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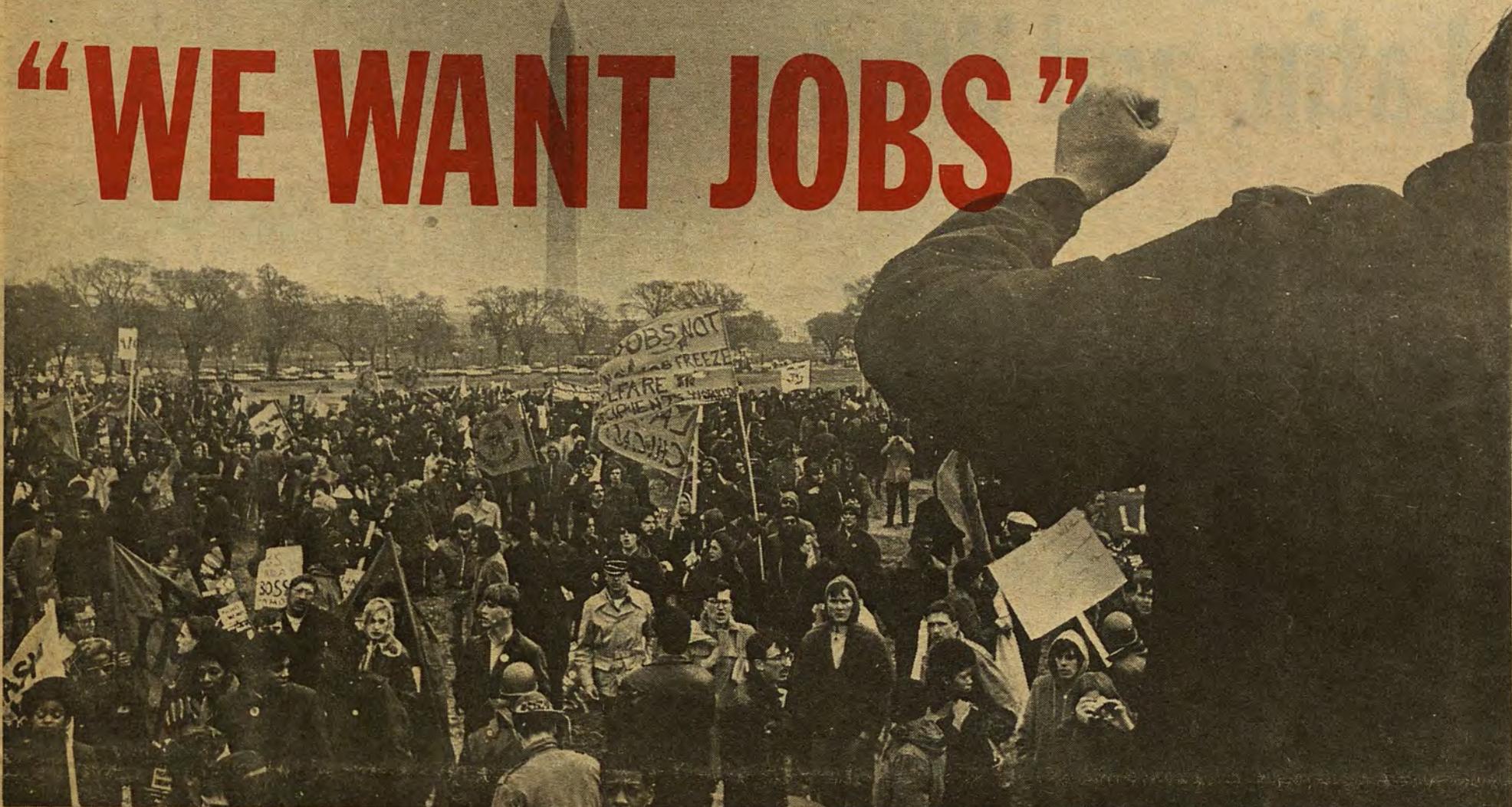


FIGHT RACISM - BUILD THE WORKER-STUDENT ALLIANCE

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## "WE WANT JOBS"



Washington, Sacramento, Houston

**Thousands March Against Racist  
Unemployment - Fight For Jobs !**

# Thousands March for Jobs, Strengthen Unity of Black, Latin, and White

## Washington

"We need jobs now, yesterday was already too late!" The Daleys, Rockefellers, and Nixons that run this racist imperialistic society got a sample of the power of a united movement of workers and students of all races. This demonstration is an indication that SDS struggles against racism and for more jobs are changing SDS from a white middle-class organization to a multi-racial organization.

3,500 people came to Washington from all over the Mid-west, South and East to say that they are sick and tired of unemployment, racism and the war. Groups including SDS, PLP, Ford Workers Forward, Mothers Against the Flat Grant sponsored the action. They came to say they will no longer take any more of the bosses' bull-shit! We could almost hear the big businessmen shaking in their boots, for it is this unity that really hurts them.

The march started at Bannaker Park where everyone came together for songs, speeches, and skits. One of the speakers from Mother-Power (a Chicago welfare group) said that "None are free until we all are free!"

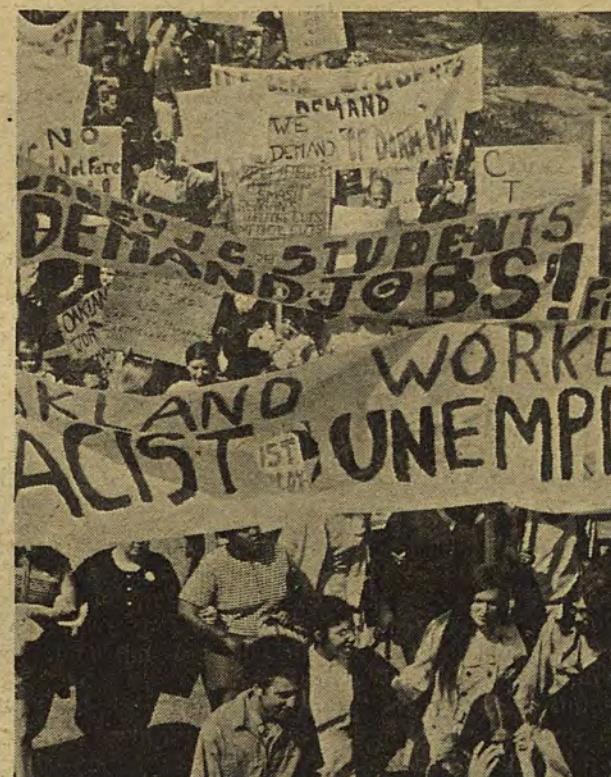
The marchers went down 7th Street in the black working-class community where many joined us and others gave vocal support. We had over 4,000 people then. Marchers chanted: "We want jobs now!", "US OUT OF SE ASIA, COPS OUT OF THE GHETTO," and "QUE VIVA EL SOCIALISMO." One bystander said, "They're right! We should fight for jobs. Nixon ain't going to do nothing for black or white except make himself rich."

At the end of the march as we reached the White House, around 250 people, broke off from the demonstration and went to picket the White House. 80% of them were workers, the rest were welfare mothers and students. This was done to break the President's ban on picketing and to show that this movement won't be stopped by any piece of paper. After going through one police line, the people were finally turned back. The rest of the marchers cheered and supported their stand against the cops.

At the rally behind the White House a speaker from Progressive Labor Party made a speech emphasizing the need for communism ("The need to smash the bosses once and for all and institute workers control.") All the speakers: PL'ers and other workers, employed and unemployed, welfare mothers, and students from SDS spoke about how this society uses racism and male supremacy. These ideas divide people at their jobs and at home and confuse people into fighting each other so that the rulers can stay where they are: on top! A speaker from SDS made a speech asking all students to join SDS, emphasizing the importance of minority student leadership in SDS, and affirming our solidarity with the Puerto Rican students' struggle against ROTC.

On the way home, G.I.'s, employed and unemployed workers, and students made plans to continue the fight against racist unemployment. We talked of boycotts, sit-ins, slow-downs and all the other tactics we can use to win jobs and fight racism on the job, on campus and in the communities.

Now that you are aware of what we did in Washington, don't you think you ought to get on the case? Join SDS and take an active part in building this movement. SDS is the only multi-racial student organization that actively fights racism, unemployment, the war and rotten medical care. Together we can make it!



## Sacramento

"It's great!" was everyone's comment from San Francisco who were part of a march of 2000 workers, students, and GI's in Sacramento on March 20. California bosses are cutting back welfare and medical benefits, while at the same time they are laying off thousands. This is Reagan's plan for eliminating those who don't deserve welfare by forcing more people out of work! People marched for decent jobs, not Reagan's slave-labor plan.

Speakers told of the people's determination to fight over these issues. A welfare mother from the Mission District of San Francisco (Latin community) told of the fight against welfare cuts. Jeff Gee from SDS in Los Angeles spoke of campus struggles against layoffs across the nation. A high school student called for an end to racism and male chauvinism, saying the only way to win is to fight together. Jim Dann and John Harris of PLP got a big cheer when they called for the marchers to take up the fight for socialism and end bosses oppression-like racist unemployment—permanently!

## Houston

Houston—Dowling Street never had so few cops. Usually they are all over the place, trying to intimidate the black workers here, where there is the highest unemployment in Houston. When Houston's bosses found out about the march against racist unemployment that was going down Dowling, they told the cops to lay low. They didn't want anything to happen that would build the march and the movement for more jobs.

100 GI's, students and workers marched from Texas Southern University, down Dowling and had a rally at a government skills center. GI's had come from Forts Hood (Texas), Riley (Kansas) and Sam Houston (Texas). SDS'ers came from Texas, Lawrence, Kansas and Jackson, Mississippi.



# "we're going to have to fight this racist government and work together"

Black Worker from Lynn, Mass. Comments...

"At G.E. they laid off close to 5 or 6,000, maybe more. Things are really terrible there—they're laying off at G.E., shoe factories, shoe box factories, just all over. The unemployment is really high up there. It's more blacks than whites being laid off. Jobs are really scarce. They're not really paying off right away—like they're paying off some and not paying off the people they are just laying off."

People just don't know what to do in the struggle and fight, and they're in trouble. It's very hard for people to get welfare that are laid off. Unemployment is triple than the years before. For example, I got laid off. I was unemployed for about 2 1/2 months. They haven't paid me compensation. I work at a shoe box factory. I had no compensation and it was hard for me because I have a wife and baby. It was hard for me to get on welfare—eventually I did and I made out alright. It's hard for people to get on welfare because they check on you and watch you. Any wrong move you make they

take you off. But the people there are struggling against the Flat Grant. They're really pissed off."

"What's the flat grant?"

"It's like a separate check. See, they give it to you every three months. It's like extra money. It's for food and clothes and things you need in the house. But it's not enough! It's not even half what you're supposed to get. It's like a cut off—a cut in pay. People in the Boston area, the Lynn area have really had it. They're disgusted with it. They want more than what they're getting which they deserve. Really, they deserve more than welfare. The unemployment rate really is unbelievable."

I would tell every worker in the world to come here to this demonstration in Washington, because it's going to help every working person in the world. Things are just tough and we're going to have to fight this racist gov't and work together—every man, woman and child in the whole working class.

"What's it like for a guy who's still working in Lynn, is there a lot of speed-up?"

"Well, there's a tremendous amount of speed-

up. It's so great some of the guys can't do it. A lot of shops are working 12 hours a day. A couple of shops are stockpiling just because the contracts are running out and they think they're gonna go on strike. They're really pushing the workers over there and they don't like it. Some workers don't care but a lot of them do care. And they're really fighting to throw this lay-off, speed-up business straight out the window. I'm sure that the workers in Lynn got a lot to fight and they got a strong ability to win and get in communism. Things are too tough for them not to. It's gotta happen. We gotta break the bosses, we gotta smash 'em."

"What specific things do you think can be organized?"

"Well, mostly raising stuff around unemployment, welfare, layoffs. They'll be the most 3 things we'll raise around there—talk about there. And no speed-up for workers. I think there's a lot of workers in Lynn who are really militant. They're gonna be really struggling and I think they'll listen. I really do. I think they'll work hard to overcome what's happening."



GI's from Fort Huston, Virginia and Fort Dix talked about unemployment: "Unemployment is rising because the bosses have a bad situation on their hands. We're pulling out of Vietnam and it's causing a depression and they know it. The bosses know that the only way they can keep their blood sucking economy is by killing us off—using our blood to expand their business and set up their branch offices in Saigon."

This affects GI's very much because when they get back out in the outside world, they're hurting for funds to live on. The government says that GI's got the GI Bill. You try going to college on 155 a month. A lot of GI's wives are unemployed, and no one could live on the \$100/month allotment they get.

A black woman worker from Atlanta, Georgia talks about the march on Washington for more jobs: Unemployment's shit. When you're out of work, you go and sit there (at the unemployment office) for your unemployment money. It's your money you worked for. They make you go in every day to report that you haven't got a job. You have to do this to get your unemployment money. They're not being fair to people. I think its time for people now to stand up and fight back. And man, they are sick and tired of the government treating people the way they are doing.

The government is not doing anything about unemployment, but they should. They should

understand that we are people, men and women, human beings. We're not any kind of dogs or animals. We should take immediate action, go get them to pay attention to what we are saying.

One of the reason's for this march is to let this government know that we're sick and tired of their foolishness and tell them to stop playing with us. We're not going to stand on soup lines, out of work, robbers and things. It's time to fight back. That's the reason there's a whole lot of riots right now.

When I get back to Atlanta, I'm going to talk to the people that didn't want to come. I'm going to tell them about the march and why we had it. We're demanding more jobs. And we should all fight back together.



A young black woman from D.C. responded... "Do you think it's good for the demonstration to come thru here?"

"Yes, I do, because a lot of people that live here don't have a job."

"Do you think Nixon's going to give us jobs because of this march?"

"Nixon's all for himself—he's not going to give the people nothing!"

"They say get an education and you can get a good job. Shoot—I got my education and I can't hardly tell I ever went to college. I can't get a good job! And then these teenagers go out here and steal. Shoot, I can't hardly blame them. They can't get a decent job."



# Students Battle Cops, Kill Chief In Puerto Rican R.O.T.C. Assault

The following letter was received from Myriam Fuentes of LaLiga Socialista de Puerto Rico. La Liga is a revolutionary communist party.

Dear Comrades in SDS,

Hope this letter finds you OK. We're all fine. I'm sorry I didn't answer your letter before. But we've been terribly busy.

You've probably heard from the visit of Virginia Vogel, a Boston SDS member to Puerto Rico. She came to Puerto Rico for the March 4th celebration to express SDS solidarity with Puerto Rican workers and students struggle against imperialism.

She was a real success. We all feel her visit and expressions of solidarity were really inspiring to all of us. She was warmly received by all students in the University of Puerto Rico.

I personally think her visit, and solidarity expressions gave the students here the feeling that the struggle in Puerto Rico is not isolated; that it is a very important part of the world wide struggle against oppressive imperialist bosses. This is so important because one negative aspect of the struggle in Puerto Rico has been for many years the nationalist orientation of the struggle, the difficulty to understand the international character of this struggle.

Thank you very much for the literature sent. We distributed SDS' NLN in the UPR campus. People were surprised to know how deeply concerned you are with our struggle.

I wish you can keep on sending available literature. We'll keep you informed about the struggle here in Puerto Rico.

You've probably heard from the latest fight we

had on March 11.

At 9:30 A.M. a fight started between ROTC cadets which deliberately provoked anti-ROTC students. For hours the students fought with stones against the ROTC students.

During the fight the campus police attacked and wounded anti-ROTC students but the fight went on. The battle spread out through all the campus and the ROTC cadets were forced to hide in the ROTC building.

The cadets then used their pellet guns against the students and anti-ROTC students used molotov cocktails against the cadets. The campus police then used tear gasses against the students. Students got so mad that they decided to attack and burned the ROTC building.

At that time, 12:45 A.M., the dean called in the Police riot squad, which was waiting outside campus. The riot squad entered campus with M16s, and immediately started shooting against the students.

The riot squad was ordered to oust everybody from campus. But this time instead of running (like on March 4th) students decided to fight the riot squad.

Almost immediately after the riot squad came into campus, its commander officer, Juan B. Mercado was shot. He died on the way to the hospital. Another cop, Miguel Rosario was also shot to death. And a ROTC cadet, Jacinto Gutierrez was shot and died in the hospital.

Some 8 cadets were also wounded by bullets. And about 9 more cops were shot.

Many anti-ROTC students were shot by the cops and at least two are in serious condition. 50 people were wounded during the fight.

During the battle through the city of Rio Piedras (after the riot squad occupied the University) 4 buildings were set on fire by the students. In Rio Piedras the fight went on till about 10:00 P.M.

75 students were immediately arrested and beat in the Police headquarters. The police went mad arresting everybody in the dorms.

More arrests will be carried on by the Police. The University and the town of Rio Piedras are occupied by the Police. The University will be closed for an indefinite time.

The Police went really crazy, attacking and beating anybody whom they think might be an independentist.

I send you photos taken by the papers on the fighting. Maybe you can use them. (ed. Thank you, we did!)

Hope you write soon.

Yours in the struggle,  
Myriam Fuentes

P.S. We heard 10 students will be expelled from the University of Puerto Rico.



RIOT COPS HUDDLE IN FEAR BEHIND CAR AND ATTEND DYING CHIEF.

# 400 Seize Administration Bldg During Strike Shutdown

**STONYBROOK, N.Y.**

Stony Brook, March 10. The big showdown at Stony Brook University came at High Noon. Over 400 workers and students from all over the university marched from the striking cafeterias thru the center of campus and converged on the administration building. There, they closed down the business operations of the school and held the vice-president hostage for 7 hours. This occupation was just part of a cafeteria worker's strike that had been going on for a week. The demands were: no lay-offs and a better, more economical meal plan for the students.

The university vice-president tried to lie his way out of charges that the administration was helping Prophet Foods—the university food service. (spells profit) He was shouted down by the cries of "bullshit" by the angry workers and students. Just two days before, we had all seen how the administration supported Prophet Foods. The entire campus police force had been called out ready to escort scabs into the cafeteria and just itching to break worker's heads. But the lines were held by 200 picketers (workers and students). That was when we first felt our strength together and because of this lesson, we ignored repeated attempts by the administration to scare us into leaving the building. During the height of the demonstration spirit was tremendous as everyone, black, Latin, white, man, women with children, and students were determined to hold the building.

After 7 hours of occupation, we decided that everyone should leave together. While sell-out union leadership of local 1199 was happy that it had won negotiations (which the university had refused to hold), many realized that what was needed to win the strike was more actions like this one, not compromises.

#### PROPHET WANTS MORE PROFIT!

Planned lay-offs of 300 of the 400 campus cafeteria workers by the Prophet Foods bosses sparked a strike by cafeteria workers against lay-offs. What these lay-offs would mean for full-time workers is that they would be forced on welfare (unemployment in Suffolk County is over 15%). For student-workers there are simply no other jobs to be found. So when the university administration got a court injunction and used their cops to try to break the strike, we had to back harder by shutting down the administration building.

Prophet could make a lot more profit by operating cash operated cafeterias rather than the flat rate board plan (pay flat rate instead of each meal). By cutting down workers, 70%, and raising prices they figured that they would be able to take in 3 times as much money everyday as they do now. This would mean that they would gross ten times the amount of profit per worker as before. And that's what it's all about in the profit system—money!

From the war in S.E. Asia, to racist unemployment in the U.S. the name of the game is profits for the bosses. That's what is at the root of all the ways working people are being messed over throughout the world. Here at Stony Brook we're building a united movement of black, Latin, and white workers and students to fight these bosses. And we're going to win!

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AFTER BEING TAKEN HOSTAGE, THE DISCONCERTED VICE-PRESIDENT HAS TO LISTEN TO STUDENTS AND WORKERS.

## U.S. Out of Southeast Asia BUTCHERS OUT OF HARVARD!

On Friday night, March 26, Young Americans for Freedom tried to sponsor a pro-war teach-in at Sanders Theater in Harvard. Promised speakers were Dolf Droege, special advisor to the White House on SE Asia affairs, Bui Diem, Saigon Ambassador to Washington; the Royal Thai Ambassador to Washington; and Milton Sachs, Professor at Brandeis, who designed the "new life program" for the South Vietnamese. The "New Life Program" is a plan to move people out of Saigon into defoliated areas closed off by cyclone fences. Its main purpose is to make guerilla-warfare impossible.

SDS and other students thought that these war criminals should not be allowed to speak to build support for their vicious policies—men like these should have no freedom to continue to exploit workers and peasants in SE Asia.

At the teach-in more than 600 students some faculty, campus workers and others stopped these criminals from speaking by applauding the heroic struggle of S.E. Asia peoples against US imperialism. Applause and chanting—one two three four Vietnam's a Bosses War, five six seven eight Nothing to Negotiate—lasted for almost an hour. At the beginning of the ceremonies Archibald Cox, the chief troubleshooter tried to stop applause by saying "We know you have the power to stop us, but please I implore you, let these men speak. If you don't a little liberty will be lost at Harvard." RIGHT! The liberty of the Harvard corporation to support US imperialism! His pleas were greeted by a thunderous chant-US Out of SE Asia, Butchers out of Harvard. Then some creep YAF yelled for about 20 minutes trying to get us to stop chanting and allow the speakers to speak. In spite of his apoplectic screeching—"you are all animals, you are a crock of shit, you haven't got any balls"—people kept it up. At about 9 o'clock, 200 students, mainly women, came to the outside of Sanders Theater where the cops refused to let them in to support the action, even though the hall was not full. They threatened to break the door

down. At this point the criminals gave up and went home.

Harvard has threatened to "punish" (repress) everyone that can be identified. The entire action was videotaped by Harvard and filmed by the US Information Agency. We intend to build campaigns against the other tools of imperialism at Harvard like the center for International affairs. With the strength of such a movement we will be able to smash their kangaroo court—Committee on Rights and Responsibilities (which has been rejected in a school-wide referendum).

Some of these same criminals plan to speak at the University of Connecticut. We hear that SDS is preparing the same kind of welcome for them. RIGHT ON.

#### Letter: RADICAL ARTS

##### New Left Notes—

Students at the University of the Philippines who have been engaged in massive worker-student alliance actions such as the recent transportation strike like SDS politics. The SDSer who wrote the eyewitness account of the transportation strike reports this response to the SDS RAT Pamphlet:

Hey, I really enjoyed reading the RAT pamphlet. I took it to school last Monday, and the demand for copies increases everyday. Some of the anthro students got together in the museum and sang the songs from the skits for a good part of one morning. We'll probably be able to use some of the skits here—a lot of them pertain to the war and the oppression of Asian people, which causes no end to the delight of the students here. I really feel encouraged by their acceptance of the role of US support of anti-racist and anti-imperialist politics!

Onward and upward with the building of an internationalist worker-student alliance!

In struggle,  
Rich Griffith  
San Francisco

## NYU STRIKE IN 5th WEEK

# COPS, BOSSSES, GUN-TOTING SCABS CAN'T STOP STRIKERS, STUDENTS

For over 5 weeks now, 150 skilled craftsmen of New York University (carpenters, electricians, plumbers, etc.) have been on strike. In spite of every dirty strike busting tactic NYU could muster, the workers have remained firm. In fact, the administration's attacks have backfired, peeling the mask of neutrality off the slimy face of racist NYU.

The strikers are demanding minimumly:

- 1) Wage parity with fellow workers at NYU
- 2) Equal pay for black workers who do the same work as the white guys. As it stands, the administration classifies them differently in order to pay the black workers less, and thereby create division, undercutting everybody's job security and wages
- 3) Rehiring of a painter who was fired for organizing to get union recognition with the teamsters
- 4) Benefits including medical care and pension.

For the first week and a half, things were pretty peaceful. As teamster drivers refused to cross the picket lines, which were maintained 24 hours a day at four crucial locations. This meant that food wasn't getting into the cafeteria and oil for the central heating plant was running out. NYU was up against the wall. Heat was about to go out in all the classroom buildings, a dormitory, the Student Center, and three apartment towers. NYU president, Hester, conferred with Mayor Lindsey and students conferred with workers. Thursday of the second week, the first confrontation occurred. An attempt was made to bring in oil by using a scab driver who was paid \$300 for the job. One worker, helping to stop the truck was bashed in the face with a billy club, and 2 workers were arrested, but the driver turned away in fear of the militant crowd. That night a second attempt was made with the help of 40 cops and 10 NYU pipe-wheeling bosses and plain clothes security guards. Once again, the



MILITANT WORKER-STUDENT UNITY ENABLED PICKET LINES TO KEEP SCABS OUT DESPITE THE BOSSSES' RUTHLESS STRIKEBREAKING TACTICS.

truck turned away in fear of workers and students who had armed themselves with rocks and pipe fittings. The upcoming weekend was critical, so we mobilized for around-the-clock support.

Saturday, at 4 in the morning in pouring rain,

a 4 truck oil caravan drove toward the picket line, accompanied by NYU and city cops. Scab drivers pulled 32 caliber guns on several workers. Under the leadership of striking workers we took up strategic positions to smash the truck windshields if need be. But the scab drivers chickened out and drove by without delivery. Tremendous cheers filled the night. NYU got more desperate and we organized even harder.

Monday morning, 2 busloads of Special Events Squad cops arrived. We canvassed the dorms and made announcements in classes. A few hundred workers, students and faculty were on hand, as a truck appeared down the street. A contingent ran up to meet him. He told us, while the cops offered protection and urged him on, that he wasn't going through. Jubilant, a hundred of us marched back to the picket line chanting "No scab fuel, for racist NYU." White workers were up front leading the chant, fists in the air.

Tuesday afternoon, NYU finally got the oil in. The truck was surrounded by a large cordon of SES cops. Several of us were beaten and 12 were arrested. However one cop was nearly put out of commission by a cherry bomb and the windows of the oil truck were smashed. Then came the injunction against having more than 6 pickets which the union leadership decided to honor thus putting an end to the mass character of the strike.

Since then SDS and University Action Group have organized 2 rallies in support of the strike. After the second, we stopped the main classroom building elevator for a while to support the strike, hurt the school, and protest the running of unsafe elevators (maintenance men are among those on strike). Temporarily, there isn't much ongoing student support activity. But the men are determined to win and short of a sellout by the union we expect to lick NYU.

Hundreds of people have learned the true nature of NYU, an institute whose trustees have corporate holdings in South Vietnam, which does million dollars of research for the U.S. Defense Department each year, which has a National Security Program teaching counterinsurgency and pacification in S.E. Asia. In short, NYU is a festering blister on the back of workers and peasants worldwide. Hundreds of us have now learned the strength of a worker-student alliance. Later for NYU, those vicious parasites won't last long.



COPS ESCORTING SCAB OIL TRUCK ARE MET WITH DEFIANCE.

Bill Bliech, Charlene Horn - NYU SDS  
Joe, Ruby, Ernie - Campus workers

**At Wayne State U. (Detroit): Workers Lead Fight to**

# **Rehire Vera, Stop Racist Layoffs!**

The Wayne State University food service really did it this time. Canteen fired Vera McLennon, a black woman assigned to supervisory work, though not officially a supervisor. Only a few weeks earlier, cafeteria workers had refused to work until 2 laid-off workers were rehired—they won. Canteen bosses were getting scared of the workers' growing power and wanted to clamp down. Vera McLennon was "let go" for being too friendly with her fellow workers and not pushing them hard enough. Workers saw her firing as a racist attack. (Most of Canteen's black workers are already overworked and underpaid. Canteen bosses were trying to get away with shoving even more work on and throwing Vera McLennon out, taking advantage of them because they were black.) When Vera asked for support on Friday March 12th, workers walked off the job. They demanded that she be rehired and that the new racist manager be fired along with the racist supervisor, Mrs. Felice. Students in SDS and ABS (the Association of Black Students) and workers vowed to fight to the finish, whether or not the union supported them.

A boycott of the cafeteria was organized to drive home to Canteen the demands which then included:

- \* Rehire Vera McLennon and all full-time workers recently laid off
- \* No more racist "use the back door rules" at the cafeteria "We have to eat in a windowless hole. These racists don't want us to eat with students because they're afraid of a closer worker student alliance with ABS and SDS," said one worker.
- \* Rehire Debbie Allen who was fired (despite seniority) because she is in SDS
- \* Replace the shop steward who wouldn't fight for the workers—in the midst of all this, she declared herself "neutral".

For the first 3 days the boycott was close to 100% effective, despite a constant riot police contingent to harass boycotters. One morning large numbers of students, mostly black, blocked the Cafeteria entrance and were attacked by police. One black boycott leader and two women in SDS were arrested and charged with "disturbing the (Canteen bosses') peace," "trespassing," and

maybe more.

Bosses tried to split workers from students and black from white. The student government, student newspaper and canteen bosses claimed that workers weren't working because of SDS threats!

The overall boycott was only 50% effective. However, a key demand was won—the rehiring of all laid-off workers. Over the past 6 weeks and especially from the boycott, students and workers have stuck together. At one point before the boycott some cafeteria workers put out a leaflet listing grievances and calling for student support. They got it. Black and white have stuck together demanding an end to racist policies—we know that

an injury to militant highly overworked black workers is an injury to all who hold or will hold jobs.

Canteen's plan is to cut food service workers' hours, reduce service, making the cafeteria more profitable. This is intolerable—it means layoffs, an increase in backbreaking work and bad food service for students.

Our plan is to keep fighting and win the rest of our demands. The fighting alliance with campus workers gets stronger and stronger. This power is unbeatable, and promises a long hot spring for the cafeteria bosses.

**Wayne State SDS**



Arms linked, 120 workers and students marched through downtown Detroit on March 6. The demonstration was against unemployment and in solidarity with the Puerto Rican ROTC struggle. Participants come from Michigan-Ohio SDS, Progressive Labor Party, and Detroit Committee against Racist Medical Care.

## **Chicago Circle Disciplinary Hearing Exposes Student Mod Squadder's Role to Split Blacks and Whites**

At the University of Illinois—Chicago Circle, students defeated the third administration attempt within the quarter to destroy SDS and the movement against racism.

The administration was trying to kick us out because of an SDS rally against university support for the war (through ROTC) and racist unemployment through job cutbacks at the university. The university bosses are cutting out 35 secretarial jobs (nearly all black women) and adding 6 professional jobs (mostly white). For exposing this racism, 19 SDS'ers were arrested, 7 in a night-time Gestapo-like raid of an SDS'ers apartment with Chicago and campus cops, and the Illinois Bureau of Investigation.

On March 9, 7 Circle SDS'ers were called before a university disciplinary panel of four students and three faculty. The university was trying to use its new repressive code against us. The charges were that we "disrupted" secretaries in their office. Our defense against all this bullshit was to attack the administration for causing racist unemployment and trying to railroad SDS off campus.

The administration's main tool against SDS was Steve Chaplin, a black administrator and a vicious pig—alias "Mod Squad" (because he acts and looks like the TV character). During the rally he helped cops drag away students for arrest. This pig is paid by the university to act as its agent in dealing with community groups—he "smooths out

problems" that arise like when working people in the community get mad at being kicked out of their homes by university expansion. Also pig Chaplin hangs around the school cafeteria and tries to discredit SDS by spreading lies among black students and workers like "SDS'ers are just a bunch of rich white suburban kids who will try to use you." Mod Squad in his subtle way attempts to do what the university can't do openly—divide black and white students to prevent a united movement against racism. He pushes nationalism—the idea that all blacks (even oppressors) must unite together. During the trial, Mod Squad Chaplin was asked why he helped a cop who was having trouble arresting a student. He said, "I was helping a black brother." But he was no help to a black student in SDS that was on trial!

The administration's star witness was to be a black secretary. She was supposed to say that SDS had intimidated her and forced her to leave her desk. Instead she told the truth—that SDS had not intimidated her and that she had left her desk because Mod Squad had told her to do so. Everyone at the hearing could see through the administration frame-up.

The hearing ended with the SDS'ers being found not guilty. This will not be the end of the attacks on SDS. We have learned that the more actively we take the side of oppressed people the more we become subject to repression—the same kind that

millions of workers feel daily. But Circle Deans and their crew of cops and nationalists haven't got anything that can break the fighting unity of workers and students, black, Latin, and white!

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IOWA HARDHATS, FARMERS, STUDENTS SAY:

## "Welcome to Iowa, Nixon: You Cutthroat..."

March 1 - NIXON CARRIES WATER FOR THE WAGE CUTTING BOSSSES! So said one sign carried by a militant construction worker who along with 4000 other hardhats, farmers and students waited to get a piece of Nixon at the Capital building in Des Moines, Iowa. He had arrived to talk before an assemblage of lesser political finks. Other signs showed what hardhats think about Nixon's latest attack on workers when he repealed the Davis-Bacon act, which will lead to wage freezes for all construction workers: "Nixon has escalated the war on workers - FIGHT BACK," "Welcome to Iowa, Nixon, you cutthroat bastard!" "Freeze Nixon's wages," "Kick Nixon in the head," "Milhous is a louse," etc. SDS members from the University of Iowa leafleted and talked with workers, farmers, and other students about the importance of unity in fighting the profit hungry bosses who are gouging all of us and are sending us overseas to hurt workers and peasants of SE Asia to protect their investments. We sold New Left Notes and over 100 Challenges, the newspaper of the revolutionary communist Progressive Labor Party, and lead chants as "Same enemy... same fight... workers and students must unite!" and "Freeze Nixon, not wages!" As we leafleted and talked about March 20 demonstrations against racist unemployment, it became clear that workers are hungry for new ideas, communist ideas, and that what we were chanting was more than a slogan, but the strategy that will defeat the bosses.

One farmer who read the leaflet in Des Moines sent the following letter to Iowa City SDS:

I have to drop you a line that a large number of farmers were protesting in Des Moines with all of you people. We farmers are against the wall too. I don't mean no hard feelings with this letter. I think if we all start to unite, farmers, labor, and students we can stop (the) fat (from) getting fatter and have some of the fat coming in our pockets. Could you send about 50 or any number of the copy of "STUDENTS AND WORKERS UNITE!" I picked up a copy there, and it sure is true everything that's in it. Farmers are with you because we are all in the same boat and it's sinking fast. Contact NFO (National Farmers Organization) in Corning, Iowa. I am sure something can be worked out. Please send me the copies if you can, because if we don't do something, there is no future for children but hunger and slavery.

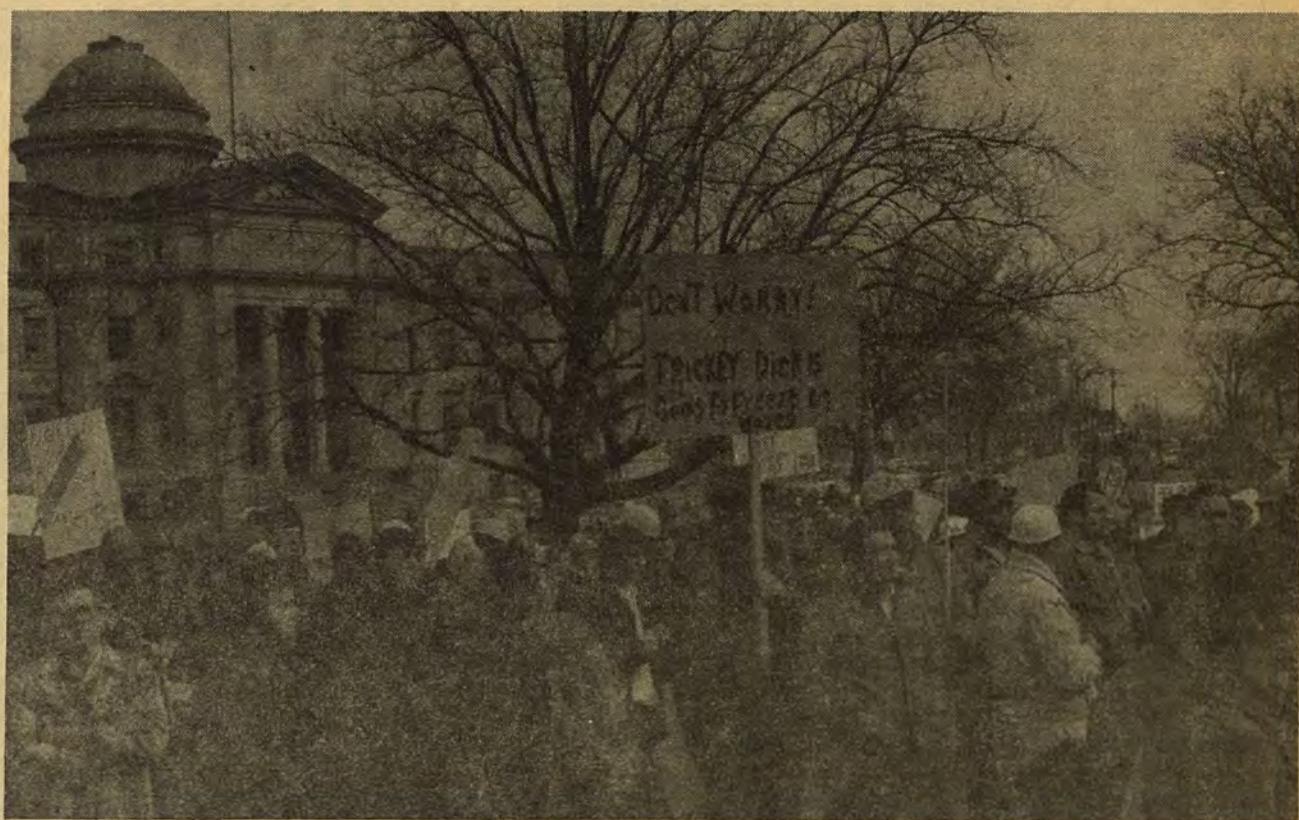
Construction workers all over the country aren't taking Nixon's attacks lying down. Several hundred construction workers in Newport, Rhode Island marched to a naval base where Nixon was to speak on March 12. They were held off by marines and military police from entering the base.



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BLACK CONSTRUCTION WORKER IN DES MOINES SHOWS HOW HE FEELS ABOUT NIXON'S LATEST ATTACK ON WORKING PEOPLE.

## Bosses' SST Squabble: 7000 Jobless

After the Senate voted down funds for the supersonic transport plane last week, Boeing Co. announced they would immediately lay-off 7,000 workers in Seattle, Wash. Most of these workers probably won't be able to find jobs in Seattle, which has an unemployment rate of 25%!

The SST was a big waste of money. Millions were to be spent on a plane that would fly a few people to Paris or London a few minutes faster. We need a supersonic transport jet like a hole in the head. The project was designed primarily to produce more profits for Boeing, GE, and a few other big corporations.

Big, wasteful projects like the SST tend to expose the government for what it is - a tool of big business interests. Liberals in congress thought the whole program was too obvious and voted it down. But did these liberals provide jobs for the 7,000 workers at Boeing? Of course not. A few liberal Democrats used the issue to make political hay for themselves and to "embarrass" Nixon.

Nobody was particularly interested in the Boeing workers.

Boeing immediately set out to make workers the real losers in the battle between liberal and conservative elements. Of course they chose to lay-off thousands of workers rather than cut into their profits. Boeing won't lose much anyway because the government plans to "reimburse" them for the program.

Now Boeing, the newspapers, and some Republicans are trying to make it seem that workers' jobs depend on wasteful projects like the SST. "If you vote for the SST you are insuring ... 150,000 jobs each year over the next 10 years," said conservative Republican House leader Gerald Ford. Ford was never so interested in jobs as when the profits of his friends at Boeing and GE were threatened. Actually there are plenty of ways that 143 million dollars could be used to help working people, if that were Ford's or Boeing's real concern.



SHAFTED WORKERS IN SEATTLE LISTEN TO BOEING BOSSSES ANNOUNCE 7,000 LAYOFFS. UNEMPLOYMENT IN SEATTLE IS ALREADY 25%.

# U.S. BOSSSES' PUPPETS ROUTED IN LAOS!

What started as a major US invasion of Laos has turned into disaster for Nixon and US imperialism. This invasion and the earlier Cambodia invasion have defined what the Vietnamization plan means: win a US military victory and then turn over the reigns to Ky-Thieu and Co. But the Vietnamese, Cambodian, and Laotian people have smashed this plan to shambles! Almost 50% of the 22,000 man South Vietnamese invasion force was wiped out. And if you don't count non-combatants within this force, then the percentage of casualties is overwhelming. The mercenaries—and that is all that the South Vietnamese troops can be called—left Laos in full retreat after large units were annihilated in several battles. In one of these battles all of the US-supplied heavy artillery was captured by the Laotians and the North Vietnamese!

But the U.S. is in even more trouble than this. They used to say that the South Vietnamese wouldn't fight, but the American troops would. Well, the GIs won't fight either. The GI desertion rate is almost equal to that of the South Vietnamese. The army tries to push racism against Asian people, nationalism, and anti-communism to get American soldiers to kill Vietnamese. But GIs have rejected these ideas and are killing the brass instead. ROTC trained officers and "lifers" are getting a bullet in the back and a hand-grenade under the tent ("fragging"). The situation is so bad that the brass is conducting its own ballistics tests on officers killed to discover where the bullets came from.

During the Laos invasion, one American unit refused to go into battle. The army was so afraid of the reaction of other GIs that they couldn't even punish the rebels. In this same division, all the GI's hand-grenades were recently put under lock and key by the brass at base camp.

When asked about what's going on in the army, official spokesmen usually say, "Well, we have a drug problem and a race problem." But the real problem is that GIs have had enough and the brass is pushing dope and racism to stop rebellion.

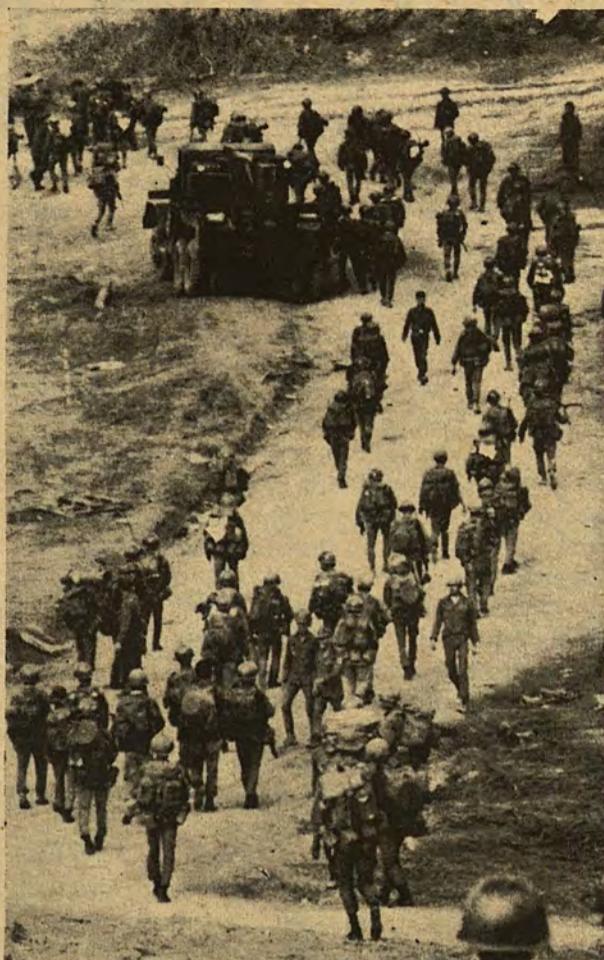
Nixon said the Laos invasion was a big success. A recent poll showed that seventy percent of the American people think he is lying about the war! Everywhere the U.S. bosses are in trouble; they are becoming desperate. In fact we shouldn't be surprised if the U.S. and its puppet troops invade North Vietnam in the near future!

#### Liberal Politicians Lead April 24 Action

On April 24 the Student Mobilization Committee and a few other "anti-war" groups are planning another march on Washington. This action will be led by a few liberal politicians, union leaders and student leaders. But the real leaders of the anti-war movement are the Vietnamese people and the militant GIs who are bringing U.S. military operations in S.E. Asia to a standstill. We won't end the exploitation of working people at home and in Vietnam by lining up behind a few politicians who want to use anti-war sentiment to advance their own careers! The SMC calls for unity against the war, but they don't mean unity between workers and students, black, Latin, and white fighting against U.S. Imperialism! They mean unity behind the liberals.

If the U.S. does invade North Vietnam we should shut down every school in the country until the U.S. gets out of S.E. Asia. We should demand ROTC and all war research off campus and no lay-offs and speed-up for workers on the campus. We should show the same kind of fighting unity that black, Latin, and white GIs have shown against the brass in the army!

LAM SON TROOPS IN RETREAT



South Vietnamese troops retreat from Laos after invasion was stopped cold. Not only did the U.S. invade Laos but a recently released government report admits that Air Force bombing has left many thousands of villagers homeless and forced them to flee their homeland. Nixon lies when he says that only military targets are bombed!



## OIL IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

#### VIETNAM NO MISTAKE!!

A recent article in Forbes Magazine has revealed "that there may be large quantities of crude oil in the waters of the Far East and Southeast Asia...oil deposits rivaling those of the Middle East." Interestingly enough it goes on to say "some of these deposits would almost certainly lie off South Vietnam."

This bosses magazine would like us to believe that at this late date the U.S. is just discovering that there may be profits in Vietnam. In fact that there were reasons other than profit for being there in the first place. But this is not news to the U.S. capitalists who have been using Vietnam's labor and natural resources since 1900. The Forbe's article quotes Chase Manhattan's chairman David Rockefeller as saying "By 1980 the oil industry could pour \$36 billion of new capital investment into the Asian Pacific...It could help make up for the loss of U.S. expenditures by substituting oil wells for military bases."

The U.S. bosses would love to substitute oil wells, factories, and anything else that would mean profits for them for military bases. And the goal of these Imperialists all along was to do just that. But these racist exploiters cannot do away with their military bases. They can't just go in and set up their factories and steal the natural resources without meeting ever-growing resistance from the workers and peasants of Southeast Asia and working people and students right here!

# Ethiopians Rebel Against U.S.-Backed Selassie Terror

On Friday, January 8, the Ethiopian Students Union of Northern California staged a protest demonstration at the Federal Building in San Francisco. The demonstration was called to protest the massacre of 500 people on Christmas Eve at Keren, Eritrea by the US-backed regime of Haile Selassie. A popular uprising had been under way in the region of Eritrea for nearly a decade. Last December Selassie responded to the growing strength of the people's movement in Ethiopia by proclaiming a state of emergency and instituting a military administration. As a result thousands of Eritrean people were made homeless and had to flee to nearby Sudan as refugees.

In the small town of Keren alone, a bombing raid on Christmas Eve by Selassie's Air Force took the lives of more than 500 civilians and left scores wounded. In the past whole villages have been bombed out of existence. The demonstration and march denounced the US puppet regime of Haile Selassie, and also called for international solidarity with liberation struggles all over the world. The participants included members of the Iranian Student Association, the Arab Student Association, the Black Student Union, and SDS.

This most-recent massacre was not the first time the Ethiopian Government has resorted to such cold-blooded tactics when confronted with the mounting resistance of the people against oppression and exploitation. In the countryside Selassie's troops used US-supplied artillery, napalm, and bombs to exterminate whole villages in regions where peasants rose up to oppose the regime: Arussi, Balle, Eritrea, Gojjam, Harrar, and Sidamo. In the towns, workers and students have been killed, imprisoned, and beaten during peaceful public demonstrations on numerous occasions.

According to Challenge, the Journal of the World Wide Union of Ethiopian Students: "The gap between the cost of living and subsistence wages of workers has reached unprecedented proportions. This has led Ethiopian workers to go beyond mere petitioning and peaceful demonstrations.... This year (1970) for example 20,000 workers at the Wonjji sugar factory marched to Mojo to air their grievances. Realizing that their demands were falling on deaf ears, the workers occupied the factory and did considerable damage to the machinery. Again when the Mitchell Cotts Company dismissed



DEMONSTRATION AT FEDERAL BUILDING IN SAN FRANCISCO TO PROTEST ETHIOPIAN MASSACRE.

some militant workers, their fellow workers threatened to stop work unless their companions were reinstated, and the company eventually capitulated."

Haile Selassie's greatest friend and supporter in his efforts to exploit the Ethiopian people is the United States Government. "The US has provided \$147,000,000 in military assistance to Selassie's government since 1953, nearly half of the total US military assets to all African nations during that period." (San Francisco Chronicle, October 19, 1970) Through a mutual-defense pact of 1955 the US has consistently supplied military hardware, training, and financial and other "aid". By outbidding the Soviet Union, the US made a "confidential" agreement to equip a 40,000-man Ethiopian army in exchange for a communications base, making the US the major arms supplier to Ethiopia.

US interests in Ethiopia have been increasing both economically and strategically. Part of the US economic hold on Ethiopia can be seen from a January 17, 1967 New York Times report: "Ralph Pearson operates a \$45,000,000 mining project in (Ethiopia's) Danakil Desert. Dozens of American businessmen have already discovered Ethiopia, from a bookstore to a \$100,000,000 potash mining project, from a spice firm to two of the world's largest oil companies. More than 200 American companies also have agencies in Ethiopia. Among the reasons for this, one of Africa's most-liberal investment policies, special laws protecting US firms against expropriations, generous duty-free and tax-exemption provisions, and vast potential in agriculture, industry, and mining" — all these benefits courtesy of His Majesty, Haile Selassie.

Strategically, the main US prize in Ethiopia is Kagnew Station, acquired in 1953 as a global communications facility. "Kagnew is a primary relay station for the US Army's strategic communications system, a major American naval communications center, an earth terminal for US satellite systems, a diplomatic communications relay point." (from the San Francisco Chronicle, September 19, 1970) It also engages in space communications research, and yet another of its services is transmission of messages between the White House and the President's plane when it is flying over the Eastern Atlantic, Europe, or Africa. "What makes Kagnew so valuable is that messages can zip in and out of there virtually interference-free. This is because the station is

7,500 feet above sea level and far away from any other major electronic complexes. Few places in the world offer those advantages." (Repression in Ethiopia and US Imperialism, a pamphlet by the Ethiopian Students Union)

In the wake of the most-recent massacre in Keren, Eritrea, the Ethiopian Students Union appeal to all progressive people and organizations to condemn the regime's brutal terror against innocent peasants and its bombings of villages. They fully support the courageous struggle of the Eritrean people against US imperialism, which in alliance with the Haile Selassie regime is waging a horrible war on the Ethiopian people.

Jose Muniz, San Francisco State SDS  
With information from Ethiopian Students Union

## Major Strikes In Argentina And Britain

Two million militant British workers struck, closing vital sectors of British industry on March 18th. The Heath reactionary government's proposed legislation curbing strikes was met with defiance. This is but another example of the expressions of bitterness that workers all over the world feel for the international system of oppression.

On the same day as the British strike, Argentine workers called a general strike of their own in Cordoba resulting in a complete stoppage of public transportation, telecommunications, and numerous other businesses. President Roberto Marcello Levingston declared what amounted to martial law in this city of 800,000. Levingston declared that a penalty of death by firing squad would be levied against those strikers who in contempt of his government's economic policies "attacked" his provocative soldiers with arms.

Argentine workers in the past have been unresponsive to Levingston's "national interest" gimmick, the Argentinization of many local industries. Workers in Argentina have made good their promise of a "long hot summer" against Argentinian bosses by, among other things, this latest general strike.

A boss is a boss is a boss whether he's from the U.S., U.S.S.R., Britain, or Argentina. Wherever bosses exist, oppression exists. Wherever oppression exists people must and are fighting back.



GUERRILLAS SKIRMISH IN DESERT

# RIVERSIDE BANS SDS — SDS "BANS" MARINE RECRUITERS

After the first month of each semester, Riverside City College hosts recruiters from the various services. Tables and booths are set up for a week, complete with recruiters from each branch. During this period of time Pig Science, a big program on campus, is pushed extra hard.

According to schedule, the recruiters arrived bright and early Monday morning on March 15. The Marines were to kick off the ceremonies this

time; they began setting up their booths. Upon observing this, RCC SDS immediately took over a booth and placed it directly in front of the Marine booth. We began selling lit, talking to workers and students, and set up a picket line. The only business done that day was by us—no one went near the Marine table.

Not completely discouraged, the recruiters returned again the next day. We were prepared

for them and resumed our work of building an ongoing struggle against this aspect of imperialism. By noon, the pigs had called it quits and split, without showing their faces again on campus. The other branches of the service never got around to setting up their tables—this time the myth about the Marines always going in first was proven true.

Shortly afterwards, an administrator came out, upset by the dispersal of his defenders. He reminded us that SDS was banned. However, on the day before we had talked to workers and students who had assured us that they wouldn't let the school kick us off campus. The administration tried to scare us and discourage workers and students from uniting to fight U.S. imperialism by "banning" SDS. By relying on the people we could see the threats for what they were—the phony roars of a paper tiger.

There is a reason why the school bosses wanted to see the recruiters on campus and were upset when we kicked them off. The military recruiters and police science make it possible for the school bosses to lay off workers right and left, subject workers to intolerable working conditions, make black and brown workers last to be hired and first to be fired, and make women workers receive the lowest pay and most dehumanizing working conditions.

The Marines, Army, Navy, and Air Force are recruiting officers from the campus to help exploit workers throughout the world. To complement this, police science programs are needed to train pigs to keep workers and students in this country down.

At Riverside City College, as at all other schools, campus workers, students, teachers, and the people of the community are hit hard by racism, male chauvinism, and imperialism. Work-study programs are being cut to the bone. Teachers are being laid off, and cost of living increases are a dream. People are murdered by RCC trained pigs in the community, and life's reality for the campus worker is that of more speed-up and lay-offs. We have no choice but to unite and fight back.

Smash racist pig science—  
Build a Worker-Student Alliance!

Kathleen Williams  
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RCC SDS

## NEW FRISCO SDS FIGHTS RACISM, DEMANDS JOBS

A new chapter at CCSF (San Francisco city college) have initiated their struggle to fight unemployment and racist discriminatory practices. We began a petition campaign demanding more work-study jobs, ending discriminatory practices by the placement office, public posting of all jobs, lowering food and bookstore prices.

While demanding more work-study jobs, we have tried to make it clear that we want more students mainly black and Latin, to get jobs at good pay without laying off campus workers. There is plenty of work to be done and the vast majority of CCSF students need jobs.

With most of the students unemployed the administration bookstore has the gall to have the highest prices in the area, \$.50 to 1.00 more (more profits for the bosses). This is definitely just one more way the administration puts the screw on working class youth to get their blood money.

The reaction to our petition was very enthusiastic, over 300 students signed in one week. Most of the students involved in the petition campaign came to the march in Sacramento. The march showed black, Latin, Asian and white students from CCSF the power of unity. We're all ready to fight hard at CCSF to demand JOBS NOW.

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# Build A Worker-Student Alliance FIGHT RACISM — JOIN SDS!

People aren't taking what the bosses are dishing out!! From Cairo, Illinois to Cardova, Argentina to Southeast Asia, working people and students are uniting against the racist system that oppresses us all!

No longer can we sit back and take this from the fat cats that run this country. We need to fight back against racism, the war, women's oppression, unemployment, and rotten medical care. S.D.S. is a national student organization made up of black, white and Latin students which actively fights these injustices.

All over the country S.D.S. is leading fights against racist unemployment, R.O.T.C., the war, lousy wages for campus workers and racist courses and professors. We've found that when workers and students unite, there's nothing we can't do!!! At the University of Minnesota workers and students through their unity won the job of a campus worker back who was fired for racist reasons. At Stony Brook College in New York, 400 students and 100 campus workers joined

together to fight against the laying off of 300 campus workers. At Chicago State College, S.D.S. led a cafeteria boycott that displayed solidarity between black, Latin and white students against racist unemployment. At Loop Junior College, students are getting together to fight a law enforcement program that trains 2,000 cops a year. The demand is: We want more jobs—not more cops!!

S.D.S. is against all alliances with liberal politicians, bosses, or administrators. We don't think bombings or isolated acts of terrorism accomplish anything and we think the Weathermen serve only the rulers since the bosses and their newspapers try to use this image of wild-eyed, crazy, bomb throwing radicals in order to divide workers from students. What we need is a worker-student alliance to really fight the guys that profit from unemployment, racism and the war.

JOIN S.D.S. Start your own chapter! FIGHT BACK AGAINST RACISM. BUILD A WORKER-STUDENT ALLIANCE!



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