RAISE!!

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TWO IMPORTANT EVENTS and developments of the very recent week have been the Black Women's United Front, which had its organizing meeting in Detroit, Jan. 22, and the most recent meeting of the National Black Assembly, held in New York City, Jan. 31-Feb. 1.

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Six organizations volunteered to act as a working committee, comprised of narrow nationalistic organizations, which thought that "women don't need separate organizations." But, that reasoning is faulty, since women, especially black women, must mobilize to struggle against male chauvinism, (or female chauvinism) and bourgeois feminism, as part of the overall struggle against capitalism, from which all women suffer.

The first point, that male chauvinism is an ideology supported by capitalism just as is racism, and only the ultimate destruction of capitalism will see the end of this ideology, was raised again. The second point, that the Black Women's United Front seeks to mobilize black women, is Bourgeois Feminism. Therefore, we demand that all the organizations represented at this meeting, which include Duke, Chicago, Howard, UCLA, and others, continue working with us to form the Black Women's United Front.

Black Women's United Front and National Black Assembly Meetings Analyzed

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While the masses of the people are forced further into depression, multi-
national corporations like the Gulf Oil Corporation are making money in profit. As the economic crisis worsens for the working masses, those who have never worked, never planned on working and never will such as the Mellons, Rockefellers, DuPonts, etc., increase their financial power by exploiting the vast majority of the people who do work or would if it was available.

With the exception of a few people, they are legalized again and again by the dis-
tribution of the economic crisis, monopoly power is increased just as Gulf Oil reveal that for the first time, a Pittsburgh firm's net profits will hit the $1 billion mark. In the December 16, 1974 edition of the Pittsburgh Post Gazette, it was reported that Gulf regards its financial strength as being so solid that it expects to be able to spend $1½ to $2 billion a year on capital proj-
ec 300s for the next five years.

In light of the Arab oil embargo of last year, Gulf is determined to diversify into other areas of the economy. To show the country where the embargo is enacted they would be able to maximize profit in other areas. Gulf plans to build up heavily as a chemical producer. It is looking hard at copper, zinc and other metals and the mining and development of other natural resources. Future profit is also expected in the area of real estate development with luxury apartments in Virginia, Florida, Kansas, Puerto Rico and the

League of Cities Meeting Houston

Shields Urban Misery

The mere existence of black faces in high places is not enough to end the social ills that affect the masses of blacks and working people everywhere in this country today. Recently, in Houston, the Texas, the National League of Cities convention of the nation's largest cities and city officials assembled to discuss policies and issues, from the carrying of heavy loads to revenue sharing for poor areas. The black mayors, including Tom Bradley of Los Angeles, and Ken Glass of Newark attended Houston. The Congress of African People demonstrated at the convention car-
rying signs which called on the city officials to discuss the issue of the importance of the black community and the public. The demonstration was a call for the black community to fight for democratic rights promised to them of elected officials. The signs charged that "Black mayors, black city administrators, black businessmen," "puppets of the capitalist system," and "Black faces in high places are not enough."

A disgusting fact is that black mayors govern many major urban cities where a concentration of black people live. No major programs of change have been in-
stituted in these cities which would end killer cop acts of brutality, or hunger and crime, or make provision for jobs, child care, education, housing, or im-
prove public transportation - the areas of mass concern.

Mayor, Bradley blames the insufficient amount of revenue sharing funds flowing into the cities as the problem.

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because they don't own anything else, no land or tools or work place of their own! Marx's analysis of capitalism, showed that its contradictions would eventually destroy it by creating the propertyless wage earner (the proletar iat) who would be its "grave digger."

The Depression and layoffs have already hit workers in the areas of construction, food products, textiles, and manufacturing. Black workers are at the forefront of the current economic crisis, though the crisis is caused by the monopolies themselves and the fun-
damental contradiction in capitalism. Under capitalism workers must sell their labor power to the capitalist for wages to make a living. Making a living

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The struggle for independence in Uganda entailed ideological alliances between the petit bourgeois of different ethnic groups. Riding on the backs of the petit bourgeoisie negotiated independence between the peasants and the metropolitan bourgeois. The African petit bourgeois used the state machinery to appropriate what surplus it could. However, because the Asians controlled the lucrative commercial sector, the surplus left for this class was very small. A move against the Asians would necessitate a struggle between different elements of the African petit bourgeoisie manifested itself in the open conflict, with the nationalists led by Obote opposed by the feudal monarch King Mutesa. The collapse of their alliance in 1966 led to civil war. In the confrontation between these two forces the Ugandan army led by Col. Amin decided who the victors would be. The former British force now Africanised stormed the palace of the king. The Kabaka Kings of Buganda. With him went the crown of feudalism. Milton Obote became the de facto leader of Uganda.

Milton Obote ruled Uganda after 1966 through Col. Amin and the Ugandan army. This was given unlimited power and privileges over the lives of the masses. As a petit bourgeois with roots for the masses of African people, Obote did not seek to gain their support. He shouted about "Socialism", about "black is beautiful" but failed to create an atmosphere to stem the penetration of imperialism in the country. At the same time, Obote saw himself as the embodiment of apartheid. The rhetorical statements of Obote and his superficial assault against imperialism was made from the unanswerable base of his party the U.P.C., the armed forces and the bureaucracy.

The government of Obote was riddled with petit intrigues and opportunistic machinations. Amin, the ally of Obote, felt threatened by Obote's attempts to reorganize the army to place members of his own (Obote) ethnic group, the Langi, in control of the army. In a counter-revolutionary coup solidly backed by the British and Israelis, Obote was overthrown by Amin.

Once again, big industry - controlled by the small group of capitalists who run the country - shows its total lack of concern for the masses. It is clear that this unswerving concern only for the profit it can make in the U.S. Steel, one of the largest businesses in this country, Jones and Laughlin Steel, and Wheeling-Pittsburgh operate plants which dump a total of 869 pounds of phenol and 2,481 pounds of cyanide each day into the Monongahela River - main source from which Pittsburgh area residents get their drinking water. Phenol and cyanide are both extremely poisonous compounds.

Health officials, whose job is supposed to protect the health of the masses of people, but who in reality serve the interests of the ruling class, as do all organs of government, say that they have no objection to the drinking water being new. It was only through a crisis, however, that the people became aware of this situation and some of the facts were brought to light.

A serious snowstorm in the area causing a 2 1/2 hour power failure at one of the water plants. The company, without notifying customers, attempted to supply all customers normally served from another plant. The storage tanks were drawn almost to the bottom, causing extreme concentration of pollution residues to be released. That day, over two hundred people complained to the Health Department and a total of 6,000 people registered complaints during that week of bad tasting, foul smelling water, and a high incidence of resulting vomiting, cramps, diarrhoea and nausea. Why were these symptoms imminent superficial symptoms, it is hard to say what long term damage could be suffered by masses of people or what disastrous results could occur if either a low or high concentration of phenol and cyanide were introduced into the water. This situation is not unique to Pittsburgh, however. It is simply a glaring example of the way in which large monopoly industries disregard the masses, pollute the air and water and whatever else they will - as long as they maximize the profit.

The extreme pollution of the rivers of the Pittsburgh area, the lack of sufficient water treatment, and the large concentration of industries in the Pittsburgh area points out the possibility that one of the major reasons why steel industries were attracted to Pittsburgh in the very beginning was the availability of three big "disposal areas" in the counties of the "state" (Government Courts and Agencies). Only when the pollution problem is solved will these industries consider moving over these industries will these problems be solved.

The steel company should be publicly owned rather than for private profit. Any company over here, the EPA and the industrial system, must be exposed as agents working in the interest of the barons like U.S. Steel, which are diametrically opposed to the interests of the masses, as the working class community of South Side Pittsburgh, disastrously discovered.

The jobs that they have only require you to be as cold-blooded as they are. No expert is necessary, only enough training in order to kill the oppressed people throughout the world. But no matter where the policemen are being used they will ultimately will probably be able to stop the determination of the oppressed people throughout the world for total liberation from the imperialist and racism exploiting and suppressing them.

The incident also clearly points out the lack of concern for the people on the part of the Western Electric Water Company - another large privately-owned company. The pollution of steel companies have - maximization of profit - it's collaboration in the capitalist system is a natural result. Thus, instead of pushing the steel industries to stop the pollution of the water, the steel companies should be the people, they say little or nothing.

The people of the community have few alternatives in terms of conventional methods of dealing with the problem. The steel industries collude not only with the water company, but also with the local government agency - the Federal agency authorized to "control" pollution. This agency knowingly allows the industries to discharge pollution in amounts far above the standards which the EPA itself sets. In fact, the amount of phenol being discharged is over 10 times, and the amount of cyanide is over 16 times the limit set by the EPA earlier in the month. Adding to this is, the cooperation of the bourgeois controlled courts by entertaining appeals, etc. to delay enforcement.