



Growing anti-abortion attacks get nod from Reagan gov't

FBI says: 'Abortion clinic bombers not terrorists'

Demonstrate against Reagan's inauguration on Jan. 21 —p. 8

By Sharon Shelton

DECEMBER 26—With the tacit approval of the Reagan administration, the ultra-right has launched a terror campaign against women's right to abortion. In response, activists of the All-Peoples Congress have vowed to make the demand for abortion rights one of the key issues of a counter-inaugural protest in Washington on Jan. 21.

Just this week in Pensacola, Fla., bombs

destroyed a women's health clinic and the offices of two doctors who had performed abortions. Damages have been estimated at almost a half-million dollars, and women in the area have been left with no place to go other than Pensacola hospitals to terminate a pregnancy.

One of the targets, the Ladies Center, had been moved to its present location after it was ripped apart by a similar blast on June 25. All three sites bombed had

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NYC garbage and the decaying of capitalism

By Bill Del Vecchio

NEW YORK, Dec. 26—It's not a subject most people like to deal with. Generally they hide it under their sink or conceal it within huge black plastic bags, carry it out two or three times a week, and think that's the end of it.

But because the capitalist system produces so much of it, garbage is a subject that eventually catches up with us all. Here in the capital city of high finance over 22,000 tons a day are collected, making New York a world leader in refuse as well as banking, entertainment, garment and other industries.

For over two centuries New Yorkers have dealt with their garbage by dumping it in the water along the coastline and calling it "landfill." This is how the tip of Manhattan island grew in the 1700s. It's why Coney Is-

land is no longer an island, why Jamaica Bay is constantly shrinking, and why mountains have developed along the New Jersey side of Staten Island.

In order to preserve New York City as a seaport, city officials have decided to come up with an alternative to landfills. Instead of dumping it in marshes and bulldozing a thin layer of sand over it, Sanitation Commissioner Norman Steisel, Mayor Koch and most of the borough presidents are pushing a plan to build giant incinerators and burn the refuse.

Would release dioxins

Although the proponents of this plan admit that the incinerators would release deadly dioxins into the city's already polluted air, Commissioner Steisel claims that the plants will be

built "environmentally sound and safe."

Try telling that to the residents of Starrett City in Brooklyn who discovered that the giant landfill right next to their homes was filled with all sorts of industrial toxic wastes illegally dumped in with residential refuse. Will the already overworked sanitation workers be held responsible for screening the garbage they collect, or more likely will city residents be regularly poisoned by these giant incinerators as they spew out fumes from thousands of glad bags, plastics and assorted industrial chemical wastes?

To spread the misery, Koch and the gang have proposed placing the incinerators in all five boroughs, and as a result residents in each of the communities where plants will be placed are up in arms. But the city politicians are al-

ready pushing hard to get this plan through, and the affected communities are likely to have the pollution producers rammed down their throats unless they unite immediately in protest.

Dealing with garbage rationally

There is a rational way to deal with garbage, but it's impossible to implement under the capitalist economic system. Under capitalism, big business determines what's produced, how it's consumed, and then they leave it to local governments to figure out some half-baked way to clean up the mess.

First of all not all garbage is worthless. Paper refuse is easily recycled, and industry already does it widely. Metal and cloth refuse could also be easily reused if separated. Food refuse, if it weren't contaminated with pesticides, fungicides, preservatives, waxes and dyes, would make excellent fertilizer material.

The amount of garbage could also be drastically reduced in a society where production was planned for human need. In the present-day U.S. many consumer goods are practically garbage the minute they're bought. Goods could be produced to last. Disposable items could be replaced with durable reusable ones and reduce the mind-boggling waste of plastics that is the trademark of American society.

But none of these changes could be successfully made under the present anarchistic way goods are produced, distributed, consumed and disposed of. To really deal with the refuse problem requires dealing with its cause: capitalism. Any other solutions are just a lot of garbage.

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With New York City a world leader in waste production, officials are pushing for new incinerators that, instead of clogging New York harbor with unneeded "landfill," would spew deadly dioxins into the air. Safe, rational solutions to waste removal depend on the rapid replacement of capitalist rot with a socialist reorganization of society. (Page 2.)

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Profit drive behind Utah mining disaster

Safety violations found in death mine in December

By Shelley Ettinger

DECEMBER 26—They sealed off the Wilberg Mine in Huntington, Utah, on Dec. 23, leaving 27 dead miners inside as fires burned for the fourth day and high levels of methane gas threatened further explosions.

Among the victims was the second woman mineworker killed in U.S. mines. The first was earlier this year.

Behind mining disasters

Why do coal mine disasters continue to claim so many workers' lives? With all the advances in mining technology, why can't the mines be made safer?

The answer, of course, is profit. Mining continues to be one of the most hazardous jobs not because the mines cannot be made safer, but because the coal companies will not make them safer when doing so might cut into their profits.

The Reagan administration has smoothed the way to higher profits and more mineworker fatalities. The Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA), the federal agency charged with inspecting and enforcing mine safety, has been reduced to a mere formality during the last few years. Severe cutbacks have meant fewer inspectors and a virtual curtailment of meaningful inspections, and a policy of light or no penalties has signaled the mine operators that miner safety can remain a low priority.

Wilberg Mine

An MSHA spokesperson told Workers World today that the Wilberg Mine was inspected in early December, and was cited for 26 safety violations, ten of which were considered "serious." MSHA claimed, however, that all violations were "immediately" corrected, and the spokesperson said he "couldn't find the records" on whether any fines were paid.

Workers World spoke to Bill Thompson, a United Mine Workers of America (UMWA) activist and president of the West Virginia Black Lung and Disabled Association. He said the MSHA response was typical. "They just don't do anything to protect miners," he said.

Thompson told Workers World that the machinery used in long-wall mining like the Wilberg Mine is "the most dangerous there is." He said that coal companies operate long-wall mines because the equipment requires fewer workers to operate it, saving money in wages. But Thompson said that the long-wall equipment is extremely hazardous, and that serious accidents injuring or killing miners working with it are not uncommon.

He said that at union mines like Wilberg, the UMW should seek contract language protecting workers from such deadly machinery.

The workers at Wilberg Mine were trying to meet a company production goal and set a one-day record. The coal conveyor may have been improperly adjusted to allow for the faster movement of coal. And UMWA President Richard Trumka pointed out that the mine had only two entrances instead of

the usual three in long-wall mines, cutting off a chance for escape.

In other words, 27 miners died to feed Utah Power and Light's drive for profit.

The Wilberg Mine is one of five mines operated by the Emery Mining Co. for the Utah Power and Light Co. Emery's Utah mines have a safety record that is, according to the UMWA's Trumka, three times worse than the national average.

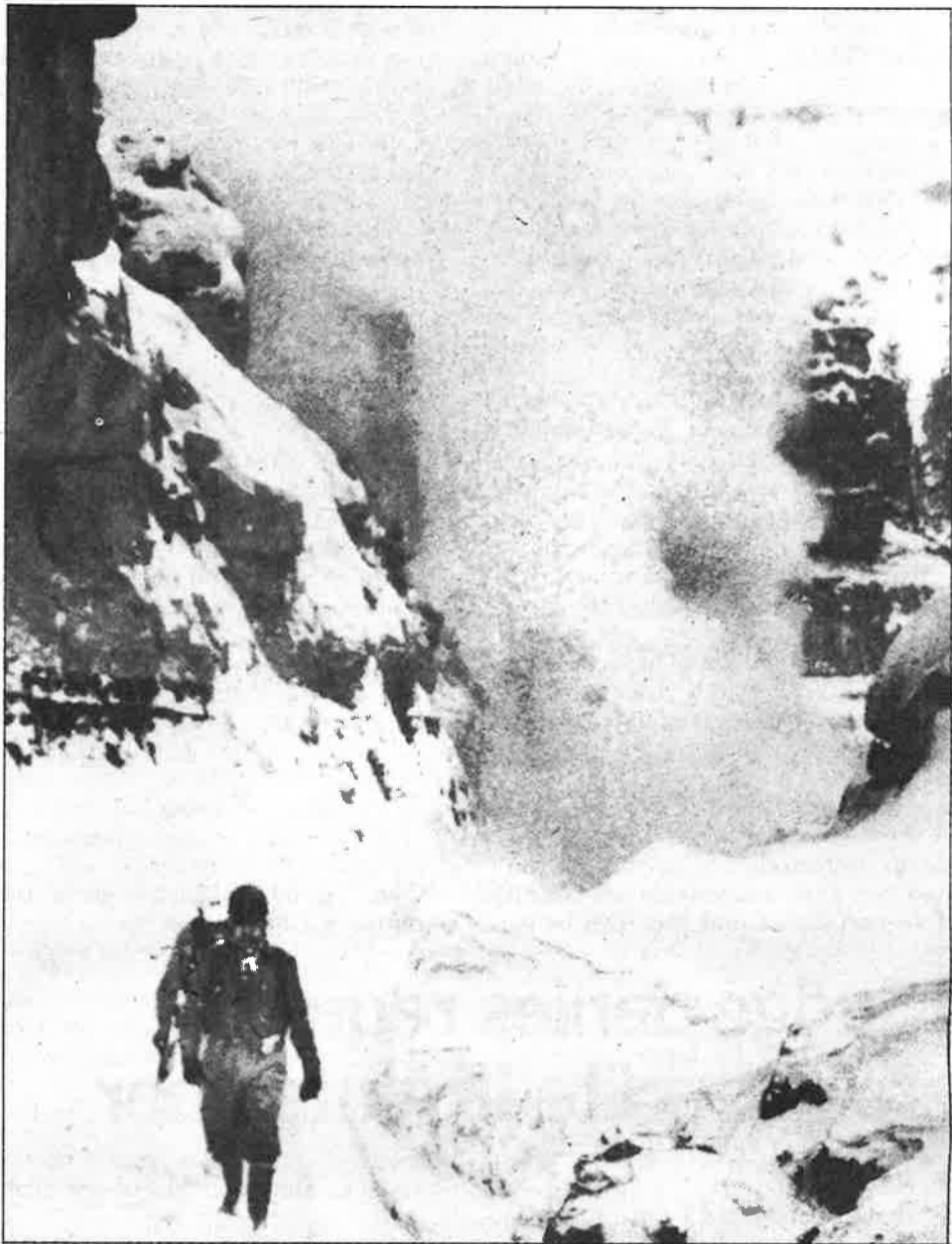
And the national average itself is rapidly deteriorating, thanks to MSHA cuts. If they survive without being killed in a violent disaster, most coal miners can count on developing Black Lung disease, a debilitating respiratory ailment caused by breathing coal dust. Along with the cuts in safety measures in the mines, the government has also moved to deny Black Lung benefits to miners and their families.

Tens of thousands of miners have died in this country's coal mines over the years. The Utah disaster illustrates the kind of murderous profit drive against which the miners' union has been fighting for so long.

Worth of miners' lives

In Utah, anger began to push through the grief as the miners' families charged the company with the deaths. A relative of one of the dead miners said it was the company's "fault for trying to push so hard to get the coal out. That was their main priority, to break that record."

But Utah Power and Light got off cheap. The company announced it would pay a "bonus" of \$1,000 to each of the dead workers' families.



Rescuers outside the Wilberg mine in Utah.

New York State illegally tries to tax Onondaga Nation land

By Hachett

DECEMBER 26—New York State is challenging the Onondaga Nation as being liable for property tax on 66 acres of farm land the Onondagas recently inherited.

Mildred Skinner, a 78-year-old retired school teacher intent on doing the right thing returned her farmland to the original owners under the agreement that she and her sister retain lifetime use of the property. But what Mrs. Skinner didn't know was that New York State would try gaining control of the farm by claiming the land is taxable property.

Indian land within the territorial boundaries of the United States is tax exempt from both federal and state governments.

The Ellisburg Town Tax Assessor, William F. Chamberlain, Sr., threatened the Onondagas with tax sale of the property ("same as anybody else") if taxes aren't paid.

State representatives seeing dollar signs through private-property-tinted glasses seem to always overlook treaty agreements between the Onondaga Nation and the United States govern-

ment, as well as disregarding the Onondagas as separate and independent of the U.S.

Even though bourgeois litigation serves the ruling class in the interest of private property, indigenous peoples have made headway to protect to some extent their rights as the original people of this continent. Indian law has been specifically designed to deal with treaty rights and the autonomous character of Native people and nations, separate from the federal government.

According to a civil liberties guidebook to the legal rights of Indians and tribes, land can be acquired "by buying it, inheriting it or receiving it as a gift. The general rule on state taxation of Indians is that a tax cannot be imposed without the consent of Congress."

This litigation guidebook points out that the Constitution gives Congress the exclusive authority to regulate tribal affairs, a state is not permitted to enforce its laws inside Indian reservations unless authorized by Congressional order. The federal government

prefers litigation over treaties because it is easier to contest and change, whereas treaties carry the weight of being the law of the land. And since the U.S. has broken hundreds of treaties, its integrity on treaties is already discredited.

Laws, however, do not have this as a problem. The U.S. does not intend to be open for negotiation with the original people of this continent, even though the Constitution states that Indian tribes have the inherent right to be self-governing and to regulate their own internal matters except to the extent that Congress has limited their powers. This applies especially to state tax laws.

In recent years the Supreme Court invalidated any state tax on Indian land because it was not authorized by Congress.

Onondaga chief Irving Powless Jr., responding to the threat of taxing their inherited land, insisted, "Our land is tax exempt. New York State can only tax New York State property. And since this property belongs to the Onondaga Nation, they can not tax it. Very simple."

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Sham election in Pakistan

By Lallan Stein

DECEMBER 24—General Mohamud Zia-ul-Haq of Pakistan called a phony referendum election on Dec. 19, the first national election since he seized power with U.S. help in 1977.

There were only two questions on Zia's referendum. Do the people of this Moslem country endorse his policy of Islamization? Will they approve a call for a parliamentary election in March?

The election was a sure thing. Pakistan is under martial law. Zia decreed it illegal to advocate a boycott of the election and the election itself was fraudulent.

Opposition leaders said that a boycott was highly successful in spite of repression. They also said that the ballot boxes were stuffed.

However, Zia makes the preposterous claim that this vote can be interpreted as a public call for him to stay in office for five more years. The reason that he called this referendum was to insure his position before the March elections.

The March election is just as much a charade as the current referendum. Zia has decreed that no parties can run for office. Only individuals are permitted to participate and they can be easily

disqualified on the grounds that they are members of a political party. The public will receive two or three weeks notice of the election and the individuals that they elect will serve under the authority of Zia's military dictatorship.

The mock elections in Pakistan are especially prepared for presentation in the U.S. Here, Congress will be able to point to this "democratic development" to help them smooth the way for billions more in military aid, meant to insure the stability of the butcher Zia's rule.

This regime is among the most violent and repressive governments in the world. Since all avenues of information on the number of political prisoners are closed there are no exact figures. However, last year during the height of a movement involving demands for rudimentary democratic rights, over 65,000 people were taken prisoner in the Sind province alone.

Even though the CIA uses Zia's Pakistan to conduct its war against Afghanistan, making the border extremely dangerous, thousands of Pakistanis have fled across that border. Over 10,000 Pakistanis have taken refuge in Afghanistan.



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Anti-apartheid protests continue. Protests against the racist apartheid regime in South Africa and against the Reagan administration's support of that regime have continued. In Oakland, Calif., on Dec. 22, some 250 people marched through the downtown section to protest U.S. support of apartheid South Africa and to show support for the economic boycott against South Africa. The march began at the Pacific Maritime Association and ended with a rally at City Hall. The Pacific Maritime Association was a target because it handles shipping cargo from South Africa. Speakers included Zenzile of the Southern Africa Freedom Committee of the All-Peoples Congress and Henry Clark, co-chair of the anti-apartheid Proposition J campaign. On Tuesday, Dec. 18, the Oakland city council passed a resolution calling on the port of Oakland to refuse cargo from South Africa.

Judge denies request to extradite IRA member

By Ann O'Malley

NEW YORK, Dec. 22—After extensive hearings and lengthy testimony, U.S. Federal Judge John Sprizzo denied London's request for extradition of Joseph Doherty, a member of the Provisional Irish Republican Army (IRA).

Doherty's extradition was sought on the basis of a battle between the IRA and England's occupation army in northern Ireland in which a British captain was killed. Doherty was tried in the notorious Diplock Court, a non-jury court set up to handle political offenses against the occupying army. Before the verdict was announced Doherty escaped from Crumlin Road jail in Belfast and came to the U.S.

He was meanwhile given a life sentence. Doherty was again arrested in June 1983 by the U.S. police and has been held without bail since then.

Among the witnesses at Doherty's trial were former Nobel Prize winner Sean McBride, former M.P. Bernadette Devlin McAliskey, representatives of the Royal Ulster Con-

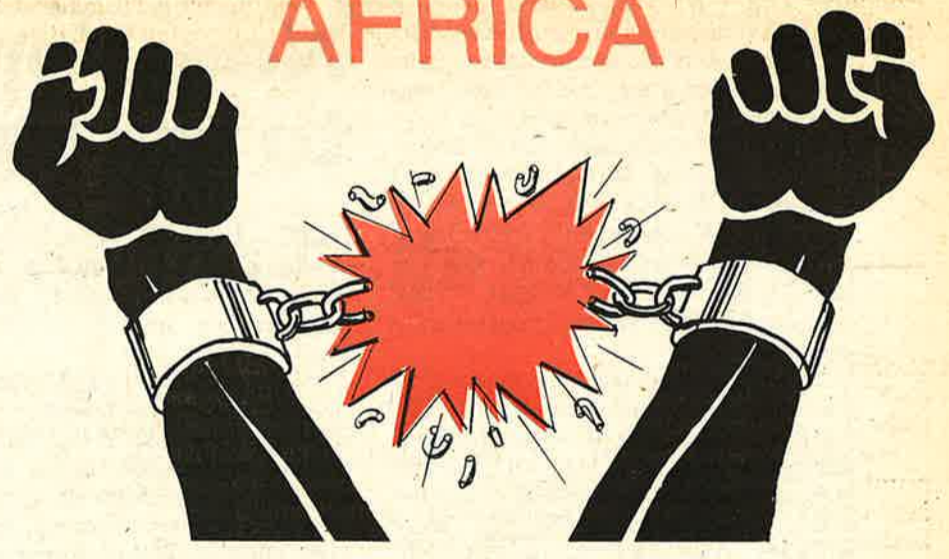
stabulary (the police force in northern Ireland) and members of the British Army.

Stephen Trott, a U.S. Justice Department official, termed Judge Sprizzo's decision "outrageous." He said he wanted to preclude such decisions in the future by deleting the political offense exemption which the ruling was based on from treaties the U.S. has with "friendly nations." These "friendly nations" are those that support the U.S. imperialist policies around the globe such as in northern Ireland, South Africa, Chile and El Salvador.

It was the strong support given by the Irish community in this country that forced Judge Sprizzo to rule in favor of Doherty.

Doherty has applied for political asylum and faces deportation hearings. If he is deported to the Irish "Free State" he can then face extradition to the north. The Dublin government is the only government to date that has extradited members of the Republican Movement to the occupied six counties in the north of Ireland.

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U.S. troops in Puerto Rico prepare for Nicaragua invasion

By Rafael Ramos

DECEMBER 27—Progressive people in Puerto Rico fear a direct U.S. military intervention of Nicaragua could come by early February, a few weeks after the inauguration of President Reagan, using the island of Puerto Rico as one of the main staging areas.

The reason for this fear is that recently there has been a large military buildup in Puerto Rico. According to Claridad, the Puerto Rican Socialist Party (PSP) paper, Ramsey Air Force base in Aguadilla has been reopened and has been used for big military exercises with soldiers from the U.S. and the Puerto Rican National Guard carrying M-16's and M-60 machine guns.

The article also states that there are large numbers of C-130 Hercules transport planes that are used to carry troops and military equipment. These same huge airplanes were used in the invasion of Grenada in October 1983. These planes are also being stationed in another base in Puerto Rico—Roosevelt Roads—waiting orders from the Pentagon.



Counter-revolutionaries being trained in the U.S. for Reagan's so-called covert war against Nicaragua.

U.S. military on alert

According to Claridad, it has been revealed by someone close to the National Guard (who asked not to be identified), that the U.S. military in Puerto Rico at the present moment is on alert. This means that they could be mobilized at any moment.

A contingent of Puerto Rican National Guards with sealed orders for Honduras and a National Guard installation in Salinas, Puerto Rico, have been placed in preparation for military action. WBAI, a progressive radio station in New York City, confirmed this

last week. General Luis Gonzalez Vale, head of the National Guard in Puerto Rico, denies that there is a state of alert or that the National Guard is in Honduras.

At the same time, the military hospitals in Puerto Rico were recently expanded and placed in readiness to receive large casualties.

A meeting of 26 generals

If nothing is going on, why was there a secret meeting with 26 generals of the United States being briefed on the current situation in Nicaragua? This meeting took place in a hotel where Jim Jensen of CBS News was staying

in Puerto Rico. According to WBAI, Jensen was talking to a staff assistant of the elected governor, Rafael Hernandez Colon, who told him that an invasion of Nicaragua will be carried out in February 1985.

The island of Puerto Rico has been used for U.S. military intervention before: the Dominican Republic in 1965, Grenada in 1983.

This is nothing new to the people of Nicaragua and its 5-year-old revolution. The Reagan administration has been hostile to Nicaragua and has tried to destroy its revolution ever since it took office in 1980. It has cut economic aid and spent millions of dollars

to create the counter-revolutionaries known as the contras to destroy oil depots, daycare centers, and murder and rape women. None of this has destroyed or turned around the revolution and its heroic people, but instead has made the revolution stronger.

Nicaragua no longer bows to its ex-master from the North and will not accept imperialism's version of so-called democracy, oppression and exploitation.

"Patria, libre or morir" has been the cry of Nicaraguans struggling to free their homeland from U.S. imperialism ever since the first U.S. Marines landed. And that is still their cry today.

—Increasing attacks on abortion clinics

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been picketed earlier by so-called right-to-lifers.

The Florida blasts brought to 27 the number of bombings and arsons against abortion clinics and women's health facilities in seven states this year—as compared to two such attacks last year and three in 1982.

Encouraging and emboldening the right-wing opponents of women's right to choose whether or not to have children has been the racist, sexist Reagan administration. Only days after a Maryland women's clinic and a Planned Parenthood office were devastated by bombs on Nov. 19, Reagan officials announced that abortion bombers aren't terrorists and therefore there is little need for the FBI to investigate.

Among officials virtually jumping to defend this wave of rightist terror was William H. Webster, director of the FBI, who said the attackers of abortion clinics aren't terrorists since they do not try to overthrow or "shift" the government and that investigating such attacks is a "low priority" of the Reagan administration.

What better message of support could Reagan have sent to aid and abet this rapidly escalating right-wing campaign? Certainly if police departments or army recruiting stations were being blown up at the same rate of one every two weeks for an entire year, the Reaganites would be singing another tune!

At the same time, representatives of the capitalist state have become active in reactionary organizations opposed to abortion rights. In Florida, for ex-

ample, where five bombings have taken place this year alone, the rightwing Christian Action Council, which is dedicated to "an organized Christian effort nationwide to put an end to the horror of abortion," openly sports government figures among its officers. These include Tallahassee Police Department Assistant Chief William Scott, Jr. and Florida State Attorney William Meggs.

Death threats

This epidemic of bombing and arson has been accompanied by hundreds of other incidents of assault and harassment against patients and workers at women's and abortion clinics. Abortion counselors across the country report receiving as many as five or six death threats a day from those who ironically call themselves "pro-life."

Last month, an Alabama abortion counselor who had been subjected to intense harassment at the clinic where she works found her home broken into and vandalized. Her cat had been decapitated.

Other recent incidents include:

- A Feb. 28 fire that burned down the offices of Prince Georges County, Md., Reproductive Services.

- A July 4 explosion that destroyed part of the National Abortion Federation building in Washington, D.C.

- The Sept. 8 torching of Clearlake Women's Center in Webster, Tex.

- The Sept. 13 bombing of the Northside Planning Clinic in Marietta, Ga., and a simultaneous bombing of the

Birth Control Institute in San Diego, Calif.

- The Nov. 19 destruction of the Metropolitan Medical and Women's Center in Wheaton, Md., and a nearby Planned Parenthood office that provided contraceptive information and counseling.

Other bombings and arsons have taken place at clinics in Everett, Wash., St. Petersburg, Fla. and Houston, Tex., to name a few.

Abortion rights won through struggle

Women won the right to abortion in 1973 after many long years of militant protest. Today the big business ruling class wants to turn back all the rights that workers and oppressed people have won through struggle. The attacks on abortion clinics benefit only the ruling class, which relies on sexism and racism to prevent working class unity.

Polls show that people who oppose all abortions for any reason are a tiny minority—about 10% of the population. Free, safe, legal abortions for all who need them coupled with no forced sterilizations and the right to choose to have children and to have adequate means to bring them up, benefits the vast majority of people.

To put an end to the rightist terrorist attacks on abortion clinics that are being egged on by the sexists in the White House and their Wall Street backers, it is necessary to launch the kind of militant struggle that legalized abortion in the first place. An excellent

first step is the upcoming counter-inaugural in Washington, D.C. initiated by the All-Peoples Congress and the People's Anti-War Mobilization.

Demonstration organizers say they have been in touch with women's groups and reproductive rights activists who have joined the call for the Jan. 21 protest. Abortion rights will be among the issues raised, along with southern Africa, Central America, jobs and budget cuts.

The Jan. 21 protest coincides, organizers note, with the 11th anniversary on Jan. 22 of the Supreme Court decision, Roe v. Wade, which first sanctioned women's right to control their own bodies and lives.

In a press release issued by the demonstration organizers, they say that, contrary to Reagan and his supporters, they defend "women's right to reproductive freedom, which holds that every woman should be free to choose when and with whom she wishes to have a child, which assumes quality sex education, birth control information, and access to artificial insemination in addition to access to free, safe, legal abortions on demand."

"At the same time women should not be forced by poverty, racism, unemployment or low wages to become victims of sterilization abuse. Not only must any woman be free to live openly as a lesbian if she chooses, but all women must be guaranteed quality childcare and health care, as well as safe jobs at union wages so they can provide for their families."

EDITORIAL

Important victory for Phelps Dodge strikers

THE PHELPS DODGE strikers have forced the company to shut down their key scab operation. This significant victory came after 17 months of bitter struggle on the picketline in Arizona.

On the day before Christmas, Phelps Dodge made the surprise announcement that it was stopping production at its Morenci, Ariz., smelter (the refinery where copper is removed from the ore). Morenci has been the scene of some of the bloodiest attacks on the strikers during this long struggle.

The company, true to the insensitivity that marks all the giant multinational corporations, never warned the 1,000 or so scabs it had hired for the smelter operation that the shutdown was coming. So without warning or apology, the Christmas Eve announcement stunned the scabs who had naively believed that they (without the protection of the union) had permanent jobs.

Phelps Dodge has floated a few reasons why the smelting plant

that has been the center of the strike is now shutting down, such as pollution controls not meeting government standards (when did that stop them before?). But the real reason is the strength of the workers on the picket line, most of them Mexicano/Chicano and Native people, and the growing solidarity movement that the United Steel Workers union has been helping to build. Demonstrations have been held in several cities across the country and in mid-December hundreds were protesting Phelps Dodge unionbusting in major cities like Boston and New York.

The striking workers were jubilant when they got the news of the Morenci shutdown. As one worker said, "(It's) the best Christmas present I ever got from Phelps Dodge."

Another worker, reflecting the optimistic mood of the strikers who now see the possibility of victory for the first time in many months, declared that the meaning of the closing is that "eventually we'll get a contract."

Media glorifies subway gunman

WAS HE A COP? Or a crazed individual stirred up by years of watching films like "Death Wish" and "Taxi Driver"? Or maybe a neo-fascist feeling free to act because the Reagan administration has given a green light to racism?

Whatever his background, the man who shot four Black youth on New York City's IRT subway has committed a heinous crime. But the even bigger crime is that the police and ruling class media have made a hero of him, a symbol around which they hope to rally all those infected with racism, all those who fear the oppressed and poor.

From the reports printed in New York's big-business press, it appears that a white man riding the subway pulled out a 38-caliber pistol and shot four Black youths, creating terror among the other passengers in the car. Later reports indicated that he may have been harassed by the youths, although none implied his life was being threatened.

One might think the authorities would denounce the gunman for vigilantism, would scream out at him for terrorizing subway riders, would demand his arrest by the police as quickly as possible. Instead, they have all but invited people to call in to proclaim their support for him and have gleefully

announced how many have done so. The radio even falsely refers to the youth as muggers, arousing racist fears that are reinforced by every cop show on television and a high proportion of today's big-money movies.

It is easy to imagine how differently the media would have played the story if it had been white youths that were shot. There would be lengthy, sympathetic interviews with relatives and friends, outrage by the police, and, of course, an assumption that the victims were innocent.

This barrage of racist propaganda around the IRT shootings creates an atmosphere that encourages further violence against Black and other Third World youth. It encourages not only individual vigilantism, but promotes the formation of KKK-type groups. And it gives the police themselves an even freer hand, whose consequences have already been seen in the killings of Mrs. Eleanor Bumpurs and Michael Stewart, to mention two of the best known recent examples of New York police brutality.

All the more important is it for those in the progressive and working-class movement to raise a loud voice against this blatant example of racist vigilantism and especially against its opportunist promotion by the police and the press.

—Rainbow Coalition

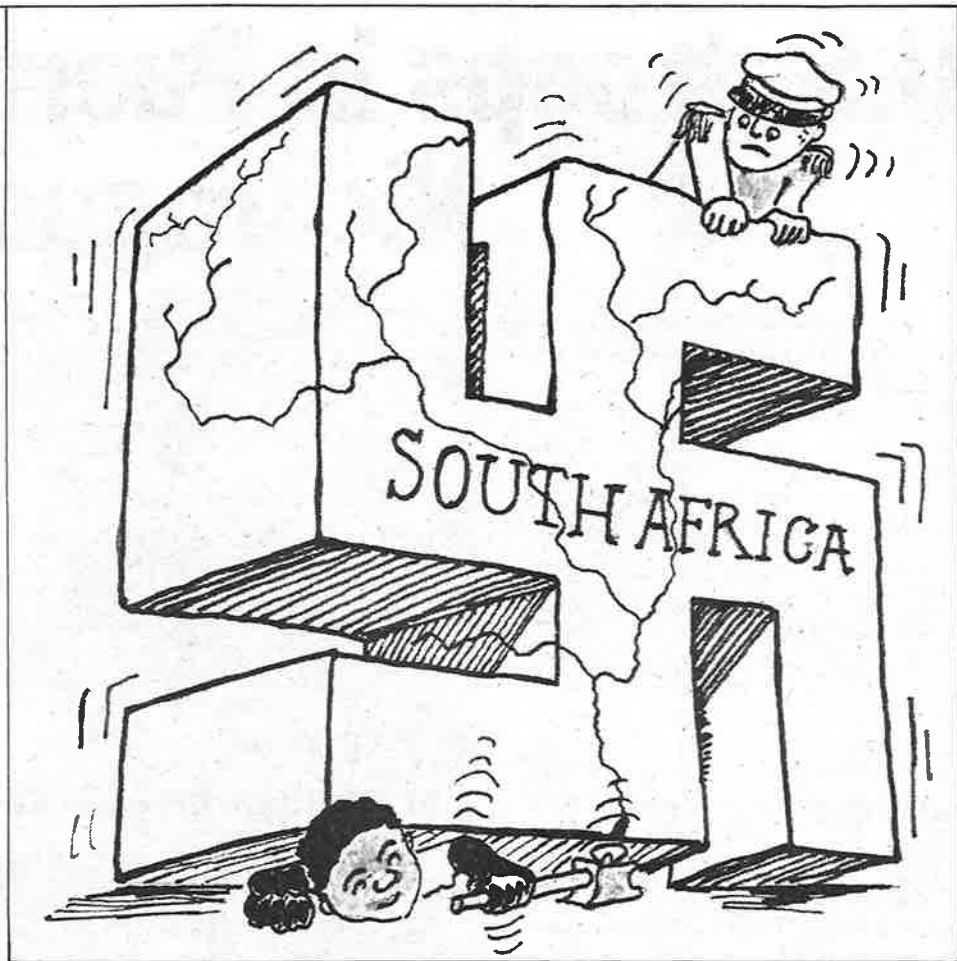
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domestic budget and hardly any coming from the defense budget.

"This is why the national Rainbow Coalition is going to devote a substantial amount of its time for more and better assistance for the unemployed

in the coming year.

"On Jan. 18 in Homestead and other cities and on Jan. 19 in Washington, D.C., we will lead demonstrations to call attention to the severity of poverty and unemployment in our nation."

Jackson also urged participation in a demonstration at Reagan's inauguration ceremonies on Jan. 21 that is be-



NOTES ON THE NEWS BUSINESS

This column on the media will appear periodically. Readers are invited to send in appropriate material from their local press.

"Write nice things about the N-bomb — and we'll pay you." That's what the State Department was privately telling journalists in 1978. It all came to light recently in a Harvard U. study written by David Whitman. He says that Leslie H. Gelb, then director of State's Bureau of Politico-Military Affairs, was a leading advocate of a covert program to pay European reporters for favorable articles about the U.S. neutron bomb program. In January 1978, Gelb authored two documents, called "Proposal for Action in Response to Soviet Anti-Neutron Bomb Campaign" and "Covert Action to Counter International Anti-Neutron Bomb Forum." Over the next two months, says the Harvard study, frequent articles appeared in the British and German press presenting the N-bomb as a response to the Soviet SS-20 missile. Where's Gelb now? He's the "national security correspondent" of the New York Times and appears frequently on TV as a "news analyst."

Another high-paid journalist recently changed his hat, this time to being a government bureaucrat and apologist for the Reagan administration. Bernard Kalb, formerly of NBC News, now takes his paycheck directly from the State Department. His brother Marvin Kalb, though, is still anchored

ing organized by the All-Peoples Congress, the People's Anti-War Mobilization and others.

Jackson declared, "We've got to fight these budget cuts, we've got to combat joblessness and poverty and the people are going to be out there on Jan. 18, on Jan. 19 in Washington, D.C., and with the All-Peoples Congress on Jan. 21."

Attending the news conference alongside Rev. Jackson were a score of leaders and activists as well as elected officials including D.C. Mayor Marion Berry, Rep. Ronald Dellums and Roger Wilkins. Also present were representatives of the All-Peoples Congress, which is sponsoring the protest at Reagan's inauguration ceremonies on Jan. 21, to offer their support for the jobs protest.

at NBC, where you can see him giving an "objective" analysis of world news and signing off, "This is Marvin Kalb, at the State Department." How convenient.

Self-censorship is the name of the game in the U.S. corporate media. In begging the Pentagon for ringside seats at the next invasion (Grenada-style), the networks and print media are assuring the generals they'll never report anything harmful to "national security." Like the anguish of the people being invaded? Maybe the Pentagon administers a secret oath to show only smiling faces. Or is it all done by "gentlemen's agreement"? And no pictures of bombed hospitals or schools, please.

Speaking of Grenada, this writer tried to call ABC News Nightline at the time of the invasion to register an "I oppose the invasion" vote in their audience poll. After getting a busy signal 20 times, she called the "I support the invasion" number just to see what would happen. The call went through immediately. At the end of the program, Ted Koppel reported that "support" calls outnumbered "oppose" calls five-to-one. You figure it out.

Media self-muzzling doesn't just apply to military matters. Newsweek bragged, in its first post-election issue, that it had known about secret Reagan administration memorandums, like one from budget director Stockman calling for a tax increase, but had agreed not to publish the information until after the election.

— Deirdre Griswold

Notice to readers

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The new Sino-Soviet economic accord

By Sam Marcy

DECEMBER 24—On Dec. 23, China announced an agreement on economic cooperation with the Soviet Union which has considerable worldwide significance.

This is not one of those interim bilateral agreements which lasts a brief period of time and is confined to areas of commerce and trade in which pre-existing relations have prevailed for a number of years.

This is a long-term agreement, to run from 1986 to 1990. It thus encompasses a five-year-plan period. Nor does it confine itself to mere trade and commerce. Most significantly, it covers science and technology for the same period of time.

Sets up joint commission

Also, it creates a joint commission to continuously monitor the execution of the agreement. In fact, there are four such agreements which are to be executed together.

If the commission set up to supervise the agreement resembles the arrangements which existed beginning with the Sino-Soviet Friendship Treaty of 1950, that would add considerable importance to the agreement.

It demonstrates an effort to return in some respects to the inter-state relations which existed when the USSR and China regarded each other as socialist countries with a mutual interest in pursuing the kind of industrial, economic and scientific development most suitable and appropriate for socialist construction.

Can be pivotal in struggle against U.S. war plans

This agreement can be of a pivotal character in international relations between China and the USSR and constitute a turning point in the perspective of the over-all Asian struggle against imperialism.

Moreover, it can be an important development to counter balance the continuing aggressiveness, arrogance and bellicosity of the Reaganite regime with its projected weapons systems like the Star Wars project, which aims to cover the globe and place it under the constant military threat of U.S. finance capital.

For too long the USSR and China have been consumed by a deteriorating internecine struggle which has wrought havoc in the world socialist movement and set back the liberation struggles, all to the advantage of world imperialism, particularly the U.S. It reached a crescendo with China's invasion of Viet Nam—an act

This agreement on trade and scientific and technological cooperation must for now be viewed separately from the economic "reform" undertaken by China's leaders—a reform which could threaten its socialist foundation. However, if the agreement with the USSR takes root, it can be of great significance in halting China's drift into channels cut by imperialist penetration.

which did incalculable damage to worldwide proletarian internationalism and fraternal relations between socialist states.

The present agreement does point to the possibility of repairing to some degree the damage done and getting back on the high road of fraternal socialist relations. However, the nature of the agreement and its scope should not be exaggerated.

It is, of course, limited to trade and economic cooperation in science and technology. It does not, as the capitalist press gleefully reminds us, go beyond those limits or even return to the normal diplomatic and political relations which at the very least should exist between socialist states.

What about Deng's 'economic reform'?

Also, one should bear in mind that China's leaders are now in the throes of developing what they call an economic reform which threatens to upset if not overturn the socialist foundations of the People's Republic of China.

However, the bourgeois press has been too eager to jump the gun and all but write off China as a socialist state. While the nature of the economic reform is regressive (see Workers World, Nov. 1, 1984), it would be erroneous to assume that mere economic reform as envisioned by the Deng regime will go

all the way and restore the capitalist market, decentralize industry and return the ownership of the means of production, the monopoly of foreign trade and the social and political institutions achieved by the revolution, back to bourgeois rule.

The agreement on trade and technology between the USSR and China should be viewed separately from the domestic issues in China.

The course of the economic reform and how it may influence China's foreign policy has to be considered independently of the agreement. However, if this agreement becomes effectuated, gets into place, so to speak, it can be of immeasurable significance in halting China's steady and consistent drift into channels cut out by imperialist penetration, which endanger China as a socialist state.

It is to be remembered that only last year the Deng regime made a decision to open up 14 port cities to foreign (imperialist) investment. This decision has been called a restoration of the so-called Open Door policy of pre-liberation years, by which imperialist finance capital economically at first and then politically and militarily tried to strangle China.

This particular decision brings back many bitter memories of imperialist domination to the older generation in China and is said to be very much in

dispute in the leadership of the CCP and particularly in the Politburo. It is alleged to be opposed by Chen Yun, Peng Zhen and Wang Zhen. (See Wall Street Journal, Dec. 24, 1984.)

If economic trade and scientific and technological cooperation with the USSR thrive on a truly expanding scale, this cannot but help halt China's present drift toward the West.

True, the Deng regime has pulled China back from the days when it continuously pressed the U.S. to abandon its so-called appeasement policy of the USSR. It will be recalled how in those days the Beijing Review continually filled its pages with exhortations to the U.S. to stop its "Munich policy," its "appeasement" of the USSR, and take a more aggressive attitude to the Soviet Union. It has had much time to reconsider this. The Deng regime now describes Chinese foreign policy as independent and denies that China has a strategic relationship with the U.S.

Has significance for all Asia

While far from what relations between the two socialist countries ought to be, this agreement shows that a new chapter can begin not only in the relations between the USSR and China but for all of Asia.

This agreement can be extended to include the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam. This act alone could change much of the political perspective not only for East Asia but for all of Asia. It would also compel Japanese imperialism to take another look at how it has become over the years an appendage of U.S. imperialism in diplomacy and in military affairs.

The agreement was negotiated on behalf of the USSR by Ivan V. Arkhivov. He has had great experience in relations with China. He gave China great assistance in its early days in implementing its first five-year plan and was the person in charge on the Soviet side of helping to establish many hundreds and thousands of industrial projects in China in the 1950s.

The massive character of that help and the experience can be revived, but it will take a two-sided effort. As of this writing, we have been compelled to rely on an early report of the agreement in the bourgeois press, but, as Vice Premier Yao Yilin said, the talks seem to have been carried out "in a friendly, mutually understanding and constructive atmosphere."

This is a good beginning. It comes as a strong antidote to the growing imperialist tension on a world scale caused by the Reaganites and the Pentagon war machine.



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Counter-inaugural protest against Reagan policies generating enthusiasm

D.C. planning meeting draws AFGE members, anti-apartheid activists, students

By Lyn Neeley

NEW YORK, Dec. 26—Four years of cutbacks and oppressive racist, sexist policies implemented by the Reagan administration have generated a broad range of enthusiasm for the anti-Reagan demonstration during the Jan. 21 inauguration ceremonies, including endorsements from Rev. Jesse Jackson and Rev. Willie Barrow, the national executive director of PUSH.

Women and men, students, members of American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE), leaders of the South African anti-apartheid picket lines, and many others of all nationalities met Friday, Dec. 21, at the All-Peoples Congress (APC) anti-inauguration demonstration planning meeting in Washington, D.C.

Dumi Matabane from the African National Congress and Sahu Barron from the National APC, both speakers at the meeting, exposed the U.S. role in bolstering apartheid in South Africa. Barron linked U.S. support for apartheid with its involvement in Central America to the cutbacks and racism in this country.

It was clear from the meeting that a major theme of the demonstration will be: "Fight racism and apartheid from Washington to South Africa."

Many members of AFGE, who are angry about Reagan's new budget cuts, attended the meeting. The proposal Reagan plans to put before Congress affects federal workers by call-

ing for a 5% cut in their wages as well as layoffs totalling 130,000. Barbara Davidson, chief steward in AFGE Local 476 at Housing and Urban Development (HUD), said, "The proposed HUD budget calls for slashing community development and housing programs which includes layoffs of 10-15%. The budget already incorporates a 5% salary cut so we know Reagan's not talking about salaries or layoffs, he's talking about both!"

The District Capital Council representing all AFGE locals in the Washington, D.C. area is not only endorsing the demonstration and donating money, but printing and distributing their own leaflets and posters. They expect a large membership turnout.

The demonstration will also focus on condemning the recent right-wing bombings and attacks on abortion clinics across the country, especially since the anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decision to legalize abortion falls on Jan. 22.

In Philadelphia another exciting development occurred: enough money was raised to send a delegation of homeless to the demonstration. Philadelphia's homeless have become an organized, militant force in their opposition to Reagan. The demand for homes for the increasing number of homeless will also be a theme of the simultaneous anti-inauguration demonstration taking place in San Francisco.

The demonstration against Reagan's inauguration will take place in Washington, D.C. on Monday, Jan.

21, from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at Constitution Ave. (between 2nd and 3rd Streets) and from 12:00 noon-3:00 p.m. at Pennsylvania and 14th Street

across from the District Building. For more information call the All-Peoples Congress in Washington, D.C.: (202) 332-5041.



Sahu Barron of the All-Peoples Congress speaks at planning meeting for Jan. 21 anti-Reagan protest. WW PHOTO

Jesse Jackson calls for protests over joblessness and budget cuts

Special to Workers World
WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 27 — At a news conference today, Rev. Jesse Jackson in his capacity as head of the Rainbow Coalition called for protests over joblessness and budget cuts.

Jackson announced plans for protests on Friday, Jan. 18, at selected unemployment offices around the

U.S., including in Homestead, Pa., and Chicago, and a national demonstration on Saturday, Jan. 19, at the White House.

"President Reagan," Jackson charged, "has sought an additional \$42 billion in cuts of federal programs with 80%, or \$34 billion, coming from the

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