WHO ARE THE REAL TERRORISTS?

As part of the revolutionary movement which the Symbionese Liberation Army claims to represent, we in the October League want to point out a few things which have been covered up by all the publicity in the papers and on TV.

Everybody can see that Randolph Hearst is a rich and powerful man. His family made their millions off the backs of working people in California, and his newspapers consistently try to stir up hatred between whites and Blacks and other minority people. He is an enemy of the people.

But why just point the finger at him? How about the criminals in office like Nixon and Reagan, and the whole gang of U.S. capitalists who are the first to cry "terrorist" when they are threatened, but who have carried out terrorism for years in Indochina, Chile, the Middle East and all over the world? Who are they to condemn "political terror" when they have used brutal force against strikers and demonstrators and defended their wealth and power by means of police repression, the prison system and the armed forces?

The very violence of the system we live under, where basic survival is getting harder every day, often drives people to desperate acts. But isolated acts by small groups of people, no matter how high their demands go, can never solve the problems of inflation and unemployment, or end the energy shortage.

Revolution isn't the crazy plot of a few individuals, but the absolutely necessary step we have to take to seize power from the Hearsts and the real terrorists of his class. It'll take the actions of millions of people, organized to fight with everything we've got, including violent means, to change the basic power set-up in this country.

We condemn the murder of Marcus Foster, and we feel that the scare publicity in the newspapers is aimed at giving all revolutionaries a bad name. The police have been using the Hearst kidnapping as an excuse to crack down hard on any group that's doing something to change this society.

But neither police attacks or token "free food" programs will be able to stop the revolutionary tide of people organizing to fight for a world free from violent exploitation and oppression. The people are the ones who are really making history—not any phony "liberation army" and not the Hearsts and their friends either!