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# White House shakeup increases bankers' power

By Bill Del Vecchio

JANUARY 9—Sure it's nice to have a change now and then, and Treasury Secretary Donald Regan and White House chief of staff James A. Baker probably are tired of doing the same old thing for four years.

But it would be pure foolishness to accept President Reagan's explanation yesterday that these two key administration officials are swapping jobs just to get a little variety.

The Cabinet post of Treasury Secretary is a powerful position from which Donald Regan was able to push the economic policies of his old buddies on Wall Street.

But the White House chief of staff, the post that long-time Merrill Lynch executive Regan is stepping into, is a far more powerful one. Although it can just be a simple organizational job, in practice in recent years and in particular under Reagan's White House, the chief of staff is a job in many ways as powerful as a European prime minister.

The chief of staff handles the day to day running of the administration, determines who gets to advise the president and who gets shut out, plays the critical role in choos-

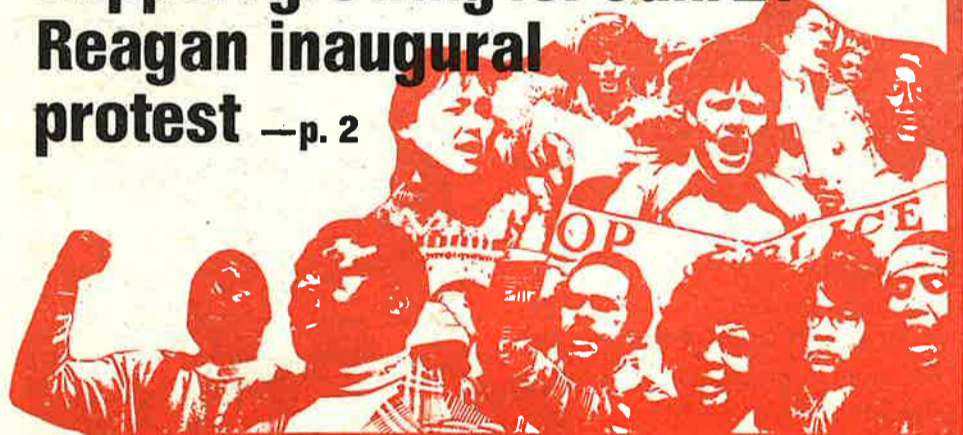
ing appointments for major jobs. The chief of staff is both a member of the Cabinet and sits on the National Security Council, which has de facto power to commit U.S. military might to any corner of the globe without first having to consult anybody else.

In the job of chief of staff, Donald Regan would have far more clout to push through his tax "reform," which is really a thinly disguised tax hike on working people. In addition, he will be in a better position to ram through his policies on the budget, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and other international trade and banking questions that the brokers and bankers on Wall Street want.

No wonder the Wall Street Journal was happy about the shift. In an editorial today entitled "Trading Places," the Journal welcomed the shift, saying it would probably

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# More join effort to protest at Inauguration

**By Lyn Neeley**  
NEW YORK, Jan. 8—While Reagan enjoys sunny days in Palm Springs, a country prepares for Inauguration weekend.

The big business elite is buzzing with anticipation for four days of celebrations, gala balls and posh dinner parties. Washington's hotels and ballrooms are spiffing up, coiffeurs, chauffeurs and chefs are gearing up, limousines are gassing up and the fireworks are being stored.

But preparations are also taking place across the country for the demonstration against Reagan's Inauguration on Monday, Jan. 21, initiated by the All-Peoples Congress. The demonstration is from 10-11:30 a.m. at Constitution Ave. and from 12 noon-3 p.m. at Pennsylvania and 14th St.

Some of the demands of the demonstration are: "Down with racism and apartheid from Washington to South Africa," "U.S. Hands off Central America!" "Jobs, equality, human needs—Not war!" "Homes for the homeless." And demands to stop the nationwide right-wing bombings of abortion clinics and women's health centers.

New layers of people with a deepening political awareness and the growing numbers of oppressed are joining efforts to distribute information and raise the money it takes to get to Washington:

•**BOSTON.** APC organizers held a press conference which drew the area's major media including the Boston Globe and four local TV stations. Speakers were: Don Muhammed from the Nation of Islam, Domenic Bozzotto, president of Local 26 Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union, Dorothy Stevens from Coalition for Basic

Human Needs, a welfare rights organization, Rev. Graylan Ellis-Hagler, church of United Community of Roxbury, Rev. Carpenter, Arlington St. Church and Phebe Eckfelt from the APC. The press, which stayed after the press conference to interview the speakers, asked what symbols or mementos organizers for the Jan. 21 D.C. protest had in mind. They said that Reagan's Inauguration Committee will be selling Inauguration mementos such as glasses, ash trays and the special Nancy Reagan Rose, costing several hundred dollars. Rachel Nasca, an APC organizer who chaired the press conference, joined the speakers in answering, "Our symbols are the homeless, jobless, poor who freeze on the steps of the White House, fight for the eight-hour day, for civil rights, women's rights and lesbian and gay rights and for nourishment for our children!"

•**CHICAGO.** Gay Life, a newspaper distributed in several midwest states, is carrying full-page coverage of the Jan. 21 demonstration against Reagan.

•**NEW JERSEY.** For tickets and information about buses leaving for Washington from various departure points, call the APC, (201)433-2332.

•**NEW YORK CITY.** For tickets and information on buses leaving for Washington from various departure points, call the APC, (212)741-0633.

•**PHILADELPHIA.** Two buses are being organized to go to Washington, one by an organization of homeless called Committee for Dignity and Fairness for the Homeless and by the APC. The Student Government Association of Philadelphia Community College, a predominantly Black and Latin school, is organizing a second bus.

•**PROVIDENCE, R.I.** Jan. 11, an APC dinner will be given to raise funds and help subsidize tickets. A group at Brown University is organizing and sending a group of people to the demonstration.

•**SAN FRANCISCO.** The APC held a well-attended organizers meeting for the simultaneous demonstration against Reagan's Inauguration planned there for Jan. 21 at 5 p.m. The demonstration will also focus on U.S. out of South Africa and Central America, Homes for the homeless, and Stop the bombings of abortion clinics and women's health centers. Recent endorsers from the Bay Area include the National Gay Youth Network, the Gay Youth Community Switch Board, Pat Norman, a Black lesbian who recently ran for San Francisco's Board of Supervisors, and the Homeless Caucus, which has led tremendous struggles against the gentrification taking place in their district, called the Tenderloin.

•**WASHINGTON, D.C.** APC members and local unionists, including members of the American Federation of Government Employees, are planning an anti-Inaugural, labor organizing meeting for Jan. 9. A press conference for Jan. 10 is also being planned.

For more information about the Anti-Inaugural, call the All-Peoples Congress in Washington, D.C.: (202) 332-5041.



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# Clairton, Pa., workers stand up to Mellon judge

By Shelley Ettinger

JANUARY 7—Four militant opponents of corporate greed were sentenced to 30 days in jail today, after their arrest on Jan. 4 for refusing to vacate the Clairton, Pa., church from which they have raised a battle cry against plant closings and layoffs. They joined four others sentenced on Jan. 4 in Allegheny County Jail.

The actions of the state in this case leave little doubt that the arrests were in effect ordered by U.S. Steel, Gulf Oil, LTV and especially Mellon Bank in an attempt to silence protest and stop the fight being waged by these unionists, unemployed workers, their families and the clergy.

Paul Brandt, a laid-off shipbuilder sentenced today said in court: "This is a Mellon court, these are Mellon lawyers and you're a Mellon judge!"

Rev. Douglas Roth, pastor of the Clairton Trinity Lutheran Church, has already been in jail for almost two months. He was sentenced in November to 90 days, after he refused to give up the pulpit from which he preached sermons holding big business responsible for the miseries caused by plant closings and unemployment.

A grim battle is being waged by workers in the Pittsburgh-area Monongahela Valley, where unemployment has devastated the region. The Network to Save the Mon/Ohio Valley, led by unemployed steelworkers, shipbuilders and others, has campaigned over the last two years to force the banks and corporations to reopen the plants and rehire the workers.

The jailing of the eight came only days after Gulf Oil closed its Pittsburgh offices, laying off 1,500 clerical workers. Gulf, along with U.S. Steel, Dravo Corp., Passavan and the Mellon Bank, is the target of the Network's struggle. And the Mellon Bank is clearly orchestrating the attack on the Network.

Forty-four sheriff's deputies in full riot gear smashed their way into Trin-



Supporters of the four Clairton militants wait for them to be brought into court. When the prisoners appeared, they were cheered. WW PHOTO

ity Lutheran Church on Jan. 4 and arrested the seven people inside. They broke down the door in a military-style assault and, according to Clairton residents, they are maintaining a full-scale occupation of the church.

In the courtroom today, over 100 unemployed steelworkers, shipbuilders and others greeted the four prisoners with a rousing cheer when they were brought in by sheriff's deputies.

#### Mellon, the corporations and the court

Paul Brandt is not the first to identify Emil Narick as a Mellon judge. Judge Narick was appointed to his post—although he failed the bar exam four times—after a petition supporting him was signed and circulated by Mellon lawyers.

Throughout the courtroom proceedings today Judge Narick acted in a

blatantly hostile and biased manner. He flouted all manner of legal requirements, while the Mellon lawyers sat virtually silent and let him do their job.

Despite the media's portrayal of the Trinity Lutheran struggle as an "internal church squabble," everyone in the Mon Valley knows the struggle is political, not theological. Mellon Bank is paying for the Lutheran Synod's attorneys and dictated Judge Narick's rulings as a means to silence the Network to Save the Mon Valley.

#### Fightback

But the real issue is the right of workers and unemployed to speak out and fight back. The full force of the church, police and courts has been unleashed against them because they are highlighting corporate responsibility

for the hunger and joblessness they face.

As if to underscore the workers' claim, Judge Narick sentenced Rev. Roth on Jan. 4 to an additional 60-day sentence, to be served concurrently with his current 90-day sentence. Roth's crime this time: writing sermons against big business from jail!

Darrell Becker, jailed president of IUMSWA Local 61 said,

"We will continue to rally the people against the corporate structure of Pittsburgh-Mellon Bank, Dravo, etc. They cannot ignore the fact that over one quarter of a million people here are directly devastated by the effects of unemployment. As long as there are men and women of conscience in the world who have the courage of their convictions to stand up for their beliefs, there is hope."

# Anti-worker Reagan builds anti-union inaugural

By Robert Dobrow

JANUARY 8—The President's Inauguration will typify everything that is wrong with the Reagan administration.

For the rich guests, corporate heads, diplomatic corps, admirals, generals, Republican fat cats and assorted right-wingers, the champagne will flow, the diamonds will dazzle and the limousines will line the streets (for only \$2,544 you, too, can rent one for the affair).

But for the working actors and actresses hired to entertain them, Mr. Reagan won't even pay the minimum wage!

The Presidential Inauguration Committee has placed an advertisement for 200 "clean-cut all-American types" to perform free during inaugural week. Using capital letters, the ad states: "Seeking NON-UNION musical theater performers."

There will be 75 parties for 1,500 guests during the inaugural weekend. There will be galas, concerts, art openings, teas, fireworks and parades. There will be \$500-a-plate breakfasts, \$1,000-a-plate lunches and \$1,500-a-plate dinners. But the inaugural budget is "too tight" to pay the performers, according to John Buckley, the deputy press secretary of the inauguration committee.

The racism of this ad is all too obvious (everyone knows what "clean-cut

all-American" means). But it's really not surprising coming from an administration that's fought busing, affirmative action and civil rights legislation. "It sounds like they want the Mormon Tabernacle Choir," said AFL-CIO spokesperson Murray Seeger.

The labor confederation along with entertainment industry unions blasted the inaugural ad, which appears in the current issue of the trade publication Backstage.

"I think this is the clearest evidence yet that this administration is completely anti-union," said Sanford Wolff, national executive secretary of the American Federation of Television & Radio Artists. Other unions are considering legal action against the administration because the plan violates minimum wage statutes and the federal labor standards act.

#### SAG: 'Outrageous'

Ken Orsatti, national executive secretary of the Screen Actors Guild, called the ad "absolutely outrageous" and said that Guild members from all over the country were calling to express "a great deal of concern."

For the Screen Actors Guild, the ad coming from Ronald Reagan is insult on top of injury. The President once headed SAG in the 1940s and 1950s. But being the head of a union was

merely an historic accident for Reagan. He became a vicious red-baiter who worked hand-in-hand with the infamous House on Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC) in blacklisting Hollywood actors, screenwriters, producers and directors who wouldn't march in step with the government's anti-communist witchhunt hysteria.

As head of SAG, Reagan worked with the Motion Picture Industrial Council, John Wayne and the Holly-

wood Alliance, advising members called before HUAC to cooperate fully with the government and rat on their union brothers and sisters.

Reagan's achievement in Hollywood won the admiration of a group of California businessmen, bankers and militarists who thought this grade B actor would make a perfect politician.

Once they found their boy, the State House and then the White House were only a few million dollars away.

## Executive pay increases doubled in 1984 while workers' pay dropped

By John Catalinotto

JANUARY 8—A national study of executive salaries released last week revealed that pay plus bonuses for senior executives in 1984 jumped 12.6% over the same figures for 1983. This is more than double the 5.6% increase registered in 1983.

These facts, revealed in a tiny article in the country's mass circulation newspapers, may come as a surprise to anyone who listened to the rantings of company management during the year, especially during wage negotiations with unions or big-business lobby appeals to Congress.

There were cries that "joint" sacrific-

ces were needed to keep U.S. goods competitive on the world market. It seemed every big bargaining session started with a list of bosses' demands for takebacks of gains won in the past by workers that management claimed would drive them out of business. Chambers of Commerce championed bills to lower minimum wages.

Now it turns out that only the workers were making the "joint" sacrifices. The executives were taking home a nice increase. And the owners, those who approve the executive salaries and bonuses, raked in fabulous profits, the fruit of the workers' labor.



# Chemical companies export poisons for profit

## Pesticides kill 10,000 yearly, says UN committee

By John Catalinotto

U.S. CHEMICAL and pharmaceutical company executives have been adopting a new pose lately. Pretending to be champions of the sovereignty of poor countries, they have been railing against what they call "regulatory imperialism" and "international nannyism."

Before anyone welcomes these unlikely candidates into the anti-imperialist camp, however, it's wise to take a close look at just what they're talking about.

By "regulatory imperialism," the chemical execs mean the efforts of environmentalists in the U.S. to apply regulatory laws won in the U.S. to exports intended for other countries.

In some cases, of course, it might be inappropriate to apply U.S. regulatory laws to other countries. For example, it would be wrong to take rules regulating the killing of whales and apply them to the indigenous northern peoples. But that's not what the big shots at Dow, Monsanto and Du Pont have in mind.

No, what they want are no rules to interfere with their ability to rake in profits from products which poison millions of human beings.

### Millions poisoned each year

A Jan. 5 Washington Post article basing itself on UN figures states that "Between 1.5 million and 2 million persons in developing countries are poisoned every year from exposure to pesticides, and pesticide-related deaths are estimated at 10,000 annually." And that's not counting the 2,500 from Union Carbide's criminal tragedy in Bhopal, India.

According to Robert Wasserstrom, a senior associate of the World Resources Institute, the accumulation of these

insecticides, herbicides, what he calls "biocides," in the environment represents "the single most important long-term threat in the developing world."

It also represents a \$12.8 billion market in annual sales for the major chemical corporations in Japan, Western Europe and the U.S.

One suspects that this \$12.8 billion, and not a "concern for the sovereignty of developing nations," is the real motivation behind the chemical companies' howls against "regulatory imperialism." In fact, they already complain that the West European companies have too large a share of the market, and that any prohibition of selling poisons abroad will hurt U.S. companies further.

### Reaganites back corporate murder

The Reagan administration fully agrees with the poisoners. In fact, it took only three weeks for the administration to overturn a last-minute Carter executive order restricting some of these exports. And in mid-December 1984, the U.S. was the only UN member to vote against even the publication of a directory listing dangerous products that have been banned or restricted in 60 countries. The vote was 147-1.

With this vote, the administration gave notice it not only approved the sale of dangerous substances for profit around the world, it was even unwilling to let other countries know how dangerous the materials were.

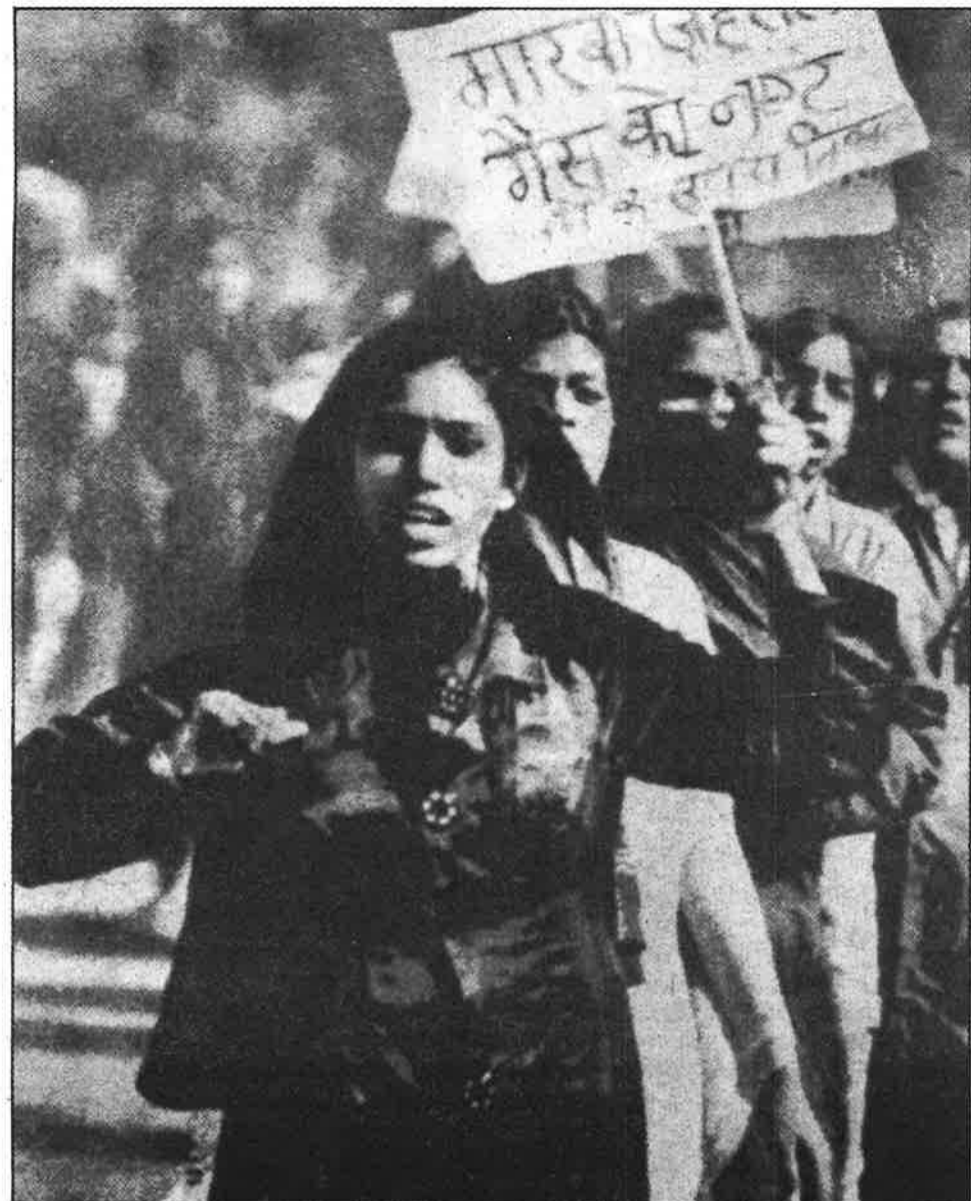
### Drug companies on offensive

Since the pharmaceutical companies still have some of their exports regulated, they've put high on their legislative agenda a drive to pass a bill in Congress which allows U.S. firms to export drugs that have not been approved for sale in the U.S. The drug dealers, wishing to display their concern for American workers, call their legislative proposal a "jobs bill." They claim it would stop the flow of manufacturing plants to Europe.

Just a few years ago, in 1982, Merck & Co. Inc. began selling a new arthritic drug in Western Europe called osmosin. It was manufactured by Merck in Britain and had not yet been approved for sale in the U.S. Osmosin was later associated with 38 deaths and more than 400 other adverse reactions, and Merck had to pull it off the market.

What the pharmaceuticals want is the freedom to repeat the osmosin experience on a grander scale.

When U.S. executives can rely on the normal, day-to-day superexploitation, monopolistic control and backstabbing to earn their pay, they unwillingly admit that greed, a capitalist virtue, is their driving force. So when they start talking about combatting "regulatory imperialism" or fighting for a "jobs bill," it's a sign they've stepped over the line to open criminal activity.



Survivors of the Bhopal atrocity demonstrate in New Delhi in front of the U.S. Embassy.

## Reunification theme of Korean leader's talk

By Bill Doares

THE DEMOCRATIC Peoples Republic of Korea (DPRK), which the U.S. government calls north Korea, is a small country living in constant danger of a military invasion. It is threatened by more than 40,000 U.S. troops, as well as two tactical air wings and over 1,000 U.S. nuclear weapons stationed in the southern half of Korea. The U.S. navy has just carried out massive naval maneuvers involving three aircraft carriers off its coast. Its airspace is constantly violated by U.S. SR-71 spyplanes. U.S. generals frequently refer to it as a "likely theater of a new war."

In light of all this, it would seem that a major address by Kim Il Sung, president of the DPRK and general secretary of the Workers Party of Korea, a man who organized the Korean peoples' guerrilla struggle against Japanese occupation before and during World War II and who led the Korean people to a victory over the U.S. war machine in the Korean war, would be worthy of attention in the U.S. press. However, like the daily street demonstrations of workers and students in U.S.-occupied south Korea, the New Year's address given last week by President Kim Il Sung has received little if any attention in the capitalist media.

### Struggle for reunification

In his speech, President Kim dealt primarily with the struggle of the Korean people to reunify their country, divided by the U.S. military occupation of the south, and with the struggle to build a socialist society in the liberated northern half of Korea. He also stressed the importance of unity and

solidarity among the countries of the socialist camp.

He recounted the efforts undertaken by the DPRK to defuse the war danger on the Korean peninsula. The most important of these is the proposal advanced in early 1984 for tripartite talks between the DPRK, the United States, and the U.S.-supported military dictatorship in south Korea to negotiate a peace treaty to replace the often-violated ceasefire that has been in effect since the end of the Korean war in 1953.

"Because of its justness," said President Kim, "our proposal for tripartite talks enjoys full support from all the people in north and south Korea, from our compatriots overseas, and has evoked a great response from among the people of the world."

This proposal, which is important not only to the Korean people but to the tens of thousands of U.S. GIs who could die in a new Korean war, has been completely ignored by the Reagan administration.

President Kim pointed to the massive material aid supplied by the DPRK to flood-ravaged south Korea last summer as an example of the compassion felt by the people of the DPRK for their sisters and brothers living under U.S. occupation.

"Ending national division and reunifying the country is the most urgent task facing our people today," he said.

### Hailed south Korean struggle

While calling for peace negotiations between north and south Korea, President Kim hailed the increasingly militant struggle of the south Korean

people, spearheaded by the youth and students, against the Chon Do Hwan dictatorship. "I should like to extend firm solidarity and support and encouragement to the just struggle of the patriotic youth and students and the rest of the people of south Korea," he said.

Praising the dedication and sacrifice of the Korean working class, which has transformed the DPRK from an impoverished, war-ravaged country into a modern, industrialized state, President Kim took particular note of the gains made by the agricultural sector, which produced a 10-million ton grain crop in 1984. "This brilliant success . . . clearly demonstrates the correctness of our Party's agricultural policy and the invincible vitality of our socialist agricultural system," he said. Having been transformed under socialism from a food-importing to a food-exporting country, the DPRK gives the lie to the capitalist claim that agriculture cannot prosper under workers' rule.

Pointing out that 1985 will be the fortieth year of peoples' power in the northern half of Korea, as well as of the existence of the Workers Party, President Kim stressed that the key to further economic success is the strengthening of socialism and the revolutionizing of society under the leadership of the the working class. "Greeting the fortieth anniversary of national liberation this year, we must further increase the might of our socialist system which has been set up and developed by hard-fought struggle and must display its superiority to the full," he declared.



# What's behind the Israeli airlift?

By Monica Moorehead

JANUARY 8—A Dec. 11 New York Times front page article reported on the covert airlift of several thousand Ethiopian Jews to Israel supposedly because of the devastating famine that has plagued the African socialist country for more than a decade. The Ethiopian government denounced this secret removal of their citizens to another continent as little more than kidnapping and abduction.

The Times article was one of the first to cover the airlift and its main staging operation out of the Sudan where thousands of Ethiopians have been driven by hunger into this neighboring and equally starvation plagued country. The airlift, apparently kept secret for several months by the Israeli government and some Jewish organizations, has been "temporarily" halted due to the Ethiopian government's protests, according to the New York Times. Another reason cited was that the Sudanese government "disavowed" itself from the operations since the Sudan has no diplomatic relations with Israel.

The Reagan administration claimed that the U.S. government was not directly involved with the airlift except for strictly "humanitarian" aspects of the airlift with those countries involved and a contribution of \$15 million in this fiscal year to Israel to "help in absorbing the Ethiopian Jewish immigrants." It should be remembered that both the Israeli and Sudanese governments are puppets of U.S. imperialism and that Israel, the largest recipient of U.S. aid in the world, has requested another \$4.1 billion in U.S. economic and military aid this year alone.

The whole airlift development raises many questions like why all of a sudden is there interest on the part of Israel and its U.S. backers in the plight of the Ethiopian Jews? If it was just to save lives, Israel, a well developed country, could have rushed in the necessary food.

## Reagan's 'concern' a cover for imperialist designs

When asked about the Ethiopian Jews, a Reagan administration official stated that the U.S. government is simply concerned about "famine in the region." Now is this "concern" based on strictly genuine humanitarian feelings by the White House? Or is this merely a cover for pro-imperialist interests in an ongoing attempt to further discredit, isolate and destroy the revolutionary Ethiopian government?

First of all, Ethiopian Jews have existed in Ethiopia for many centuries. Just like other peasants bound to the land by feudalism, Ethiopian Jews were oppressed by feudal landlords for thousands of years and united with other peasants in revolts against those landlords.

During the decades-long reign of the repressive, U.S.-backed Haile Selassie regime, the Ethiopian Jews were oppressed along with millions of other peasants.

Now what was the response of the Israeli garrison state to the Ethiopian Jews under Selassie? Since their bloody occupation of Palestine which established Israel in 1948, the Israeli government has always welcomed with opened arms Jewish people from the western countries. Many Jews were forced to flee to Israel since the U.S. closed its doors to them after the Nazi Holocaust. However, the Israeli government has not taken the same interest in Jews from the countries oppressed and exploited by imperialism on the continents of Africa and Asia.

## Black Jewish people report racism

In fact, they have not taken the same interest in Black Jewish people in the

U.S. Many Black Jews who have visited Israel have returned to the U.S. with horrifying stories of racist incidents against themselves and Arab people. This attitude reflects the racist, Zionist state of Israel's policy towards oppressed peoples—especially the Palestinians and Arab people in general.

It has only been since the overthrow of the Selassie regime in 1974 and the installment of an anti-imperialist, pro-socialist government under the leadership of Lt. Col. Mengistu Haile Mariam that western imperialism, especially the U.S., has decided to explore every nook and cranny of support against the revolutionary Ethiopian regime. This is why they have decided to bring so much worldwide attention to the famine in Ethiopia at this time. This is why they have decided to highlight the victims of the famine, especially the Ethiopian Jews. Why else would the Israeli government suddenly decide to take a moderate interest in the Ethiopian Jews if it were not for their hostility towards the Ethiopian government and at the insistence of the U.S.?

Before they could take on this interest, the racist Zionist state embarked upon a three-year study of the origin of the Ethiopian Jews to determine if they were really Jewish because they are

Black. One can only come to the conclusion that the airlift maneuver in collusion with Sudan is nothing more than a lure or enticement of the victims of the famine by imperialism.

## Stepped-up attacks

The besieged Ethiopian government faces but yet another menacing obstacle besides the famine and that is the stepped-up attacks against its sovereignty by the U.S.-backed Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) and the Tigrean People's Liberation Front (TPLF) and other smaller anti-government organizations. Eritrea and Tigre are both provinces of Ethiopia that are very much affected by the famine.

The EPLF, founded in the early 1960s, was at one time a legitimate national liberation organization waging a struggle of independence against the oppressive Selassie monarchy. During that time, the U.S. was clearly on the side of Selassie in denying the Eritreans their fundamental democratic right to self-determination as an oppressed nationality in the overall struggle against imperialism. Since the overthrow of the monarchy, the EPLF has refused to recognize or negotiate with the socialist Mengistu government and has since then become a pawn of U.S. imperialism and

other reactionary African countries like Somalia and Sudan.

It has been reported that the EPLF and the TPLF have made it more difficult for relief agencies to deliver vital food to millions of starving and malnourished people. There have been reports of ambushes of vehicles transporting food in the regional capitals of Dessye and Alamata. Some relief sources have warned that barely 10% of the food required by the population in the so-called "rebel" zones is actually trickling through. Much of the government resources have been directed towards militarily safeguarding the many towns and cities that have come under attack by the counter-revolutionaries.

In the meantime, the Ethiopian government states that 496 ten-ton trucks, 834 22-ton trucks and 50 cross-country trucks are needed to transport emergency food from the port and airfields to the hilly and mountainous areas where the majority of the famine victims are.

The Ethiopian government has accused Western countries, especially the U.S., of responding too late to the famine and also of using food as a political club against the Ethiopian government and its population.

# South African freedom fighters liberate 6 jailed ANC members

By Carmen Roundtree

JANUARY 9—In the face of bitter reaction, with the racist regime in Pretoria emboldened by the reelection of Ronald Reagan, Umkhonto We Sizwe (Spear of the Nation), the fighting arm of the African National Congress (ANC), has made a series of armed attacks on police stations in Swaziland to free a number of their jailed comrades.

In one attack, the freedom fighters forced the guards to open the cells of the main police station in the city of Mbabane and freed six members of the ANC that were held there.

Inherent in a system that thrives off of racism and oppression such as the vile system of apartheid is resistance, and the oppressed people of South Africa have been fighting to free themselves from the chains that their white supremacist oppressors have placed them in for many decades.

For more than 50 years the ANC and the oppressed masses of South Africa fought a "peaceful" non-violent struggle against their racist rulers, only to be beaten, jailed, rounded up and thrown onto Bantustans, where conditions are just like concentration camps, with little or no housing and infertile land.

## Free Nelson Mandela!

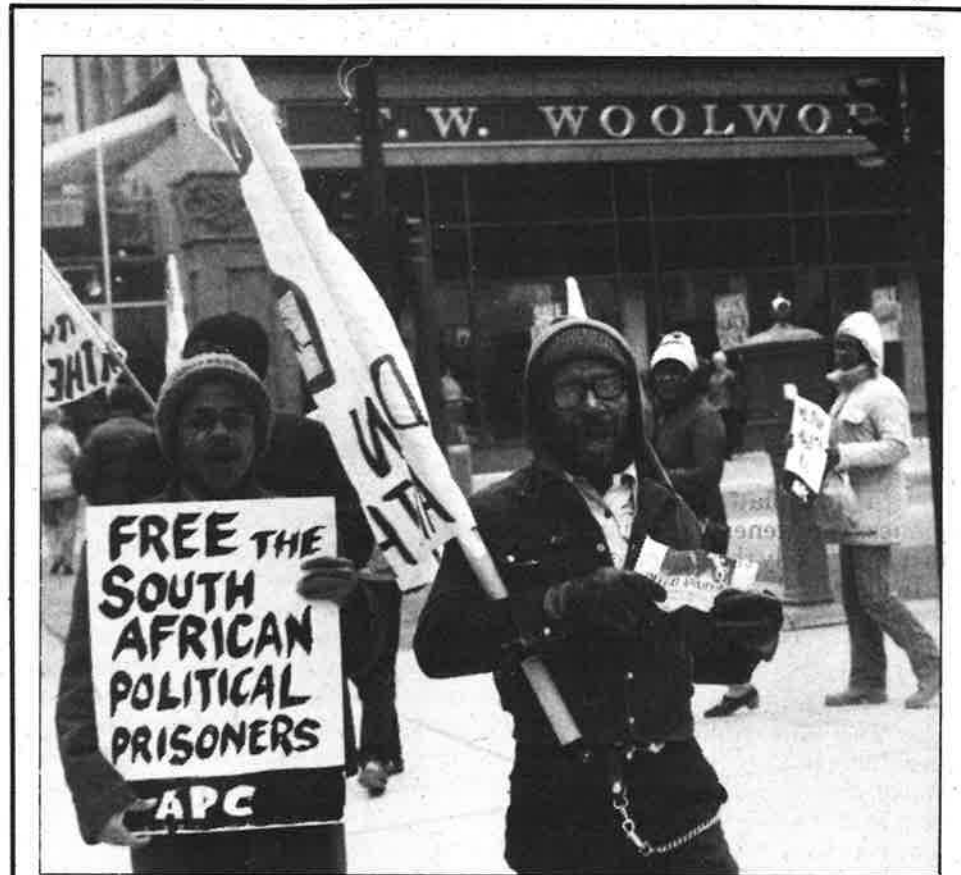
In 1961, Umkhonto We Sizwe was founded. Nelson Mandela, president of the ANC, was arrested shortly thereafter and tried for treason, found not guilty, released and re-arrested for conducting an armed struggle against the racist South African rulers. He was imprisoned for life and has now spent close to 23 years in racist South African prisons.

The recent uprising in South Africa, just like Sharpville and Soweto, has certainly shaken the crumbling foundation that the racist regime in Pretoria rest their feet on. Even with the use of the South African army to reinforce the racist police, widespread killing, mass arrests, raids and virtual

martial law of Black townships have failed to crush the determination of the Black and oppressed masses of South Africa to free themselves.

The twine that holds together the

power for the racist South African rulers is fraying. It is only a matter of time before the burden is too heavy to bear and that last strand of rope gives way.



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**Milwaukee anti-apartheid protest.** In the first protest in Milwaukee in sympathy with the nationwide Free South Africa Movement, 60 demonstrators on Dec. 29 picketed at the Reuss Federal Plaza to condemn Pretoria's apartheid policy and the Reagan administration's friendly policy toward the racist regime. The action was called by the All-Peoples Congress (APC), the National Black Independent Political Party (NBIPP) and the United Black Council.

Akili Jabari of the NBIPP said the protesters were calling for an end to Reagan's so-called constructive engagement policy, economic sanctions against South Africa, initiation of talks with oppressed Black people in South Africa and the freeing of South African prisoners who are members of the African National Congress.

Al Stergar of the APC said his group hoped to meet with other Milwaukee organizations in January to plan follow-up actions against apartheid.



# Puerto Rico's governor no 'lesser evil'

By Rafael Ramos

NEW YORK, Jan. 4—The "lesser of two evils" theory was also employed in Puerto Rican elections this past November—the "evil" being Carlos Romero Barcelo (pro-statehood) and the "lesser" ex-commonwealth governor Rafael Hernandez Colon. Barcelo lost the election to Colon by a close margin, making Colon the governor of Puerto Rico.

Rafael Hernandez Colon was sworn in as governor on Jan. 2, 1985. Colon represents the Popular Democratic Party, a carbon copy of the Democratic party in the United States. The Popular Democratic Party was founded by Munoz Marin, who ran under the slogan, Pan, Tierra y Libertad (bread, land and freedom), while Don Pedro Albizu Campos and the Nationalist Party were leading an armed struggle in Puerto Rico. Don Pedro was arrested and given a long jail sentence in the U.S.

Munoz took advantage of the imprisonment of Don Pedro to run for governor of Puerto Rico. Munoz established powerful links with the United States. He became their puppet.

Now, ever since Munoz, in fact since the first Puerto Rican governor was elected on the island, their job has been to support the "masters" from the North. It's instructive to see what Rafael Hernandez Colon, the "lesser evil" said when he was sworn in.

Colon pledged to restore the tax exemptions that were offered to the United States corporations in the 1950s in the program known as "Operation Bootstrap."

As in the 50s, this bonanza for the rich U.S. corporations means unemployment for the Puerto Rican people. These corporations come to Puerto Rico, pay the workers a very low wage and are granted tax exemptions for 10 years. They don't have to pay any taxes at all! This is what Rafael Hernandez Colon did. As if the U.S. corporations haven't robbed the Puerto Rican nation of resources, destroyed plenty of our beautiful land and water with toxic waste from their plants.

Furthermore, Colon voiced support for President Ronald Reagan's policy in Central America, a pro-war policy, in which the island of Puerto Rico is being used as a launching pad for U.S. imperialism.

## Colon's past: strikebreaker

This lesser evil candidate has quite



San Juan crowd in recent protest against the Pentagon using their nation as a launching pad for aggression against the people of Central America.

a history. He was governor in 1972 when the economic situation in Puerto Rico was worsening. The Colon administration cut government spending by \$94 million dollars, fired 1,600 government employees, passed a retroactive income tax surcharge and placed a 5% excise tax on all imports except food.

These policies led to militant strikes by workers of different sectors of the Puerto Rican working class. In January 1972, Puerto Rico Telephone Company workers led a 3-month strike; this was followed by a 9-month strike by workers of El Mundo newspaper. Strikes by the sanitation, electrical and water workers and fire fighters left 45 of Puerto Rico's 78 towns without electricity or water. One hundred

and eighteen factories were forced to shut down for lack of electricity.

Colon's response then to the strikes was to call in the National Guard, 3,000 of them against the people. (The last time this occurred was during the uprising of October 1950.) What would he do today in a similar situation?

Colon talks of investigations of corrupt officials. Well, Hernandez Colon should start by cleaning up his own back yard. Start with the administration, the police, the National Guard, and everything else that represents U.S. imperialism. Help the thousands of sterilized Puerto Rican women and the deformed children who are the victims of the "tax free" corporations he welcomes to our country.

No, Hernandez Colon, you do not speak for the Puerto Rican people when you say that the best solution for Puerto Rico is to remain a commonwealth or what is now termed a "free associated state." No, Colon, let us make it clear: We as Puerto Rican people are not free; we are not allowed to associate with other countries and we are not a state!

No matter what words you use, it is the same crime . . . exploitation of the Puerto Rican people. The same crime allowed by Carlos Romero Barcelo. Within the Puerto Rican people themselves lies the true reality which grows daily—the fight for a non-exploitative Puerto Rico, a society free from colonialism and imperialism.

## LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN BRIEFS

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.** As the country awaits with trepidation the signing by the Dominican government of the new IMF agreement, which would mean even greater austerity measures for the people, food shortages have begun to spread in Santo Domingo, the capital city. For the last week or so Dominican dailies have reported that items such as rice, cooking oil and sugar have virtually disappeared from the store shelves in poor and working class neighborhoods around Santo Domingo. In its Jan. 6 edition, El Nacional reports that in the neighborhoods of Guachupita, Capotillo and Maria Auxiliadora, the police have arrested dozens of youth. The "preventive mass arrests" were carried out after rumors spread regarding an impending protest against the high cost of living and the signing of the stand-by agreement with the IMF.

**ARGENTINA.** While 320 creditor banks happily received the news that the IMF granted a \$270 million credit

to Argentina, inside the country the situation for thousands of workers continues to worsen. At the Correo Central postal workers have refused to distribute millions of pieces of mail in order to pressure the government to pay their December salaries. Similar partial strikes have occurred in other sectors where state employees, including the railroad workers, are still waiting for their December pay checks.

The announced IMF \$270 million credit, which places "limits on government spending and imports," (Wall Street Journal, Jan. 4) is another of a long series of propping up measures aimed at providing assistance to the U.S. bankers, the major creditors of the Argentinian \$45 billion debt.

**JAMAICA.** The declarations of Jamaica Security Minister Winston Spaulding who alleged that criminal activities in the island were linked to an "ideological" Cuban-trained network, were roundly denounced by opposition figures. Dr. Trevor Munroe, general sec-

retary of the Workers Party of Jamaica (WJP), said, according to Carib News (Jan. 8), a New York English weekly, that Spaulding's charges were a "cover" to introduce repressive measures. Dr. Munroe further added that Spaulding's accusations were aimed at inciting the police against "the growing number of Jamaicans who are standing up against . . . the IMF policies of the Seaga government."

**PERU.** More than 3,000 people were arrested in Lima, the Peruvian capital, in a police operation called "Christmas 84." The massive police roundups were carried out, according to reports, on the pretext they were necessary to forestall a repetition of the Dec. 31, 1983, events when the Shining Path guerrilla movement totally blacked out Lima and nearby cities.

**CHILE.** Despite rosy predictions of economic stability made by Gen. Pinochet in his New Year's address to the nation,

the country's economic outlook couldn't look worse in 1985. Economic analysts are predicting inflation levels comparable, if not higher, than those of 1984 and unemployment, currently at 24%, is also expected to rise. In the meantime, despite the state of siege and the growing repression with 15,000 arrested in two months, popular opposition to the right-wing regime continues unabated.

**PUERTO RICO.** After Union Carbide announced the closing of a petrochemical plant located in the southern part of the island, the newly inaugurated government of Rafael Hernandez Colon engaged in talks with Venezuelan industrialists interested in reopening the facilities. Already Puerto Rico is exhibiting one of the highest indices of industrial pollution in the Caribbean region as a result of dozens of U.S. imperialist corporations having established lucrative plants in the island.

—Estela Vilchez



# 1974: turning point in Nicaragua Revolution

## 10th anniversary of spectacular action by Sandinistas

By Carl Glenn

JANUARY 5—Ten years ago, Dec. 27, 1974, the Nicaraguan people took a giant step towards their liberation. Thirteen young workers—among them a nurse, a sugarcane cutter, and a waiter—seized a mansion in Managua where some of the richest and most corrupt members of Nicaragua's ruling elite were gathered. They announced themselves with bursts from their automatic weapons:

"This is a political operation . . . Hands on your heads and up against the wall! We are from the Sandinista National Liberation Front! Viva Sandino!"

Although the home, located in an exclusive residential neighborhood, was quickly surrounded by tanks and heavily armed troops, after three days of negotiations the FSLN command had won virtually all of their demands.

Among these were the release of a dozen political prisoners, a raise in the minimum wage, safe passage out of the country, broadcast of messages from the Front to the people of Nicaragua and a large sum of money to help defray the expense of mounting a civil war against the tyrannical U.S.-supported Somoza dictatorship.

The celebration of this victory has much meaning for the people of Nicaragua as it should for the people of this country as well. In one of the messages broadcast throughout the country during the siege, the FSLN described the situation in this way:

"The struggle initiated by the FSLN is in response to an historical necessity. Nicaragua is a country made dependent on North American imperialism which directs and benefits from the plundering and exploitation to which our nation has been subjected. The instrument of this imperialist domination is the Somoza government which has unleashed a campaign of violence and terror. This takes the form of mass murder, rape, concentration camps and savage torture.

"This government has also let loose a wild stampede of thievery, facilitating the amassing of vast fortunes by the oligarchy, which daily grows more brazen, cruel and amoral . . . Those who labor in the city and the country suffer most from this legalized piracy, from the repression, poverty and

hunger and are most likely to die at an early age."

The effects of this audacious and heroic action were immediate and electrifying. As the bus carrying the revolutionaries and their hostages drove to the airport crowds waiting for them to pass waved excitedly and saluted with the "V"-for-victory as they caught a glimpse of the women and men who just five years later would assume the leadership of the nation. The hostages, who included cabinet ministers, relatives of Somoza and the ambassador from the fascist Chilean junta, praised

their captors for their humane treatment.

Among the prisoners whose release had been demanded was Daniel Ortega, the victor in the recent presidential elections in Nicaragua. But the truly authoritative mandate and by far the more democratic process was the revolutionary outpouring of the masses that ultimately swept the Sandinistas to power.

The great significance that this anniversary should have for the people of this country, is that five years after the

fall of the hated Somoza dynasty, the Nicaraguan people are still forced to defend themselves against the mercenary remnants of the Somoza National Guard. Thousands have been killed, raped and tortured. Now, however, these criminal bands are in the direct employ of the U.S. government and the CIA.

Perhaps the most important lesson being memorialized on this occasion is that ordinary people with the desire to free themselves from oppression can overcome and conquer against seemingly overwhelming odds.



Sandinista militia woman stands guard protecting student volunteers picking coffee in the northern mountains.

## Nicaragua winning coffee-field war with contra thugs

By Andy Stapp

JANUARY 5—It has small white flowers and berries of a deep red color, but coffee is pure gold for the rich Latin American oligarchs who own the plantations and the wealthy U.S. families—the Maynards, Posts, Gaffs and Woodruffs—who have marketed it all

over this country.

In Brazil and Colombia, in Guatemala and El Salvador literally billions of bags of coffee have been picked over the past century by agricultural toilers who lived a brutal and deprived existence, often little better than slavery.

But now, in Nicaragua, they do not pick "the brown gold" for others, but for themselves, not to enrich speculators in New York or relatives of Somoza, but for the benefit of the whole nation.

To the imperialists this is a crime against the natural order of things, against their familiar world where many sweat for the privileged few. And in their rage they have turned Nicaragua's coffee harvest into a battleground where the peasants must everywhere go armed against the fascist contra thugs sent in by the CIA to destroy their crop.

### Contras killing coffee harvesters

These contras are killing an average of five or six coffee harvesters every day since the picking began in November. Saturday's New York Times tells about how "groups of civilians who were burned, dismembered, blinded or beheaded, came to the attention of Congress recently as a result of investigations into a CIA manual on guerrilla warfare. Present and former rebel (contra) leaders said in interviews last month that some of their guerrillas had been guilty of atrocities."

Reporting that the Somocista contras "have made the coffee harvest one of their top targets," the Washington Post of Jan. 2 reports that these thugs killed a five-month-old infant at a state-owned coffee farm in the village of

La Sorpresa in northern Jinotega province, adding that "they have a policy of killing government officials or sympathizers regardless of whether or not they are armed." But a five-month-old?

### Among worst human rights violators

Three days earlier the British news agency Reuters printed excerpts of a report from the New York-Washington based Council of Hemispheric Affairs characterizing the contras as "one of the worst human rights violators," having killed "over 880 non-combatants after capture." The report adds that "almost 5,000 Nicaraguans have died as a result of contra activities." Peasants, teachers and doctors have all been executed in cold blood, often after unspeakable tortures.

But "the beasts," as the contras are called in Nicaragua, do not have the upper hand. Recently their main force at La Trinidad was smashed by Sandinista fighters, and over the past year rightist forces have lost as many as 6,000 troops through combat casualties and desertion. The Somocistas thought that with all their U.S. backing they could just walk in and take over, and their commanders predicted back in 1983 that they would be in Managua on Christmas day. Over a year has passed since this arrogant boast, and it is now clear that the fascists badly underestimated the determination of the Nicaraguan people to defend their revolution. The masses are winning the battle of the coffee harvest, which will be completed by March, and they have done it by calling up almost half the draft-age workers in the country to protect the farmers and their fields.



"Down with Pinochet!" Chilean people continue to take to the streets despite police shootings and mass arrests.



# EDITORIAL

## Support the protest at the Inaugural

THE REAGAN administration has often distinguished itself by its lightminded rubbing of salt into the wound it inflicts on the people. Thus it is no surprise that the organizers of the second inauguration of the president should be gross enough to advertise their open union-busting spirit and racist insensitivity with their appeal for 200 non-union "all-American types" to donate their services to the gala.

The narrow-minded big money crowd that typified the Dallas convention and will be attending the ceremonies on Inauguration Day are biased toward the bright, white faces that light up Wheaties boxes and Marlboro ads. The inauguration will not only celebrate the Reagan racist, anti-worker reaction, it will revel in it.

All the more is it important that the All-Peoples Congress and the People's Anti-War Mobilization have called a protest demonstration for Inauguration Day in Washington, D.C.

The administration would like to present an image of the U.S., to the world and to the people at home, of

an entire nation marching voluntarily behind the banners of untrammelled business interests, unlimited military spending and uncaring greed.

But for the millions who oppose this administration and its reactionary policies, the protest demonstration offers a focus. It is a center for their anger, a forum for their dissent. For those who want to say no to the CIA's war on Nicaragua, those who condemn the Falwell anti-woman and anti-gay offensive, those who want to stop Pentagon spending and restore social service cuts, those who want to stop union-busting, the demonstration provides an opportunity to raise a voice.

At a time when the Reaganites feel they are riding highest, participation in the protest keeps the flag of the opposition flying. To millions in this country and abroad who know the Reagan policy for what it is and hate it, this protest is a message of hope, a sign of dissent today and a promise of struggles tomorrow. For those who want this hope spread furthest, the place to be Jan. 21 is at the inaugural protest in Washington, D.C.

## Auschwitz: capitalist crime

FORTY YEARS AGO this winter Soviet troops were fighting the Nazi armies in Poland. On Jan. 20 they liberated Auschwitz. Four million people had died here, more than half of them Jewish. In its racist frenzy, Nazi Germany had created the greatest killing ground on earth. In addition to Jewish people, homosexuals, Gypsies, Soviet and other prisoners of war had been brought here to be worked to death as slaves or slaughtered in gas chambers.

One firm, I.G. Farben industry, had constructed plants at Auschwitz that consumed more electricity than the entire city of Berlin. Few of the 300,000 prisoners forced to labor in these factories survived to welcome the Soviet soldiers.

Companies like I.G. Farben had financed Hitler's rise to power because reactionary German business interests wanted a club to smash down the leftist movement among German workers. Little is said today in the Western press about how the big industrialists and bankers, among them a number of U.S. magnates including Henry Ford, backed Hitler.

But neither the passage of time nor the rabid anti-Sovietism of the imperialist powers today, can hide the crime that capitalism committed at Auschwitz, nor can anything ever erase the courage of the Red Army troops who brought this monstrous exploitation and murder to an end.



## 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.

People are exposed to the media today more than ever, but are believing it less. An Ohio University journalism professor, Ralph IZARD, after conducting a series of surveys on media ethics, concludes that the "decline of public respect for the media runs hand-in-hand with decline in respect for all major institutions—government, schools, big business and churches."

That's a relief. The following items may also shed light on why a healthy scepticism is growing.

The World Media Conference, an offshoot of Rev. Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church, held a bash in Tokyo in November to which it invited a gaggle of U.S. journalists, all expenses paid. Among Moon's "guests" for the 5-day Tokyo meeting plus a six-day junket to south Korea (complete with a trip to the demilitarized zone) were the publisher of the Los Angeles Herald Examiner Francis L. Dale, and Everett E. Bey, president of the California Newspaper Publishers Association. California, of course, has the largest Asian population of any U.S. state and influencing the press there would be high on the Rev. Moon's agenda.

Another delegate to the conference was Pedro Chamorro, editor of the right-wing Nicaraguan paper La Prensa. Chamorro, a champion of the CIA-directed "contras" who have been killing Nicaraguan teachers and peasants, should feel quite at home with the Moon group, which has long been linked to the Korean CIA. Chamorro says he left Nicaragua because it lacked press freedom.



A major speaker at this conclave was former Interior Secretary James ("trees cause pollution") Watt.

And what do the "top" journalists really think about the "Free Press"? A revealing forum of news reporters, First Amendment lawyers and a vice president from the Mobil Oil Corporation, organized by Harpers and published in the current issue of that magazine, virtually gives the game away. Discussing the subject, "Can the press tell the truth?" Mobil executive Herbert Schertz concedes that "Our press is obviously controlled by the people who own it," which he candidly calls the "people with enough money to control the press."

Former New York Times reporter Sidney Zion states that "The basic problem is that the American press, and especially the so-called establishment press, takes the implicit position that the government is generally right in what it does and says. It thinks we should remember that the establishment press forms an important part of what we might call this country's 'League of Gentlemen.' Even when the press attacks a particular administration, its owners and managers still belong to that League of Gentlemen, and still consider it basically right."

Tom Wicker, an associate editor at the New York Times and syndicated columnist quickly agreed, "Yes, that League of Gentlemen exists. The people who run the press—particularly the metropolitan, largely capitalized institutions of the press—are part of it, along with the people who run the government and major industries and the big foundations. Members of the league do share a sense of community, a broad common perception of the general interest. Which is why I've always considered it ludicrous to speak of how 'left wing' the press is in the United States. The major organs of the press are big business."

Naturally none of the participants in this forum went so far as to name any of the big capitalist press lords, such as the Luces and Hearsts and Newhouses. Or the rich right-wing Annenbergs who just played host to Reagan and all his top national security advisors last week at that lavish Palm Springs estate.

—Deirdre Griswold and Andy Stapp

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# After the Geneva conference

By Sam Marcy

JANUARY 8—On ABC Nightline (Jan. 7) former CIA Deputy Director Bobby Inman, who had been in charge of research and development under the Carter administration, was asked whether he saw any danger in Reagan's proposed Star Wars project. He replied, "No, but the research and development (R & D) is some seven or eight years away from deployment, which gives both the U.S. and the USSR time to negotiate."

Too little attention is paid in this country to the USSR's demand that the U.S. stop R & D on the Star Wars project.

The idea that deployment could be seven or eight years away or longer detracts from its urgency. It conveys the impression that research and development in and of itself isn't all that dangerous now and could even become helpful in civilian production or other fields later.

Therefore, we are told the anti-war movement shouldn't concentrate on this aspect at all and only minimally concern itself with the deployment of this deadly weapons system. This argument is as dangerous as it is false.

Research and development under the auspices of the Pentagon makes deployment inevitable. This has to be very well understood. The relationship of one to the other is extremely important.

## Research leads to deployment

No weapons system has ever been stopped once research and development has been started. Stopping research and development, however, would bring an end to a weapons system.

It is important to remember the rich experience in the building of the B-1 bomber. The research and development for it was at an advanced stage when the Carter administration took over. The Carter administration stopped production of the B-1 bomber, which was not scheduled to be fully operational for a couple of years anyway, but nevertheless continued research and development.

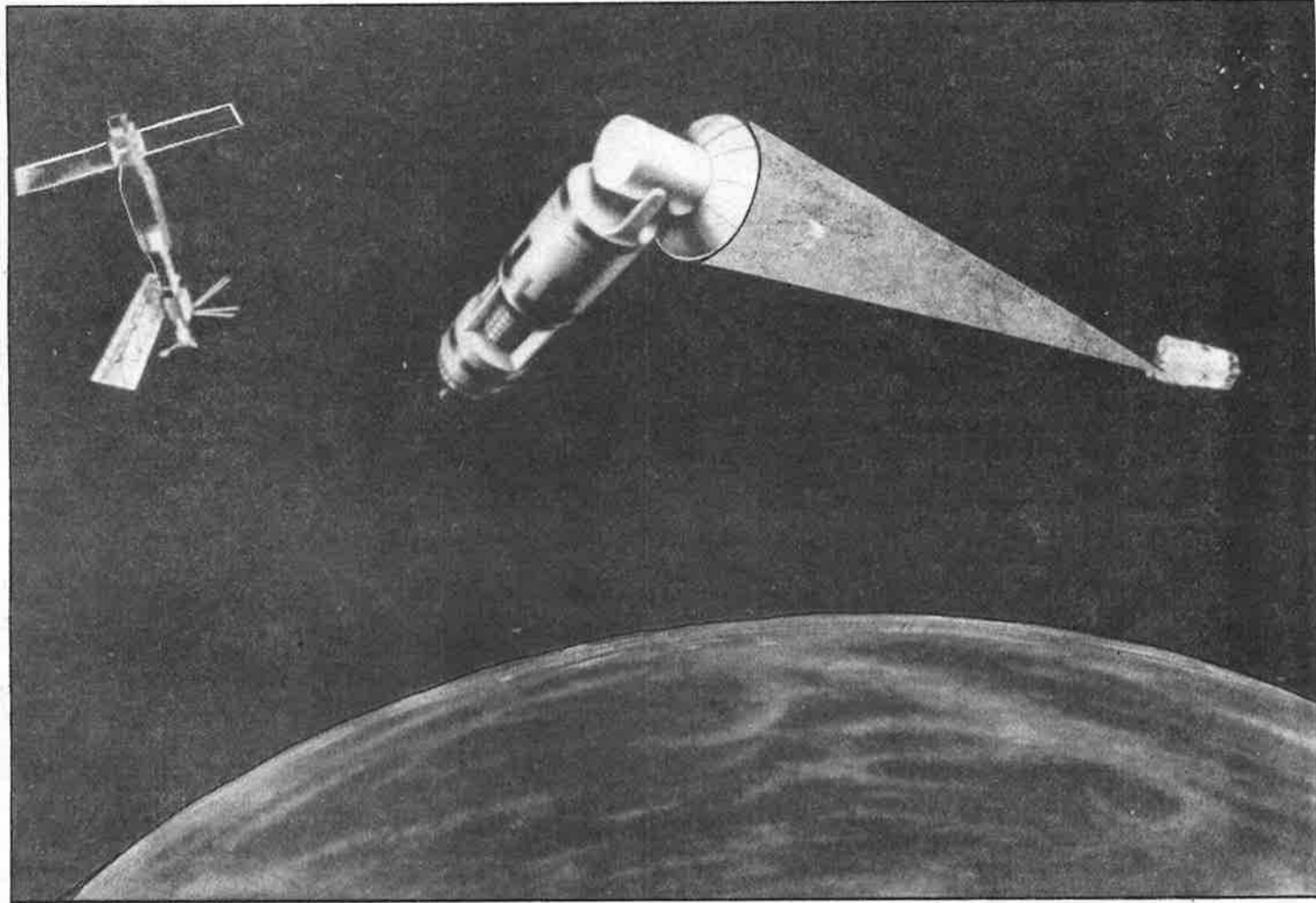
It was this rotten compromise with the military-industrial complex by the Carter administration which made production of the bomber inevitable and is why Congress later so speedily supported the Reagan administration in approving its production.

To understand what is at stake in the Star Wars project, one must first evaluate the meaning of its research and development. This is not a case where some lonely scientist works by himself or with a small group and tries to develop some new technology for the sake of science. R & D for the Defense Department is big, big business. It is in the most literal sense of the word the business of the huge multinational corporations which, once they have started a project and the government is obligated to pay for it (usually in advance), are not likely to be stopped in their tracks.

Having proceeded thus far, they plead how "just a little more research" will bring to fruition small models or prototypes. This is always a means of getting more funds. Then later on they can say that the funds spent are already so enormous and the labor put in so long, would it not be better to at least complete the small-scale model and see how operational it is?

Isn't that what happened with the B-1 bomber? One step led to the next.

Research and development on the B-1 bomber should never have been



The anti-war movement must wage a campaign against research and development of Star Wars weaponry if future deployment is to be stopped. Above, U.S. laser beam space weapon now under development for the Pentagon.

started. But once started, the weapon inevitably proceeds to ultimate deployment.

## R & D gives Pentagon control of universities, commercial labs

What is not widely understood is the scope of research and development of a weapons system. It not only costs billions upon billions of dollars, but also consumes a huge portion of the personnel in the scientific and technological communities along with many workers as well as administrative employees.

Hundreds of thousands are employed in it, depending upon the nature of the weapons system. The laboratories are the size of huge factories, although they may be subdivided and spread throughout the country's universities and commercial research facilities. Many of them are covered up by the CIA under a multitude of phony names which completely excludes public scrutiny.

The sheer size of the project is such as to make any Congressional group fearful of halting it lest they incur the wrath of the Pentagon. The latter is sure to threaten retaliatory strikes by removing contracts from the districts of fractious Congresspeople.

Stopping research and development rarely takes place once a system has been started. It should be remembered that R & D contracts are usually awarded to the most powerful and largest of the defense contractors and the richest of the universities. Large universities compete for defense contracts with no less avariciousness than the multinational corporations.

It is no wonder that Seymour Melman in his "Profits Without Production" states: "For 25 years the research and development budgets (of the United States government) have equaled or exceeded the research and development activities that are funded and controlled by all private managements. By far the largest part of the federally controlled funds are ex-

pendent in laboratories and development facilities operated by industrial firms, and by universities and other 'non-profit' institutions. But the Office of Management and Budget, the president's budget control arm, has final say as to the outlays and goals of the government's research and development programs."

Military spending on research and development is spread out by the Defense Department in such a way as to include other agencies so as to broaden its base of operations and give it one more reason for demanding increased funding. Thus as early as 1981 "of \$35.5 billion of federal R & D funding, 71% was absorbed by the Department of Defense, the space agency and the military-related R & D of the Department of Energy," Melman says.

We can see therefore that the Reagan-Weinberger administration has the option of allocating its research and development not only to the Department of Defense but also to the space agency (NASA) and the military-related Energy Department. The latter two agencies are far from being independent from the military, which is their public posture, but rather are only too eager to accommodate it.

## Reagan doing what Carter, Nixon did, but more so

Carter, Ford and Nixon as well as the prior administrations back to Eisenhower all unequivocally funneled a greater and greater concentration of the country's federal research into the military sector. Aside from any military considerations, research is very lucrative, just as is military production itself, since it's done primarily by the same prime defense contractors, such as General Electric, General Dynamics, Rockwell International and so on.

This is entirely in accord with prior administrations. However, the Reagan administration has gone much, much further. This is particularly true in connection with the 600-ship naval

buildup. President Reagan's science advisor actually declared that the "aim (of the Reagan administration) should be to focus its support only on those sciences that show a special promise of breakthrough or that are needed for industrial, military and other essential technologies."

It's to be noted that in the federal government there has always been an emphasis on supporting military research and development activities. "Even as early as 1973," Melman writes, "when there were 160,998 scientists and engineers in all federal departments, 86,942 or 54% worked in the Department of Defense, NASA and the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC)."

That was more than eleven years ago. Today, with Reagan's trillion-dollar defense budget, it's much, much greater.

Moreover, research and development for the planned Star Wars project may have already been started months ago. Much of this is secret, however. Such matters become public only after a considerable lapse of time and only because of acute conflicts and contradictions within the military-industrial complex and the Reagan administration.

The anti-war movement should not be distracted by bourgeois arguments—mostly apologies for the Defense Department—such as that the project is too costly or unworkable. It should be fought on the basis that it is imperialist militarism whose continued existence poses the greatest danger ever to humanity.

Over and over again it should be made clear that the politics and economics of the Star Wars project come from an intimate connection between the military-industrial complex, the big banks and the Pentagon. To put up an effective struggle, the real culprits have to be named, and they are the principal monopoly capitalists of this country.



# On The Picketline

**Phelps Dodge.** From Dec. 31 to Jan. 5, copper workers who have been on strike against the vicious union-busting Phelps Dodge massed outside the Phelps Dodge smelting plant in Clifton-Morenci, Ariz. After 18 months of seeing the National Guard and Arizona state police escort scabs past their picket lines, on these four days the tables were turned. Picket lines of over 400 strikers instead shouted and cheered as scabs were evacuated from the smelting plant that Phelps Dodge was finally forced to close.

On Jan. 5, some 250 state police were sent out to protect and escort the scabs through Clifton. For hours the cops guarded the scabs as the strikers amassed. Many of the scabs had been brought in from other towns and states, and were already reported to be leaving the area.

The striking unions feel it is possible that the entire operation will be closed in March. They credit this victory to the determination of the strikers and the community, and to the corporate campaign against Phelps Dodge, a successful campaign targeting the banks which have given Phelps Dodge huge loans to enable it to hold out through the strike.

On Jan. 14-19, all unions representing copper workers in Arizona will be meeting with the copper companies in Albuquerque. Phelps Dodge is being excluded from this meeting. The unions have vowed that if Phelps Dodge wants to reopen, they will have to negotiate a contract with the unions involved and rehire the strikers.



**Phelps Dodge strikers and their families jeer scabs entering smelting plant. Now scabs have been escorted out by cops, since plant is closed.**

conditions are "as bad as or worse than" before the 1981 PATCO strike, the bosses shouldn't be surprised at a growing development among air traffic controllers. Even though virtually all the current controllers either crossed their own picket lines during the 1981 strike or hired on as strike-breakers, they've learned the hard way that they need a union. Controllers are working with the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) in virtually every city with an airport, and AFGE has filed for a certification election in New England. AFGE organizers predict elections will follow nationally soon. Among the incentives to organize: excessive overtime and speedup, with 13,600 controllers dealing with 20% more air traffic than that faced by 16,400 before the strike. Controllers may also be preparing to defend themselves, as are other government workers already represented by AFGE, from the coming wave of Reaganite takebacks and cutbacks.

### People's Express workers out.

People's Express, hailed as the innovative leader of the "new" airline industry—along with union-busting Continental—is about to lay off 1,500 workers in Newark, N.J. The airline announced on Jan. 7 that it would move its flight booking operations to Florida. The 1,500 workers facing layoff themselves were hired when People's Express unilaterally fired over 650 mostly Black and Latin full-time workers in

early 1983 and replaced them with mostly white part-time student employees; People's even challenged the fired workers' right to unemployment benefits. Now the part-time workers

face People's axe, after working for up to two years for a company that regards decent wages and benefits as outmoded and inefficient.

—Shelley Ettinger

## —NY mayor

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a matter of "buying votes" for the upcoming mayoral election.

Koch is so used to speaking out of both sides of his mouth that he even went to the extreme of writing an article for the New York Times op-ed page defending himself as not being a racist. The very headline of Koch's article challenges, "What insensitivity to minority concerns?" Koch self-righteously points out how 20 years ago he went to Mississippi to join the civil rights movement. Yet today his record shows that any concern he may once have had for civil rights has utterly deteriorated. This is exemplified by his gross insensitivities toward oppressed people, while at the same time embracing racist reaction.

### Life under Koch

Koch began his career as mayor using "reality" as a code word for taking away the little which has been won in the struggle for basic civil rights. And since he has been mayor of this city of seven million, the reality for the people has been: utility shut-offs, people freezing to death, landlord arson, gentrification and displacement, for the sake of huge realtors, homelessness, hunger, etc. . . .

Koch, very much despised by the majority of oppressed, can not whine his way out of the reality that his "good intentions" have been on behalf of the big corporations and the reactionary ruling class.

Honoring Dr. King's birthday has become a symbol for the oppressed and exploited in this country perpetuating the progressive strides made by the civil rights movement. Dr. King, a renowned leader and orator against racism and injustices, led mass protests out of love for his people. He eloquently spoke and agitated about a dream of a better life for Black people, as well as all those terrorized by bigots, separated by forced segregation, enslaved by a system where poverty disallowed their future and where Jim Crow was prevalent.

The ruling class considered Dr. King a threat to their system so they murdered this great man but they can never take away the dream and lessons generated by his leadership. In 1967 prior to his murder he launched a poster campaign around the slogan "Black is Beautiful" uplifting all struggling against the brutal inequality of this racist and anti-worker system toward a better reality.

**Air controllers organize.** With the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) itself admitting recently that



**Four years after the PATCO strike, Reagan faces a new union drive against the worsened conditions.**

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# Bombing of abortion clinics: a terrorist conspiracy

By Veronica Golos

JANUARY 5—When is a conspiracy of terror not a conspiracy?

When: The Christian Action Council, which terms itself an "organized Christian effort to put an end to the horror of abortion," includes members of the Tallahassee, Fla., police department and a state attorney;

When: The Pro-Life Action League prints a book, "99 ways to close an abortion clinic" and whose members are invited to the White House;

When: Ultra right-wing fundamentalist Jerry Falwell calls for a "Day of Mourning" for fetuses in Washington, D.C.;

When: National Right to Life Committee pickets and harasses women outside of health clinics;

When: The escalation of abortion clinic bombings has reached 27 this past year alone; and

When: "Army of God" member Don Benny Anderson, in a "Christmas message from jail," invites anti-abortion activists to use the group's name in connection with their activities and agrees that bombers were encouraged by the absence of direct condemnation of their activities by President Reagan.

Only a president completely in accord with the aims and actions of these right-wing bombers could refuse to admit that indeed, this is a conspiracy of terror.

## Reagan's statement

True, after two and a half years of these bombings, President Reagan, in a press statement on Jan. 2 weakly and belatedly condemned "those individuals who perpetuate these and all such violent anarchist activities." (By calling the bombings "anarchist" he means to deny the elements of conspiracy and the right-wing nature of the attacks.)

But Reagan had to make some statement. Both in D.C. and across the country, women's groups and others had expressed outrage over Reagan's silence concerning the bombings. The latest bombing of a women's abortion clinic happened right under his nose on New Years Day. The Hillcrest Women's Surgi-Clinic was located in the heavily populated Black neighborhood in the southeast section of Washington, D.C. Angry residents noted that someone easily could have been killed.

And this New Years blast was the seventh such bombing or attempted bombing in the Washington area since last February. Bombings of women's clinics have taken place all over the country: From D.C. to Florida, Texas, California, Washington State, Oregon,

Georgia, Delaware and Virginia.

Not a conspiracy? Not ultra-rightist terrorism?

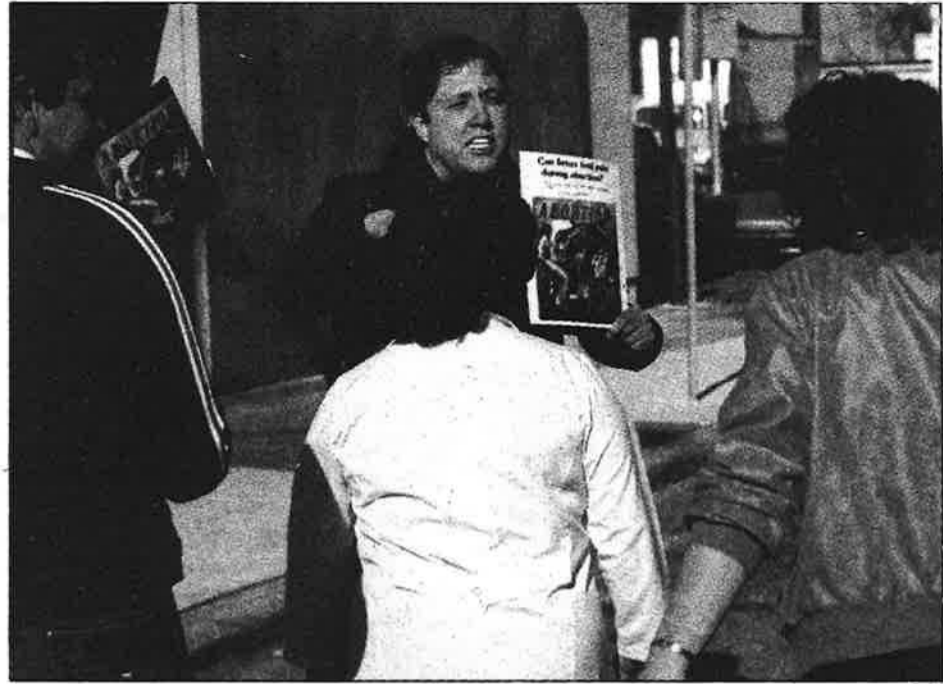
According to the government, the "FBI confines its investigations of bombings to select cases, those involving terrorist groups or explosions at a federal building." (Washington Post, Jan. 2) Reagan's refusal to call in the FBI is the result of his unwillingness to acknowledge these bombings as the act of terrorists.

The blame for this atmosphere of terror and violence rests squarely on the shoulders of President Reagan who has encouraged it. Even "Army of God" Don Benny Anderson, now serving a 42-year sentence for bombing a Fairfax County gynecological clinic and setting fire to two Florida abortion clinics, admitted in an article in the Washington Post that because of Reagan's reluctance to condemn the attacks "everybody who is conducting these attacks . . . feels that they have a green light from the President. That's the impression I got." (Washington Post, Jan. 2)

## Women's right: A choice

Women have the right to control whether or not to have babies. The right of abortion implies also the right to have children, as many as a woman wants, and the RIGHT to raise them in a healthy environment—which means adequate housing, day care, schools, health care, jobs. Thus the hypocrisy of Reagan's weak statement "condemning" the individuals conducting the bombings is glaring in the light of his vicious budget cuts, especially those affecting children. This is pointedly brought out in a statement issued by the All-Peoples Congress and the People's Anti-War Mobilization in calling for the counter-inaugural demonstration this coming Jan. 21 in Washington, D.C. The statement points out that "Reagan's past and newly proposed budget cuts of Medicaid, aid to dependent children, food stamps, and WIC nutritional programs, along with the Pentagon's huge arms budget, expose the hypocrisy of his 'pro-life' stance."

But Reagan should remember his own words endorsing anti-abortionist when: "The American people are slow to wrath, but when their wrath is once kindled it burns like a slow flame." This may be true, but not in the way Reagan means. The people are already wrathful against the policy of war, racism, bigotry, cutbacks, and we intend to show it on Jan. 21, at the demonstration against Reagan's inauguration!



Right-wing anti-abortion fanatics harass a nurse and patient outside clinic in Houston, Texas.

## Police brutality protested at Rochester City Council

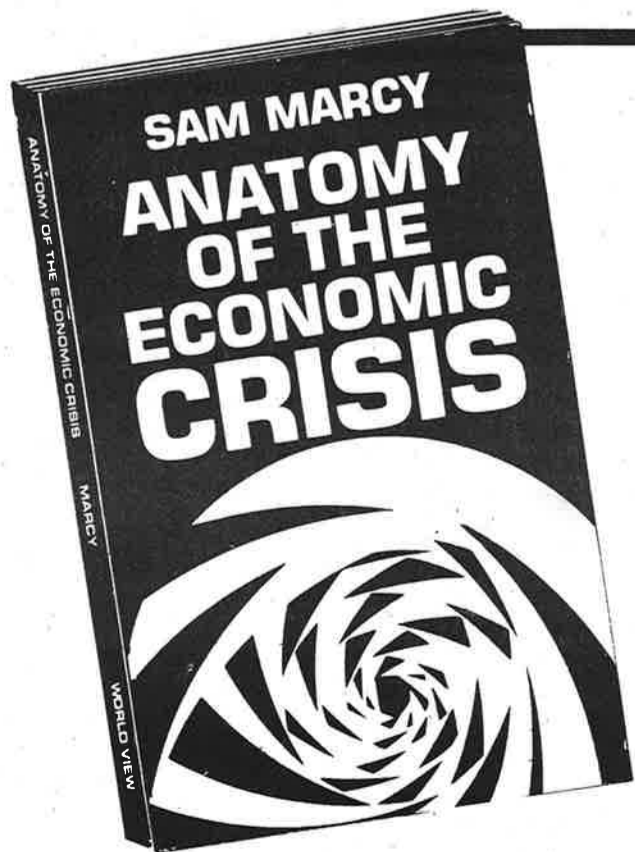
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ROCHESTER, N.Y., Jan. 7—Over 200 people jammed city council chambers on Dec. 18 to demand an end to police attacks against the Black and Latin communities. Led by the McCuller Committee, which was formed last year after the racist police murder of Alicia McCuller, the people forced the city council to suspend its agenda, routed five of the council people out of the room and conducted a community meeting that ended in a call for the city council to enter into good faith negotiations with the oppressed communities to find a way to stop the police violence that is directed against Black and Latin people here.

Later on, the council entered the chambers and after hearing speaker after speaker condemn the cops and call for real community control of the police force, the council arrogantly

voted for their own proposal which virtually everyone saw as being "window dressing" and not a solution. The city council was again forced out of the room amid shouts of "racists" and "traitors."

Residents of the Black community are upset and angry. They went to the city council to demand justice and were told in effect to get lost. But this is a life or death issue. The Rochester cops feel that they can abuse, beat and even kill oppressed people with impunity. The Black community in Rochester has a long and proud history of fighting against racism and injustice. Rochester native son Frederick Douglass once said that "Power concedes nothing without a demand" and "without struggle there can be no progress." The struggle for an end to the state of siege in the Black and Latin communities has only just begun.



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## —White House shakeup

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mean a stronger second term for Ronald Reagan, and pointed out how the new job for Donald Regan "can be one of the government's most powerful" and gives Regan a chance to appoint "new members to the Reagan team."

It's interesting to note that the change was arranged between Baker and Regan without President Reagan's knowledge. If news leaked out that major changes were going on in the Kremlin without Chernenko's knowledge, the U.S. press would go wild with speculation that the regime was in its final hours. But in Reagan's case, the news of his non-involvement in such a major shift is dismissed as a certain style he has as a "detached

manager" who prefers to delegate responsibility.

Why would a direct representative of top financial powers take additional power into his hands right now?

Rough times are ahead for Reagan's White House. The gimmicks and media hype of the election campaign won't be enough in the coming period to keep Reagan popular as he shoves harsh budget cuts, tax hikes and a war build-up down the throats of the people.

Wall Street wants to make sure that the Reaganites don't waver in the face of mass discontent as they try to close their \$200 billion budget deficit by taking it out of poor and working people's hides. That's why Donald Regan wants to try his hand as White House chief of staff.



## NYC subway killer called 'symbolic light of KKK'

By Robert Dobrow

NEW YORK, Jan. 7—A racist lynching, Northern-style.

That's what happened last Dec. 22, when Bernhard Goetz, a frenzied bigot, riding an IRT subway train, calmly pulled out a .38 revolver and emptied it into four Black teenagers he claims were harassing him by asking for \$5. One of the youth, Daryl Cabey, 19, is now paralyzed from the waist down.

For two weeks since, right-wing commentators and politicians and the local gutter press have turned Goetz into a "John Wayne hero," the "Death Wish vigilante" who "gave vent" to the "frustrations of New Yorkers," a "gentle man" who "just couldn't take it anymore," etc., etc.

Some of those who have rushed to Goetz' defense with promises of money for bail and legal fees are sheriff's deputies in Georgia, a neo-Nazi group in New Hampshire, the head of the Conservative Party and the chairman of the New York State Republican Party, George Clark.

Pat on back from Koch

Yesterday, Mayor Ed Koch, while claiming to oppose the Goetz shooting did it in such a way as to really pat Goetz on the back and encourage sim-

ilar acts. "People are frustrated, and so am I," declared Koch on the CBS show Newsmakers. "More people belong in jail," he said, not referring, however, to landlords who torch buildings, bankers who force company shut-downs and layoffs, or city officials who discriminate and inflame bigotry.

The fact that many of the "frustrations" people feel are the result of the pro-landlord, pro-banker and racist policies of his administration makes the Goetz case an ideal scenario for Koch and Co. to whip up racism and divert attention from the real causes of the economic problems in the city.

Koch is now using this case to push for more cops, jails and judges.

The headlines that glorify Goetz and the TV which flashes pictures of eight-year-old Aaron Horwitz donating his "piggy bank savings" of \$46.70 to bail out "his hero," ignore the actual facts in this case that point to a racist murder attempt pure and simple.

Goetz, a businessman who comes from a millionaire family, had been removed from the board of directors of his building's tenants' committee for making "bigoted remarks," according to his neighbors at 55 W. 14 St., in Manhattan. In 1982, Goetz was denied a pistol permit. In his application, he

made "thinly disguised racial comments," according to the Daily News (Jan. 3). Six years ago he "burned down the newspaper stand next to the subway" near his apartment because he thought it was an "eyesore."

Media's lies

Yet we are told the man was "gentle," "sweet," "quiet" and "scholarly." The popular impression of the Goetz case cultivated by the press is that he was innocently riding the subways when four youth attacked him and he shot back in self-defense.

Not one word of this is true.

When Goetz turned himself in in New Hampshire, he admitted in a statement to police that he had not felt any threat of "deadly force" from the four people he shot. Two of the four were shot in the back.

Goetz did not just suddenly react in self-defense as he was riding the subway. According to New Hampshire Assistant Attorney General Andrew Isaac, "There is evidence of premeditation."

Isaac said that Goetz admitted he never felt threatened or even afraid of the four teenagers. "I didn't see anything to indicate Goetz was in fear for his life at the time. There is no evidence

of self-defense," Isaac added.

The press at first claimed that the four youth were harassing Goetz with specially sharpened screwdrivers. It was later revealed that these were regular screwdrivers, which Goetz didn't even know they had because they were never taken out of their pockets.

Who had the real weapon?

Yet the media blows up these screwdrivers as a "deadly threat" and ignores Goetz' illegal .38 Smith and Wesson.

What if the situation were reversed? What if a Black man carrying an illegal weapon shot four unarmed white youth? Would the media declare him a hero?

Just to ask the question reveals the ugly racism of this incident.

Last week, the youth whose spinal cord was severed by Goetz' bullet, leaving him paralyzed for life, was visited by Rev. Al Sharpton of the Brooklyn-based National Youth Movement. Sharpton said he went to "pray for his good recovery. It does not matter whether he is guilty of anything; he does not deserve to be paralyzed for the rest of his life." Sharpton called Goetz "a symbolic light of the Ku Klux Klan types. I see nothing heroic in what he did."

## NYC mayor denies holiday for King's birthday Koch buying votes from racists and bosses

By Hachett

JANUARY 5—Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday became a nationally proclaimed federal paid holiday just last year, after years of struggle and protest against the ruling class racist denial to commemorate this people's holiday. Even after this important victory, however, New York City's bigoted and contemptible Mayor Ed Koch has denied the day off for municipal workers claiming it would save the city \$20 million.

If Koch is so serious about saving the city money why has he chosen to target the day commemorating Dr. King? Why not, for example, save the city's taxpayers the millions it cost to award tax giveaways to multimillionaire real estate tycoons?

To cover his querulous hatred for the Black masses in this city, Koch attempts to vindicate his decision in the "name of good government," claiming to agree to honor the holiday would be

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Dr. King leading historic march from Selma to Montgomery, Ala.

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