his legal challenge to affirmative action job programs was turned into a forum for the struggle against racism by trade union activists today.

"There is no unity without equality," explained Jeff Bigelow, president of Local 75A of the United Furniture Workers Union here. Bigelow was speaking over

WJZ-TV in a rebuttal to Weber. In an interview broadcast today on the "Sunday Live" show, Weber had claimed that by opposing affirmative action he was supporting "labor unity."

Brian Weber is the \$21,000-a-year lab technician who filed suit against the United Steelworkers union to challenge an affirmative action program agreed to by the union and the Kaiser Aluminum plant in Gramercy, La. The case is

now before the U.S. Supreme Court.

WEBER REFUSES LIVE DEBATE

Weber had come to this city, site of the huge Sparrows Point steel plant, to appear on the TV talk show "Sunday Live." When local labor activists learned that Weber was to be on TV, they contacted the station and offered to debate him. While WJZ bowed to the

pressure which had come from several leading unions, Weber refused to take part in a face-to-face debate. Instead, he taped a 35 minute interview and then left the city before the actual showing.

Following today's broadcast of the interview, Jeff Bigelow of the Furniture Workers was given about 10 minutes to respond. It was in this talk that Bigelow said "There is no unity without equality." In addition, he charged that Weber's "unity" is in reality based on white supremacy and on maintaining the policies which corporations use to divide the workers.

Weber, who has said he opposes the right of Black people to be served in restaurants, claimed today that he is really defending "seniority rights." The steelworkers' affirmative action program provides for two seniority lists, one for Black workers, other minorities; and women, and the other for white males. Under the agreement, openings in a job training program were to be drawn from both lists until the number of Black workers being upgraded by the program was proportionally the same as in the area surrounding the plant, or 40%.

Following his appearance on TV, Bigelow told *Workers World* that he had come forward to debate Weber because the attack on affirmative action is divisive and dangerous for the labor movement. This is especially true today when the corporations are making major attacks on the unions and on all working people.

"Today," Bigelow concluded, "Black, Latin, and Asian workers and women are a bigger part of the workforce than ever before, and they have all made it clear that they are not about to give up what few gains they have already made."

Youngstown steelworkers put bosses on the hot seat

By MOSE PETERSON

YOUNGSTOWN, Jan. 27—The plans of the Jones and Laughlin (J&L) steel bosses to get on with their wrecking project against the Brier Hill works and 1,200 steelworkers received another jolt this week from the aroused steelworkers at Local 1462.

R. Gordon Allen, president of J&L's central division, was busily expounding to some 200 assorted steel bosses at the Mahoning Country Club his company's plans to close the works last Monday night, Jan. 22, when he got a demonstration of class struggle methods that will no doubt remain with him for some time.

WORKERS DEMAND MEETING

Led by most of the officers of Local 1462 of the United Steelworkers, over 75 steelworkers crashed the holy of holies where the bosses were eating their steaks and demanded a meeting with Allen on the Brier Hill works.

Carrying signs that said "People first, profits second," the pickets finally agreed to wait in the lobby until Allen finished his speech.

When the badly shaken Allen tried to put on his coat and walk through the protesters, he was challenged by Ed Mann, president of 1462.

"What about the two-year extension?" demanded Mann.

"We're handling this through the Union," Allen retorted.

"We are the Union!" Mann told him. At this, Allen took off, frightened and glad to get back to his office.

Allen was referring to USW District 28 Director Frank Valenta, who was appointed by international union president Lloyd McBride to conduct the negotiations with J&L management. Valenta has been complaining about Local 1462's treatment of the steel bosses.

When local president Ed Mann invited Youngstown Mayor J. Phillip Richley, members of the Ecumenical Coalition, Sens. Edward Kennedy, Howard Metzenbaum, and Rep. Lyle Williams to a Jan. 19 meeting between the local union and J&L, the company representatives refused to admit them. Valenta told the press that "The company



Steelworkers demonstrate against Boss Allen at the Mahoning Country Club.

was right to keep the outsiders from the meeting."

The steelworkers at Local 1462 are pointing out the only

successful method of dealing with the brutal conglomerates, and the struggle they have carried on deserves all the help it can get.

Newport News shipyard workers fight for union recognition

BULLETIN: Over 1,000 workers fanned out to cover the many entrance gates to the Newport News Shipyard in the early daybreak hours of this first day of their strike. They moved to set up picket lines outside the huge shipyard displaying tight organization and intense determination. The picketlines grew as hundreds of shipyard workers—who had been watching the swift and efficient deployment of pickets—joined as the morning progressed. They were welcomed with cheers and enthusiasm.

The shipyard is now shut down practically 100% by the strikers. Black and white, women and men, the workers are united in their struggle for union recognition. A massive display of cops—with attack dogs, gas masks, and even carrying shields—could not dampen the excitement and high

spirits of the strikers. Workers spoke of the example of the mine workers who defied police repression in their struggle last year.

By **JOE CELUKA**
NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Jan. 29—"What time is it?" shouts a union organizer.

"It's Steelworker Time!" roars back a crowd of confident shipyard workers.

This is the scene being repeated here over and over again as 19,000 maintenance and production workers at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Co. (NNSD) gear up for a Jan. 31 strike to force Virginia's largest civilian employer to the bargaining table.

It has been a full year since the United Steelworkers of America (USWA) won the right to represent the NNSD workforce,

and more than three months since the union was certified as the winner of a representation election by the National Labor Relations Board, but still the company has refused to recognize the union and negotiate a contract.

MASS FIRING

The shipyard workers are now being forced to work without a union contract, without a grievance procedure, with no protection at all from the management of the largest shipyard in the country. This situation has resulted in the arbitrary firing of more than 100 workers, most of them USWA supporters.

In a blatant attempt to prolong this intolerable state of affairs, the company has gone into federal court to appeal charges made by the NLRB that it has refused to bargain in good faith. Such a



Newport News shipyard workers celebrate their union election victory last year.

courtcase could drag on for another year or longer, subjecting even more workers to unfair disciplinary action or discharge.

And it is not only the local shipyard that is lined up against the workers. NNSD is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Houston-based Tenneco Corp., listed by Fortune magazine as the 19th largest industrial corporation in America. Big business around the country has rallied to Tenneco's side, determined to make the Newport News strike a major battleground in their national campaign of union busting. Allying itself with these interests, the Pentagon has recently come out with a backhanded show of support for Tenneco by denying Newport News the lucrative overhaul contract for the aircraft carrier Saratoga, thus giving the shipyard more propaganda ammunition to use against the Steelworkers Union.

Besides blaming the USWA for the loss of the Saratoga contract, the company is also attempting to blame the union for any possible violence that may result from the strike, while at the same time doing its best to insure such violence itself. Shipyard

management has allowed the ousted company union, the Peninsula Shipbuilders Association (PSA), to pass out literature in the yard on company time calling for ex-PSA members to cross the picket lines.

One particularly inflammatory leaflet features a picture of USWA organizer Jack Hower with the words, "If violence occurs, here's the person you should seek out," and predicting "violence could erupt Wednesday," that is Jan. 31, the scheduled beginning of the strike.

But from the mood of the workers in the yard, it is clear that they have refused to be intimidated. While the union has pursued every possible avenue to bring the company to the bargaining table and so avoid a strike, it has determinedly gone ahead with strike preparations. In addition, virtually every labor union in the area has gone on record to support the steelworkers in their upcoming battle, a reflection of the conviction of rank-and-file workers that this struggle is of vital importance to all working people, especially those in anti-labor "right-to-work" states like Virginia.

Behind Carter's 'productivity' plea

By **KENNY PETERSON**

JANUARY 30—A lot of people first hear about "productivity" when their boss tells them that theirs isn't good enough. "Your productivity is no good, Petersen!" Something like that, you know.

Last Thursday, in the annual Economic Report to Congress, the Carter administration complained about the allegedly lagging productivity of the American workers. The report blamed everything from the postwar baby boom to more women in industry to the introduction of environmental, health, and safety standards.

Of course management is forever devising new ways to speed up the work. They always want you to produce more than you do. It becomes such a constant pressure that workers are always on the lookout for an opportunity to push back. This resistance is necessary. In fact, it is a matter of survival.

THE REAL PROBLEM

Yet, despite Carter's report and your foreman's nagging, the productivity of American workers is not low. In fact, it is the highest in the world. American industry has for a long time been able to produce far more than it could ever hope to sell. If Carter wanted to be really honest about it, he would admit that this is the real problem facing business.

Isn't it a fact that American industry has not operated at full capacity in years? Plants are closed and workers laid off. Why? Because there are not enough buyers to absorb the potential output of American industry. The stores and warehouses are bulging, and all the advertising and credit cards in the world will not empty them.

Of course with greater productivity bosses can pay fewer workers to produce the same or even more. And that is why they are so attached to the idea of



Mechanized tomato harvester. *Business Week* [Jan. 30] reports that "with a \$55,000 harvester, a grape grower cuts his crew from 40 men to 2."

boosting productivity. Their unit labor costs go down and their profits rise. And that has been the trend in industry, in fact in all production ever since the most primitive tools were first devised. But is this an unmixed blessing?

It does not look very good either to the worker who has been laid off or to those remaining who are expected to double or triple their output. And while industry as a whole can produce more, with growing numbers of unemployed people it is up against a shrinking market. And while unit production costs may be lower, does this mean that they will lower the price? Hardly! To the average shopper, it seems that declining prices went out with the dinosaur and the dodo bird.

Despite ever greater productivity in industry and agriculture, prices have steadily risen since capitalism entered its monopoly phase. General Motors may "compete" with Ford by claiming greater sex appeal for its cars, but to lower prices? Never!

While greater productivity means lower costs and higher profits for the corporations, for the workers it means speedup and layoffs. The question that workers must ask is not how to produce more, but how to win a larger share of what they are already producing.

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Labor briefs

Farmworkers strike lettuce fields

By **TANA MARIE LOY**

The largest farm workers strike since 1974 has been called by United Farm Workers leader Cesar Chavez. In a struggle to organize that grew into a nation-wide boycott of wine and grape products, farm workers faced beatings, harassment, deportation and even harsher conditions than the poverty of farm life.

The target of the current strike by 3,100 workers is the big monopoly lettuce producers. The demand of the union is for an increase of \$1.50 an hour over the farm wage of \$3.75. The growers had offered a 7% increase for each of a three year contract.

The resilience of these Filipino and Mexican American workers, who have for generations worked the rich soil of California, came from the harsh conditions of poverty, seasonal work, backbreaking labor and long hours.

St. Louis injunction vs. teachers dropped



The President of the St. Louis Teachers Union, Evelyn Battle, making a press statement.

On Monday, Jan. 29, a judge dissolved a restraining order against picketing by St. Louis teachers and refused to issue a temporary injunction against the week-long strike that was requested by the school board.

The teachers had voted overwhelmingly on Jan. 14 to go on strike. Negotiations on their demands for an

8% salary increase, smaller classes, and expanded auxiliary services such as psychological counselling and a staff of social workers had been stalled for months.

The court order, served to Evelyn Battle, president of Local 402 of the American Federation of Teachers before a supportive rally of teachers, in no way deterred the teachers. On the first day of the strike, the union had set up pickets shutting down 60% of the schools. On the second day of the strike only 23% of St. Louis' 74,000 students attended school. In solidarity with the militant actions of the teachers, the school bus drivers honored the picket line.

Demosthenes DuBose, a union representative, said "We are determined and we will not go back without a contract." The teachers had been offered a salary increase of \$100 payable next semester, in other words, a 2% increase that the teachers rejected as "completely inadequate."

An offer by St. Louis Mayor James F. Conway to act as mediator on the third day of the strike was rejected by the school board. The board said that it would not negotiate with the teachers while the strike was going on and called upon the courts to intervene.

However, the determination and militancy of the teachers prompted the court to back down. Battle said that the union remains willing to talk to the board but that today's action would not be enough to induce the teachers to go back to work.

Cyanamid workers win health benefits

The 52 day long strike against the Bound Brook, N.J. plant of American Cyanamid, the seventh largest chemical manufacturer, ended as the 1,100 striking workers won their demands concerning improved safety and health standards. Cyanamid is the same company that had forced four women to be sterilized in order to keep their jobs rather than to undertake the necessary safety precautions.

The striking Local 111 of the International Chemical Workers Union won not only a wage increase but Cyanamid agreed to inform the union of "significant health problems;" to make available the results of safety tests on environmental conditions as fumes, noises and gases; to give the generic names of chemicals and the safety procedures for each; and to provide results of medical tests.

Nicaraguan people reject U.S. 'mediation'

Sandinistas join new front to topple Somoza

By NICK DE FREITAS
JANUARY 29—Various progressive opposition groups in Nicaragua have merged to form a broad coalition against the ruling dictatorship of Gen. Anastasio Somoza.

Although not all the members of the New Patriotic Front, as the coalition is called, are known at present, Prensa Latina dispatches from the area list impressive member organizations such as the

Sandinist National Liberation Front (FSLN), the liberation group leading the armed struggle; the Nicaraguan Workers Center, a major trade union federation; the trade union of Managua's radio journalists; the Nicaraguan Democratic Movement (MDN), consisting of progressive small businessmen; the Independent Liberal Party; as well as various other groups in the anti-Somoza movement.

Sergio Ramirez, a member of the FSLN, said in Panama last week that the coalition's program calls for the formation of a new government made up of forces contributing to the overthrow of Somoza.

U.S. MANEUVERS

This new development comes on the heels of the breakdown of the "mediation" between Somoza and his moderate opposition. The "mediation" attempt had been initiated by representatives of the U.S., Dominican Republic, and Guatemala as a way to try to insure U.S. imperialist interests in Nicaragua.

The imminent downfall of the Somoza dictatorship has brought near panic in the Carter administration which is frantically trying to replace the Somoza government through a Somoza-approved plebiscite. This fraud has been widely condemned throughout Nicaragua as "Somocismo sin Somoza," meaning Somozism without Somoza. The New Front has come out strongly against any form of U.S. intervention, including any U.S. attempt to alter the regime without changing its political and social character.

The people of Nicaragua have ample reason to be leery of U.S. maneuvers in Nicaragua. This year marks the 52nd anniversary of the invasion of that country by U.S. Marines to crush a popular uprising. It was then that the Somoza family was installed in the first place, and they have ruled the country on behalf of U.S. corporate interests ever since.

INVASION BY U.S. MARINES

The FSLN has been waging a liberation war against the Somoza regime and U.S. imperialism for over 15 years. The group is named after Gen. Augusto Cesar Sandino who heroically fought against the 1926 U.S. invasion and continued to struggle against the Somozas until he was killed in 1934.

Though many lives have been lost in the decades of struggle to rid Nicaragua of the Somozas and of U.S. domination, these lives will not have been lost in vain as the Sandinista guerrillas step up the struggle against Somoza's tyranny. Reports in the Jan. 17 New York Times quote FSLN guerrillas as saying that their organization has recently successfully expropriated several military arsenals of Somoza's National Guard and is "distributing arms to the people."



The Somoza regime in Nicaragua has been kept in power by its friends in the White House. Above, Anastasio Somoza, Sr., father of the current dictator, with Roosevelt and Eisenhower.



Iranian Students demonstrate against the Shah on Jan. 19 in New York City.

Guerrilla, mass organizations battle dictatorship in El Salvador

OAS report cites regime's ruthless terror

By PRESTON WOOD

JANUARY 29—A report recently issued by the Inter American Human Rights Commission has documented in great detail the truly horrifying brutality of the present right-wing military government in El Salvador.

This regime has systematically used torture against suspected opponents. The new report shows that hundreds of peasants and workers have been illegally detained in what the investigative team for the report describes as "veritable slave prisons"—cells measuring three feet by three feet and lacking any light and ade-

quate ventilation.

Evidence compiled from interviews with hundreds of former prisoners shows how detainees have been beaten and tortured with electric shocks, have been chained to beds or the floor, and often have been left without food or water for days.

The report, which will be presented to the General Assembly of the Organization of American States this spring, lists over 100 "disappeared" persons and proves that the government has murdered scores of peasants, workers, suspected guerrillas, and leftist priests over the past 12 months.

The present military government of El Salvador, known as the National Conciliation Party and headed by Gen. Carlos Humberto Romero, represents a tiny minority of rich landowners and is propped up by millions of dollars in financial and military aid from the United States government. The El Salvador regime maintains its brutal grip on the country by way of a paramilitary fascist organization called Orden (meaning "order" in Spanish), which claims to have 100,000 members and is headed up by Romero.

Orden uses violent police state

tactics to suppress the growing militancy among the urban and rural poor of the country. The commission report calls for the immediate disbanding of the Orden.

El Salvador, with a population of just over 4 million, covers in territory about 21 million square kilometers (about the same size as Massachusetts). The poor suffer severe hardships while a tiny minority of people owns all of the land.

Agricultural exports—primarily coffee—account for 60% of the economy of the country. In the

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Rank-and-file angry

British workers



"Low pay is robbery," say British workers.

By KENNY PETERSON

JANUARY 29—British workers are in revolt. They are in rebellion against low wages; they are in rebellion against the 5% wage freeze imposed by Prime Minister James Callaghan; they are in rebellion against their own top trade union officials.

While politicians and press are bristling with anti-labor attitudes and threats, rank and file truck drivers, locomotive engineers, municipal workers and others are continuing their defiance of the government's wage policy. Supposedly put into effect to reduce an inflation rate that was as high as 27% in 1976, Britain's 5% ceiling on all wages has left workers there with the lowest wages of all the major industrial countries in Europe.

Last Monday, one-and-a-half million workers carried out a 24-hour general strike. The next day, despite appeals from union officials, a large number of those who struck refused to return to work. These included many

Inquiries and lawsuits in Puerto Rico raise question:

Did colonial governor order massacre at Cerro Maravilla?

By P. MEISNER

JANUARY 29—Despite attempts by the U.S.-puppet regime of governor Carlos Romero Barcelo to cover up its most monstrous act of political repression, investigations and lawsuits now under way threaten to expose the Puerto Rican colonial police's brutal murder last summer of two young advocates of independence for their island nation.

Last July 25, on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of the Yankee imperialist invasion of Puerto Rico, a police undercover agent led the two pro-independence youths, Carlos Enrique Soto Arrivi and Arnaldo Dario Rosado, into a trap on Cerro Maravilla, a mountain about 50 miles southwest of San Juan, where at least 15 police fired at them with M-1s and carbines—nearly 200 rounds of ammunition.

ROMERO TRYING TO COVER UP OWN ROLE

The entire island was shocked upon hearing the news of the massacre, with the exception of Romero Barcelo and his police executioners, of course. Romero openly applauded the killings as a "heroic" act by the police, claiming that the policemen only reacted to reports of an alleged sabotage

attempt on communications installations in the area of Cerro Maravilla.

However, Romero's version was quickly exposed as a vicious lie, as the taxi driver whose car was commandeered (at the instigation of the police agent) by the three towards Cerro Maravilla, testified that the two victims had only been initially wounded and then murdered in cold blood. Also, recent reports which were printed by the conservative English-language daily, The San Juan Star, reveal that the ex-police chief of Puerto Rico, Roberto Torres Gonzalez, implicated Romero as having pre-planned and approved the police ambush.

A U.S. federal grand jury has just begun an investigation to determine whether the police were justified in killing the two Puerto Rican youths. According to a New York Times dispatch dated Jan. 20 from San Juan:

"The investigation was ordered by Julio Morales Sanchez, United States Attorney for the District of Puerto Rico, as evidence continued to arise that tended to contradict police accounts of how Arnaldo Dario Rosado, 23 years old, and Carlos Enrique Soto, 18, were killed last July 25."

However, many progressive people on the island are skeptical of the grand jury inquiry, since it is suspected of trying to allay the continuing islandwide outrage at the brutal murders. Consequently, surviving relatives of the two youths have filed a \$2 million suit against Romero and the police. Also, the taxi driver forced to take the two youths and the police agent to the ambush site has filed his own suit against the colonial government for severely damaging his taxi during the shooting by policemen and thereby depriving him of the means for his livelihood.

The Puerto Rican bar association is conducting its own investigation into the killings, in light of the already available evidence contradicting the official police version. For instance the police have admitted having prior knowledge of a previous terrorist attack organized by the same police undercover agent on July 4 in San Juan. The police were also known to have tracked the movements of the police agent and the two youths prior to their making their way to Cerro Maravilla on July 25.

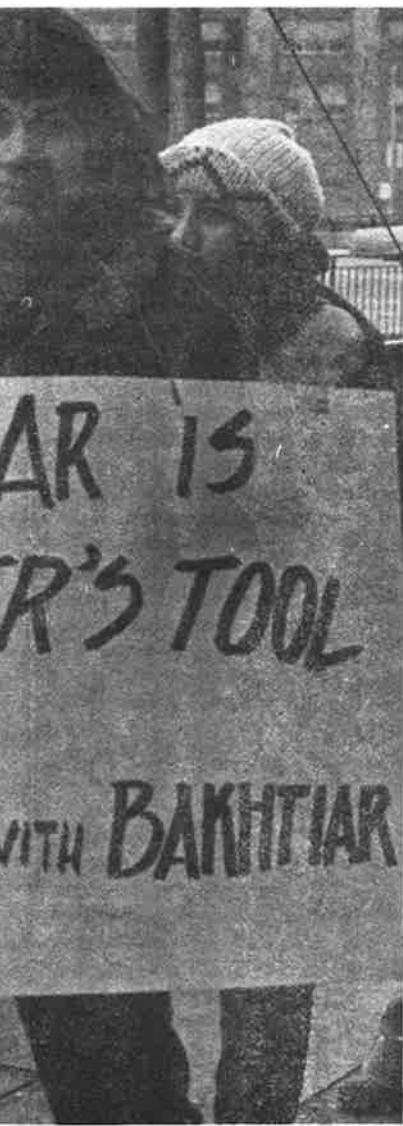
DEFENSE COMMITTEE FORMED

The massacre angered much of

the population throughout the island and resulted in more than 1,000 people taking to the streets in San Juan on Aug. 2, protesting loudly and furiously in front of the colonial governor's mansion. A broad defense committee has since been organized, called the Soto-Rosado Committee Against Repression, which is presently coordinating the legal activities against the colonial government.

The brutal murders of Soto and Rosado at Cerro Maravilla was perhaps the pro-statehood colonial regime's most organized attempt at repressing and terrorizing the growing independence movement on the island. However, it may have backfired on Romero and may even cause his election downfall in 1980 for this and many of his other repressive and ultra-reactionary policies.

The oppressed masses of Puerto Rico, with the support of their allies both at home and abroad, will eventually avenge this hideous, Gestapo-like massacre by overthrowing the entire rotten colonial edifice—that of Romero Barcelo and all other colonial puppets propped up by the oppressors residing in Washington and Wall Street.



against the puppet government
WW photo: Nancy Kohn.

Demonstrators cry out 'Give us arms!'

Iranian masses battle to oust Bakhtiar, military

JOHN CATALINOTTO

JANUARY 30—"Leaders, leaders, give us arms!" This was the main demand of the hundreds of thousands of courageous Iranians who faced death from machinegun fire in Tehran the past four days.

The Bakhtiar regime, rapidly gaining the hatred of the Iranian people, ordered the Army to fire on the revolutionary crowds. The people ran, then came back again to face the bullets. But more and more it became clear to all that the "only way to freedom is through armed struggle," another slogan raised by the people.

When troops sealed the Tehran airport, closing off entry to the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini last Friday, it looked more like Prime Minister Shahpur Bakhtiar was a captive of the military, than that they were supporting him. His responsibility for the mass murder in the streets of Tehran has given him the same role recently occupied by the Shah. In fact, the people were now yelling out, "Death to Bakhtiar" in place of "Death to the Shah," along with their demands for weapons.

U.S. television showed one scene of the people arming themselves. A soldier, still serving the reactionary regime, had beaten a young demonstrator to the ground. He raised his rifle to

shoot. Just then another soldier ran up behind the first and shot him dead. The civilian picked up the dead soldier's rifle and he and the revolutionary soldier ran to the side of the people.

U.S. SENDS HOME DEPENDENTS

The U.S. Embassy has ordered the evacuation of dependents of U.S. citizens in Iran following reports that the country is on the verge of "full-scale armed insurrection." Increasingly, representatives of U.S. imperialism have had to answer for their crimes to the Iranian workers and poor. On Sunday a U.S. Air Force major was shot at. U.S. Consul David C. McGaffey was beaten yesterday.

Although there are still 10,000 U.S. citizens in Iran, this is down greatly from the 45,000 who last year were there to help U.S. imperialism plunder Iran.

The threat of an open military coup remains. U.S. General Robert Huyser is still in Iran on his long-extended trip, coordinating among the Iranian military—something not lost on the people who have been chanting for him to leave. "Defense" Secretary Harold Brown, speaking to the U.S. Senate last Thursday, even raised the possibility of U.S. military intervention in Iran.

KHOMEINI TO RETURN

After the closing of the airport last weekend led to massive demonstrations and bloody street

clashes, the Bakhtiar regime now appears ready to allow Khomeini to return to Iran after 15 years of exile. Even today, the workers continued their pressure on the regime, with private and government bank workers calling a "total strike" to protest the army massacres.

Khomeini himself has remained in opposition to the Bakhtiar regime, calling it "the treacherous, illegal government [which] has prevented my return . . . I will show Bakhtiar that his government is a transgression and will not be tolerated."

Khomeini has come under

increasingly sharp attack in the imperialist press. On the one hand he is baited as a religious fanatic and obscurantist. On the other, his aides are called either "opportunists" or "close to the communists." The broad sweep of the attacks makes it clear that they are meant to discredit Khomeini only because he is the symbol of the Iranian revolution. U.S. imperialism fears a mass armed revolution that sweeps away the old state apparatus, even if that revolution has religious leadership.

For the first time in years, an
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Fundraiser for victims of attack

BALTIMORE, Jan. 24—A "Night of Solidarity" is being planned here for Saturday, Feb. 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the Downtown YMCA to raise funds for legal defense and medical bills of Iranian students participating in the demonstration against the Shah's mother and sister that took place in Beverly Hills on Jan. 2.

About 35 people were injured during a brutal attack by the police on the Beverly Hills demonstrators. Among those most seriously injured were an Iranian man who suffered a leg injury and an Iranian woman who was hit in the head by a stone thrown by the cops. The

woman's skull was later found to be fractured by the impact of the blow.

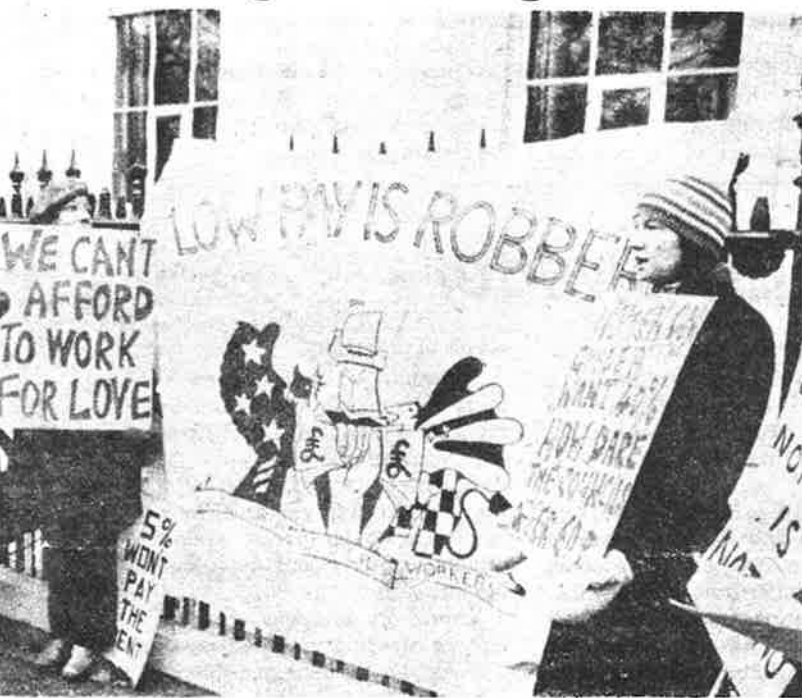
Seven of the almost 3,000 demonstrators face serious felony charges. Two of those arrested have bail of \$40,000 each, while the others have bail starting at \$10,000.

The fundraising event here will include Iranian speakers and a film on the recent events in Iran. Also speaking will be Gavrielle Gemma from the Center for United Labor Action.

Those wishing to contribute can send checks to: The Legal Defense Fund, ISA-S.C., P.O. Box 66185, Los Angeles, Calif. 90066.

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workers in revolt against the wage freeze.

municipal workers who are demanding a 40% wage hike to bolster their average pay of only \$90 a week. Besides the highly publicized strike of ambulance crews, hospital workers, porters, and kitchen staffs, street cleaners and garbage collectors, parking lot attendants, grave diggers, crematorium workers and sewerage workers were among those municipal workers striking.

One hundred thousand truck drivers are in the third week of their strike to demand a 25% wage increase. They have forced ports, highways, factories, and stores to either close down or curtail operations. Added to this has been a series of one-day walkouts by locomotive engineers, halting all rail transport and commuter service four times in the last two weeks.

AN ELEMENTAL UPSURGE

What has especially frightened and enraged the ruling class in Britain is that the strike wave is clearly an elemental upsurge of the

rank and file, disregarding or sweeping aside the sellouts in the union hierarchy and the officials of the Labour Party government.

It is a "Labour Party" in name only that holds office in Britain today. Its elevation was seen by the real rulers of Britain as something like "riot insurance." The present crisis has exposed this party as bankrupt to both workers and bosses. The viciously racist and anti-labor Conservative Party is champing at the bit for its chance to throttle the workers' struggle, now that the Labourites are powerless to stem the tide. The ascension of the Conservatives, however, may be like pouring oil on a fire: an explosion may result.

A striking sanitation worker expressed the feelings of millions about the ongoing crisis in Britain with this simple thought: "The blokes in the union headquarters don't know so much either sometimes. It's us that are living on these tiny little wages, and now it's us that are demanding more."

International News in Brief

LEBANON

20,000 at funeral

JANUARY 29—The funeral procession for Abu Hassan, the murdered security chief of Al Fateh, and of the five security guards who were killed with him, was the occasion of a major anti-Zionist demonstration last week in Beirut. Some 20,000 Palestinians and Lebanese supporters joined the procession demanding the murders be avenged and shouting anti-Zionist slogans. A Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) commission of inquiry was looking into the deaths. A Palestinian spokesman charged the Israelis with the sophisticated remote control bombing.

Israel and its backers in Washington have stepped up their war against the Palestinian people. Besides the carefully planned assassination of Abu Hassan, last week Israeli shelling of South Lebanon reached its highest level since the March 1978 invasion. Palestinians living in the occupied West Bank who have recently made pro-PLO statements have been threatened with expulsion from their homeland.

The Palestinian people continue to pay the price of Egyptian President Anwar el-Sadat's capitulation to U.S. imperialism and its Zionist puppet which began when the Egyptian head of state visited Jerusalem in November, 1977, a move towards a separate peace with Israel. As a result, Lebanon and the Palestinian movement have been left politically and militarily exposed while Israel and the Lebanese Fascist Right, which serves the interest of U.S. imperialism in that country, have been emboldened.

ZIMBABWE

Rhodesians flee

JANUARY 29—As record numbers of settlers are fleeing Rhodesia, their racist leader Ian Smith has admitted what most of the world already knows: that the guerrilla movement of the Black majority cannot be defeated. A Rhodesian government report just released said that 18,000 whites (almost 10% of the settler population) had left the country in 1978 compared with 16,638 the previous year.

On January 12 in the first of a series of campaign meetings aimed at enlisting support from Rhodesian settlers and the "free world" for his new constitution, Smith admitted, "there isn't really much hope." He added that the country could not win the guerrilla war

under present circumstances. When confronted by demands from rural settlers for action to prevent more of the racists from being forced off the land by Black guerrillas, Smith stated: "I don't want to bluff you. We haven't got enough men."

Smith's constitution, rather than implementing true Black majority rule as he ridiculously claims, is aimed at preserving settler and Western imperialist interests in Rhodesia. The Patriotic Front, which today controls 85% of Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) yet would be excluded from Smith's plan alone represents the hopes and aspirations of the nearly 7 million Black people in Zimbabwe in their struggle to wrest control of their country from the privileged settler minority who constitute less than 4% of the population.

PORTUGAL

Farmworkers strike

JANUARY 29—Over 70,000 farm workers in Portugal's Alentejo region held a one-day strike Jan. 24 to protest the new government's land policy. The farm workers' union is led by the Portuguese Communist Party. The new government, appointed by soldier-president Ramalho Eanes (who engineered the counter-revolutionary coup in November 1975), is trying to strangle the agrarian co-ops which still dominate the Alentejo, forcing them to surrender to their former owners. The policy is dictated by the U.S.-dominated International Monetary Fund, in exchange for a loan designed to completely restore all sectors of Portugal's economy to a capitalist course.

The strike was just the beginning of what promises to be a year of struggle in Portugal. Only about a tenth of the 3 million acres seized by workers in 1975 has been returned to former owners so far. The government—pressured by a resurgent right wing as well as the IMF—wants to give back the most fertile third of the acreage. Farm workers recall that before the land seizures most of the Alentejo lay fallow or under-cultivated, and most of them were under-employed while Portugal imported the bulk of its food.

In the cities, the old ruling class families whose holdings were nationalized in 1975 are demanding their return, and pushing the government to purge leftists from what jobs they still hold in the nationalized newspapers, radio, and TV. But this strike, and the demonstration of more than 200,000 in Lisbon last November, show the determination of the workers to fight against the ongoing effort to take away the gains they won in 1975.

EDITORIAL

A political Pope denounces 'politics'

By exerting the authority of the pontificate against political involvement of the clergy on the side of the poor, Pope John Paul II declared his political involvement on the side of reaction and U.S. imperialism at the recent Latin American Bishops' Conference.

Under the banner of "liberation theology," many liberal elements in the clergy, appalled by the worsening conditions of the people of Latin America, have come out against exploitation by U.S.-based transnationals and banks protected by repressive military dictatorships, and have become actively involved in organizing squatter campaigns, peasant cooperatives, and political protests.

Embarrassing the liberals in the church, John Paul II abandoned the usual abstruse papal language and attacked liberation theology as an "incorrect interpretation." He informed Catholic clerics, "You are not social messengers, political leaders or functionaries of a temporal power."

This position of the pope against the oppressed masses, many of them Catholic believers, is not so surprising when one considers that the Catholic Church, which the pope heads, is not above classes but is a profoundly class-conscious organization that serves as an ideological and political defender of the bourgeoisie. As an institution, it is strongly influenced by U.S. imperialism, although it has its own independent interests. **Workers World** pointed out in October that direct pressure applied by U.S. finance capital was behind Polish Cardinal Wojtyla's election to pope. This gives U.S. capital a greater influence on the internal affairs of Poland through the church, which functions as a rallying ground for bourgeois elements hostile to the socialist system in that country.

Now that the church wants to pull in line those individual Latin American priests who side with the dispossessed and exploited, it is clear that the papacy is serving as a reactionary force not only against Polish socialism, but against the worldwide struggle of the working class and the oppressed.

The pope is on a political tour aimed at encouraging the Catholic Church as the mainstay of reaction in Latin America, where half the world's Catholics live, most of them in dire poverty.

Overlooking the Washington-supported Somoza tyranny in Nicaragua, where he would have had a tremendous opportunity to encourage the poor and oppressed against one of the most repressive regimes in the world, the pope, who incidentally spoke with Carter from his private plane, chose to stop instead in the Dominican Republic.

However, no manipulative tricks by reaction will stop the rising revolutionary surge of the masses in Latin America, for whom a break with U.S. imperialism and the socialist reorganization of society is the only way forward. Liberal clerics in Mexico, are responding to this trend of the masses, are already expressing "disappointment" and disagreement with the pope's stand against political activism by clerics. And in Puebla Sunday, while saying mass dressed in sumptuous robes, the pope was hissed by some when he referred to "the simple joys of the poor."

Better late than never

The announcement by the Italian Communist Party (PCI) that it is withdrawing support from the government of Premier Giulio Andreotti was widely welcomed by militant party members in Italy who have seen their party's strength eroded and its position further compromised in its 2½-year alliance with the ruling Christian Democrats.

The position of "historic compromise" developed by PCI leader Enrico Berlinguer turned out to be a compromise only on the part of the Communists. Its bourgeois "allies" forced many concessions out of the PCI that were deeply resented by the workers—such things as support for repressive laws strengthening the police and limiting opposition to the bourgeois state, and measures that "stabilized" the economy at the expense of the workers' standard of living.

In return, the PCI failed to get what it so desired—a Cabinet post in the bourgeois government. Christian Democratic leader Benigno Zaccagnini took a trip to the U.S. recently in order to say publicly that the PCI would never be allowed a cabinet post. The Christian Democrats, with very strong pressure and "advice" from the U.S. have made it clear that they would use the PCI while at the same time attempting to weaken it.

And indeed the PCI lost a great deal of ground with the masses because of its policy of compromise. Its most precious political capital—the support of the strong and militant Italian working class—it has been frittering away for a mess of pottage. And it is the working class that holds the key to a way out of capitalist economic anarchy and militarism, in Italy as in the world as a whole. It is only a class struggle policy that can lead the masses forward to a socialist solution of the ever-growing world social crisis.



Struggle continues in East Timor

Fretilin President killed in ambush

By BARBARA TEEL

JANUARY 28—Nicolau dos Reis Lobato, President of the Democratic Republic of East Timor (DRET) and President of Fretilin (Revolutionary Front for an Independent East Timor) was killed in an Indonesian ambush 60 kilometers southwest of Dili, the capital, on Dec. 31. President Lobato and 22 other Fretilin soldiers died after putting up a six-hour battle, in which many Indonesian soldiers were also killed.

East Timor has been occupied by Indonesian forces since Dec. 7, 1975, when 30,000 troops invaded the small revolutionary country. The Maubesse area where President Lobato and his party were killed is close to the Center-North Sector, where the Fretilin defense had been weakened by the betrayal of former Fretilin leaders Xavier do Amaral and Alarico Fernandes. According to the liberation group, the two surrendered to Indonesia last fall after attempting to split the Fretilin leadership and undermine its determination to struggle for the complete liberation of East Timor.

President Lobato was in the forefront of the struggle for the liberation of his country beginning with the fight against Portuguese colonialism and continuing with the resistance against the U.S.-backed Indonesian invasion. His death is undoubtedly a blow to Fretilin and to all the people of East Timor. But three years of armed struggle against the fascist Suharto regime has forged other revolutionary leaders capable of carrying on the liberation struggle.

COUNCIL TO REPLACE LOBATO

Under the terms of the DRET Constitution, the Fretilin Central Committee will temporarily assume the functions of the head of state. A Presidential Council will be formed to replace President Lobato, composed of Mau-Lear and Vicente dos Reis (Sa'he), who are both founding members and leaders of Fretilin, with one other person to be chosen by the Permanent Committee of the Fretilin Central Committee.

Letters smuggled into Australia from Dili confirm that the struggle continues. One letter tells of fierce

fighting taking place only 30 kilometers southwest of Dili last month. Another reports that Indonesian helicopters are flying into Dili every day from the mountains, carrying dead and wounded Indonesian soldiers.

The People's Republic of Mozambique declared Jan. 4 a national day of mourning for President Lobato. Flags were flown at half-mast on all government and party buildings. Many embassies in Mozambique,

including those of the Soviet Union and China, flew their flags at half-mast as a sign of respect.

A statement for the Permanent Representation of Fretilin in Mozambique on Jan. 3 pledged that the people of East Timor would continue the struggle and avenge the death of their fallen comrade. The statement repeated the words of President Lobato: "Each blow delivered by the enemy gives birth among us anew the certainty of victory."

—El Salvador

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cities, goods such as electronic equipment are manufactured in factories owned by giant U.S., European, and Japanese corporations.

According to the Central American and Panama Nutrition Institute, 73% of Salvadorean children suffer from malnutrition. United Nations statistics show that El Salvador has the lowest per capita calorie intake of any Latin American country. Per capita annual income is only \$510.

CARTER WEEPS CROCODILE TEARS

The terrible poverty and iron-heeled repression outlined in the report are the result of years of domination and plunder by U.S. imperialism. While shedding false tears about human rights violations by the Romero regime, the Carter administration recently granted millions of dollars in loans to the government. While officially suspending direct military aid, the U.S. continues to maintain a permanent "military assistance group" currently stationed in the country (New York Times, Dec. 21, 1978).

Severe political repression is not new. In fact, it has continued unabated since 1931 when a heroic peasant rebellion was put down in blood. Over 30,000 peasants (3% of the population) were massacred by right-wing forces in just a few weeks. All persons wearing Indian dress speaking Indian languages were automatically singled out for execution, in what amounted to a systematic genocide of the native

people of the region.

In the past year resistance to the murderous policies of the Romero regime has grown. As in neighboring Nicaragua, where only the direct support of U.S. imperialism continues to prop up the dictator Somoza, popular unrest against grinding poverty and repression has intensified.

Several organizations are leading the struggle in El Salvador. The Popular Revolutionary Bloc—a broad front of unions, peasant organizations, and teachers', students', and unemployed associations—has successfully continued to organize strikes and demonstrations in the face of severe repression and constant government attacks. This group also organized a demonstration supporting the Sandinistas fighting in Nicaragua.

Three guerrilla organizations, the Armed Forces for National Liberation, the Popular Liberation Forces, and the People's Liberation Army, have all carried out successful armed actions against government and U.S.-owned targets, including a successful machine gun attack on the U.S. Embassy in San Salvador.

Businessmen from imperialist countries have been kidnapped, prompting the U.S. Embassy to urge U.S. businessmen to travel about in armored vehicles and to wear bullet-proof vests.

Solidarity between revolutionaries fighting in El Salvador, Nicaragua, and other countries in the region is putting the imperialists and their lackey puppet governments on the run.

How U.S. planned for it

Teng's push for a war alliance

By SAM MARCY

JANUARY 31—These are times when every class conscious worker, every genuine socialist, must take stock of the international situation and the great peril of impending imperialist war. An important change in the character of the international situation has taken place as a result of the so-called normalization of relations between China and the U.S. This is not the type of normalization which progressives and Communists throughout the world for years and years have looked forward to being established between the U.S. and the People's Republic of China (PRC).

What has taken place as a result of the recent negotiations between

Before Teng arrived in the U.S. he gave an exclusive interview to Time magazine (Feb. 9) which in every way resembles a state-approved policy statement of the PRC. In it Teng carried his anti-Soviet line to the most extreme and ridiculous lengths.

"If we really want to be able to place curbs on the polar bear, the only realistic thing for us is to unite," he said. And again, "The true hotbed of war is the Soviet Union, not the U.S."

It was only natural after saying this that Teng should also exhibit great admiration for the 178 retired U.S. generals and admirals who signed a notorious open letter to Carter, printed in the New York Times as an advertisement on Jan.

can the interests of China, as a socialist state, be served by getting into a war with the USSR from which only the imperialists can gain?

The fact of the matter is that so far as state-to-state relations go, there is only the border issue between China and the USSR and it has only tertiary significance for both countries. It is almost ten years since the last military skirmishes took place along the Ussuri river. While the negotiations may have been protracted and well-nigh dead for a number of years, nonetheless the military lines have been altogether quiet and without any incident whatsoever.

The overthrow of the Pol Pot regime by the Kampuchean National United Front for National Salvation has all but settled the earlier struggle between Viet Nam and Kampuchea. But Teng's deliberate threat to Viet Nam made yesterday in, of all places, his talk to U.S. Congressional leaders, in which he raised the possibility of "retaliating" against Viet Nam, could of course only serve to aggravate the situation now.

It is not unthinkable, considering the reactionary character of the new grouping in the PRC, that Teng may have felt out the Carter administration or even solicited aid in the event the PRC leaders launch an attack on Viet Nam.

The Carter administration may have proposed as a quid pro quo that China in turn give overt political if not material support in the event the U.S. openly intervenes in the Iranian Revolution. The pretext for all this would of course be the phony threat of Soviet aggression.

IDEOLOGY, NOT ECONOMICS, TOUCHED OFF STRUGGLE

However, the struggle between the USSR and China has not been a struggle for markets, sources of raw materials, or any other of the basic economic objectives for which the imperialists have unleashed two world wars. Viewed in historical perspective, the issues which elsewhere have led to unrestrained warfare are totally absent in the state-to-state struggle between China and the USSR.

The issues are in reality very narrow and easily lend themselves to settlement by other means than force. The driving forces which have led to imperialist wars, such as those unleashed by the American, Japanese, and European imperialists, are not at all present or inherent in the social system of the USSR and China.

What gave such tremendous impetus to the state-to-state struggle was its ideological origins. The ideological underpinnings of that struggle, however, no longer have any meaning so far as the current leaders of China are concerned, since they have renounced the struggle against imperialism, abandoned the Cultural Revolution, and are even dismantling some of the significant gains of the Chinese Revolution as a whole.

Whereas the mainstay of the ideological struggle conducted by the PRC leaders had been over strategy and tactics on how to vanquish imperialism and how to conduct the class struggle of the workers and the oppressed throughout the world, the abandonment of this struggle has made the dispute altogether irrelevant as an issue between the

USSR and China.

As a matter of fact, a lead article in the editorial section of the Washington Post, which appeared on the eve of Teng's arrival in the U.S. (Jan. 28), holds that "the ideological debate which gave rise to the Sino-Soviet schism has long ago lost its relevance."

"The schism began 20 years ago," the article continues, "when Mao accused Khrushchev of betraying the interests of the world revolution by seeking detente with the U.S. Later Mao said that the modernization of the Soviet economy had brought capitalism back to Russia. On both these counts, and on many others, Teng has left orthodox communism much further behind than Khrushchev ever did. And the deaths of Khrushchev and Mao have removed the personal element which came to play so large a role in the Sino-Soviet dispute. The original causes of the schism have disappeared, and there is no good reason why it should continue."

"Sooner or later, the trend toward a reconciliation between Russia and China which is already evident will assert itself with full force, and the U.S. attempt to keep their dispute going by artificial means will suffer a major diplomatic defeat."

Of course, this is only one view inside the imperialist establishment. It is written by Victor Zorza, whose columns also appear in Le Monde and other

strategists vis-a-vis China and the USSR. "The specter which haunts Western strategists—the possible transfer of half a million Soviet troops from the border with China to Europe after a reconciliation comes about—provides a powerful motive for U.S. diplomacy. To an important extent, the U.S. is helping Teng, politically and economically—and West European countries are supplying him with modern arms and massive credits—in order to prevent such a reconciliation [between the USSR and China] [our emphasis]. . . .

"Western attempts to prevent a reconciliation by seeking to reinvigorate the flagging anti-Soviet sentiments of the Chinese leaders are bound to fail because such attempts are no longer based on political realities" (by which he means the ideological debate).

U.S. LEVERAGE AGAINST SINO-SOVIET DETENTE

It is to be remembered, however, that the PRC has in effect agreed to allow Taiwan to remain as a virtual U.S. colony.

The intransigence of the U.S. and particularly of the Republican and Democratic right-wing is not only due to the fact that Taiwan is a tremendous source of super-profits, but also to their intention to keep it as leverage against China in the event of a rapprochement with the USSR. One of the basic incentives for China to consummate an alliance

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European newspapers.

SEES BASIS FOR RECONCILIATION

In this long article by Zorza, which is prominently displayed in the Washington Post on the eve of Teng's arrival, he traces the political struggle between the rightwing faction headed by Teng and the Hua centrist grouping. Whatever the merits of that may be, the significance of his viewpoint lies in the fact that he sees the demise of the ideological struggle as a basis for a reconciliation of the USSR and China.

In truth, there is no longer an area for sharp disagreement so far as ideology goes, since the Chinese leadership is not promoting revolutionary class struggle concepts in any deliberate attempt to overthrow imperialism.

The USSR's efforts on the international arena of giving aid and assistance to the liberation struggle are mainly a means of self-defense and an effort to weaken U.S. aggression. What the Zorza article reveals, without saying so, is that there is a material basis, if not for immediate reconciliation, at least for a socialist detente between the two countries.

The fundamental reason for this lies in the fact that they both have substantially similar social systems based on similar class structures. Both need peace for socialist construction and fraternal relations between them will accelerate the pace of socialist construction.

Interesting in the highest degree is what Zorza reveals is the real problem confronting U.S.

with the U.S. would have been "given away" if the U.S. were to completely relent on Taiwan.

Another significant drawback to reconciliation, at least from an immediate point of view, is the reign of political reaction inaugurated by the triumph of the Teng-Hua faction. It has introduced wholesale reactionary reforms which have gravely weakened the economy of China and made it vulnerable to imperialist penetration by American, Japanese, and European finance capital at a time when Teng and his grouping are moving at breakneck speed to enlist the aid of imperialism to bolster China's economy.

One has to understand that it is basically the economic situation in China and the planned so-called modernization which has motivated the Teng grouping to seek the embrace of the imperialist monopolies in the U.S. in particular. The contradiction in the Teng strategy lies in the fact that there is no quick technological "fix" for the social disorder and instability in China's economy which have their origins in the elevation of a right-wing grouping to the leadership of the PRC.

Whatever socialist solution to the Chinese economy may be available, it cannot be filled by an imperialist prescription made out by the leading corporations of U.S. monopoly capitalism. The way out of the blind alley lies in renewing friendly ties with the USSR and rejoining the socialist camp, the camp of the working class and the oppressed and all the socialist countries.

Earlier last year the U.S. gave its blessings to what it long ago planned as a preliminary step toward getting China into its imperialist orbit—the Japan-China treaty.

Peking and Washington, and is confirmed by the visit of Teng Hsiao-ping, is a virtual war alliance between the U.S. and China. It is almost avowedly directed squarely against the USSR, its socialist allies, and the progressive and revolutionary liberation struggle of the oppressed peoples.

This marks a very sharp turn in the world situation.

LONG IN THE MAKING BY U.S.

Carter and Brzezinski as well as the so-called moderate Vance grouping have long hoped for a way to consolidate the imperialist powers in a relationship with China which would in effect hold out the possibility of completely encircling the USSR. Earlier last year the U.S. gave its blessings to what it long ago planned as a preliminary step toward getting China into its imperialist orbit. That was the signing of the Japan-China treaty which contains the infamous anti-hegemony clause, a codeword signifying an anti-Soviet axis.

It need hardly be added that the NATO imperialists in Europe are delighted at the prospect of finally having enticed the PRC into the imperialist trap.

A great deal of attention has been given to the most recent vitriolic attacks on the USSR made by Teng, who, as all the world knows by this time, has emerged as the de facto leader in the triumphant new reactionary grouping that has taken over in China.

The incredible lengths to which Teng went in castigating the USSR and putting it in the role of the "hotbed of war" are merely one indication of what American finance capital is exacting from the Peking leadership as its price for diplomatic recognition.

21, which virtually called for open preparation for war with the USSR. "I very much approve of that letter," Teng said.

It is hardly possible to go much further than the unbridled, ultra-rightist camarilla of "retired" militarists represented by Zumwalt, Keegan, Singlaub, and their ilk! The viciousness of the Teng attacks made Carter look like a veritable peacemaker beside him. Such is the irony of history.

The Chinese leadership, along with the progressive working class, the socialist countries, and especially the oppressed peoples under the gun of Pentagon imperialism, at one time cast the U.S. imperialist colossus in the role of the "greatest enemy of mankind." Now the Teng-Hua grouping have transformed U.S. imperialism into a haven of peace, which only needs "will and determination and arms preparations" in order to ward off the aggressions of the "polar bear," to use the red-baiting term of Teng.

ALLIANCE AGAINST CHINA'S INTERESTS

However, it would be a great mistake to view the alliance between China and the U.S. as a fully accomplished fact. It would be foolhardy to assess the international situation solely on the basis of the rash and utterly unbelievable pronouncements which emanate from Peking these days against the Soviet Union.

Unquestionably the alliance is a fact, that is, as alliances go. But they are made and broken as circumstances change. The efficacy of any alliance depends in the final analysis on whether there is at least a substantial identity of interests between the parties to the alliance. Viewed in this light, how

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The timely death of Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller

By DEIRDRE GRISWOLD
JANUARY 29—Nelson Rockefeller is dead and we must brace for the deluge of false tears and eulogies that is sure to swamp every nook and cranny of bourgeoisdom. The bigger the robber, the larger the monument erected to him by those who follow in his footsteps.

To review Nelson's crimes against the workers and oppressed is impossible within the modest limits of this newspaper. His empire was too large, the number of lives stunted and even snuffed out by the accumulation of his fortune too many.

Nor is it Nelson the man that is of particular interest. In this bourgeois society, where the "rights" of the individual are invoked ad nauseum as justification for the daily trampling of the mass of individuals, the individual who most personified the system wasn't really known for his intelligence or lack of it, his sensitivity or brutality, his passion or blandness, or any other personality traits.

He was known for his money.

A FAMILY AND A SYSTEM

The Rockefeller fortune parallels the development of U.S. capitalism from its early competitive stage to the contemporary era of the domination of finance capital and the tendency toward monopoly, toward the carving up and sharing out of the markets and wealth of the world by a few super-super-rich agglomerations of capital.

The Rockefellers stand out because this was largely kept within the family. There are other huge concentrations of capital in the U.S. and the rest of the imperialist countries, but few with the notoriety of the Rockefeller fortune.

By the 1870s, the Standard Oil

Company was already on the way toward strangling its competition and monopolizing the field of oil production and transport in the Eastern United States. But it wasn't long before the fortune accumulated by the old John D. Rockefeller had begun to exhibit the overwhelming tendency of big capital of that period: first, to merge into banking capital, and second, to look abroad, to the undeveloped sections of the world, for areas to invest in at a much higher rate of profit. And all before Nelson was even born.

From Venezuela to Indonesia to the Middle East, the expansion of the Rockefeller empire of oil and banks paralleled the global outreach of U.S. imperialism.

There are few areas of economic activity that prey more on the subject nation without offering any compensatory development than oil and banking. In many cases, and especially before the rise of the national liberation movements forced some tokenism on the part of the imperialists, nearly all the jobs in these fields were held by foreign nationals, usually imported from the country of the "home office."

THE STATE IN THE SERVICE OF ROCKEFELLER

The Rockefeller family, and Nelson in particular, also personified the direct control that the ruling class exercises over the state. "Jimmy" Carter's Presidential commentary on Rockefeller's death tried to put it the other way, that Rockefeller "was born to privilege and accepted his privilege as an obligation to serve his state and nation." In the same way, the dukes and kings who used the swords of the medieval state to protect and enhance their fortunes described their political role as "noblesse oblige"—that to be part of the nobility entailed obligations to society.

But in reality they view society as obligated to them and to the service of their fortunes. It is in that spirit that the Rockefellers have bought and cultivated the talents of John Foster Dulles, Dean Rusk, C. Douglas Dillon, John J. McCloy, Henry Kissinger, Zbigniew Brzezinski, Jimmy Carter, William Roman, Malcolm Wilson, Hugh Carey, and hundreds if not thousands of lesser lights in the bourgeois political machinery.

It is to serve the long-range ends of U.S. imperialism (of which they form such a substantial chunk) that the Rockefellers set up numerous organizations like the Council on Foreign Relations, the Trilateral Commission, the Rockefeller Foundation, and others.

Whether or not Rockefeller personally got to be President, about which so much is written in the press, could hardly have bothered him much. He owned Presidents. The state machinery has served his interests well, whether he was in office or not.

And when he was in office, he showed that the unbridled cruelty and brutality of the state comes from the class it serves, not from subordinates who "overact" or who lack the "social graces" of their masters. The world watched as Nelson Rockefeller ordered the blitzkrieg storming of Attica prison and the slaughter of its defenseless inhabitants.

The Rockefellers, who were roundly hated in this country in John D.'s lifetime, are now hated



around the world. And that too illustrates the forces that imperialism brings into being in our epoch.

In the last century, it was largely the small businessmen crushed by Standard's ruthless methods, the workers in the oil fields here, the farmers whose land was grabbed for pipelines, who hated the Rockefellers. In 1913, it was the widows and orphans of the striking miners murdered by the police of the Rockefeller-owned Colorado Fuel and Iron Co., in Ludlow, Colorado.

Since then Rockefeller has become the target of the passion of millions of demonstrators in Caracas, Djakarta, Tehran, Algiers—wherever the tentacles of

the Rockefeller fortune have extended.

THEY'VE CREATED THEIR NEGATION

The bourgeoisie, wrote Marx in the Communist Manifesto over 130 years ago, creates its own gravediggers, the modern proletariat. It has seemed slow in coming to those impatient for a better world, but the global development of the class that will liberate humanity from all class oppression has coincided with the brief history of one family, the Rockefellers.

And before Nelson died, he heard the spades of those workers, from the oil refineries of Abadan to the docks of Capetown, digging, digging.

—Iranian masses

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interview with a leader of the Tudeh, or Iranian Communist Party, was printed in a U.S.-owned publication, the International Herald Tribune of Jan. 23. While the Tudeh Party does not have the broad popular following of a Khomeini, it has substantial support among the workers, and in general is the strongest single organization among the non-religious left.

Tudeh First Secretary Nouredin Kianouri said that "even the Shah's officials have recognized that the oilfield workers only obey instructions coming from the Tudeh Party." He attributed this strength to older Tudeh members, many of them who served time in the Shah's prisons, who are looked to for guidance.

The Tudeh Party recently issued a proclamation which called for a united front with the other anti-Shah forces and called also for preparation for armed insurrection. Explaining this position, Kianouri said, "It's also possible that Iran's reactionary forces, with U.S. and Israeli and other imperialist allies, could attempt to carry out a coup which will be much more brutal than anything that has happened there so far, on the scale of Chile or the wholesale massacre of communists in Indonesia. We don't want either that or a repetition of the 1953 repression of the Tudeh Party in Iran, and we must guard against it."

Progressive Iranians have told Workers World of the solidarity shown by Iranian workers and poor during the last few months of struggle.

To relieve food shortages during

the long general strike, cooperatives bought food in large quantities, then distributed it with trucks door to door at below market prices, and starting in the poorest neighborhoods. At first the people would buy more rice or grain than they needed, fearing that the source would dry up, but now people buy just what they need, and there is enough to go around. In places like Tehran, where the movement is stronger, the distribution is done through well-guarded stores, which the SAVAK doesn't dare attack or bomb.

When demonstrators are

attacked by the police, all doors are open to them. They are welcomed by the people who a short time ago would fear having a stranger coming into their house. Drivers leaving the area of shooting give rides to those trying to escape the bullets.

When highly skilled oil workers, who were being forced to work at the point of a bayonet, chose to flee their home city rather than serve the Shah, homes were opened for them to live in other areas of the country.

Young men have been showing solidarity with deserting soldiers by all cutting their hair short. This makes it easier for the soldiers to stop serving the tyrants and blend into the crowd.

—Killer cop

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him to use for exactly such a purpose.

Pepitone described the moments leading up to the Brabham murder: "He was running, he stopped, started to walk towards Walker... walking with his hands at his sides and lifted them to a surrender position walking back towards Walker." Pepitone continued, "Walker took a shooting position and shot him."

Pepitone admitted that he had lied to two grand juries during earlier investigations in an effort to cover up the murder, but changed his testimony when faced with the possibility of being charged with contempt of court.

Last Monday Judge Jacob Mischler, who throughout the trial refused to let any evidence concerning Walker's racist background and motives be introduced in the trial, prevented a key witness from testifying as to Walker's racism. According to

U.S. Attorney Peter Schlam who tried the case, Walker joined the force so he could "shoot a Black man." Walker's whole defense was to present an entourage of so-called "character" witnesses—most of whom were fellow cops.

The failure to jail Walker in the face of such overwhelming evidence is not only a callous insult and disregard to the Black population, but is just another green light to the racist police force to continue their wanton brutalization, harassment, and murder of Black people.

The fact that none of the killer cops of Black people here recently—be they the murderers of 10-year-old Clifford Glover, 11-year-old Claude Reese, 15-year-old Randy Evans, or 22-year-old John Brabham—ever spent one night in jail for their crimes, has certainly shed some light on the true nature of this perverse, racist institution that some call the American system of "justice."

—U.S. coup moves

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in that intervention. In the present crisis, Washington is stepping up its evacuation of U.S. nationals in anticipation of another violent struggle. An attempted coup against the Revolution in Iran would initiate a civil war that would bring unforeseeable consequences to that strategic oil-rich nation.

Fueling the speculation of an attempted coup d'état in the offing was the report last week that 70 advanced jet fighters were flown out of Iran to an unknown destination. The possibility that these jet fighters are being held in reserve away from the revolutionary contagion in Iran for

use at a later date appears as the most plausible explanation for their mysterious departure. Meanwhile, the Iranian military brass has been staging displays of their lethal firepower in the vain hope of intimidating the death-defying Iranian people.

All friends of the Iranian Revolution and opponents of U.S. imperialism are watching the approach of what may be a crucial showdown with anticipation and deep suspicion of the plots being secretly prepared in the Pentagon. Should imperialism attempt to put a gun to the head of the Iranian masses, progressive public opinion throughout the world must mobilize active opposition to even a disguised U.S. intervention.

forgotten a congressional commission sits on it for months, waters down any viable suggestions in order not to offend its friends in industry. Then if a law is passed more commissions sit to hear about the innumerable violations of the law, and official interest gradually ebbs away.

The task of organizations like Nader's is like that of the ancient hero who fought the dragon with a hundred heads: every time they cut off one head ten others grow in its place. The solution is not to go for the head of the monster, but straight for its heart.

—Gov't studies

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cautiously adds, "this means the chances of accident could be greater or could be less than was stated previously." It cost us \$3 million to get that piece of wisdom!

Revolutionists are told by well-meaning people who want to reform the capitalist system, "Oh, but a revolution is so far away and so chancy. I want to see some changes right now. I'd rather join Nader's Raiders than a revolutionary party because they really get things done." But do they?

Every expose gets a lot of publicity, and if it's not quickly

Lorelei Means speaks at Colorado meetings

By NATALIE VOLOSIN

GREELEY, Jan. 21—Over 50 people gathered in Greeley and over 70 in Denver on the weekend of Jan. 19 and 20 to hear Lorelei Means, a member of the American Indian Movement (AIM) and a co-founder of Women of All Red Nations (WARN), speak on the continuing Indian struggles. Means is a Winnebago-Lakota from the Pine Ridge reservation in South Dakota.

Also speaking were two young women, Whitney Poitra and Lakota Harden, from the "We Will Remember" Survival School on Pine Ridge.

Colorado was a fitting place for these meetings because all the Native peoples who once lived on the eastern plains of Colorado were killed or systematically removed from the area in the nineteenth century.

INDIAN LAND FOR INDIAN PEOPLE

Lorelei Means spoke on issues of immediate concern to the Indians: the forced sterilization of Native women, Indian political prisoners, the destruction of the family and the theft of Indian children, education for survival, and U.S.

corporate attacks on Indian land.

Although the land of the Indian nations has been reduced to 3% of its original size, much of the uranium, oil, and coal left in the U.S. is on Indian land. According to Means, the federal government is planning to take away the rich Missouri River from the Western plains tribes and give it to corporations for industrial use. U.S. corporations plan to strip this land of its uranium, oil, and coal. This will totally destroy 23 reservations, making the land unfit to live on and ruining the Missouri River as a fishing ground for the Missouri Indians.

Shell Oil is now operating two gassification plants near the Pine Ridge reservation, pumping sulfuric acid into the air and polluting the fishing ground. An attempt is underway to form a coalition of the 23 reservations to fight the profit-hungry corporations and their attacks on the remaining Indians.

END THE STERILIZATION OF INDIAN WOMEN!

Means also discussed the sterilization of Indian women. More than a quarter of all Indian women in the U.S. have been sterilized—leaving only 100,000 women of childbearing age who can have children. Very few Indian women asked to be sterilized. In almost every situation, the woman was either not informed as to the contents of the papers she was signing, or she was heavily sedated from just giving birth or she was afraid the racist welfare workers and judges would take away the children she already had, or she wasn't told that sterilization is permanent.

But sterilization is not the only racist practice that is aimed at tearing apart the Indian family. Once an Indian child is born, parents stand a **one in four chance** that they will lose their child.

Some 25 to 35% of all Indian children are removed from their families and placed in foster homes or adopted by non-Indians.

Deceitful and illegal means are often used to take Native children from their families. Welfare officials would seemingly rather place Indian children in non-Indian settings where their culture and traditions and, in general, their entire Indian way of life, is smothered. This is cultural genocide. Many Indian parents can never find out what happens to their children.

EDUCATION FOR SURVIVAL

Lakota Harden, 21, and Whitney Poitra, 15, have been in

the Indian movement for ten years. These two young women talked about the "We will Remember" Survival School they attend on the Pine Ridge Reservation. This school was started for Indian children as an alternative to public school. Nearly 30,000 Native children are now living in federal boarding schools—institutions much like the prison system.

"Public schools do not teach you how to be Indian, or to keep your Indian culture and be proud, they teach you to be white," said

Lakota Harden.

In the survival school children may make decisions and learn that they are the future of their people. They are given responsibilities and taught to care for each other, to teach each other. The survival schools are pulling away as rapidly as possible from a culture that does not belong to them and are preparing a new generation of Indian people for the continuing struggle against the transnational corporations, a generation who will not let their last bit of land be stolen or ruined.

200 march against KKK

COLORADO SPRINGS, Jan. 13—Over 200 people marched in sub-freezing weather here to protest the recruiting drive in Colorado of David Duke, Imperial Wizard of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Even though the bourgeois media repeated his public relations garbage of building a "new image" of the Klan, the marchers in Colorado Springs were not fooled. They recognized his calls for "voluntary separatism" and his attacks on affirmative action as the same vicious racism the Klan has always been noted for.



This is stripmining. Missouri Indians are fighting federal plans to hand over even more of their lands and resources to the corporations for industrial use.

Prison news in brief

Yvonne Wanrow

JANUARY 20—On Dec. 28, the Washington Supreme Court ruled that Yvonne Wanrow should be forced to stand trial a second time.

In 1973, Wanrow, a Colville Indian, was sentenced to 25 years in prison for defending her children and herself after a drunken racist and another man entered the house where she was staying and attacked one of her children.

That conviction was reversed on appeal in 1977. Defense lawyers, Wanrow's defense committee, and her supporters have insisted that Yvonne Wanrow should not be on trial for self-defense and that the state should drop all charges immediately.

A hearing on a defense motion to demand that the Washington Supreme Court reverse its latest racist decision ordering a retrial will be heard on Jan. 29.



Yvonne Wanrow

Graham and Allen

JANUARY 20—Some 200 people demonstrated on behalf of Eugene Allen and Ernest Graham and against the racist death penalty at a 7 a.m. protest in San Francisco last month.

Graham and Allen are two Black men who have been active political organizers in prison. They have fought for prisoner unity and against the racist and unjust prison system.

Both men are on death row in San Quentin after being framed up for the death of a prison guard in Duell Vocational Institute (prison) in Tracy, Calif. on Nov. 27, 1973.

For more information on how you can help with their defense write: the Graham-Allen Defense Committee, 3931 Opal St., Oakland, Calif. 94609.

Jomo Joka Omowale

JANUARY 20—Pre-trial motions have begun as the state machinery prepares its case against Jomo Joka Omowale (Cleveland Davis). Attica Brothers Jomo and Dalou Asahi (Mariano Gonzales) were the victims of murderous assault by police in Brooklyn on April 2 which left Dalou killed and Jomo wounded. This brutal armed ambush by police did not go the way police had hoped since two cops also died.

In the ambulance, Jomo was beaten within an inch of his life by cop James Dennedy who broke almost every bone in Jomo's face. Dennedy has a history of attacking oppressed people he has stopped on the street and also of using racist epithets.

Jomo has filed a \$1 million lawsuit against Perry Duryea, who recently was defeated in the Nov. 7 New York gubernatorial race. Duryea, who ran on a reactionary "law-and-order" campaign, used a TV commercial to "convict" Jomo for the death of the cops and to call for the death penalty.

Jomo is being tried in Brooklyn Supreme Court on Court Street and Montague Street in Judge Starkey's courtroom. Police, including Dennedy, have packed the courtroom. Jomo's supporters are asked to do the same.

Kristina Berster

JANUARY 17—Lawyers for Kristina Berster have filed an application for political asylum for her, in

order to stop her from being returned to West Germany. She is currently imprisoned in Metropolitan Correctional Center in Manhattan with bail set at \$100,000.

Berster was labeled by the West German government a suspected radical "sympathizer." In late 1971 she was arrested and jailed under the Criminal Association Act. After her release in February, 1972, police began harassing her lawyer and even excluded him from her defense for a period of months.

A series of new repressive laws have been enacted in West Germany, resulting in hundreds, if not thousands of firings, arrests, and imprisonments. "Sympathizers" of progressive issues are in danger of arrest, persecution, and jail sentences.

Berster fled Germany in 1973, fearing a railroad conviction. She sought entry and asylum in the U.S. While crossing the Canadian-Vermont border in July, 1978, she was arrested and convicted of a border violation charge. During the proceedings she was denied the right to present a defense.

While the U.S. turned down West Germany's demand for extradition of Berster, based on the lack of any criminal evidence against her, she is in danger of being returned to Germany through deportation. She fears her life and well-being would be seriously in jeopardy if she is returned.

To help the fight for political asylum for Kristina Berster, write: Leonel Castillo, Director, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Wash., D.C. 29536. For more information write: Kristina Berster Defense Comm., P.O. Box 144, Winooski, Vermont 05404.

Olympic prison

JANUARY 20—The United States Olympic Committee has filed a claim against a coalition of progressive groups called Stop the Olympic Prison (STOP). The Olympics committee is balking over STOP's use of the Olympics' symbol. STOP's emblem shows the familiar hand-held torch **behind bars** to emphasize the growing protests against the planned conversion of olympics facilities now under construction at Lake Placid into a federal prison for youth.

Following the conclusion of the 1980 Winter Olympics, a major building will be converted to imprison 500 youth, mostly Black and Latin—something the Olympics committee would like to hide.

While rich make profits from blizzard

Chicago poor left out in the cold

By LISA CORRIGAN

CHICAGO, Jan. 27—The bosses of Chicago are proud to proclaim that they run "the city that works." But the poor and working people of Chicago, suffering from the effects of the worst blizzard in the city's history, have found out that "the city that works" isn't working for them.

One of the people that the city has worked very well for is Kenneth Sain, former deputy mayor under Richard Daley. Last year Sain was paid \$90,000 of tax money to prepare an emergency plan for dealing with future major snowstorms. Yet, Sain's belatedly released study contained no recommendations for dealing with the snow. So, once again one of the corrupt politicians has raked in some money that could have been spent on snow removal equipment, for example—and Chicago still has no effective plan for dealing with such a disaster.



SNOW REMOVAL A JOKE

With little priority put on buying and maintaining adequate snow removal equipment, virtually the only city streets that have been sufficiently cleared as of now, two weeks after the blizzard, are those in the wealthy Gold Coast area. Streets in the Black and Latin communities have been almost totally ignored, and even hospital entrances have not been cleared.

Although Major Michael Bilandic had announced that more than 100 lots were to be used for

The Chicago city government had no plan for dealing with such snow emergencies.

parking during the blizzard, people going there discovered that these lots, too, had not been plowed. Ignoring the fact that many parked and stalled cars on city streets were buried under several feet of snow due to the failure of the snow removal effort, the city has given out thousands of parking tickets—some of them amounting to \$200—but has done nothing to aid people in moving their cars to other locations.

To make matters worse, the

city's buses and rapid transit trains were almost at a standstill, resulting in many people being either late or unable to get to their jobs. Some bosses refused to pay for the time missed, adding to the hardships faced by working people here.

The response of the merchants has been to make as much money off the disaster as possible. The supermarket chains, for example, hiked their prices to take advantage of food shortages—and

again it was the people who had to pay.

WHY DOESN'T THE CITY WORK?

A list of "snow emergency" numbers provided by the city government proved almost useless. People without heat, calling these numbers, were told to wait for city investigators. Even when there aren't blizzard conditions, these investigators take weeks to come—and when they do arrive often do

nothing to help, being prejudiced in favor of the landlords.

Why should people be faced with such a situation? Why can't the city clear the streets and sidewalks and guarantee safe and efficient transportation? Why is there no plan for dealing with such emergencies?

The answer lies in the fact that this society is not geared to the needs of the vast majority, but rather to protecting the profits of the few. The biggest worry of the bosses and politicians during this blizzard has not been freezing tenants, stranded motorists, workers whose pay time has been docked or those paying jacked up food prices. What worries them more is the money that has been lost by the big stores and shopping centers from the lack of shoppers. Even in a time of disaster, the bosses have only dollar signs in their eyes.

The people of Chicago are angry that the government has done so little for them. By revealing their real nature, the politicians and their ruling class masters are opening a door that will surely lead to their eventual downfall.

Who's getting the 'disaster relief'?

By JOHN HUTTON

CHICAGO, Jan. 26—In the wake of the January blizzard, most of the counties of northern Illinois along with counties in Indiana and Wisconsin, have been declared "disaster areas," eligible for massive federal aid. This raises the question of just what the federal disaster relief involves and who it is supposed to be for.

As is usual with federal laws, a lot is promised in regard to

Federal Disaster Assistance programs. The laws say that "because disasters often cause loss of life, human suffering, loss of income, and property loss and damage," it is "the intent of Congress" to aid state and local governments "to alleviate the suffering and damage which result from such disasters." Sections of the Disaster Relief Act provide for unemployment assistance to people unable to get to work,

distribution of food stamps to victims of the disaster, rent free accommodations, and for work projects to reconstruct and clean up at prevailing wages.

But—as always—there are catches. The request for disaster relief has to be granted in the first place. While as a result of the blizzard, 22 Illinois counties are to get relief aid, 31 others have been denied it. Also, none of the aid described above (unemployment relief, food stamps etc.) has to be given; it is all assigned at the discretion of government bureaucrats. They don't have to give anyone one cent to help the people—regardless of their need.

And nothing is just what the people of Chicago are getting.

The poor and working people of Chicago, who in some cases paid private contractors to plow streets the city passed up, who had to pay inflated prices for spoiled milk and stale bread (when they could get either), who were docked up to a week's pay when the collapse of the city transportation systems kept them from getting to work—are to be denied any of the millions of dollars in aid. Instead, the money is slated to go for reimbursing the city government for the expenses involved in its ludicrous imitation of a clean-up operation.

A leaflet issued by Women United for Action and the Center for United Labor Action on Jan. 26 asked "Can Mayor Bilandic be trusted with millions of federal (taxpayer) dollars for 'snow removal'? Why is there nothing for the people of Chicago, who have truly suffered during this snow disaster?"

LEAFLET URGES FUNDS GO TO PEOPLE

Describing the disastrous conditions faced by the people, Women United and CULA called on "churches, unions, community organizations, and the people of Chicago" to unite around demands for disaster relief for the people (not the contractors), an end to price gouging, a moratorium on heating bills and cut-offs, emergency food vouchers for those in need, hiring of unemployed at union wages to clear the city, and no lost wages while safe public transportation is lacking.

The people of Chicago didn't cause the catastrophe. The fault lies in the city government, with its corruption and incompetence. The Bilandic administration must not be allowed to control the relief funds (or lack of them); aid must go for the people and their needs, not profits and graft.



Jammed, packed Chicago transit virtually collapsed during the storm, but emergency relief isn't going to workers who lost pay because they couldn't get to their jobs.

The Inquiring Reporter in Chicago

Workers World Inquiring Reporter: Who do you think should get emergency winter disaster aid in Chicago?

Where asked: Chicago Main Post Office

Grayson Knowles, truck driver: "I think the old people need it the most. They can't even get to the stores. The city could at least have a delivery service for them."

Eunice Williams, secretary: "I had to miss three days of work here because the el wasn't running. The Post Office said they won't pay us for those days. I think the everyday people with jobs should get the aid, not the government."

Ardeice Stanford, machine operator: "They should give it to groups in the neighborhoods to clean things up. The city just ignores my neighborhood. But between the block clubs, PTAs, churches and everything we could get it together quick if we had the equipment."

Charles Wilborn, dispatcher: "They should give it to the unions and groups like PUSH and the NAACP who could set up a fund so people who lost money from not working [like me] could apply for compensation. I mean when the Mayor is on TV telling me to stay home, I shouldn't have to lose money for doing what he says."