New bank failure shatters recovery myth

By Joyce Chediac

FEBRUARY 15—At the very same time that Ronald Reagan was predicting a “new age of prosperity” to a group of Tucson businessmen, the collapse of a large bank sent shockwaves through the entire financial establishment.

Yesterday, the United American Bank of Knoxville, Tenn., failed. The United American Bank was the fourth largest commercial bank to go under since the 1930s. This major bank insolvency points to a serious deepening of the economic crisis, despite the government’s claims of recovery. It is an indication that a sharp decline in capitalist production, stagnation of trade, and massive unemployment—not “prosperity”—is around the corner.

The United American bank collapsed because more than half the bank’s portfolio, about $250 million in loans, probably won’t be paid back. Although the big business media is blaming this on mismanagement by the bank’s president, Jake Butcher, the real causes for this bank’s collapse are deeply integrated into the whole economic fiber.

The United American Bank was the main financier of the Knoxville World Fair, which opened last summer amid much Continued on page II

Philly health care workers seize state capitol!

By Sharon Shelton

FEBRUARY 16—“We’re fired up, won’t take it anymore!”

Members of the Hospital and Health Care Employees Union occupied the Pennsylvania State Capitol building in Harrisburg on Feb. 8 in protest of drastic cutbacks in federal and state allocations for nursing home care.

An estimated 3,400 nursing home workers and others turned out for the militant sit-in, which lasted for three hours.

The demonstrators were protesting a recent decision of the Reagan administration to reclassify the type of Medicaid-funded care received by nursing home residents, which, for Pennsylvania, translates into a cutback of $15.4 million. They were also demonstrating against an additional cut of $36 million announced by Pennsylvania Gov. Richard Thornburgh.

A spokesperson for the union told Workers World today that the cuts will have dramatic effects on jobs, on the ability of nursing homes to stay open, and on the health care of 17,000 people in Pennsylvania, if they take place.

On Jan. 22, President of the Philadelphia Local and National President of the Hospital Workers Union Henry Nicholas went on a hunger strike against the cuts. The hunger strike ended on Feb. 8, the day of the sit-in, after Gov. Thornburgh promised that money would be made available. The union is planning another demonstration on June 15 to remind the governor of his commitment.

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APC Confronts City Council on hospital
Jersey City officials continue attempts to close Medical Center

By Veronica Golog and Angel Parker
JERSEY CITY, N.J., Feb. 10—
At tonight’s City Council meeting, union members, community people and the All-People Congress expressed the city’s plan to close Jersey City Medical Center (JCMC).

Three different resolutions were introduced by Councilmen Cunningham, Fricione, and Lopez: 1) To give the hospital $3.5 million; 2) to loan the hospital $3 million; and 3) to use the money to underwrite a loan by the hospital. From private investors, $100 million was defeated in a vote of 6 to 3.

The introduction of these resolutions at all was a result of the pressure exerted by the workers, community people, the APC, and the APSCME union at previous meetings and, through legal appeals, petitions and demonstrations. They were voted on (not delegated to backroom discussion) because the belligerent, konw-lest chanting, “Vote! Vote!” in the chambers.

Jersey City has the money to save the Medical Center. In addition to an $80 million surplus, $85 million has been added to the budget from sources other than the city’s payroll taxes. As elected officials, the city council has the power to direct to allocate money to keep the hospital open—just as they allocated Community Block Grants—possibly for low income housing, to build luxury housing on the waterfront. The community workers and the union members are united in the demand that money be made available to save Jersey City Medical Center.

After the council’s refusal to publicize the plan to close the hospital, Milton Fiker, President of APSCME District Council 102, and Roda Bacon, President of APSCME Local 2354, both soundly condemned the city’s plans and voted against the resolutions. Fiker accused them of “hiding under the shirt of good proceedings,” and Bacon pointedly told them, “Don’t be so happy to vote with our money—it’s not your money!”

Throughout the meeting, the City Council’s response to the speakers’ demands, as well as their justification for deflating the resolution’s weight, was a reason—blaming the victims. “If you want a job you would find one, and if you don’t have hospital insurance it’s your bad luck.”

This outrage was directly challenged by Dorothy Ward, who stood off Linen Department worker at the hospital: “I’m laid off and it’s not my fault. I don’t have insurance because I’m laid off. It’s not my fault.”

Joanne Lewis, aide at the hospital and member of the APC, responded to the outrage and tactics of the Council by pointing out her family and stating, “You are the night riders, and those, pointing to Mayor Gerald McCann, standing in the corner) is the Grand Dragon. How this racism through and through.”

Rachel Duell, another APC member, expressed the concern of the hospital’s Board of Managers, City Council, the mayor, and governor’s office, in once again running into court to rule for bankruptcy under Chapter 9. Handing over the hospital to the city would result in layoffs and backlogs and layoffs while elected politicians keep their hands clean. She summed up the feeling of the people, “Closing the hospital is fine, but finding a way to push poor people out of Jersey City.”

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In Vietnam
Viet Nam has protested the action of the Chinese government allowing U.S. oil companies to drill in disputed territorial waters in the Gulf of Tonkin. This action by China can only aid U.S. imperialism in its relentless attack on the Vietnamese Revolution and on China’s socialist system. (Page 9)
Watt protested in DC

By Suzanne Frambeaux
PHOTO: UPI/DALEY
WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 10—Jamaal Watt, Secretary of the Interior, went public with a protest to St. Joseph University campus here to deliver his schedule address to a "selected" audience tonight. The Interior Secretary was discussing some 100 students and community people, including the environmental law students of the Al and the Peoples Congress, which had joined in protest against Watt's promotion of the racist, pro-big business, anti-environmental policies of the Reagan administration.

A notorious front-man for Big Oil, mining, gas, and nuclear industries, this well-heeled cabinet official has been in the forefront of the profit-motivated attacks against Native peoples, urging cutbacks in their jobs, healthcare, housing, and education rights.

Reagan insults hunger victims of Detroit

By Katherine Wells
DETROIT, Feb. 13—Reagan has done it again! The President's hatred and contempt for the poor and workers is plain to see by the budget cuts that have become synonymous with his name. But every once in a while, he spells it out.

On Wed., Feb. 9, at a meeting in Washington of broadcasters from around the country, Reagan was asked how he viewed the crisis of hunger in Detroit. According to Mert Crim, reporting for another man, from WDIV-TV 4, who asked the question, the President, "Reagan did not believe hunger was that serious. He said the people out on the streets were on drugs."

If there are so many of them there before, and Reagan referred to them as wars and daredevils." This outrageous assertion has been quickly dropped from subsequent local media reports."

"It isn't good to have every person in this city, and the local media is doing a coverup for the President," Debbie Johnson, a local APC leader, told Workers World. "We're not surprised by the President's cruelty and callousness. We've been campaigning for months to get Reagan to release all the food in the government's food bank."

The All-Peoples Congress has filed a lawsuit against Reagan and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to force the release of food for Detroit. Thirteen hearings for the court case have been postponed twice. The hearing is now scheduled for Feb. 28.

Another APC member, Man Dow, was equally infuriated and is writing Reagan a letter. "I'm writing him that I have lived in Detroit for over 60 years, and I've seen plenty of people whose lips have never touched wine but are digging in garbage cans for food."

A third woman pointed out a well-known fact in this city. The people standing in those soup lines nowadays are people with 15 and 20 years of work experience. They've been laid off and they're losing everything they've worked for over years."

Mayor Coleman Young's office estimates that 400,000 Detroiters are malarious or underfed. The city's "Hunger Hotline" over 11,000 calls for assistance in January. The local APC is publishing "Reagan's comment all over the city, and it is calling on everyone to join them at the Old Federal Building at 9 a.m. Feb. 28."

Minimum wage under attack

By Carmen Rountree
FEBRUARY 13 — Reagan, in an effort to take the wind out of current opposition to major policy shifts not endorsed by his own administration, called for the minimum wage to be lowered. The minimum wage for youth up to 18 years old from $5.15 to $3.35 an hour for a few months in construction and manufacturing work, as much as a lower pay scale, and throwing another target of one of the most basic protections that was fought for and won by working people in this country.

Reagan is attempting to falsely lower the unemployment benefits by volume through agencies and the infamous "Hoover box". The economic crisis, and the vast problem of unemployment, and looking far past their parents who are already standing in the unemployment lines. Going beyond his administration's proposal, Reagan stated that he has "believed for many years that the minimum wage is really based in the mind of the mature employee," and that "should never have been applied to young people."

Later, however, White House spokesman Larry Speakes had to once more reinterpret Reagan's "jobbank". This month, Reagan has "authorized the Office of Management and Budget to look into what can be done to ensure that the unemployed would be more or less or nothing, going a little bit too far, to say that he has agreed up and down."

Another argument is another threat to one of the most basic protections that was fought for and won by working people in this country.

Reagan administration is trying to force a submission all poor and working people by singling out sections of our class as the youth. It will take a long time for the front of all workers and oppressed peoples to not only hold the gains won through struggle, but to take it one step further.

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Concessions won't steelworkers' jobs

By B.J. and Jerry Goldberg
LACKAWANNA, N.Y., Feb. 10
Today's news headlines in the Buffalo Evening News reported a United Steelworkers union offer for local contract concessions in an attempt to get Bethlehem Steel to reinstate the former Lackawanna plant. The fact that a similar offer was flatly rejected by the corporation just three weeks ago was coincidentally reported on all news accounts.

The union proposed calls for "improved productivity, a streamlined work force, centralization of waste management, and a stimulation of incentive rates." In fact, every worker knew that in the name of job for elimination and continued desconcentrered production in the plant.

The union requires workers to do more than their job classification calls for. It would strictly end all benefits received. The union's plan would reduce the safety in the plant, by requiring many workers to work without assign themselves to each department, to be assigned on a plant-wide level, meaning much needed safety areas.

The union leadership trumpet that the company would require no capital expenditures for eight to ten years. But what about the money needed to repair the blast furnace to maintain health and safety standards? This plan would actually reduce the current work force to about 2,500 workers. It offers no hope at all for the over 3,400 in the plant.

Most important, though, is that Bethlehem Steel absolutely renews the plant they closed three weeks ago. As reported in this newspaper, at a union meeting of members and executives, the president, stated that the local city manufacturing program which would give up 800 workers (331 million per year).

Bethlehem's management re- ments the plant "it uses every man work- for nothing, we would not keep the plant open. " Clearly these concerns are exaggerated, due to which the government would give about $600 million a year, will hardly be suf- ficient to change management's plans. In fact, at that union meeting Bethlehem man- agement indicated it would only take the concession money from Lackawanna and invest it in other areas.

Those steelworkers who still believe that contract concessions are the key to saving jobs should examine the experience of their sisters and brothers in the United Auto Workers union.

Chrysler workers voted three times to take wage cuts and con- cessions, amounting to $8,800 million per year. Their reward was for Chrysler to permanently shut 15 plants in little over one year.

Last March, GM workers also took significant contract conces- sions. One month later, GM an- nounced the closure of four large plants. Despite GM's recent an- nouncement of a $1 billion profit for its last quarter, its workers remain on indefinite lay- off.

There is only one way to pro- tect jobs, and that is for the workers to fight for their jobs. Bethlehem Steel has made tens of billions in profits since 1984. The Lackawanna plant has every- thing needed to produce steel from scrap to the finished product. The plant is far from out- dated. In fact modernized on the already eliminated 15,000 jobs in the last 10 years without loss of efficiency. When the economy was going up in the mid-1970s, you had all the over- time you could handle.

And people need steel. When Gov. Cuomo was in Buffalo, he stated how New York needs bridges, roads, etc. People need housing, schools, and hospitals. By uniting the fight for people's needs with the struggle of the steelworkers to keep their jobs, the Lackawanna plant could keep running. Republic Steel can be reopened and the Lackawanna workers can maintain their jobs as well. A program of fights- back, not concessions, is needed to win this battle.

The union calls for the blast furnace workers with 15-years seniority at Bethlehem Lackawanna, USWA Local 6531, Jerry Goldberg (a member of UAW Local 900)

Black culture

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funding in the mass media through which the ruling class skillfully employs "objectivity" as a means to weaken the will and affective views of blacks (and other oppressed groups).

The bourgeois press excludes, distorts, and trivializes the Black experience in the world today. The corporate media is dedicated by denigrating acts of resistance which expose the interlocking system of tragedy and down-playing social contributions not in the immedi- ate interest of the capitalist system.

Until recently, television con- sistently portrayed Black people as criminals, along with other stereotypical roles.

The Black liberation move- ment has successfully been able to sustain those types of im- ages. Contemporary roles em- phasize Black characters which serve to prop up the capitalist system, and further the reoccupation of Black detectives for example. The TV does not control the forces which create the images, they do not control the images. The TV allows the forces of empire to control the images. The TV allows the TV to control the images. The TV controls certain images of Black people in Western society.

Pentagon maneuver threat to Mideast war

By Joyce Chadie
BUFFALO, Feb. 9--Today at press conference, the APAC exposed what went on at a "closed" meeting held on Lackawanna on Feb. 2. Called by Lieutenant Governor Alfred D'Elia the meeting was attended by County Executive Edward Rutkowski, Lackawanna Mayor Thomas Radich, Lackawanna city officials, and a representative from Marin Midland Bank. Above, APAC activists Oda Clay speaks.

"None of the steel workers or residents of Lackawanna who face unemployment, foreclosures, evi- tions, and utility shutoffs were permitted to attend the meeting," said APAC organizer Colangelo.

"Neither were community organizations or union officials invited. In fact no plan was discussed at that Feb. 2 meeting to save Lackawanna from impending disaster. To put it simply, Lt. Gov. D'Elia from the outset told the people at the meeting the Lackawanna had to stand on its own two feet and New York State would not step in to help bail them out.

"The Governor can order Lackawanna kept open under his Executive Power which is as binding as any law passed by the Legislature itself. The APAC intends to see that he does." Colangelo stressed.

Cuomo meets with the rich, not the poor, in Western NY visit

By V. Catarazzo
BUFFALO, Feb. 10--The "liberal" mayor of New York State, Mario Cuomo, recently made the first visit to Western New York after his election. Speaking to a partisan crowd of 16,000 at the Coliseum Club here in Buffalo, Cuomo exhorted his supporters to support the proposed new state budget. The businessmen ap- plauded as he said, "I put my hat in the ring on my head, maybe then I'll have that kind of power. Thank God that I don't." The cndy response clearly demonstrates the uncaring at- titude of the liberal party toward the state government toward the poor.

In Cuomo's speech to the Coliseum Club, there is little reference to aiding Lackawanna and fat cats at the tax no sign. He was not, however, about the new $500 million workers he plans to lay off. While claiming the layoffs are neces- sary to "balance the budget," the Governor is somehow managing to find the money for 7,000 new prison cells at a cost of $100,000 each.

At every stop, Cuomo was met by protesters objecting to the budget cuts and layoffs. Opposing fac- ulty layoffs and huge tuition in- creases, state university students here chanted, "One, two, three, four--we get less but we demand more.

In Rochester, Cuomo was confronted by airport workers from the Craig Development Cen- ter, a facility for the mentally disabled, which the go- vernor announced he will close and convert into a prison. The workers showed Cuomo a letter he had sent them during the elec- tion campaign. The letter read, "If elected Governor of New York State, I do not wish to have any state workers from the Craig Development Center, a facility for the mentally disabled, which the go- vernor announced he will close and convert into a prison.

Cuomo claimed no knowledge of the letter and said it was properly written by one of his cam- paign officials.
By Sam Mace

FEARERS and detractors alike kept a close watch on the capitalist media and press here and in Europe throughout last week's NATO-coordinated campaign that is supposed to be the forerunner of a total war campaign on the fifty-nineteen year anniversary of World War II.

The horrors of the Hitler regime, of course, were all too true. The campaign was sponsored by the Allied imperialists in order to bring about a total war against the people of the world and to advance the cause of their own imperialist war machine.

But, in order to bring the people of the world to their knees, the imperialists must also be able to create the impression that there is no other way than their own imperialist solution to the world's problems. To this end, any activity that could bring about a change in the ideological climate of the world is countered with a counteroffensive of the utmost intensity.

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FACT SIX: Soviet policy was "no annexations, no indemnities"

So the two powers discussed the imperialist powers—the U.S., Britain, France and Italy in the Allied camp with the Turks and the German and the Central Powers. The U.S. and Britain were prepared for the possibility of war, for the position of the imperial on the one hand and the nationalist on the other. But what about the revolution in Russia, which was just emerging from the imperialist war? The action of the Soviet navy was the first direct challenge to the imperialist war. The British did not look at this. They were busy mourning the loss of their prestige and splitting up the British. By 1926 it would be difficult even for Denny to believe his book, "The Rise and Conquest of Britain," referring to U.S. economic supremacy over Britain.

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The USSR and Germany were in a situation of total dependence. The British, Russian, French, and Italian navies did not join the imperialists in the struggle of the German people. On the contrary, they entered into trade and commercial relations with Germany. The Germans were not able to normalize the diplomatic and commercial situation between them.

Doesn't this say something about the kind of socialist, imperialist, socialist approach was toward ending the war and establishing normal relations between states?

FACT SEVEN: Reparations led to war

The economic dislocation following the imperialist war was not the result of imperialist powers, but the absolutely incredible inflation due to the economic dislocation caused by the war. What was responsible for the uncontrollable inflation was the depreciation of the value of the mark. But why was it determined in relation to other currencies?

It was because of the heavy head of reparations payments and the savage penalties imposed on German trade. Faced with this situation, the German government began a process now known as hyperinflation within the international arena. It resorted to the printing press, and the economy was destroyed. The result was runaway inflation.

You can get an idea of what was happening to the mark when you consider that in pre-war years they gave 2-4/12 marks. By 1922 one US dollar was worth 162 marks. It soon after that fell to 100,000 marks to one dollar, and by 1923 the exchange was 1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 for one dollar. The financial system had gone out of control.

FACT EIGHT: U.S. bankers imposed reparations plans

A great deal has been heard about the reparations and the war guilt conspiracy among the Jewish international bankers. This was a trick to keep the German people quiet and to make the banknotes of the Reichsbank. But there were many more clever tricks in the game. The downright agnostic and atheist bankers from the financial community of the League of Nations, such as the Bank of America, were responsible for the destruction of the German financial system.

The key role, however, was played by the London bankers. They were obliged by the young plan. Owen D. Young was the President of the Bankers Trust Company and a prominent Wall Street banker. Between these two gentlemen bankers the reparations plans were worked out, and they could not be broken. It should be noted that both of these gentlemen were well known all over the world for their manipulation and utter hostility to labor. Charles G. Dawes was also well known for his so-called open shop views in that period. So far as the Black struggle was concerned, they were not interested in the anti-Black agitation but they hated and resisted the extreme, rigid, segregationist practices and violence in the South with alacrity if not downright support. You can imagine their horror at the thought of the German working class making a bid for state power and solidarity with the Germans with bourgeois. The majority of the financial and industrialists abroad realized that a revolutionary class struggle in Germany was emerging between the Hiterites (with their bourgeois allies) and the working class.

The treaty was concluded and the reparations plans were implemented. It was a big blow to the German working class, involving them in the war against the capitalists.

In this way, the German working class was forced to enter into the war against the capitalists. The struggle of the Hiterites was the last analysis a class war against the working class. The bourgeoisie in Germany, the monopolists, had been forced into financing the Hitlerite war. They knew that there was only one counter-weight they could count on to destroy the working class movement. The workers could only be defeated by war, and this at that time could not be wholly counted on with any degree of certainty because of the high proportion of Social Demo crats among them. It was the petty bourgeois, especially its de Graaf-Carrié, that was a great support to the workers movement.
**EDITORIAL**

Politicians' conspiracy

SET UP BY federal law in 1970 following widespread protest against wanton polluting, the public purpose of the Environmental Protection Agency was to clean up the air, water and to prevent their further despoliation.

Despite obstruction from and connivance with the giant corporations and their lobbies, some progress was made. But the declining capitalist economy slowed the progress and the Nixon administration, under the influence of a company of oil executives, reversed it, pointing outright wasters, spoilers, and corporation apologists to run it.

For example, consider Rita Lavelle, the assistant administrator of the EPA until her recent dismissal. Reagan finally fired her because the scandal unfolding at EPA threatened to reach other top officials. But Mrs. Lavelle, clearly illustrated her attitude by belittling the danger posed by dioxins, considered by scientists to be the most toxic substance on earth: "It depends on the concentration. If the concentration is high, the salt is just as deadly." Three billiontons of a gram of dioxin sprinkled on Lavelle's breakfast eggs would be sufficient to demonstrate her folly.

During her year in charge of the Superfund, a $1.5 billion program to clean up hazardous dumps, only a handful of the tens of thousands of dangerous waste sites have been cleaned. And since her dismissal, the EPA paper shredder in an adjoining office has been destroying hundreds of memos, papers, and other material that might incriminate her and the whole department for colluding with the private companies who created the waste in the first place.

The destruction of the environment by greedy corporations has already sown the seeds for terrible diseases and the premature death of millions in this and future generations. It is the time to show just how those kinds of emergency measures that should be taken immediately to reverse this process and clean up the land, air, and water.

**LETTERS**

Where to spit?

My husband and I enjoy your newspaper very much. He works at the post office, and the other day he overheard two women discussing which stamps they were going to buy. The first one said she certainly didn't want one with Reagan's face on it. The second woman said she didn't think the government would print such a stamp.

"Really?" the first one asked.

"Why not?" the second woman replied.

"Because people wouldn't know which side to spit on."

C.D.

Philadelphia

Black History

AGAIN the Workers World paper has surpassed all other publications in providing truth to a misled and oppressed public about black folk. As a Black, I can say that your special articles of the February 4 issue are accurate and pure. The truth about 40 years of struggle of my people to work in peace. The struggle against the black and white oppressors, a struggle that continues. The oppressors defiantly defined are not different today than they were 300 years ago, at that time the black and white owners, slave owners, merchant, and traders—now they are called bankers, corporate leaders, and politicians. In our city, Rochester, N.Y., we have Black History Month with Frederick Douglass, a Black militant who escaped slavery and became an adviser to John Brown. Rochester is one of the landmarks of the underground railroad which aided thousands of slaves escape to the northern part of the country. We Black people know that we simply moved from one form of slavery to another. Mr. Rogers statement that Black labor and Black lives have shaped the economic system of the USA takes on added meaning when we realize that without the super-exploitation of Black workers and laborers there would have been no Southern economy. Today we see the exploitation of all workers irregardless of race and easily the need for a class concept. A concept that is inclusive of all the workers and people of the world to work against this exploitation, use, exploited, and literally shaved to death during the history of America.

It is now that with passion and fervor we join the struggle of the Black masses. Forward in the struggle.

Rashad Abdul Sharif

Rochester, N.Y.

Food is a right

I HAVE found your food a right campaign to be very informative and helpful. Recently a lady I know and I were talking and she brought up the fact that her parents had recently gotten some semi-free choice from the local government. I then explained to her that there is a way more efficient in making the semi-free choice. I have also enjoyed your articles on the various plans about downs and layoffs. I am a hold-off automaker. I want the time to come to this. I have also enjoyed your coverage of the situation in the Central American Union. I am a member of the Central American Mobilization Coalition here in Pittsburgh. Today we held a rally against the certification of the government of El Salvador. Between 150 and 200 people showed up for the picket line. We also got the city council to pass a resolution against any more aid to the junta.

Franklyn Smith

Pittsburgh

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By Bill Del Vecchio

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U.S. monopolies move into Tonkin Gulf
Viet Nam protests Chinese collaboration with Big Oil

By Sharon Shelton
FEBRUARY 14—Less than a decade since Viet Nam succeeded in kicking out the U.S. government and the multinational corporate juggernaut that it fronts for, the Chinese leaders have opened the doors to these same avuncular corporations to drill for oil in the Gulf of Tonkin off northern Viet Nam.

Yesterday the Viet Nam News Agency quoted China's action and affirmed Viet Nam's "sovereignty over its territorial waters and continental shelf as well as over all the natural resources in the area."

The fact that China and Viet Nam have a dispute over these waters as a result of China's "de facto" regime for allowing the imperialist "new order" to intervene without Viet Nam's agreement.

War against Viet Nam not over
The war against Viet Nam is not over. The provocations by the multimillion-dollar corporations, which are part of the U.S. military-industrial complex, in waters claimed by Viet Nam, is part of the ongoing war against Viet Nam. China has not forgotten its stinging defeat at the hands of the heroic Vietnamese people. Even now the imperialist propagandists are trying to rewrite history and prove that "Viet Nam would not have been lost" only if the military had been "given a free hand."

Imperialism also hostile to China's foundations
Even as U.S. imperialism uses China as part of its military strategy against Viet Nam, it thoroughly destroys the social foundations of Peoples China as well. These social foundations, which China shares with Viet Nam and with the rest of the socialist countries, are the basis for a real working-class alliance against U.S. imperialism and its local accomplices.

As such an alliance weakens, the appeal of the socialist camp and the world working class and oppressed peoples in the U.S. struggle against imperialist attacks.

By Shelley Fitting
FEBRUARY 11—Yesterday the people of Palau voted to continue the ban on nuclear materials on their island chain in the Western Pacific. The vote threw down a major obstacle to the nuclear war plans of the U.S. government.

Palau, with just 14,000 people, is a colony of the United States. The islands are administered by the U.S., along with two other Micronesian Island chains, under a United Nations "mandate."

As part of the Reagan administration's rush toward war, military planners are demanding carte blanche on Palau. The defeated proposal would have granted fully one-third of Palau's 190 square miles to the U.S. military. According to the New York Times, the generals planned to use Palau "as part of a fallback line of defense in case hostilities were to erupt near American bases in Korea, the Philippines, or Japan."

But the Pentagon's attempt to strategically exploit the islands was rebuffed. Yesterday's vote is the latest evidence of the growing courage and determination of the peoples of the Pacific to struggle against U.S. nuclear expansion. Last summer in the Marshall Islands, over 800 people occupied a U.S. missile testing range as part of the ongoing struggle to halt nuclear testing on the islands.

The attitude of U.S. imperialism towards the 3,200 islands of Micronesia was summed up by Henry Kissinger in 1970. He said: "There are only 90,000 people out there, so who gives a damn?" The importance of Micronesia to the U.S. lies in the opportunity to exploit its islands and destroy its people with nuclear testing.

But the importance of Micronesia to people struggling against the U.S. war machine around the world was highlighted yesterday's vote, when Palau dealt a real defeat to that machine. The strength of the people there marks Palau as another of the struggles against the U.S. war drive.

FIFTEEN years ago, the U.S. war ship Pueblo was captured by forces of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea off the coast of north Korea.

The U.S. government claimed at the time it was a "provocation" and "attack against America." But eventually, Washington had to publicly admit that the vessel was in fact a spy ship and that it was in north Korea waters when it was captured. The north Korean government then released the 83 crew members.

The U.S. and the Pentagon, which was to its ears in the fighting in Viet Nam, utilized the incident to drum up a war hysteria against north Korea and beef up its occupation force in south Korea. Today, the Pentagon is staging the most massive "war games" ever in south Korea as part of Washington's worldwide war buildup.

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The last thing the American people want is a new Korean war. They want it even less if that is possible—than they want the present Viet Nam war. And the U.S. government knows it.

That is why Washington—stammers, evades, and lies about the Pueblo, its mission and the incidents surrounding it. The virtual indigna tion about the "cruel, crude, inhumane" acts, many of whom are, of course, routine in such a war, in such a war, as well as the trial proceedings, is taken with a large grain of salt.

Americans have generally been brainwashed and infected with the myths about the inviolability of their countrymen (indeed of class where foreign affairs are concerned). No matter what the circumstances may be, the streets of the jingoistic are rightly skeptical in the present case.

First, the Pueblo was certainly within the 12-mile limit of north Korean waters. Objective testimony by electronic experts, independently of political analysis, proves this, regardless of where the ship may have steamed to just prior to being caught.

Few U.S. boys are storming the recruiting booths to "avage" the crew of the Pueblo.

Second, the use of spy ships against small countries smacks too much of the bully—just like the U.S. invasion of Viet Nam. And where it assuages contempt against the U.S. abroad, it engenders guilt feelings, at the very least, among the people at home.

"What was the Pueblo doing over there in the first place?" ex-claimed an indignant housewife over a nation-wide TV program which interviewed the "man on the street" for opinions. The housewife was one of millions.

Third, and by far the most important, the U.S. masses are worried about the intentions of the U.S. imperialists to widen the war to all Asia, involving millions of U.S. youth in a new holocaust. The masses may not use the high-priced coined word "credibility gap," but they are well aware of the corruption and lies that it describes. For the first time, they are beginning to be wary of the intentions of their own rulers in the life-and-death matters of foreign wars.

The Korean war has not had time, under present conditions, to fade into the nostalgic memories of Legionnaires or even to be successfully glamorized as such by the Hollywood branch of the War Department. It is a living and painful memory with a large part of a generation. There were over 54,000 U.S. youths who died in that war, not to mention hundreds of thousands of south and north Koreans—soldiers and civilians.

The net result of the U.S. fighting was to keep south Korea free—"free" for the exploitation of the Gulf Oil Co., Union Carbide, Sears Roebuck, even the profits of other U.S. companies, at 35 cents a day labor—only a small fraction of the wages in abysmal ly low-paid, Chiang Kai-shek ruled Taiwan, or the notorious British-American colony of Hong Kong.

Japanese capital has also moved into south Korea in force, as part of a deal with Washington. South Korea, after having been "freed" from imperialist Japan in 1945, is once again succumbing to the Japanese overlords—as a partner, of course, of the bigger overseer. The U.S. masses do not know the details of all this, and probably do not actively suspect it. But they can never be inspired to willingly abjectly sacrifice for another Korean war—even if the propagandists' machine and the legen- dary steppers are stepped up to full capacity by the U.S. ruling class, as they inevitably will be.

Next to Asian Revolution, it- self, the greatest brake upon the war plans of U.S. imperialism is precisely its fear of the U.S. people. This is the main thing to remember in assessing the fragile discipline of the U.S. in the present crisis.
ON JUNE 21, 1941, Hitler at- tempted to crush the only objec- tive of "destroying commun- ists". More than a hundred million Europeans were then under Nazi domination.

By 1942, the Nazis had advanced into the Soviet Union one thousand miles from the bor- der of the Reich, to Stalingrad on the Volga. At this time, no U.S. troops had fought against the German army. It was not until Hitler's "war on communism" had been crushed by the Soviet people in their revolu- tionary war that the West saw that the U.S. opened a second front in Europe.

What follows is the last of three articles commemorating the an- niversary of the battle of Stal- ingrad, the decisive turning point of World War II.

By Andy Stapp

On Sept. 13, 1942, General Vasili Chuikov was summoned to Soviet Army Group head- quarters in Yaroslavl by General An- dry Yermeneko. According to Chuikov's memoirs, Yermeneko said: "General Yermenko, the former C-in-C Sixty-second Army believes that the Soviet Army cannot hold on any longer. But you can make no more retreat. That is why he believes you should save yourself and the rest of my people. We shall hold Stalingrad or die there."

On Nov. 23, 1942, the city was captured for the Red Army, but not for Hitler Germany. To the north and south of Stalingrad, in the dark forests and behind the hills, the major Soviet divisions had been massing for Operation Uranus, the counter- attack that would relieve the city.

So, the "Red Octo- ber" is finished, and only the ruins of its eastern block remains. The steel mill, the factories, and the foundations of the city are all that is left of the "Lanin" industrial sector, its "tennis racket" railroad sidings, as well as a minute bridgehead around the steam ferry landing and the Volga river.

On Nov. 18, assault parties of the German 6th Army renewed their attacks. If the Soviet forces surrendered, they hoped the battle would be finally settled. Never again before during the war were so many Nazi Engineer Battalions been concentrated for a single attack. Survivors of a hundred-odd propelled AA guns, as well as the machine guns they attacked amid the screaming roar of Stukas and the rattle of Soviet machine-guns.

The fascists stormed into the ruins of the factory buildings, still partly standing with their steel framework and their walls of corrugated iron. Soviet soldiers and armed civilians volunteers had turned the cellars and roofs into pillboxes and machine-gun nests. Every yard of this area was stubbornly and bitterly fought for and death lurked around every corner.

By nighttime, however, the Nazi assault troops had pressed up to 130, 50, or even 100 yards. They were gaining ground slowly but surely; aside from a small sector of the Volga north of the Kislovodsk, perhaps forty-eight hours, and the Volga was not yet closed.

Behind General Chuikov, ice floes had cut the Volga and no teamwork, and resistance had reached its units for nearly a week. The Volga was not quite over, but the ice had almost melted.

But on the next day, Nov. 19, German artillery opened fire for the Red Army, but not for Hitler Germany. To the north and south of Stalingrad, in the dark forest, and behind the hills, the Volga, the Siberian division had been massing for Operation Uranus, the counter- attack that would relieve the city.

U.S. aid of Nazi war criminal exposed

By Bob McChesney

FEBRUARY 13—So it turns out that the former Nazi war criminal Karl Barbie did not escape the verdict of world opinion for so many years by dint of personal connivance.

No, Gestapo Under Barbie, it has now been revealed, had friends in high places, in that he enjoyed the protection of the U.S. intelligence agencies. Under Barbie's movements to South America and his arrest, not by U.S. authorities but by his colleagues at the agencies under U.S. protection and worked for U.S. intelligence organizations.

Students of World War II his- tory already know that after the war the U.S. and Britain made common cause with their former fascist sympathizers in a number of countries to prevent partisan and progressive forces in those coun- try—those who had actively re- sided Hitler, Mussolini, and To- jo—from controlling their movements into post-war anti- fascist, pro-worker govern- ments.

In this historic, global betrayal of the whole people, the former the ruthless, amoral character of the U.S. ruling class. Barbie, the leader of the Gestapo, was tried between the years 1942 and 1944, and sentenced to death by a French Resistance fighters, many of whom were communists, and the Gestapo itself, that it might freed of its guilt to the people of France and the Red Soviet Union. It had no qualms whatsoever about recruiting from the Gestapo's files, or those it might be afraid of in its efforts to crush the Land of Lenin.

Now one episode in the pursuit of this impossible dream has been exposed: that a key Gestapo Barbie has no future—progressive world opinion will merely see that. But much more im- portant, neither should the cor- rupt, decadent ruling class that nurtured and protected him be allowed...
Bank failure

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hoop that it would bring industry and jobs to Tennessee. However, this was obviously a giant biblical mirage, for it is the very economic crisis itself which engulfed United American like a giant tidal wave.

It was much the same when an- other bank, Penn State Bank of Okla-

homa, went under this past July. The bank was involved in some of the largest financial institutions in New York and Chicago, reaped in billions in speculation and speculation in oil. But when the oil market collapsed due to the glut in oil world-wide, the bank did not have the cash to pay off its debt. The failure of this bank brought devastation and joblessness to Oklahoma.
The collapse of the United American Bank left thousands unemployed and suffering the workers and oppressed in Tennessee.

If this very same thing happened only a few months before, why didn’t the bankers learn from their mistakes? Why didn’t they do something this time to prevent it? They knew the same thing was happening.

For months, a rescue effort was undertaken by the federal and state authorities, and the bank was brought back to life by the American Bank. But the last of the backroom talks fell apart in the very early morning and, a few hours later, the bank failed.

Why? The problem was too big.
The bank had interlocking direc-
torates with at least four other failure in this day and age. One con-
nections with 24 others. There was a danger that all these banks could go under in the U.S., even bringing Wall Street to its hands and frequency.

So the Federal government stepped in. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, which replaced the United American Bank, was given authority to prevent banks in the U.S. from going under.

The FDIC has the power to make a bank’s assets worthless and to take over the bank’s assets. The FDIC has the power to make a bank go bankrupt.

In addition, hundreds of other banks, fearing bad loans them-
sele, have moved to tighten credit. This will mean more eco-
nomic stagnation. It also places more burden on the middle class, who not only pay higher interest rates than the cor-
porations, but will find it more difficult to get loans to pur-
chase homes and other assets.

The collapse of the United American Bank shows the eco-
nomic crisis is so severe that even the mighty captains of finance are being forced into the ranks of the rentier classes.

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SF gears up for March 3 protest against Reagan, Queen Elizabeth

By Dick Becker
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 14—A massive valve opposition to the government’s admin-
istration and to the continued occupation of occupied territories expected to be here on Thursday, March 17.

By the same date, President Reagan will be hosting an extravagant State Dinner for Queen Elizabeth of England at the DeYoung Museum in San Fran-
cisco. Haggard agreed to release them.

A nationwide day of protest is being joint-
yuly by the March 3 Coalition (made up of more than 50 organizations) and the Irish Republican Army.

The main activity will be a march from the CHC Park, beginning 5:30 p.m. in the Panhandle. The rally will be held

in the Big Ben Ballfield starting at 6:30 p.m. The rally will include speakers and performances by various groups. Other activities include picketing the pier where the Queen will arrive from her soup line downtown, and a rally outside the Capitol for the day’s action at the Civic Center at 9:30 p.m.

Support for the demonstration is very broad and growing. The San Francisco Labor Coun-
cel, Central City Network,

East Bay Coalition of Labor Unions, the Self Help, AFSIICME Locals 160 and 160A, the CA Labor
Democratic Club, Alice B. Toklas Memorial Club, Disabled Stu-

dent Union, IWW, National, and the Real Alternatives Program (a Latino youth school) are among those who have signed on.

The responsibility of labor and the labor movement has been clearly stated by the United States.

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Texas protests take stand against Klan
Stop racism, attacks on undocumented workers!

By Eric Becker
AUSTIN, Feb. 14—This city is the latest scene of an unfolding nationwide struggle between the Ku Klux Klan and antiracist forces.

The Klan will march on Feb. 19 to the state capitoll building in Austin under the reactionary, anti-Mexican (Korean) banner "Seal the border." Countering the KK will be a large demonstration organized by a broad coalition of progressive and civil rights organizations. As has happened in Washington, D.C., Boston, Chicago, Detroit, and other cities where the Klan has tried to march, the local city government in Austin quickly granted the fascists a permit to march in the downtown area and the Klan staged a counter-campaign urging people to ignore the Klan. As if acting on cue, the major media in Austin, as elsewhere, characterized the Klan as a "bunch of clowns" or ridiculed anti-Klan demonstrators for "ineffectively promoting" the KK by "paying undue attention to a small group of bigots."

Of course, wherever the Klan does rally, no matter how small their numbers, the same media gives the Klan top billing, splashing pictures of their hooded assemblies and cross burnings on the front page of the major dailies.

But what about the Klan? Should they be taken seriously, or simply ignored, as the politicians and media moguls urge? Such a brief review of the historical record of Klan violence, especially its recent history in Texas, quickly dispels any notion that the Klan is "just a bunch of clowns" or that their activities are "a joke."

115 years of terror
The Ku Klux Klan was formed in 1868 by disillusioned ex-slave owners three years after the Confederacy was defeated in the Civil War. The function of the KKK was to deprive the Black ex-slaves of any semblance of real freedom. They were organized as a secret society, or, more aptly, as a secret army of racists loyal to the ex-slave owners. Their strategy towards the newly-free slaves was simple: Absolute terror.

Nighttime lynchings, public executions, castrations, whippings took the lives of thousands of Black people. For over 100 years the Klan served as the legal armed terror unit, supplementing the police forces throughout the South in the enforcement of a rigid system of racial segregation and oppression of Black people.

The KKK in Texas
In the past seven years, the Klan has been especially active in Texas. Politics in the state have long been controlled by the Klan, or, at least, influenced by the Klan. The Klan operates several military training camps in Texas under the command of the National Grasslands, and Camp Pulver. The national media even referred to the "KKC" or "Klancil" as a "special weapon" used to "prepare" Eagle and Explorer Scouts for the Klan's "border patrol." The Scouts were trained in sniping and gerritization (setting up makeshift fortifications) and other tactics from none other than Louis Beam, Texas Klan Grand Dragon.

It is no surprise that the central theme of the Klan march in Austin is "seal the borders," and "骢ge Rapal alaba." This is the same demand raised by the KKK when it tried to march in Washington, D.C., on Nov. 27.

When they attack the undocumented workers, the KKCS are not merely rowing a page from their classical fascist dogma: It is an undisguised appeal to deprive, unhappy, employed white workers who the Klan wants to convince that they lost their jobs through non-racist causes. At a time of the deepest economic crisis since the 1930s, the KKK argued that immigrants from Asia, Africa, or the Caribbean blamed the Jewish people for the economic collapse of American capitalism in the 1890s. The argument is false to the core.

For the last two years the number of immigrants has remained about the same while 5 million workers in the U.S. have been thrown out of work. And if the Klan's demand to "seal the border" was put into effec- tive tomorrow, would auto workers in Detroit be called back? Would the closed-down steel mills in Buffalo, N.Y, Youngstown, Ohio, and Birmingham, Ala., suddenly reopen? Would the owners of Texas Instruments, Glaston Boat, and others lay off hundreds of thousands of workers throughout Texas? No, of course not.

The undocumented workers didn't cause the capitalist economic crisis, which in worldwide in character. They are its victims, trying to escape the massive unemployment created by U.S. corporations in their own countries.

While the KKK aspires to be America's Hitler, it is clear that people are beginning to stand up and fight for the right of all working people—Black, Brown, White, Jewish, and non-Jewish. This is a necessary ingredient to defeat the KKK and their super-rich backers.

Detroit APC forces TV to cancel Klan interview

By Katherine Wells
DETROIT—Feb. 12—The All-Peoples Congress and the people of Detroit won a major victory today when a television show was forced to postpone a scheduled program featuring Bill Wilkinson, Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan.

The "Kelly & Co." show on WXYZ-TV postponed the program because of a massive protest call-in campaign organized by the APC and publicized by theKK. The show's original announce- ment was less than 48 hours after the APC learned of the Klan's attempt to broadcast.

Debby Johnson of the APC noted that Channel 7 says it will reschedule Wilkinson's appearance. "We don't believe the KKK deserves media access anywhere, any time. And we are making plans to persuade WXYZ to cancel the Klan appearance entirely.

Rochester rally hits KKK broadcast

By Gene Clancy
ROCHESTER—Feb. 9—Over 60 people braved freezing temperatures and blowing snow in a militant one-line march to protest the broadcast via satellite of a program featuring KKImperial Wizard Bill Wilkinson.

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