Economy on the mend? Not for the jobless!

Reagan juggles unemployment figures, then announces ‘recovery’

By Sharon Shelton

FEBRUARY 7—If you’re one of the 11 million people officially unemployed, you might not have realized that, according to President Reagan, your situation has gotten better.

Never mind that the help wanted signs haven’t reappeared. If Reagan hasn’t been able to do anything about joblessness itself, at least he has done something about the jobless figure.

With much fanfare, the administration reported on Friday that the unemployment rate declined last month to 10.4% from 10.8% in December, the first decline in the official rate in the past 17 months. Reagan immediately hailed the new statistics as proving “we are on the move now” and “America is on the mend.”

What he hopes is “on the mend” is his damaged image in the eyes of the large masses of people, who are suffering from levels of unemployment rivaling those at the end of the Great Depression.

Reagan didn’t mention in his news conference Friday that his own Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Dr. Janet Norwood, has admitted before Congress that the new lower jobless level may be the

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Jersey City Medical Center workers and community residents pack the Board of Managers meeting on Feb. 3 to demand that this hospital be kept open.

All-Peoples Congress mobilizes:

JERSEY CITY: ‘Fightback can save our hospital!’

DETOURIT: Hit courts, gov’t for delaying food release

BUFFALO: Demand rollback in gas prices

Sam Marcy: How the Pentagon intensifies world hunger

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Strike Champion Spark Plug. On Feb. 1, some 3,500 United Auto Workers union members at six Champion Spark Plug Co. plants around the country went on strike against what company demands for extensive wage and benefit concessions. The company is demanding reductions in the cost of living allowance, holidays, the Supplemental Unemployment Insurance Plan, and health, dental, vision and hearing aid benefits for retirees, and disability benefits for low-income workers. The company deliberately provoked the strike.

Brooklyn hospital protest. APSCME Local 420 has held a daily picketing on the Brooklyn Hospital in Brooklyn, N.Y., since the Jan. 14 layoff of some 100 workers. On Jan. 20, over 350 workers and community members joined in a rally at the hospital. Local 420 represents housekeeping and institutional aids. James Butler, president of the local, said in a statement, "Those workers [who were laid off] are vital to the safety of the patients at Woodruff. Anyones lifetime health care depends on care they receive at Woodruff should be out here protesting those layoffs with us. And not only them-they are counting on the fate of public hospitals in the city. Public hospitals are where people come if they are turned away at other hospitals. That shouldn't happen, but it does." Butler added that while the workers complain of economic hardships, more people are being turned away from public hospitals. Woodruff is New York City's largest hospital and also its newest. Local 420 says that it was never fully staffed since it opened in October. The local also criticized the city for laying off workers who provide direct services to patients, who are paying millions in fees to a consulting firm which has an office in the hospital. Besides the regular picket and demonstrations at the hospital, Local 420 is planning a march from Woodruff to City Hall.

Quebec workers under attack. President Rene Levesque of Quebec this week again threatened striking workers with passage of a harsh anti-labor law which would allow the government to stop collecting union dues and to fire striking workers, end off for union affiliates to conduct union business, and force employees to work without pay for a period equal to the number of days they were on strike. The threats are aimed at 88,000 teachers and 6,500 skilled public service workers who had been on strike since Jan. 26. The strikers are protesting a contract illegally imposed by the legislature in December which cut salaries up to 19.45%, outlawed strikes for three years, curtailed job security, and increased work loads. Teachers union President Yvon Charbonneau accused Levesque of "simulating Reagon" in his union-busting techniques. "And like Reagan," Charbonneau added, "Levesque has the support of about 25% of the people.

PENTAGON AND HUNGER. What is the source of world hunger? Natural catastrophes? Unfavorable weather conditions? The whims of nature? Or is it a socially determined political policy, aimed at squeezing out of the private ownership of land and the means of agricultural production by a tiny handful of bankers and monopolists? (Analysis by Sam Marcy, page 9.)

HOSPITAL FIGHT. Community residents and hospital workers are uniting in Jersey City to save the county's only public hospital from being closed. "This week, the All-Peoples Congress is organizing a public hearing to give testimony about the impact a hospital closing would have on our community, many of whom have helped to stop truck traffic to save our city. Like anyone in the middle class in this country, the owner-operators are not independent from the strongholds of the big banks and big corporations that are responsible for the ecological crisis. The owner-operators are all in the pockets of those banks, and more than 70% actually work under lease to the big trucking companies."

Teamsters union's best potential ally. The best potential ally of the independents is the Teamsters union, which represents the working class family drivers and which has tremendous power in this strategic industry. The Teamsters have every reason to support a victory in this strike. Unfortunately, Teamsters President Roy Williams, a long-time supporter of Reagon, has denounced the strike.

A progressive Teamsters leadership that understands that they support the just goals of the independents could use the militant tactics perfected by the minersworkers' John Lewis, in the 1930s.

The Teamsters could state simply that they know that they have the legal right to strike. Then they have the legal right to strike. Then they should want to do so. The Teamsters is the largest union in the United States..."
Economic recovery—whom for? 

By Lillian Stein

FEBRUARY 7 -- In Washington and on Wall Street there is a lot of talk about the economy being "slow," "moderate," or even "short lived," recovery. Signs are that economic activity is slowing, but it is not, in general, proving the crisis in the capitalist system another temporary lull in the business cycle.

Both in the disparities on which they base this hopeful speculation don't hold much promise for an economic recovery.

The new phase of the multi-national corporations, the big banks, and the financial houses, is the name of the game, recovery is estimated at 0.7 percent, or if you include the price of raw materials, interest rates, stock values, and tax cuts, etc., not how many people have jobs. 

The latest available information in any one of these areas and consider what it means in terms of jobs and the cost of living.

From this perspective, the recovery is not much. Capitalism looks like another episode in their attempt to save their system without the accumulation of unemployment.

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product of juggling the figures. The figures retailers hiring 60,000 fewer temporary workers during the holidays this year than last, they happened to cut 92,000 fewer layoffs. Yet, the payroll figures were 17 percent higher in last year's layoff figures and used as "evidence" for adjusting the unemployment figures.

Norwood admitted that "that the government's official statistics on labor market conditions may have somewhat exaggerated the December to January change in this data."

He conceded that the decline in the unemployment figures was not accompanied by a decline in wages or the cost of living as he said, there was a decline in the civilian labor force.

"More discouraged workers"

In the face of Reagan's rosy picture demand the fact is that by the Labor Department's own estimates the number of discouraged workers, jobless workers who are no longer looking for work because none is available, has increased by 300,000 over the previous quarter.

The government's calculations of unemployment statistics conveniently omit consideration of these discouraged workers whose ranks are growing by the day.

A more honest picture of the jobless situation is given by a staff economist with the Joint Economic Committee who uses an index that measures both the length and the depth of unemployment. This index takes the number of people unemployed and multiplies it by the average amount of time they have been unemployed.

This index does not show whether a person included in the jobless figures has been without a job for a month or a year. This new index shows that in the last quarter the index was 116.6 million weeks of unemployment amounting to 11.5 million weeks in 1974 and 117 million weeks in 1975. 

In the widening gap, of course, official civilian unemployment may have fallen to 1.4 million people in January, the duration of unemployment rose to 19.4 weeks, making January's index 223.1 million weeks the worst ever.

Official statistics hide real story

The government's official jobless figures are calculated to hide the real extent of the unemployment crisis, which affects a large number of workers, such as those who drop out of the workforce for a job, not set even counted in the figures, but no attempt is made to determine how many are behind the statistics.

In every strike, for instance, the government and the big business press fail all over themselves to show how much has been lost in wages due to the strike. But there is never any mention of how much in wages is being lost when there are millions unemployed.

The White House is not only juggling unemployment statistics, but making our picture brighter, but it is also resorting to artificially stimulating the economy through military means in hopes of changing unemployment figures temporarily.

The costly, large-scale military maneuvers taking place in Central America, for example, besides being aimed at intimidating the people of the area, have an impact on the jobless figures here at home. War games such as these, not only require troops, but they use up stockpiles of ammunition, fuel, food, and other supplies, all of which will be replaced and re-processed. Besides, the administration's no doubt hopes, to a significant increase in employment, especially in the military industries.

The big business press is filled with predictions that some sort of corporate upturn may take place, but none predict this so-called upturn will be the sustained employment it says.

While Reagan's bag of tricks may alter the figures somewhat, nothing in this administration's bag of tricks for big business in the Democratic Party is doing much to stimulate a genuine upturn. The fact that today's high unemployment is symptomatic of the rottenness of the capitalist system is not being registered by the public, a system that long ago ceased to produce anything but humankind and brings only destruction and human suffering.

Even with an increase in industrial production, the job situation won't improve. Reagan himself admitted that the official unemployment figures will remain down through the 1983 fiscal year.

The utilization of factories and machinery, all the means of production built up by the sweat and toil of generations of working people, remains at a record low because of underutilization. It is unlikely that money will be invested in maintaining worn out equipment. Capital expenditures are expected to stay flat.

Profits have been affected by the economic crisis. This is with the exception of areas of high technology, which employ a small section of the labor force. Profit of IBM, 27.9%, and SCI Communications Corp., 63%, do not signal an improvement in the general economy.

Activity on Wall Street is certainly not known to increase the general welfare either. During the fourth quarter of 1982, Merrill Lynch recorded a 159% increase over year-earlier profits. It should be noted that all of this financial activity did not create anything of new value.

Tax breaks for whom?

Most of big business profit losses will be passed on to us in tax breaks. In an appendix to Reagan's 1983 Report to Congress, it was revealed tax breaks erased a $32 billion profit loss last year.

A major portion of Reagan's program was based on tax cuts at the expense of human services. It is the rich who benefit from the tax cuts. "The ones who will pay the least this year are those who will pay more than $251,000," says the New York Times (Feb. 7).

These kinds of tax cuts add to the enormous federal deficit which is riding sky high on the growth in the military budget. The deficit is sure to fuel inflation. Reagan added another inflationary factor when he increased the money supply, beginning last August. He had accused Carter of "the inflation problem by doing the same thing."

The boom and bust cycle is a function of a declining system that relies on ever deeper exploitation of the goods and services they produce, no real recovery is possible.

Reagan plots further tax giveaways to corporation

By Bob Mc Cubbin

FEBRUARY 6 -- When President Reagan returned to some businesses in Boston recently that he was against taxing corporate profits, the capitalist media treated it as just another in a long series of "positive steps" that he seems to make every time he departs from his prepared text.

But class-conscious workers know it wasn't a blunder at all. In fact, the Reaganites are discussing how to free the corporations from the relatively minor tax bur- dens still imposed on them and Reagan's official rhetoric, duti- fully disingenuous by the big business press, is merely toying with the idea wisely abandoned, part of an earlier public opinion for a more concrete Reaganite proposal that is sure to follow.

While Reagan must take full responsibility for conspiring with Big Oil and the military-in- industrial complex against the fundamental interests of the masses of workers, he is, at least, free to fleeing the corporate giants from all fiscal responsibility are of no radical departure from past government practice that they might see.

Federal government subsidizes big business

An article in the Newark Star Ledger (2/3/83) analyzing the economic report that Reagan sent to Congress last week, shows that the steady rise in corporate profits for the last 25 years has its basis a similarly steady reduction in corporate income tax liabilities. In other words, the federal government has been subsidizing the growing corporate profit glut of the past 25 years with its granting of greater and greater corporate tax breaks.

At the end of World War II, corporate taxes amounted for about 40% of federal government income. With Reagan's latest tax cut, the rate is now down to 7% and still dipping. Of course such a drastic continuing decrease makes no sense for Reagan's own reasons for trying to abolish the corporate tax altogether.

Workers pay more taxes

Now think for a minute. Have any of the taxes you pay gone down in the last 25 years? They couldn't very well have since you have been involuntarily making up the difference caused by the lower and lower income tax cuts and the absence of "extraordinary expenses" associated with the Lackawanna, N.Y., enterprise. 

There is an important message in these figures of the poor and working people of the U.S.: the country isn't broke after all! There is money aplenty for Social Security, Medicare, Food Stamps, child lunch programs, and all the other social programs that Reagan and the Congress are slashing. All that's needed is a determined, fighting mass movement of working and oppressed people that won't take no for an answer, that the Pentagon, and the government have the money. They must be forced to turn it over to those who created all the wealth in the first place: the people.
Workers World Celebrates BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Lodes of Black Gold: Black Culture and the Struggle for Freedom!

By Owodunloye Aregbesola
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To fully appreciate the negation of history as a means of cultural genocide, it is important to understand that history is a broader context than that which is commonly held by the bourgeoisie.

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A comprehensive view of relations between the masses and the culture can be obtained when we understand culture as growing out of the experience of the masses and their struggle towards progress. Culture encompasses not only the material aspects of social and cultural values, habits, tools, knowledge and skills but also the need for a high degree of quality of life. The arts, which give visual and graphic expression to the psychological and emotional values, beliefs, reflect, as well as shape a social community. The influence of these art works can be seen in every art form any social and cultural history.

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CONTRARY to the "idyllic picture" of plantation life presented by bourgeoisie historians, the history of slavery in the U.S. was, in fact, filled with hundreds of slave conspiracies and open revolts. Three of these heroic episodes— that of Gabriel Proser, Denmark Vesey, and Nat Turner—embodied extraordinary modern characteristics, that bear important lessons in our struggle as workers and oppressed today.

The Proser conspiracy, led by Gabriel Proser and Denmark Vesey. It was in New York City in the late 1770s where the conspiracy took place. Proser, a carpenter by trade, was a member of the Free African Society, a group that had been formed to help the enslaved escape to the northern colonies.

On the night of November 11, 1730, a slave named Nat Turner led a rebellion in Southampton, Virginia. The revolt was quickly put down, and Turner was captured and hanged.

The Haitian Revolution of 1791, led by Toussaint L'Ouverture. The Haitian slave uprising was one of the earliest successful slave revolts in the history of slavery in the U.S.

The meek do not inherit the earth

There has never been a single instance where the capitalist ruling class has ever allowed itself to be confronted with the attainment of its objectives.

The Proser, Vesey, and Turner revolts utterly refute this contention. While all three leaders were deeply religious, none of them accepted the trans- quillizing theological dogma pushed by the slavery. The god they saw delivered a sword against the transgressors and the earth they envisioned was one that the meek did not inherit.

With this vision, the rebels led by Proser fashioned bayonets and bullets through the spring of 1800. It was the biblical passage referring to the equality of all men that prompted Vesey's co-conspirators to identify every store of ammunition in Charleston, S.C. And it was with the revelation that "the First shall be last and the last shall be first," that Nat Turner and others set out on the long march to Jerusalem, the county seat of Southampton, Va., in 1831.

The ruling class even today, hopes the biblical slogans of "turn the other cheek," and "love thy enemy" "enlightened the shoulders of workers and oppressed. But while the slavery and the heroic leaders of these three slave revolts read from the same Bible, the organizers of the amending forces and the oppressors clearly understood that their oppressors would only be swayed by a militant and even violent struggle.

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U.S. puppets losing out in El Salvador

By John Catalinoto
FEBRUARY 17—Stunning guerrilla victory in Berlin, the quick return of U.S. Special Forces soldiers for ordering U.S. personnel into combat, the nerve-wracking weekend full of Howl, do all point out the growing weakness of Washington's and the puppet regime it backs in El Salvador.

In the face of this weakness, however, top officials in the Reagan administration are asking for more military aid—increasing from $260 to $863 million—and are also pushing for more U.S. military planners and trainers.

Last week, U.S. Special Forces soldiers, the infamous “Cuculian Brothers” of the Viet Nam war, were flying Husky helicopters on a constant daylight patrol of a single Cuscatecan bridge in Usulutan province on the outskirts of Berlin. (Washington Post, Feb. 5)

On this mission, Staff Sgt. Gay T. Stanley became the first U.S. soldier wounded in El Salvador, the situation was called a “low-level war,” 181. His wounding exposed the illegal U.S. combat role.

As the Viet Nam war showed, the helicopter is the major combat weapon in an “air war” against anti-war protesters. It is a combat weapon.

The Pentagon, however, still tried to lie about this, then had to shame-faces gull back. In its later statement the Defense Dept. tried to blame the individual officers, saying, “In accordance with standing instructions, American soldiers should not have participated in such an operation.” Two warrant officers were relieved from El Salvador.

Violates Wars Powers Act

What was involved, however, was not an individual officer’s choice but the decision of the Reagan administration to order the ground for their strategy for crushing liberation movements all over the world. By turning to the press, spokesmen have spoken that other countries.

By placing U.S. military personnel in combat roles without first registering with Congress, the Reaganites have brazenly violated the War Powers Act passed by Congress in 1973.

The Democrats in Congress, true to their performance over the years, have failed to respond to this violation not so much with a roar as with a squawk. Their opposition was weak—because the Reaganite policy was anti-people. The only real response even if it was illegal; they were simply afraid it would bring about a complete political and military defeat for U.S. imperialist interests in Central America.

Rep. Michael Barnes (D-Md.) moaned that “our side is not winning the war,” that “the political and economic situation is getting worse,” “the U.S. military policy... makes a guerrilla victory almost inevitable.”

Dodd adds $1 billion aid

Exposing Washington’s financial involvement as much greater than previously admitted, Sen. Christopher Dodd (D-Conn) had an ear-splitting complaint: “We’ve spent $4.5 billion over the last three years. We’re approaching $1 billion annually. We’ve got to show for it. It’s so sick there.”

So far all this has been led by Congressmen such as Sen. George E. Studds (D-Conn) and 80 co-sponsors to declare Reagan’s “human rights” certification of the butchers in San Salvador as “null and void.” There is no guarantee this will get anywhere.

The Reaganites, on the other hand, are not only pushing for more military assistance but have just charged the U.S. troops to take part in joint military exercises with Guatemalan military Revolutionary Nicaragua’s border. This marks the sixth such war maneuver in Honduras since 1961, both joint and separate.

With the deteriorating U.S. position driving the administration to ever greater adventures, and given the impotence or unwillingness of the Democrats to stop these adventures, it becomes more and more necessary for workers and oppressed people and all anti-war forces here to mobilize independently against U.S. intervention in El Salvador.

 Deadly Beirut blast hits Palestine center

By Bill Del Vecchio
FEBRUARY 7—A powerful car bomb murdered at least 18 Palestinian anti-colonial fighters, wounded over 115 people, and destroyed the Palestine Research Center in Beirut on Saturday. The bomb was the latest in a series of attacks against the Palestinian people that was begun by the Israeli occupation of Lebanon last summer.

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Fightback can save Jersey hospital!

By L. Volpe
JERSEY CITY, Feb. 8—This week, workers at the Jersey City Medical Center and community residents displayed militant determination to keep their hospital open.

In the continuing struggle against the hospital management and the Reoganite mayor and governor who want to cut back services and ultimately close the only public hospital in the county, the All-People's Congress is organizing a public hearing for this coming Friday. Patients, community activists, doctors, hospital workers, union leaders, and clergy are among those expected to testify about the impact that the closing of the hospital or any more cutbacks or layoffs would have on the lives of community residents and workers.

The APC and other community activists along with hospital workers have already gotten out over 10,000 leaflets about hearing at housing projects, churches, laundromats, and train and bus stations calling on the public to come and testify. APC organizers have spoken at four community meetings and on a radio talk show this past week. Other meetings are planned. (See accompanying article, page 6.) Free transportation for those around the city who can't afford it is being organized for the hearing.

Impact study
Although the closing of the hospital would be a disaster, especially to the poor and oppressed in this city, the 17th poorest in the U.S., no govern- ment agency has conducted an impact study!' Today, the state Municipal Fi-
nance Commission granted the hospital Board of Managers permis-sion to file for bankruptcy under Chapter 9 (for government agencies) without any impact study. This is a violation of state law, which states that only the City Council, by a two-thirds major- ity vote, can petition the Com-mission for permission to file a Chapter 9.

The state agency has denied the legal arguments of the APC and the AFSCME union.

There has been previous govern- ment maneuvering, confirm the long-held argument of the APC that a conspiracy ex-ists between the state and city governments as well as the hospital management to close the hospital.

Militant protect
Last Thursday, hospital officials announced that the management might only get 70% of their pay this month. Management manager added that this action might lead to enough resignations to make the hospital go down.

Several union leaders had other ideas. About 400 workers and community activists confronted management at the hospital that evening. The meeting, decorated with APC placards which stated that the Board members had to leave under police protection.

It was the second Board meet-
ing that was taken over by work-
ers and community residents. Several union leaders spoke of court actions against the Board and the city.

Milt Fliker, President of AFSCME District Council 52, stated that the Board was trying to provoke a walkout but that the union and the community would run the hospital if the Board refused. He called on the Board to resign.

APC spokesman Monica Moorehead declared that the money is there to run the hospital and that an organized fightback movement will force the city and state to fund the hospital.

Reda Bacon, AFSCME Local 2254 president, called on everyone to pack this Thursday's City Council meeting in an effort to force the city to fund the hospital with the city's $6 million budget surplus.

During a militant display by the workers of chanting and even pushing members of the Board out for a "recess," Rachel Duell of the APC de-scended on the confron-try. She urged all to dig in for the long struggle ahead and to build the public hearing.

After an hour Board returned and was immediately herded by speaker after speaker. The second time they walked out. Board members noted the police officers escort three to their cars.

The APC-sponsored public hearing will be on Feb. 11 at St. John's Baptist Church at 55511 Brabham Ave., Jersey City, at 7 p.m. The last Thursday's meeting is any barometer of the deter-mination of the workers and community to keep their hospital open, the conspirators have a force to reckon with.

Judge blocks APC food service

By Katherine Wells
DETOIT, Jan. 31—For the second time in two weeks, U.S. District Court Judge Ralph Guy has postponed the hearing for the All-People's Congress food service lawsuit against President Reagan and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The lawsuit is demanding that the mil-

ons of tons of food stored in ware-

houses be released and distributed to the hundreds of thousands of hungry people in Detroit and Michigan. The next court date is set for Feb. 28.

That morning, 150 APC members and friends again gathered in front of the federal building to demand the release of the food and to denounce the government and the court's continual delays.

Old and young alike picketed and chanted in the gray, yellow and orange flags and banners. Some people walking with the aid of canes and a disabled person in a wheelchair attended. AFSCME President Joe King joined the picket, as did Rev. Ed-
ward Ducee.

The loud chants—"Release the food to the people," "It's our right to eat," and anyone else that is ten-ant in our way that we aren't going to let them have any other. We have a right to that food."

From the picketline, the crowd chanting down the street.

A strategy session was held. Johnson, a member of the crowd, said, "We have to take this to the court."

"We're getting stronger, not weaker, with every postponement."

Debbie Johnson told the crowd, "We have to take this to the court."

"We have to go everywhere in the city and sign up new members for the All-People's Con-
gress. Let's get the whole city of Detroit involved in the lawsuit."

"We continue. The only language they understand is the sound of mar-
ching feet!"

How you can help

THERE IS A WAY for those living outside the Detroit area to help in the campaign to re-

lease the food to the many hungry people there.

This is to write a letter to those with hearing the lawsuit hearing at the All-People's Congress. The letters can state support for the All-People's Congress lawsuit against the Judge Guy, with no more de-
lay in releasing the food so that people can eat adequately again.

Letters, telegrams, or post-

cards should be addressed to Judge Ralph Guy, U.S. Federal Building, 2 W. Lafayette, Detroit, Mich. 48226.
American Agricultural Movement of Michigan called for the immediate release of the food. "It's a disgrace to our country that the government bureaucracy won't release the food to the people who need it." Another statement of support came in from Nimrod Carney, president of APSICME Local 1642. Carney represents the workers who distribute food for the city. "We're on the front lines of distributing food, and we know how much is needed in this city," he said.

The meeting then broke down into four regional divisions and a joint session from each area discussed how to carry out the protest, the strategies, and the continuing struggle to release the food.

NYS refers aid to tricorner city

What really happened at closed-door meeting

By Tom Soto
BUFFALO, Feb. 5—At times a seemingly small and unimportant event can turn out to have special significance if it reveals a trend affecting the working class and oppressed on a broader scale. Take, for example, the meeting held yesterday in New York State Lt. Governor Alfred DelBello's office to discuss a local issue. A group of 3,000 current workers and others interested in the plight of workers in the area of steel production, steel plant closures, and related job loss in the region were all represented at the meeting.

Lackawanna is a company town. Two-thirds of the city's residents work for Lackawanna Steel. Every business and job in the city will be negatively affected if the shutdown takes place. But the economic catastrophe in the area is facing an even bigger problem.

Western New York and the rest of the state will lose 50,000 jobs as a result of the steel shutdown. The Western New York region in the last seven to ten years of the economic crisis has undergone the contracting down of hundreds of plants. As unemployment and other financial problems increase, the need for such meetings becomes even more pressing.

It is estimated that the shutdown will affect over 300,000 employees in the steel industry across the nation. It is not only the workers who will be affected but also their families, retirees, and other dependents. The economic impact will be felt across the nation as the company’s production of steel is reduced, and the price of steel will rise.
Preaching peace, plotting war

WHENEVER the U.S. government sends a high-ranking official abroad, the press is first given a thorough briefing on the purpose of the trip. Is it even possible, Mr. X is being asked, to instigate new armed attacks and subversion against Country A, trying to undermine the economy of Country B, and will he be acting as an international arms peddler for his friends back home in the defense industry?

That would be a staggeringly candid press briefing, indeed. No, Mr. X is always on a mission to shore up world peace, which requires the intervention of U.S. troops all over the globe. He is always seeking to reduce the war economy by opening doors to U.S. capital. And he invariably charms his hosts with his candor, his relaxed and affable style, his down-home American pragmatism. The massive demonstrations that his trip provokes are merely a picturesque and predictable backdrop to his meetings with presidents and prime ministers.

Last week, two Mr. X's were circling the globe—Secretary of State George Shultz and Vice President George Bush. Forgive us for not having received the proper briefings, but we have a source who reports all about them.

Shultz went to Asia—most notably China and south Korea. He was to use all his business acumen, developed in the days when he was managing the Rockwell International Corporation, to sell the Chinese leaders on deepening their military relationship with the U.S. and buying U.S. weapons. Ever since the fall of the Berlin Wall, China has been looking for a strategic ally against both the USSR and Viet Nam.

U.S. still out to destroy Indochinese Revolution

While in China, Shultz met with Prince Sihanouk, the former Cambodian head of state who was ousted by a pro-U.S. military coup in 1970. General Lon Nol. How ironic that Sihanouk, now nothing but a figurehead for a coalition of mercenaries and counter-revolutionaries, should be smiling and shaking hands with a representative of the military coup that plunged his nation into the horrors of war? On Shultz's part, the handshake was a public endorsement of the current well-financed CIA backed campaign against the present Kampuchean government, which is allied with Viet Nam and has been making desperate efforts to bring its people back from ruin.

Washington has never given up in its more than 30-year effort to destroy the Indochinese Revolution, nor has it forgiven the Vietnamese for delivering the U.S. Goiarchi such a staggering defeat. Washington's collaboration with Beijing in recruiting and financing a mercenary army against Kampuchea is just another attempt to get back into Indochina through the back door.

Economic issues were also discussed on this visit, at the apparent frustration of the Chinese leaders. Their "open door" policy toward the U.S. is beginning to look rather like the half-truths they wanted to modernize their industry or market the products in the U.S. for Chinese goods, especially textiles, that they need to pay for imports.

For his part, Shultz went to south Korea to reassure the puppet regime there. In a provocative act now almost routine for visiting U.S. Secretaries of State, he went to the DMZ separating the two halves of Korea and shot down a gun barrel at installations of the socialist north. The message was clear: Washington's alliance with China will in no way modify its use of south Korea. And a military basing in Asia and a source of profits.

Bush's red herring

George Bush, meanwhile, was on a tour of Europe that evoked none of the enthusiasm with which U.S. representatives were greeted in an earlier era. Mass opposition to U.S. nuclear arms in Europe, a deepening trade war, rising working class opposition to Reagan-type austerity programs—all these threaten the political and military alliances of European and U.S. imperialism.

The best Bush could come up with was a message to the Italian trade unions that the "Bulgarian and Soviet connection" to the shooting of the Pope! If ever there was a red herring being swung around to distract attention from the real matter, this hot story is surely it. But the distractions are only that. In the long run they only further undermine the credibility of the Reagan government, which has very little to begin with.

Verdict on Beirut massacre covers up Reagan-Begin guilt

By Andy Stapp

FEBRUARY 7—Now that the Israeli military has declared its massacre last summer at Beirut's Sabra and Shatila refugee camps has been in operation for several weeks, the massacre has become an object lesson. But a high Israeli official has just denied that the massacre occurred. What the Israelis are trying to do is to obscure the fact that the massacre was a Fascist atrocity against the Lebanese people. The massacre was committed by a Fascist army which was led by the militant Israeli army and was supported by the U.S. government.

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Kampuchea wins victory in drive against counter-revolutionaries

By Paddy Colligan

FEARFAY 2—The People's Republic of Kampuchea and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam launched a joint military offensive last week to drive counter-revolutionary forces from the Kampuchean-Thai border area.

While the Kampuchean government in Phnom Penh had control of the rest of the country and was carrying out numerous economic construction programs, the attack by these pro-imperialist forces on Kampuchean and Viet Nam resources and diverted efforts from the important task of building socialism. The people of both countries who have suffered so much.

Kampuchean and Viet Nam now appear, however, to have won a significant military victory against the counter-revolutionary forces. The joint Kampuchean-Thai military drive destroyed some military bases and pushed anti-communist guerrillas forces across the border. The Thai government has since called for a cease-fire.

Kampuchean people came out in mass numbers and were more militant than the government itself had expected. Foreign journalists and relief workers report an almost universal sense of what the Pol Pot regime brought to the country. If anything, people are fearful that the Vietnamese troops will now go on a massacre of civilians—defined as safety from a return of the old regime—committed by Kampuchean's own military.

Kampuchean people, who have been fighting for the liberation of their country, are now demanding independence from the Thai government.

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How the Pentagon intensifies world hunger

By Sam Mery

FEBRUARY 17 — The Pentagon, in all world history has thus been such a significant influence on the environment as to make the means to produce it and make it available as there is today. Yet it is only at this point that world hunger has been increasingly sharper in the last decade.

Low-profile publicity on famines is now causing only one aspect of a global picture to be illuminated, the profoundest political and military implications.

The close connection between the U.S. and its imperialist allies, with the possible implications for the dependent and oppressed peoples of the world, is an important component in itself. It has been this due not merely to the struggle between imperialism and the dependent peoples, but also to the course and importance of the political conditions.

Food and weapon

The food is as lethal as any weapon. Here is another aspect of military strategy that the world has been slow to realize.

The role of the U.S. as an exporter and also as a financier is illustrated by the financial inter-relation. For the important point is that the U.S. has also financially supported the agricultural production in the Soviet Union (USDA), which has its own agricultural development and political control of the world. And the U.S. is of course not the only country that is engaged in this type of financing, but it is one country that is engaged in this type of financing, because the U.S. is a very important country.

Monopoly over scientific information

One of the most important weapons that the imperialists have is their monopoly over scientific information. They have been able to do this as a result of information gathered by satellites and organized under an umbrella organization, COMSAT, with many members nations in Western Europe controlled by the U.S. and several other imperialist countries. They can use this knowledge to make scientific decisions and to ensure that their own countries are able to compete in the world market.

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**Every soldier a fortress'**

On June 21, 1941, Hitler attacked the Soviet Union. The objective of the "destruction of communism." With the exception of the Soviet Union, the European continent of Europe was then under Nazi domination.

By the late summer of 1942, the fascists had thrust all the way to Stalingrad, deep inside Soviet territory and an axis victory seemed imminent.

But here, at the height of its power, Nazi Germany received its greatest military setback. The class conscious workers and peasants of the USSR, fighting a revolutionary war of defense against Hitler's invasion, turned the tide of battle in a battle of bravery and because they were backed up by the great socialist organization of Soviet society.

What follows is the second of three articles commemorating the anniversary of this tremendous event.

By Andy Staff

_In the MIDST of September 1942, hundreds of thousands of German soldiers were poised for an all out assault on Stalingrad. They had already advanced one thousand miles in three months, and were now bordering the Soviet Union, and had every expectation that they had stormed so many others._

In Stalingrad, however, resistance was literally being congealed into a fortress. The men of the enemy infantry could march in. In the last factory still working the last industry, in every tower of them were killed just trying to reach the city. As each unit boarded the boats, three slogans were imprinted upon it: "Every soldier a fortress!" "There's no ground left behind the Volga." "Fight and die."

Inside the inferno, the regular workers and factory workers and the volunteers were merely an army of innumerate workers and grandfathers, men and boys, girls and women defended the placards and proclamations on the walls. Thousands of workers streamed to their assembly points, where they were issued with a hasty breakfast.

When the Nazis had attacked the city's capital, Stalingrad, Paria, Belgrade, Oslo and the rest, nowhere had the government organised the whole population to meet them. Stalingradians took a turn on the assembly lines right into battle as they did at Stalingrad. Where the bourgeoisie were in power, even the anti-German element was less determined than Hitler, against the alternative of opening a popular resistance by arming the working class.

All Soviet cities, however, were defended in this many ways and especially Stalingrad, for its capture could have meant the loss of the entire war.

The defense begins

_Under the command of Alexander Rodimtsev, the 13th Guards Army was sent to the defense of Stalingrad, with 2500 tanks, 15,000 guns, 600 fighter planes, and 20,000 aircraft. The money saved the city_.

But more reinforcements arrived in time to save them and more were killed just trying to reach the city. As each unit boarded the boats, three slogans were imprinted upon it: "Every soldier a fortress!" "There's no ground left behind the Volga." "Fight and die."

Inside the inferno, the regular workers and factory workers and the volunteers were merely an army of innumerate workers and grandfathers, men and boys, girls and women defended the street by street, block by block, house by house, room by room with rifles, machine-guns, bayonets and amidst the rubble.

_Sgt. Jacob Pavlov, with 20 shots in his bullets, once took out the Kazakhs, Uzbekas and Ukrainians in a sudden attack at one apartment building on Lenin Square for 58 days. Such acts of heroism became common place._

_He shot and slashed and exhaled with a spew she kept in her boot, 20-year-old super sniper Tania Cheremkhova and Nasia Valtiss killed over three hundred of the enemy during the siege._

For nearly a week, a 50 Soviet men stopped two German motorized infantry divisions and a Pesherskaya Division, in the very center, an armada of flame tanks and shells and machine gun fire.

On July 11, 1942 a Nazi army of 100,000 men, 2000 tanks, 3000 guns, 1000 planes and 30000 aircraft was defeated in the first great victory over the Red Army. The center was held, and the whole city was a fortress, but it was not all over in one day. Even then, the exhausted defenders knew there was still hope. A Red Army counterattack could still save the city._

Stalingrad could still be saved.

_Editor's Note: the author of this article is the former chairman of the American Socialists Union, and specializes in military affairs for Workers World._

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_Sahu Barron addresses forum,
WW forum on Cuba
5/23/75

WW forum on July 22, 1976

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 4—Over 80 people, many of whom were pro-Cubans, attended a Workers World Forum—"Everying Cuba." Here tonight.

Sahu Barron, national board member of the All People's Congress and a participant in the 1961 Venceremos Brigade, traced the history of the Afro-Latin nation and showed the basis for the strong solidarity between Cuba and the Africans peoples struggles today.

Sara Flounders, who recently went to Cuba as part of a Workers party last month, moderated the discussion. By ICA-ICA (International Committee for People's Friendship), related that health care and educational opportunities were available to everyone, from doctors to human services, she said, "there is a country—Cuba—where things are improving every day because of socialist planning."

Addie Clay, National Workers Party chairman, also played the role in a musical interlude of progressive songs with guitarist Peter Davis and added: "Cuba's experiences in Cuba as a member of the Venceremos Brigade."

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mounted and armed Blacks met at St. Paul Square, a four acre square, six miles outside of Richmond. The mass rally and march that followed on the communications stockade could not be executed because of a severe thunderstorm. In the next few days, the armed might of the slave state was cut into action and scores of Blacks were arrested and executed.

The conspiracy of Denmark Vesey was organized with cell-like attention. By the spring of 1822, of the leaders, Vesey, Peter Poyas, Mingo Harlot, Robert Shropshire, and a number of others, had complete lists of recruits and assassins. In every community it was identified; weapons were made, even a barber was enlisted to make wigs for the rebels. The second Sunday in July was selected for the uprising day when slaves were allowed to enter the city in large numbers and because many whites would then be streaming out of Charleston. Some 10,000 Blacks were involved in the plan, and were to simultaneously destroy the city from five points. A six-hour force was to patrol the streets on horseback.

The July plans were betrayed. Vesey pushed the date ahead one month. But because he was not able to communicate the alternate plans to his confederates outside of the city, the plot failed and Vesey was betrayed. The conspiracy was completely captured.

The arrests of Vesey and 130 others did not see the immediate execution of this condemnation. On the very day that he was to be ex- ecuted, another attempt at insurrec tion was made. It was only the massive influx of federal troops that thwarted this bold plan to rescue the condemned prisoners.

Nat Turner, a minister, used his ability to travel throughout Southampton County to spread the word about the planned uprising. In the days immediately preceding the Aus, 23 revolted scores of slaves attending his ser mons signed their cooperation by wearing red bandanas around their necks.

Vesey was first started out with Turner that first full day of fasting, evening, 24 hours after 70 slaves took their places as ramps and within 36 hours they had covered 20 miles of 57 slaves left lay dead.

The Battle at Parker Field, three miles from the city, was a bloody battle. GOODSPEED and the other insurrectionists were surround ed by the morning of Aug. 24, 1831, and the confederate military forces were suc cumbed to the combined military forces of detachments from two wars and other state milita companies from adjacent coun tries.

As historians have re counted, what followed was wholesale massacre.

As has already been stated, the strict adherence to secrecy was an important factor in the ability of these three leaders to organize revolts. The fact that all three places were betrayed before they were able to be brought to fru ition is indication enough of the centrality. But it was this absole secrecy, exacerbated by con ditions imposed by the slavocracy, that hampered the effectiveness of organizing of greater numbers of people. This need for complete secrecy made it difficult and at times impossible to elaborate more thoroughly the details of the beginning. But that the development of a core of leaders was the only one that any preparation for any change in plans.

Beyond these limitations, the could not not yea by the heroic Prosser, Vesey, and Turner fit the same conventional with striking accuracy. For they knew that individual heroism against op position was not enough. The chains that keep millions of Black people in bondage requires the mighty force of an organized, militant, and resistant people to break them.
By Larry Holmes
NEW YORK, Feb. 8—New York City has landed yet another high-profile political figure for Mayor Ed Koch, in waging war on Harlem. Among his latest targets are leaders of two of the city's largest black newspapers in the country.
After months of financial pressures from the new administration, as well as charges of journalistic misconduct, the Black Press umbrella organization to which the Krichoffs belong is now asking for a new management. It is the third such organization to fall apart in the city's history. The Krichoffs' paper has already paid off its debt and is now up and running.

—Fragile and hunger

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that politically and militarily up to the hilt.
It is virtually impossible for any of the other developed countries to get the kind of up-to-
date information from any source. For instance, IBM is now publishing its new computer magazine in English. But if you want to know how much information is available in the time since that magazine hit the press, you can't possibly afford to be the first purchaser. The publisher holds the mass of the information available with great respect and political anxiety it can. Only then is it even remotely possible that such a computer server is not information to the public, particularly to those with severe food and agricultural problems.

Natural disasters in these areas, the Sahel especially, are really the result of the great-to-very-mal-drought and political anxiety it can have. For instance, if it's necessary to immediately ship grain and the transportation system that is vital is involved in 150,000 trucks or so.

By comparison, look what the Thatcher government did to its shipping, the Sahel. It converted it into this big, fat, fa
Texas-wide march against KKK slated for Feb. 19

By Brian Becker

AUSTIN, Feb. 7—"This is 1965, not 1865," said a KKK.com official, "and KKK members will not be allowed to march here in Austin. Any man who is a KKK member will be stopped." "Tell Reagans," the Austin chapter of the KKK has accused the Reagan administration of being too lenient toward the KKK.

Houston

HOUSTON, Feb. 7—After the KKK's latest march, it has been announced that they had a permit to rally at the State Capitol in Austin, and after an anti-Klan demonstration on Feb. 19, the Klan called for a rally to show their opposition to the Klan.

San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO, Feb. 7—The All-Peoples Congress organized a march today in San Antonio to show their support for the anti-Klan movement. The march was called to "back up" the anti-Klan demonstration in Austin.

Plan S.F. protest against Reagan, Queen Elizabeth

By Dick Becker

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7—On March 3, President Reagan will host a lavish state dinner here for Queen Elizabeth of England. The dinner, costing millions, will be held at the De Young Museum in Golden Gate Park, where many of this city's homeless are forced to reside. While tens of millions in this country are unemployed, homeless, and hungry, no expense will be spared to wine and dine the British monarch in royal style. A room in the museum will even be renovated to provide the Queen with suitable dressing quarters for the day. An army of security will be on hand, at public expense, to buffer the ruler and her royal entourage from the protests of the angry poor.

And many are very angry. A wide range of organizations and individuals have come together in the March 3rd Coalition, to hold a massive protest to "Tell Reagans" that they are eager to show their support for the S.F. protest against Reagan and Queen Elizabeth.

Organizers are reporting thousands, perhaps tens of thousands, to turn out on March 3.

The city Parks Department, "at the request of the police and FBI," has denied the coalition's request for a permit to rally in sight of the museum. This is unconstitutional, and clearly an attempt to shield Reagan from the rising tide of public opposition to his anti-human, militarist, and interventionist policies. The March 3rd Coalition is mobilizing for an appeal of this decision before the Recreation and Parks Commission on Feb. 10.

Meanwhile, organizing is going ahead full-steam for a demonstration in the park. Calls from organized individuals and organizations are coming in every day. Not only in the Bay Area, but all over Northern California, organizing is underway to make March 3 a truly significant and mass movement to rejoin the Reagan program.

Volunteers and donations are urgently needed. Contact 415-821-6545, or 861-0455.

Special to Workers World

BERKELEY, Feb. 7—At least two campuses are planning to boycott classes on Feb. 18 to stop increases in educational fees. The University of California Regents, who are not elected by students or workers, have increased the fees for University of California campuses by $100 for spring, and fees are also being implemented in previously free state and community colleges.

In a move that threatens public higher education, 60% of Gov. Deukmejian's state budget cuts will be taken from the state colleges and universities, even though the whole budget for secondary education in California is only 10% of the total state budget.

Students Against Fee Extortion, which began among U.C.-Berkeley Students, is gaining momentum on other campuses and in other colleges and universities, even though the whole budget for secondary education in California is only 10% of the total state budget.

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