

# SDS new left notes

SMASH RACISM! ALLY WITH WORKERS!



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## Students Hard Hit by Job, Work-Study Cuts



Workers and students march in Washington, D.C. for more jobs on June 19th. See page 6-7

There are 168,000 youths between 16 and 19 who are now looking for work in New York City and can't find jobs. There are also tens of thousands of youths over 19 looking for work, such as myself.

A short time ago, in desperation, I went to an employment agency advertising jobs for college students. But these agencies have few jobs to offer, and force those they do find jobs for to pay a fee equal to their first two weeks' salary. In other words, we have to pay to work at one of these low-paying summer jobs!

This agency sent me to an address where they said I would find a job. It turned out the job was to be a Pinkerton guard, having to spy on fellow workers and working-class shoppers in big department stores owned by big bosses who never had to work a day in their lives. When I arrived there were a large number of young men there, a majority of whom were either black or Latin. (The unemployment rate of black teenagers is nearly 50% in the big cities.) Few of us wanted to be guards (especially as

the pay also is miserably low), but this is one of the few job openings in New York.

I decided right away I wouldn't take this job, and as I was thinking that a guy next to me, looking at the cop uniform guards are required to wear, said out loud: "Hell, I just came out of three years at Fort Bragg wearing a uniform, and I'll be damned if I do it again." We got into a conversation about veteran unemployment (15% officially) and the lousy employment agencies we both went to. We then both convinced a white youth not to be a Pinkerton fink, and all three of us walked out together. So much for the anti-working-class lie that working people think only of their immediate material interests!

Since then I have found a job loading trucks at United Parcel Service. The work is non-stop, heavy, and hot, and moreover the hourly starting rate for student workers was cut 10% from last summer. This shows how the bosses make use of unemployment to exploit their workers to an even greater degree.

The unemployment crisis for young people

presents a number of organizing opportunities to build the worker-student alliance and SDS:

(1) We should stage street rallies in front of youth employment centers, selling NLN and meeting people interested in forming committees to demand that these centers find jobs for everyone (including the all-important demand for preferential hiring of black youth).

(2) On the campuses we should demand more summer jobs and more work-study positions in the fall. In addition we should demand no tuition increases. Let them cut out their military research and ROTC programs instead, and let them tax the banks that run these schools.

(3) We should organize some militant support demonstrations for the rebellions of working people this summer against unemployment (especially as it affects black and Latin workers), Welfare cuts and enforced labor of Welfare recipients, rotten housing, hospital closings, and so on. More Jobs, Higher Pay; Black and White Unite to Make the Bosses Pay! Glenn Kissack, New York City

# While Millions Suffer- Bosses Profit From Unemployment

Unemployment has reached a nine-year high, and things aren't getting any better. US War Secretary Melvin Laird predicted that transition to a peace-time economy would eventually put another two million out of work. Add to that the attempts by the Government to cut back aid to those out of work, and millions of workers are put in the desperate situation of not knowing where the money is going to come from for the rent or the next meal.

People here have been fighting hard against unemployment. Officially unemployment is over 10% for black workers, and double or triple that for black youth. Numerous rebellions have been sparked already by high unemployment and the rotten conditions it causes. Albuquerque, New Mexico; Chattanooga, Tennessee; Jacksonville, Florida; and Brownsville, New York (where unemployment was over 50%!) are just a few examples. Judge Otto Kerner, head of the commission to study the rebellions of 1967, said that unemployment among black youth has equaled or passed that of a few years ago when those rebellions broke out.

Unemployment is not some kind of disease that mysteriously appears. It is a conscious policy on the part of US corporations and their pals that run the Government. There is an economic crisis in America. Nixon and most economists say there are only two alternatives to deal with the problem—either inflation or unemployment.

Milton Friedman, economics professor and Nixon's unofficial advisor, says: "Unfortunately there is no other way to stop inflation. There has to be some unemployment. There is nothing more absurd than those who say 'That's inhuman and intolerable.' It is a fact of life." How long would Friedman be saying that if he were out of work? While fat-cat Friedman has his penthouse at the University of Chicago, and top executives in the US got an average pay increase of \$10,740 last year, workers have had their wages whittled away, while others have been thrown out into the streets.

Unemployment, like inflation, is a way to drive down wages. It is mainly the result of workers

being laid off. Those workers who remain at the plant are subjected to speed-up—forced to work faster so that production won't drop. Examples of this are the auto and steel industries. Both have laid off thousands of workers, yet their output has stayed the same. Managers at a Chevrolet plant in Ohio have been doing all they can to up production of Vegas to 100 an hour, when the standard rate is a fast 50 to 60 an hour. The work is so hard that the average age of the workers there is 23!

In the steel industry, production is up 5% from last year, partly in an attempt to stockpile goods for the steel strike. The effect of these layoffs and speed-ups is the same as if all the workers had taken a pay cut. Another way unemployment keeps wages down is that a large number of unemployed workers poses a big

threat to any workers who are thinking of going on strike for better wages or working conditions. They know there are thousands of people who are desperate for a job and might be more willing to break strikes. W. Clement Stone, big-time insurance man in Chicago, put it this way: "We're getting rid of waste in the business. As for employees, with the fear of losing their jobs they're really putting their heart into their work."

Finally, racism plays an important part in the threat of unemployment. Everybody knows that a high percentage of black and Latin workers are out of jobs. The Government, the press, and the corporations go out of their way to spread the idea that black and Latin people are out to take white workers' jobs away from them—  
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## 'Secret' Pentagon Papers Belong In Garbage With New York Times

The New York Times publication of the secret Pentagon study of how the US got involved in Vietnam is causing a stir in all the bosses' media. Mostly they're trying to make an issue over whether the publishing of the documents was a "crime" or a "right".

A vast majority of American and Vietnamese people eagerly await the day when they can open ALL the secret files documenting American imperialism; when they can expose all the crimes of ruling-class politicians; when they can track down every profit-hungry big-business warmaker. But for this day to come about, we had better NOT wait for the New York Times!

It was the New York Times and liberals like Johnson and Kennedy who got us into the Vietnam War in the first place. It was precisely the New York Times which, in the interest of "national

security", withheld information and lied to the people about the CIA's imminent Bay of Pigs invasion. It is the New York Times and all the other ruling-class media which to this day talk about the "enemy" body counts in Southeast Asia.

There are no bounds to the cynicism and duplicity of ruling-class newspapers and their "heroic independent journalism". We need not applaud or support the New York Times and other ruling-class newspapers when they fight ("all the way to the Supreme Court") the Nixon Administration's order to end the publication of these documents. Rather, we must thoroughly expose the ruling-class press and the integral role it plays in protecting and perpetuating US imperialism.

The New York Times felt free to publish these documents because they do not say one word about the causes of US imperialism. The published documents do not mention a single US corporation or bank with interests in Southeast Asia. The concrete cause of American involvement in Vietnam—the profit-motivated drive of US big business for capital investment and commodity markets, raw materials, and cheap labor—is hidden in the documents behind a lot of tactical talk about bombings, public opinion, possible negotiations, and so on. While the documents do reveal that Johnson lied to the American people about his intentions to bomb North Vietnam during the 1964 Presidential campaign, this information is not now a threat to the ruling class, and certainly is no revelation to American workers.

The whole issue of "freedom of the press" must be understood as a class issue. There is no freedom of the press as long as there are rich bosses who control the newspapers, radio, and television and use them for their own interests. There will be no freedom of the press until working people control the mass media. Whether the ruling-class government and courts grant the New York Times the right to publish secret documents is not crucial at this point.

We are learning to see through the bosses' distortions ourselves; we don't need the New York Times to expose government documents. Workers and students in this country are fighting back, developing their own press and exposing the real criminals—the whole ruling class of bosses, liberal Establishment included.

Ken Wiland, Rochester SDS



The racist "hard core" program in the steel industry was the target of an SDS, PLP, and National Steelworkers' Committee demonstration in Chicago June 6th. Steelworkers from Buffalo, Chicago, and Atlanta who were in Chicago for an NSC meeting joined with other workers and students in attacking US Steel's racist practices and building support for the steel strike which will be coming in August.



Striking Yale workers battle cops at Yale graduation ceremonies.

## Strikers, Students Disrupt Yale Commencement

Yale graduation is traditionally a time of back-slapping, formalities, and Yale chauvinism. But this year's graduation took place under armed guard.

Yale's 1157 employees have been on strike since April 30th, mainly over Administration plans to replace full-time workers with part-time student workers at lower wages. Workers and students nearly had the whole school shut down by blocking oil trucks from going into the power plants. (See the last issue of New Left Notes.) The leader of the union then made a deal with the University not to block the trucks. The strike finally has been settled. The workers won a 30% wage increase and a cost-of-living increase. The important question of student workers was not resolved, but negotiations were postponed till the next contract settlement.

After the union leader had sold out and made an agreement to let scab oil trucks in (getting 17 people arrested in the process), he had to regain face somehow. So he planned a "militant" demonstration for graduation. He called in some "ace organizers" from the National Welfare Rights Organization (NWRO), the National Student Organization (NSA), and the Catholic Church. Father Groppi, a "militant" Milwaukee priest, attempted to lead us in prayer at the point when the commencement procession was pouring into the arena behind a line of 100 cops.

Actually, the demonstration came off much better than its "leaders" had planned. The workers were angry, and black women led the the procession. The procession was headed by the Yale Corporation, including representatives from Rockefeller, Morgan, and Mellon interests.

These Corporation creeps and their front man, Yale President Brewster, tried to pretend all graduation weekend that nothing was happening. At Baccalaureate the previous day, Brewster spoke about why he still had faith in America: "Here David can beat Goliath, Proxmire (the Senator from Wisconsin) can stop the SST, John Kerry (an ex-Navy lieutenant and ex-Yale "big" man) can try to stop the War (He hasn't been succeeding!), and generally the underdog can win." This Brewster said while campus workers picketed outside with signs saying "We will slay Goliath Yale!".

But the next day the workers were even more visible. They and friendly students surrounded the deans, masters, and administrators, chanting

"Strikebreakers, Warmakers" — or, as some black women changed the chant, "Strikebreakers, Lawmakers". We fought three busloads of cops and one worker was beaten with a nightstick until he required 18 stitches. The big-wig leaders were symbolically arrested, as were fighting workers and students. When the commencement finally came off, it was under a state of siege.

One of the main things the hot-shot organizers stressed was that students should not participate in "union matters". Former NSA president Charlie Palmer, a Yale law student, was working in the union leader's campaign for mayor. He had the nerve to come to a meeting to tell a whole group of students who had eaten, slept, and lived on the picket line with workers for a month that "Our people don't like students." "His" people! We have never seen him on the picket line or elsewhere before. We know most of the workers personally. They like the idea of student support.

This guy couldn't put the worker-student split on us.

While the demonstration didn't stop graduation it really scared the Yale bosses, because they saw the hatred the workers felt toward them. Also the fight was making the role of Yale as a vicious boss more clear to hundreds of students. Black and white, men and women, young and old were united in fighting the cops and hating the Yale bosses — especially Brewster. One of the workers' favorite slogans was "Brewster is a liberal fraud."

The Yale bosses knew that if the strike went on much longer they would never be able to keep the lid on. So, just as plans were being made for the disruption of alumni weekend the next week, the strike was settled. Still, Yale will never be the same for those who took part in this fight. We hate those bosses' guts!

J. C., Yale SDS

### As Halstead Defends Imperialism

## SUNY Students Demand Racist Prof's Firing

"In one mid-century battle between the British and the Indians, although the British were outnumbered six-to-one, they won... partially because the Indians had inferior leaders, due to lack of training, and also for innate inadequacies!"

This statement is an example of the ideas promoted by the Administration of the State University of New York at Buffalo in Professor Halstead's Modern Imperialism class. These ideas were challenged by a member of SDS and other members of the class. The instructor refused to answer the students' questions, and singled out the SDSer by saying that he was disrupting the class. When the students persisted in challenging Halstead's racist, pro-imperialist lectures, he resorted to strong-arm tactics by calling in the cops to threaten and intimidate them.

One morning the SDSer was barred from the class and ordered to appear at the President's office to face suspension procedures on account of his "disruptions". The SDSer appeared at the President's office accompanied by 80 angry

students who demanded an open hearing. When the students attempted to open up the kangaroo court, the cops blocked the doors. We thereupon surged forward and scuffled with the cops, disrupting the whole hearing.

The University is planning another hearing to formally suspend the student from all the state's campuses. SDS is building a mass movement of students and workers to demand that the hearing be open to all. We demand that the student not be suspended and that racist Halstead be fired immediately.

Halstead implies that Indians, black people, and Mexican Americans actually welcomed their exploitation and oppression. These ideas are used by imperialists to justify the misery forced on millions of people in "underdeveloped" lands and on workers here at SUNY and all over the US. We must unite with people all over the world against the vicious attacks of the US bosses. Defeating the racist and pro-imperialist ideas taught in the classroom is part of that struggle.

SUNY Buffalo SDS

# Worker-Student Militancy Halts Illinois Slave Labor Plan

June 10th — "More Jobs, Higher Welfare — Make the Bosses Pay!" — Welfare clients, cab drivers, workers, and students jammed into the Office of Employment Security Building to shove Governor Ogilvie's racist slave-labor plan down his throat. Yesterday, Ogilvie proudly announced that he had the names of a thousand Welfare recipients who would have to accept cab-driving jobs or be dropped from the Welfare rolls. SDS and members and friends of the revolutionary communist Progressive Labor Party were there to attack this racist attempt to force people on Welfare to work at super-low wages instead of creating decent jobs for all. The majority of the names on the list were those of black and Latin unemployed workers. Ogilvie tried to spread the racist lie that Welfare clients have to be "forced to work" because they are "lazy".

It was no accident that Ogilvie would suggest the hiring of Welfare recipients at the time when a July 1st citywide cab strike is brewing. When Jerry Feldman, president of the Checker Cab Company, was asked how he felt about Ogilvie's proposed job plan, he responded by saying: "Send the bodies over; we'll make acceptable cab drivers out of them."

Almost all of the people in Chicago receiving Welfare are black, and Feldman's racist attitude toward them is made clear by his referring to them as "bodies". Cab drivers complained that there are too many cabs already on the street to make a decent wage, and the addition of more cabs would make that wage even smaller while the bosses' profits would become bigger.

SDS and PLP were aware of the slave labor that Ogilvie had really planned, and organized a demonstration in the State of Illinois Building, demanding to meet his representative, Linton. Linton had intended to discuss the Governor's job plan and hand over the list of the thousand Welfare recipients to the cab companies. But the militancy with which SDS and PLP confronted Linton scared Ogilvie into temporarily deciding to drop this racist scheme.

The majority of those who do not have jobs or have jobs that don't pay shit depend on Welfare to survive. In the United States there are now 10,000,000 people on Welfare, including children and those who can't work. Of the 430,000 people receiving Welfare in Chicago, less than 10% are potentially employable but unable to find a job. Those that could work are doing their best to escape from their financial condition, but to no avail. Last February the Cook County Welfare Rehabilitation Service processed more than 7,000 Welfare recipients for jobs, but could find jobs for only 513 persons.

The Government has thought up all kinds of "reforms" of Welfare — all designed to cut back money that people need. One plan is to force

people on Welfare to take any job — no matter how low the wages are. Another is to make workers "earn" their Welfare. In Chicago, 300 Welfare recipients are being forced to work full-time in the forest preserves for the money they get on Welfare. That means they work for well below the minimum wage!

The way to prevent the rehabilitation agencies and profit-hungry bosses from getting away with this slave labor is to build a worker-student alliance and demand higher wages and more jobs. If a group of protesters numbering 100 people were effective enough to force Ogilvie into reconsidering his forced-labor proposal, think of how much more effect future actions will have when thousands of people join with us! **HELP BUILD A WORKER-STUDENT ALLIANCE!**



Cabdriver joins demonstration in protest of Gov. Ogilvie's forced labor plan. Chicago cab drivers go out on strike this week.



SDS'ers carry picket signs during spirited demonstration against racist welfare scheme.

## Racist Unemployment - Key to Albuquerque Rebellion

Unemployment which mainly affects Mexican Americans in Albuquerque was the chief factor in the recent rebellion there, not "the high crime rate" or "outside agitators". The situation is so bad there that even the major newspapers owned by big businessmen made mention of it.

"Trouble had been simmering in New Mexico's

largest city for a long time. Albuquerque now is a city with serious pockets of high summer unemployment. About 25 to 30% of the people in the overwhelmingly (75%) Spanish American model city area on Albuquerque's East Side are unemployed." (Christian Science Monitor, June 16th, Page 3)

"Not since depression days have there been so many people out of jobs and on the road." This is "the underlying cause" of the situation in Albuquerque and the rest of the country. (Harry Kinney, Albuquerque City Commissioner, Miami Herald, June 16th, Page 26)

Because of high prices with so many jobless, there was looting and arson aimed at local merchants and businesses. The cops also were targets. They have harassed and brutalized Chicano residents there for a long time. Four cop cars were overturned and burned, and five cops were injured.

This revolt in Albuquerque, like those in other ghettos and barrios, will force the Government and businessmen to provide jobs and decent wages. Increased use of cops to harass, results in more determined struggle. In Albuquerque, as in other ghetto and barrio rebellions, the struggle is one of life and death for thousands of people.



Albuquerque residents set fire to police squad car.

## Free Lunches Cut

Children living in the ghettos and barrios of the big cities will be more hungry than ever this summer because of major cutbacks in federally funded free-lunch programs. The Agriculture Department, which finances the program in the major US cities, announced Friday, June 18th, that Chicago's share of available funds would be cut back 90%. Out of \$2,100,000 requested to feed 60,000 children, primarily from black and Latin families, only \$195,000 would be granted. Chicago is among 11 major cities that will have their free-lunch funds slashed. Nationally, only 43% of the usual amount will be allocated for the program, which means that 425,000 children will be affected. (Chicago Sun-Times, June 18th, Page 3)

This government cutback is racist because the people most affected by it are black and Latin children. Racist unemployment, Welfare cuts, and high taxes make it nearly impossible to adequately provide for a family. Rebellions of people living in ghettos and barrios are fights for survival against the Government and the big business interests it serves. Thus, as the racist government increases its assaults on black and Latin workers, the revolts will become fiercer and more determined. These ghetto and barrio rebellions should be supported by all workers and students. Not only have these fights won thousands of jobs in Detroit and Watts, but they have dealt serious blows to bosses' profiteering.



Nixon's racist welfare cuts came under attack at the demonstration in Chicago. Across the street is the Pick Congress Hotel where Nixon came to speak. Later there was a march on the welfare office where we confronted the head administrator. Tricia's wedding dress costs more than a welfare recipient would receive as a minimum per year.

## In Rochester, Chicago-Workers Blast Nixon's Racist Welfare Cuts

Workers and Welfare recipients know who's responsible for the racist unemployment and Welfare cutbacks that they face. That's why Nixon and his pals Rockefeller, Javits, and Buckley were jeered as they drove down Clarissa Street in Rochester, New York June 18th. That's why members of the Chicago Workers' Council, the Coalition Against Welfare Cuts, SDS, and the Progressive Labor Party gathered to "greet" Nixon in Chicago with a spirited rally and picket line.

In Rochester the Nixon bandit gang spoke about Nixon's "family assistance" plan. Its aim is to force mothers on Welfare to accept any job or be cut off Welfare completely: \$1.60 an hour or less, or starve! Overall, Welfare will be cut to a uniformly low level. As one SDSer at the Chicago rally put it, Tricia Nixon spends \$2500 for her wedding dress while families on Welfare get \$2400 a year to live on (with a compulsory "option" now for slave labor).

At the Chicago rally a member of the Chicago Workers' Council told how she and her kids were jailed for demanding her Welfare check at the Welfare Office. After that everyone marched to the Welfare Office to confront head administrator Howard, get some straight answers about racist Welfare cuts, and demand a check for the woman who spoke at the rally. Workers, case workers, and recipients along the march and at the Office were very enthusiastic about the action. "Howard the Coward", however, mysteriously slipped "out to lunch".

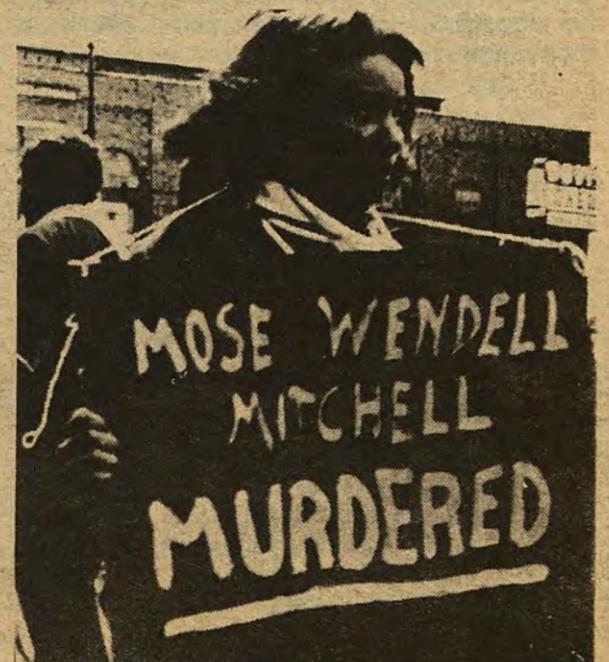
Many Chicago people signed a petition against Nixon's forced labor and racist Welfare cut plan. We'll be back at the Welfare Office stronger than ever on July 1st to continue the fight! SDS must build struggles around the country with workers and Welfare recipients to smash the Government racist schemes!



## Cleveland Cops Murder High School Teacher; Students Walk Out, March on City Hall

High-school teacher Mose Mitchell was shot and killed by Cleveland pigs as he was walking down the street. Police had stopped him on a charge of suspicion of robbery, but a crowd of witnesses say that the charge was phony. The cops put a gun in his ear while they beat him up. He pleaded "Don't shoot me! Don't shoot me!" and pushed the gun away from his temple. It went off, hitting a pig in the foot, and the pigs pumped his head full of holes. The filthy bosses' press claimed that the pigs had been attacked in the line of duty and had acted in self-defense.

But people in Cleveland know the truth. Following this racist shooting, students at Shaw High School, where Mitchell taught, walked out of class, shut down the school, and marched to City Hall, where Mayor Stokes and his fellow rats hang out. One sign summed up the situation: KKK Equals East Cleveland Police Department. Later some 1900 community residents met and marched on City Hall, demanding that the cops be shown the same mercy they had shown Mose Mitchell.



June 19th — "Hire more hospital workers; we want decent medical care!" chanted 300 workers and students outside the Peter Bent Hospital in Boston. This was the third demonstration in recent months sponsored by SDS, the Mothers' Committee to Smash the Flat Grant, the Workers' Council Against Unemployment, the revolutionary communist Progressive Labor Party, and a new group of high-school students, Students to Fight Unemployment. The first two demonstrations forced the State Government to postpone general relief and medical cuts. (See New Left Notes, April 21st, 1971.)

A hundred interested workers took leaflets and bought New Left Notes and Challenge. The bosses were so terrified by the thought of such a movement reaching out to more working people and students that they sent cops to arrest one member of PLP and used an assortment of plainclothesmen and Right-wing lunatics to try to intimidate the demonstrators.

Our response was to continue with the planned march, mainly in black working-class sections of the city. This is the place where there is the highest unemployment and worst medical care. We wound up the march at Roxbury Opportunities Industrial Center to focus attention on its phony job-training programs. The flunkies who run this racket promise jobs to black and Latin workers and force them through weeks of training for jobs that don't exist. Then, for the "lucky ones", they find low-paying jobs which require no training in the first place and which involve scabbing on other workers' strikes. At the OIC we chanted "No phony training programs; we demand jobs."

Enthusiasm for building the fight against unemployment ran so high that busses leaving the site of the demonstration rang with chants of militant workers and students. That evening over 250 attended a fund-raising banquet for the Mothers' Committee to Smash the Flat Grant and the Workers' Council, and vowed to continue the fight.

#### ROCHESTER

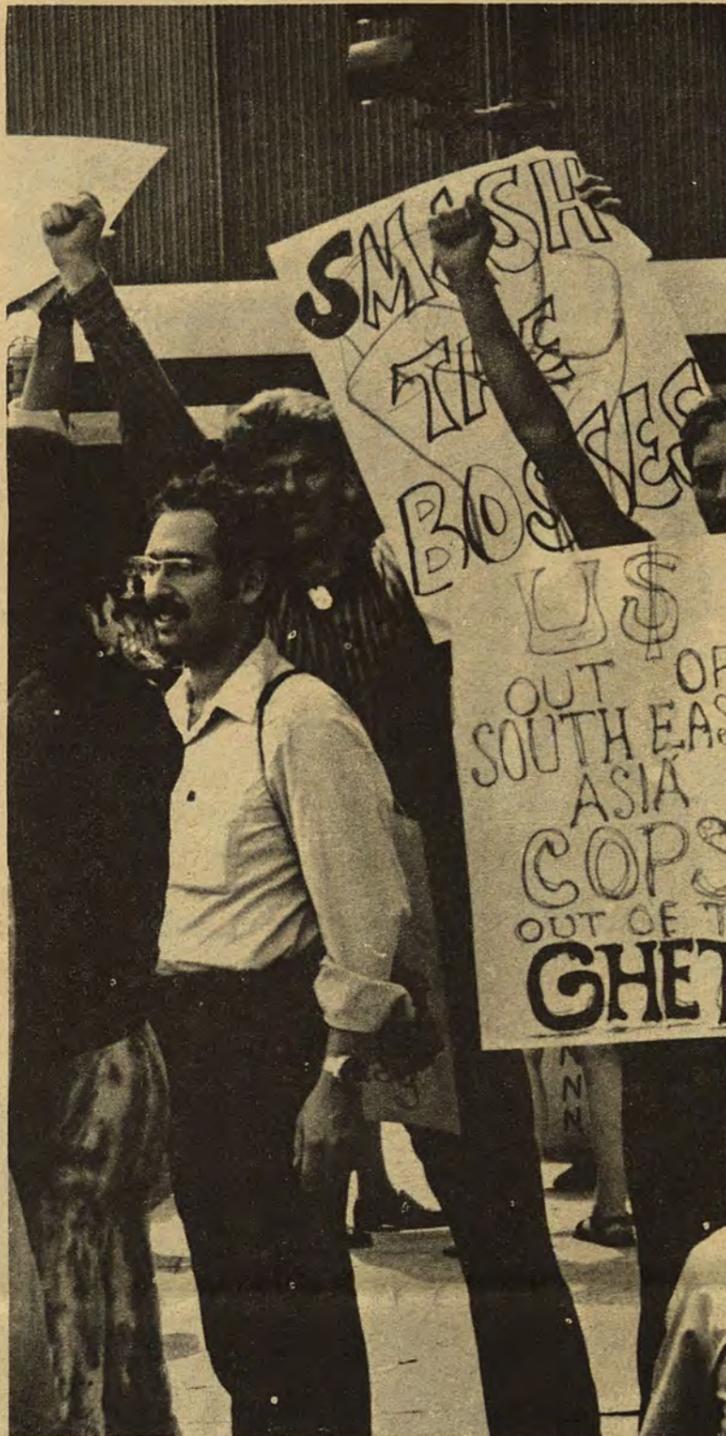
Rochester, New York, June 19th — Clenched fists from residents supported marchers as 40 to 50 workers and students marched through the Hanover Houses, a low-income housing project where a resident had recently been decapitated by an unsafe elevator. We were demanding more jobs and an end to the state's 10% Welfare cuts.

#### PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia — The Welfare Administrator at the Philadelphia General Hospital pulls down a salary of \$42,000 a year, while 40 other administrators there make over \$20,000 a year. Yet these bosses had the nerve to close the intensive-care unit because it was too expensive to operate! SDS, the Progressive Labor Party, and supporters demanded that the intensive-care unit be reopened immediately, coupling this with the demand for an end to the racist attacks of unemployment and Welfare cutbacks.

#### DAVENPORT

In the first march of its kind in Iowa, black, Latin, and white men and women, employed and unemployed, workers and students, marched to demand more jobs and an end to racist unemployment. SDS and enthusiastic workers from the Davenport area let the bosses know just what they thought of them and their racist, male-chauvinist practices in the meat-packing plants. One woman who played a leading role in an earlier fight against racist hiring practices in the Oscar Mayer meat-packing plant told of how she alone was offered a job if she would stop fighting. She rejected the bosses' bribe and demanded jobs for everyone! Plans were made to begin a Workers' Council in Davenport to organize more fights against the bosses' racist unemployment, on-the-job harassment, and cuts in Welfare.



### FROM BALTIMORE TO LOS ANGELES

# Thousands Demand Better Medical Care

June 19th marked the beginning of the SDS Summer Project, with demonstrations in 19 major cities for more jobs. Conditions of working people and students in this country are getting more and more unbearable. The official unemployment rate is over 6% and the real figure might be double that. The racist nature of unemployment in this country is shown by the fact that it is 40% in the black and Latin ghettos, and over 50% for minority youth. To make things even worse, the ruling class is now cutting back Welfare (which was barely subsistence anyway) and the already criminally inadequate funds allotted for medical care.

People in ever increasing numbers are refusing to have any

#### BUFFALO

Buffalo — The June 19th demonstration started at the Parish Street Housing Project, where unemployed workers on Welfare are forced to live under some of the most miserable conditions in the city. Black, Latin, and white workers and students then marched to the New York State Employment Center demanding an end to cuts in Welfare and medical care along with preferential hiring of minority workers to put an end to racist unemployment.

#### BALTIMORE

Baltimore — June 19th saw the first march against racist unemployment ever to be held in Baltimore. Members and supporters of SDS gave Baltimore's ruling class fair warning that it's going to be a long hot summer! The march culminated in a rally at University of Maryland Hospital, where demands for the smashing of racist medical care and unemployment were heard.

## CHICAGO

"Men and Women, Black and White, Workers and Students Must Unite!" "More Jobs, Not Cops; Fight Racist Unemployment!" Employed and unemployed workers and students marched from the Robert Taylor Homes on Chicago's South Side to Washington Park chanting these slogans on June 19th. The Robert Taylor Tenants Council, SDS, and the Progressive Labor Party sponsored the demonstration, demanding more jobs, an end to racist unemployment, and end to medical cutbacks, and higher Welfare.

As one member of the Tenants Council said, "The projects are a concentration camp." The Tenants Council has been picketing two grocery stores near the projects because these stores try to sell their old, rotten meat and raise food prices on the days the Welfare checks come out.

While demonstrators marched through the projects many tenants came down to join the march and rally. Over 200 people listened to a Welfare mother tell of her struggle to get her Welfare check. She and supporters confronted the Welfare director, who was so scared by the action he immediately gave her the check. As she said, "The bosses' attacks will only make us fight harder!"

## DETROIT

Detroit — Workers and students in Detroit are fighting hard against the bosses. This summer sanitation workers are having a work slowdown and are refusing overtime, as are the Fleetwood auto workers. The June 19th demonstration was held in support of these and other city workers threatened with layoffs. Welfare recipients joined other workers and students marching through the downtown area and a series of housing projects. A rally was held at which a high-school speaker demanded summer jobs for youth, especially for blacks and Latins, who are also hardest hit by unemployment.

## WASHINGTON D.C.

Washington DC — Smash racist unemployment and support the warehousemen's strike and the upcoming steel strike were the demands of SDS, PLP, and supporters here. A RAT skit showing how racism is used by rich capitalist bosses to keep workers and students from uniting and seizing power was presented. Speakers stressed the need for all workers and students to develop unity through struggle. This is the only way that anything can be won.

## HOUSTON

Houston, June 19th — SDS joined with black Latin, and white workers from the Houston Poor People United to Fight and the revolutionary communist Progressive Labor Party to fight raised parking fees and rotten medical care at the two county "charity" hospitals, Ben Taub and Jeff Davis. We started picketing the entrance to the driveway when two hospital workers came to tell us we should get closer to the hospital. A rally was held at the front door of the hospital, where patients and workers joined the action. We came back the next day to let the hospital Administration know we won't stop until better medical care is won for all.

## MINNEAPOLIS

Minnesota workers and students took part in the June 19th march organized by the Minnesota Workers' Council, the University of Minnesota, SDS, and PLP. At the tenement building where the initial rally took place, black and Latin speakers exposed the living conditions people on Welfare are forced to live under. The march proceeded through working-class neighborhoods to the state "employment" office, where a rally was held in support of striking Western Union workers.



## LOS ANGELES, DAVENPORT TO HOUSTON

## Demand More Jobs, Medical Care

part of these rotten conditions and are fighting back. The unity and militancy expressed in the nationwide demonstrations June 19th show that more and more workers and students are ready to fight back with everything they've got! The capitalist leeches who suck the blood of working-class people through unemployment and Welfare and medical-care cutbacks had better look out!

In the Summer Project, hundreds of students will be moving to cities all over the country to build a national movement of millions of workers and students to fight for jobs and against the War and all other forms of racism and male chauvinism. Everyone should join us in building the worker-student alliance wherever they are!

## LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles — The June 19th march in East Los Angeles signaled the beginning of a campaign to force the Board of Supervisors at the badly understaffed County General Hospital to hire more workers and end racist medical treatment practices. Two marches converged into one main march of 150 workers and students, who were cheered enthusiastically by onlookers as they chanted "TEN THOUSAND JOBS TODAY: MAKE THE RICH BOSSES PAY!"

## SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco — People are tired of waiting around for jobs. That was clear in the June 19th demonstration where they came to demand more jobs. GIs from Presidio, workers, and students marched to the Kaiser Medical Center to demand 2,000 summer jobs for high-school and college students and 2,000 full-time jobs. Police agents attempted to cause trouble but were discovered and kicked out of the march.

# Bosses' Goons Attack Protesters in Mexico

20,000 students and workers demonstrated in Mexico City on June 10th to protest government educational policies and to demand the release of political prisoners arrested during and after the rebellion of 1968. That year hundreds of thousands of students called for governmental reforms only to be machine-gunned or thrown in prison. The June 10th demonstrators called for a united front of workers, peasants, and students to fight against horrible living conditions and government repression.

The demonstration was attacked by Right-wing storm troopers known as Halcones, or Falcons. "The Falcons used rifles and clubs to break up the march of students and independent labor groups." (Los Angeles Times, June 13th, Page 10) Although President Echeverria denies it, this Nazi-type group was organized and is controlled by the Mexican Government.

"Witnesses said the Falcons, armed with pistols, automatic weapons, and bamboo staves, were delivered to the scene in gray, unmarked busses and went into action without hindrance from the police, who were on hand in strength . . . Some witnesses said the Falcon leaders had conferred with police officials before the attack, which was carried out with military precision." (Los Angeles Times, June 16th, Page 21) This government trap left nine dead and a hundred wounded. It was also Echeverria who as Minister of the Interior called out the troops in the bloody revolt of 1968.

If Echeverria and all his cronies think this will stop the people of Mexico from building a united movement of resistance, they are in for a big surprise. Despite this vicious attack, Echeverria and his pack of wolves are doomed to the same fate as all exploiters: THEY WILL BE ANNIHILATED!

Steve Carl, Chicago SDS

# Grupo Estudiantil Analiza Motín, Presenta Sugerencias

La organización Universitaria Unidos propuso el viernes en un "sermón, seis soluciones para la Universidad de Puerto Rico, recien-  
do "¡Firmes, nuestras convicciones con el pueblo y con la comunidad universitaria, hagamos este planteamiento con la conciencia limpia y la mejor intención de ayudar a nuestro país."  
"LA VERDAD Sale el ROTC's los Surcos en la Universidad" "Una vez más han ocurrido destrucciones, incendios, en torno al ROTC. Una vez más, como de costumbre, los líderes independentistas han dividido al país para responsabilizar a los cadetes de todo lo ocurrido y para evitar la inmediata erradicación del ROTC."  
"En el campus, son embargo, de que el pueblo oye a la verdad y tenga ante sí todos los elementos de juicio. La realidad es que los líderes estudiantiles que solemnemente le han hablado al pueblo son los mismos que minutos antes dirigieron el ataque contra el ROTC. Audaz ante el pueblo buscando impunidad de la culpa, lavarse las ma-

nos ante unos hechos tan innegables que pesan sobre sus personas y sobre sus conciencias."  
"Es necesario que el pueblo recuerde que, a diferencia de los grupos extremistas, el ROTC no es una organización política. Se trata de un programa oficial de la Universidad en el que se matriculan estudiantes regulares y se imparte un programa de instrucción regular. El ROTC es un grupo de jóvenes que se preparan para servir a su país y a su comunidad. Como resultado de estos sucesos, la administración universitaria resolvió crear un Comité de Evaluación para determinar si el ROTC debía seguir en el Recinto. El ROTC ha sido víctima de un ataque, que mediatamente provocó a algunos de los cadetes. Pero como los activistas demandaban con violencia que se eliminara el ROTC, la Universidad se enfrentó a estas fuerzas."  
"Un gran activista de para el movimiento obrero y constructor, dijo en una marcha realizada en la Universidad: "Yo no fui sino un frente de la FUPI. Al llegar al ROTC, los jóvenes, respaldados por los cadetes de la FUPI y de otras organizaciones extremistas, gritaron consignas de "Fuego, Fuego. Los Cadetes quieren Fuego" y "Si el ROTC no se va, lo volvemos a quemar."  
"Es sumamente significativo el hecho de que la actividad cumbre de la FUPI para aquel semestre estaba señalada precisamente para el 11 de marzo, la misma fecha en que ocurrió el motín de la semana pasada. Para esta fecha, seleccionada por ser el aniversario de la Universidad, la FUPI anunció en aquella ocasión un acto masivo, con carteles que presentaban la explosión de una bomba atómica. Los activistas no ocultaron que para ese día planeaban la actividad violenta y radical."  
"Sin embargo, el 4 de marzo, 1970, se produjo un ataque contra el ROTC. La FUPI, queriendo lavarse las manos, negó ser responsable del mismo, y culpó a la Liga Socialista de haberse valido de la marcha para causar un motín. Si esto fue lo que ocurrió, o si ellos pretendían ocultarse tras una marcha organizada por un ataque socialista, de por sí es un hecho que los activistas fue un

franco. La mayoría de los estudiantes hizo caso omiso del paro y todos recordamos como los extremistas irrumpieron en los salones para sacar a los estudiantes que ejercieron su derecho de asistir a clases. Es una pena que no pudieran salvar el pastel completo, y de que varias organizaciones estudiantiles pelearon un referéndum para decidir sobre la huelga, los activistas decidieron llevar a referéndum las cuatro demandas."  
"Es evidente que los activistas querían aprovecharse de los sucesos ocurridos, y de la tensión imperante en el Recinto, para evitar una decisión regional del estudiantado. Pero a la oposición de varias organizaciones, aprobaron el lunes 16 de marzo un referéndum a celebrarse dos días después, el 18 de marzo. Durante los días anteriores al referéndum, los activistas saturaron el Recinto con propaganda altamente emocional y demagógica, en la que daban a conocer los estudiantes entre el ROTC y la paz en el Recinto."  
"Pese a todo, cuando el referéndum resultó un fracaso para los activistas. De los 12,811 estudiantes que votaron por ciento de los días regulares) "Pero la huelga proclamada el 11 de marzo, el ROTC, a favor del ROTC, 5,912 estudiantes."  
"Este resultado significa un problema extra del programa de activistas. Se tan solo 147 prepararse "no. Esta diferencia resulta insignificante."  
"En efecto, el día no del 11 de marzo, el semestre del ROTC, se reanuda el 11 de marzo. Pero si se les de reanudar los estudios, de la ROTC que se demostró. En el primer semestre, cuando los activistas dieron a un cadete sargento de la Fuerza y colocaron una bomba y al poder explosiva, el ROTC, que de haber detonado pudo causar grandes daños y numerosas heridas."  
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## SUPPORT THE WORLD-WIDE STRUGGLE OF WORKERS & PEASANTS

Se distribuyeron en los terrenos del Recinto de Río Piedras ejemplares de "The New Left Notes", "Asociaciones de la Nueva Izquierda", una publicación de la lucha contra el ROTC en Puerto Rico.

Last March 11th a fierce battle erupted at the University of Puerto Rico. Anti-ROTC students fought ROTC cadets and police. During the fighting, the head of the riot police was killed. El Mundo, the largest paper in Puerto Rico, ran articles to analyze why this rebellion occurred. The authors were particularly excited about the fact that a student from SDS spoke at a campus rally March 4th saying that the fight against ROTC was a worldwide fight. The caption under the photo of the cover of New Left Notes reads: "Two pages of New Left Notes were dedicated to a day of solidarity with the Puerto Rican students and contained information on how to create disturbances on campus in order to demonstrate against ROTC. Students say that this literature was distributed before those tragic events on March 11th."

It's great that parts of New Left Notes were printed in the paper, because that means thousands of Puerto Ricans will find out that there is a group in the US that is fighting the same enemy they are. However they give SDS too much credit. Students and workers in Puerto Rico are in the lead of the fight against ROTC, and we draw inspiration from them. That's one reason why the last SDS national convention called for March 4th to be a day of international solidarity with the people of Puerto Rico. On that day last year, 300 women and students led a march on the ROTC Building which led to its being totally burned down.

# DEMONSTRATE MAR. 4 ANNIVERSARY of Puerto Rican ROTC STRUGGLE



## WORKERS & STUDENTS UNITE FIGHT U.S. IMPERIALISM!



En una parte del desplegar a dos páginas que le dedica "New Left Notes", se pide un Día de Solidaridad con los Estudiantes Puertorriqueños y se da información de cómo crear disturbios en el Campus Universitario como demostración contra el ROTC. Deseo los estudiantes que esta literatura fue distribuida antes de los trágicos sucesos del 11 de marzo.  
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# Puerto Rican Courts Can't Stop Worker's Revolt

The colonial regime in Puerto Rico has just convicted 13 members of the Puerto Rican Socialist League on 134 violations of the weapons law.

This is not the first attempt by the ruling class to derail the Puerto Rican workers' revolution. Last year agents of General Electric tried to murder Juan Antonio Corretjer and Consuela Corretjer, two League members. But no matter what the capitalists try, they will not be able to stop the Puerto Rican people from throwing off the shackles of US imperialism.

Contributions to aid in the defense of the League should be sent to the Liga Socialista Puertorriquena, Apartado 283, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico 00657.

Steve Flack, Kansas City

# Join SDS



Striking French rail workers carry banners and red flags as they march through the streets of Paris to demand higher wages and better working conditions. In background are headquarters of the French National Railroad.



GI rebellions like this one in West Germany strike fear in the hearts of U.S. imperialists.

## While Heroic GI Rebellions Go Ignored by Media; Ex-Officer Kerry Pushed as Anti-War Leader

On March 22nd, 1971 two platoons of American cavalymen refused to advance along Highway 9 near the Laotian border after a direct order from an officer. Since February, fragmentation grenades are not being issued to GIs in Vietnam because GIs are using them on their officers.

Black and Latin GIs get the worst duties and the most dangerous missions, and they were the first to rebel against their superiors. Officers deliberately try to harass and separate black and white GIs so as to keep them from fighting back together.

The ruling class is now pushing John Kerry, a former Navy lieutenant, as the "leader" of the GI movement against the War. The US bosses need a Kerry to pose as a radical because GIs are attacking the War and their officers. Kerry says "I saw guys there (in Vietnam) who couldn't talk about what they'd done in Vietnam without crying. That's when I realized we had to take this thing to the Government." Sure he wants to "take this thing to the Government" — He wants to be elected to the House or Senate. John Kerry is a liberal politician, and what liberal politicians want most is to get elected.

Last year Kerry ran against Robert Drinam

for the House of Representatives and lost. Kerry now says he supports Drinam. Drinam is now a member of HISC (the House Internal Securities Committee), a committee that investigates and tries to intimidate radicals in the US.

Like all liberal politicians Kerry would like to see a negotiated peace in Vietnam. He'd like to see all US troops withdrawn. He says nothing about all US businesses' being withdrawn, which

is why the Vietnamese people are fighting in the first place.

John Kerry, an ex-officer, is one of the people GIs are rebelling against. It is racist that he is being pushed as a GI leader. The real leaders of the GI movement are black, Latin, and white rank-and-file GIs — not their liberal officers.

Allen Asher, Chicago SDS

## Tricia Weds, While Women Suffer

On June 13th the pig media once again showed where their sentiments lie through their coverage of Tricia Nixon's wedding on national television. This filthy-rich ruling-class affair was treated as front-page news, while news of the masses of people fighting back against this oppressive system is toned down, distorted, or completely omitted.

The rulers use weddings like this to build auras around themselves so the American people will hold them and their litters as "heroes". What an insult to the intelligence of the masses of oppressed workers and students, especially women.

The media say they're covering the wedding because women are "interested" in those things. But this is a male-chauvinist lie. The bosses try to push the image that women, unlike men, are just simple-minded creatures interested only in trivia like this, so that they can be paid 40% less per year than men. This myth also tries to split women from men.

Women in this country are "interested" not in Tricia Nixon's 30-diamond wedding ring, but in fighting the bosses for a decent life. Welfare mothers are taking the lead in fighting Nixon's racist Welfare cutbacks.

The bosses like Nixon are trying to build the image that there are no class differences, that they are still "just folks", and that people can still make it if they try. The Coxs are going to be on a "budget", and Ed will get a job with the Government this summer paying \$60 a week. This is nothing but high-class slumming. Everyone knows they have a family bank account of millions made off the exploitation of working people around the world.

These attempts to build male chauvinism and dissolve class differences are a flop. Rebellions are increasing. Unity between men and women fighting the bosses is on the rise. Working-class women, who are paid less per year than the Nixons spent on Tricia's wedding gown, are taking leadership in cutting down these pigs.

## Minn. U. Workers, Students Win Cafeteria Demand

Food service workers and students who eat in the Blegen Hall cafeteria on the University of Minnesota campus won their demand to improve ventilation by making the University install fans. The University had promised air conditioning in the hot cafeteria, but dropped the idea because of budget cuts.

SDSers, workers, and other students helped circulate petitions raising the demand. Much support was received from other workers and students. Some workers and students went to confront the director of University Food Service with the demand. He gave in quickly.

Interestingly enough, this guy works out of the same office and has the same boss as the Food Service director at the University Hospital, where a successful struggle took place some weeks earlier. A woman who had had a day's pay suspended after being accused of taking a piece of food got her pay back and the removal of theft from her employee record after hospital workers and students demanded it.

The Administration is scared stiff that this movement will spread to every part of the campus. The University bosses know the only movement that can hurt them is one in which workers and students unite.

University of Minnesota SDS

## Work-Study Hoax

This summer at the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle many people expected to attend summer school on the work-study program. Students like myself were surprised to learn that they were the victims of the University's "budget cuts". The situation was especially bad because the University led people to believe that they did have jobs. This was done by giving them work-study awards, but telling them when they inquired at the Financial Aid Office that a piece of paper didn't mean anything because there was no department that would hire any more people.

It is interesting to note that while students get their different financial aids slashed, the school is still building and repairing buildings. All this while the students can't attend school on aid (work-study is the only financial aid available in the summer besides the Illinois Guaranteed Loan) and campus workers are laid off. I wonder how many administrators either were laid off or had their salaries cut.

Leonard Ramirez, Chicago

## Harvard Drowns Kids

In May two black children from the Roslindale housing project near Harvard were drowned in a construction sink hole owned by the Harvard Corporation. This hole has been around for thirty years and has been the scene of three drownings and dozens of near drownings. When the housing-project residents demanded that the Harvard Corporation fill the hole, a Real Estate Office spokesman said that filling it would be pretty stupid: "Water is water. People drown in the ocean. Should we fill that too?"

Petitions were circulated, but Harvard didn't budge. So SDS set up a picket line in front of Harvard's Administration Building and harassed the Secretary of the Harvard Corporation. At a demonstration later, a resident of Roslindale suggested that the entire Harvard Corporation be thrown in as fill dirt, then led demonstrators as they forced their way into the entrance hall of the Harvard Administration Building. Finally, at the threat of a disrupted commencement, the Harvard bosses agreed to fill the hole.

# "Burn"-Racist Movie with Anti-Imperialist Cover

"Burn" has been praised as being a great anti-imperialist movie, most notably by the "Guardian", a so-called independent radical newspaper. Irwin Silber, who writes movie reviews for this paper, states that the "movie turns out to be a genuinely incisive portrayal of imperialism and Third World revolution". The "Guardian" goes on to say that "one wonders for a moment whether or not the leopard has changed its spots". It implies that United Artists, after years of making movies with bad ideas, like racism and cynicism, had a change of heart.

The Los Angeles Peace Action Coalition (LA PAC), one sponsor of the April 24th anti-war march, has used "Burn" as a fund-raising event. They say that "Burn" has a good analysis of imperialism. That the movie is full of racism and builds cynicism is totally ignored.

While the setting is some island in the Caribbean, the plot closely parallels one version

of the history of the Vietnam War. Marlon Brando, a paid agent of the English Navy, goes to the island to create a revolution against the Portuguese colonial rule to open up English trade. Part of the job includes encouraging a revolt by the black sugar-cane workers. Brando coaxes Jose, a porter, into taking the leadership of the peoples' army, and when the revolt succeeds he convinces Jose to give in to the rule of white plantation owners.

In Vietnam it was the US Government, in 1954, that chose Ngo Dinh Diem, Vietnamese aristocrat and former French administrator, to assume rule to insure profits for US big businessmen. Thus the role of the US in Vietnam was similar to the role the British played in the Caribbean by setting up puppet governments as part of their imperialist endeavors.

As "Burn" continues, Jose is back in the jungle a few years later, threatening the plantation

owned by British firms. Brando returns to the island—employed by the sugar company—to put down this revolt by the use of concentration camps and by literally burning out the rebels. Vietnam has been a constant threat to US rulers for 17 years. This has resulted in warfare on the people by the use of napalm and the "strategic hamlet" (concentration camp) program whereby peasants were herded into areas that would be "safe" from their own people.

The racism shown in "Burn" outweighs the only good aspect of the film—its portrayal of imperialism. The black workers are portrayed as irrational and animal-like. When Jose's army takes over the country, Brando works hard to press the idea on Jose that blacks are incapable of running their country—that they are more interested in drinking and having a good time. So Jose gives up and turns the rule of the island over to the white plantation owners. Even to the end of the film the viewer is left with the feeling that there was no way the blacks could have ruled themselves—that the only way to better their condition would have been by causing trouble in the hope that the rulers would change.

The movie makes it seem that revolutions are built overnight by "super-stars". The workers follow Jose's leadership like mindless sheep. One of the guerrillas, who is caught by the plantation owners, mimics everything Jose has told him without once expressing what he thinks. It's as if Jose talks people into revolt because he is a smooth operator. This analysis leads people to believe that leaders of a revolution are manipulative and crafty, and that people can't think for themselves.

Of course "Burn" never shows the workers winning the fight. This is racist and anti-working class, as it builds the idea that workers can't win because they don't see a way to fight back and win. "Burn" pushes the same bad ideas that other movies do, holding workers and students back from taking an active part in building a fighting movement that CAN win!

Marianne King, San Diego SDS



March for jobs in Davenport, Iowa, June 19th.

## Bosses Profit by Unemployment

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rather than saying everyone should have a job.

Companies are fighting to lower wages because they're in a bind. They just aren't making profits as easily as they used to. Workers in the US are fighting for higher wages to have a decent life. Production costs are a lot higher. In 1950 US corporations invested about 100 billion dollars in plants and equipment, while they made 43 billion in profits. In 1965 they invested about 342 billion dollars, while they got back 75 billion. It costs more money to make money. Foreign companies are taking up a bigger part of the market. Nippon Steel Company of Japan, for example, has surpassed US steel as the world's largest producer.

When their profits go down, US companies lose their competitive edge. Japanese steel, textile, and electronics firms are rapidly overtaking US companies. One reason is that they are underselling US companies because Japanese rulers have held down Japanese workers' wages to about a third of US wages. Because they hold down labor costs, these Japanese companies make more money that they can invest to expand, and they are expanding much faster than are US companies.

US bosses use a lot of tactics to squeeze out more profits. One is layoffs. Another is to move plants from the northern part of the US to the South, where wages are lower. Still better is to

A well-known example of this was the recent government plan to get construction jobs for black workers by forcing quotas on mostly-white construction unions. In Chicago the plan hardly got anybody jobs, and on top of that the director ran off with most of the money. The only goal of such plans is to widen the gulf between black, Latin, and white workers.

move plants to places where wages have been kept low—like Asia. These "runaway shops" have accounted for the loss of 400,000 jobs in the US since 1966, according to an AFL-CIO economist. An example of a "runaway shop" is a new RCA plant that was moved to Memphis, Tennessee about four years ago and is now being relocated in Taiwan.

Finally, some jobs are opened up to women

and children in the hope of paying them less—as is done in Asia. Some children have been working on large farms over 10 hours a day for as little as 40¢ an hour. The large farm owners behind the Oregon Farm Bureau have gotten the Oregon Legislature to lower the minimum age for farm workers to 10 years!

The bosses will do whatever they can to workers to make a profit. They don't care what happens to a worker after he is laid off. They don't think about how a family is supposed to live on meager Welfare, or of the miserable wages of working children. Workers are expected to bear up under such burdens to "keep this nation strong" against the "threat" of foreign companies. Yet those same patriots would drop workers in a minute if they found some other way to get their profits.

The bosses could give us more jobs—they just don't want to. They aren't going to give up their precious profits without a fight. Millions of people are already giving the US bosses hell demanding jobs and decent living conditions. The more the corporations try to wriggle out of the trouble they've gotten themselves into, the more workers, peasants, and students all over the world are going to take up the fight!

Jim Gerharter, Minnesota  
Byron King, Chicago

## -News Flash- (See Buffalo p.3)

Buffalo—On June 28th three students were clubbed and arrested by campus cops as the SUNY Administration called out 20 cops to beat up students trying to enter student David Levy's disciplinary hearing. (He was up for suspension before the disciplinary council for attacking SUNY instructor Halstead's racist lies.)

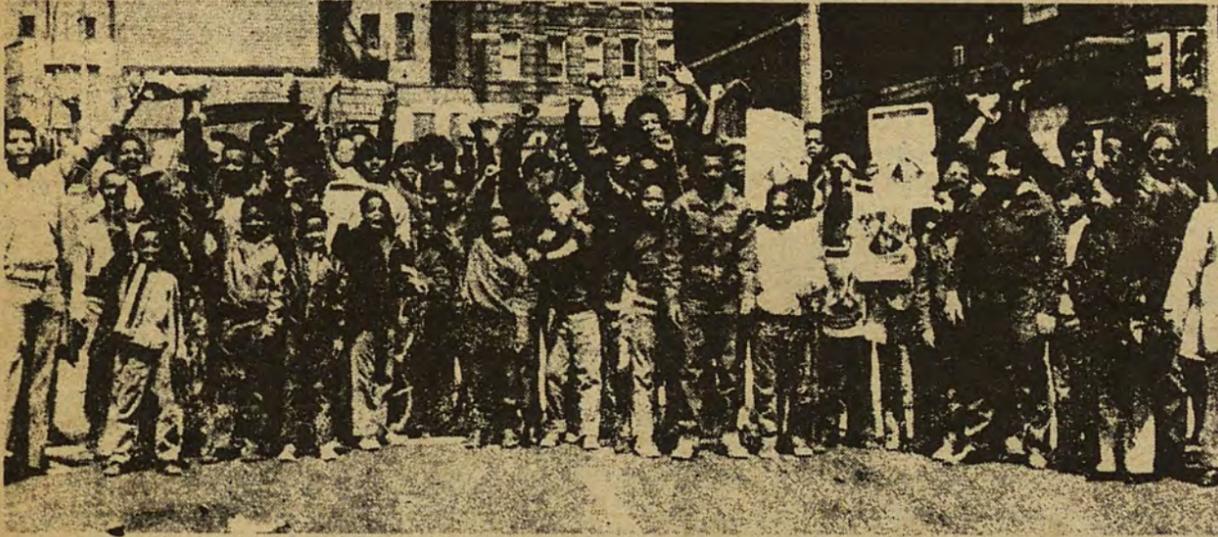
Black students have been warned to keep away from SDS, and anti-communist rumors have been spread that "outsiders have been imported from Boston to stir up trouble". The Administration is trying to make it seem that SDS is the major problem. But thousands of students are seeing first-hand that it is the University bosses who are the real problem. Despite all intimidation we are determined to keep up the struggle to fire racist Halstead.

## HELP BUILD NEW LEFT NOTES

NEW LEFT NOTES is the national newspaper for students and workers issued by STUDENTS for a DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY. This newspaper tells the true story of how students and workers, BLACKS, WHITES, and LATINs are uniting to fight back against the big businessmen who run this country and oppress workers and students all over the world with RACIST LAYOFFS, ROTC, and MALE CHAUVINISM. These are the struggles that the bosses' media daily distorts or ignores.

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# Press Builds Cynicism to Hold Back Movement



"So tranquil, so quiescent seems Black America in the Nixon era..." So says Time magazine while rebels in Brownsville New York fight against cuts in welfare.

Many students do not get involved in militant struggles and organizations like SDS because of cynicism and defeatism about the movement. Some say "You can't do anything on this campus; all the students here are apathetic." Others doubt the ability of the movement to bring about radical change.

Defeatism and cynicism have never stopped a movement. But it is important to understand that the bosses are constantly pushing these ideas in their newspapers and magazines.

Every year the newspapers declare that "the movement is dead". A recent eight-page article in Time magazine carries this theme:

"Something has happened in American life — or has failed to happen. In dead winter 1971, after months of recession, a decade of war abroad and domestic violence, a mood of quiet has fallen like a deep snow."

The press was pushing this same garbage last year only a month before student strikes shut down nearly every campus in the country. Time also claims that the struggle in the ghettos against racist conditions is dying out too:

"So tranquil, so quiescent seems Black America in the Nixon era that a Presidential partisan could well argue that "benign neglect" has worked. The ghettos have, by and large, endured quiet summers.... In a variety of ways, in increasing numbers, blacks are cracking the system — slowly, no doubt, but making it nevertheless."

In fact, rebellions have occurred in cities over the past four years. Most black and Latin workers and students are being thrown off their jobs, not "cracking the system".

The main reason the bosses' press is saying that things are quieting down is that they are in more trouble than ever. The War in Vietnam is hated by most Americans. GI rebellions in the Army and the incidents of GIs shooting and "fragging" their own officers show that the imperialists can't even trust their own Army. Ghetto rebellions have taken place in scores of cities over the past few years. (In New Bedford, Massachusetts black, Latin, and white workers kicked cops out of the ghetto for almost a week last summer.) High-school walkouts, militant actions by Welfare mothers against Welfare cuts, strikes by city employees in such cities as New York, Detroit, and Philadelphia, and strikes in major industries such as GE, GM, postal, and rail — all these are examples of the sharpening class struggle against the US bosses.

While there was nothing on the campuses comparable to last spring's student strike,

scores of militant actions did take place on campuses nationwide. Hundreds of students shouted down a pro-war rally at Harvard University, a ROTC building was leveled at a Texas college, and hundreds of students fought police in Tallahassee, Florida after members of the Black Student Union were arrested there. Campus workers and students took militant actions at Yale, Tufts U, New York University, Stanford, and Stony Brook, to name only a few. Actions which only a year or two ago would have made the headlines are now commonplace.

## "SDS is Dead"

Another theme pushed in the bosses' press is that "SDS is dead". This was the subject of an article in Newsweek last fall. If this was true, there were over 900 corpses at the last SDS national convention. Furthermore, there is a virtual blackout in the newspapers of SDS. About the most publicity SDS has received recently in Chicago was an article in the Sun-Times entitled "From SDS to the New Capitalism". This article concerned some guy who was the head of an SDS chapter at Northwestern University a few years

ago and is now selling camping equipment in Chicago's Old Town district. Contrary to what the Sun-Times would have us believe, most students join SDS not as part of a "youthful fling" but because they hate this exploitative system and want to fight back against it. Most militant students in and outside of SDS have real, lasting hatred for the US ruling class and do not wind up selling sleeping bags.

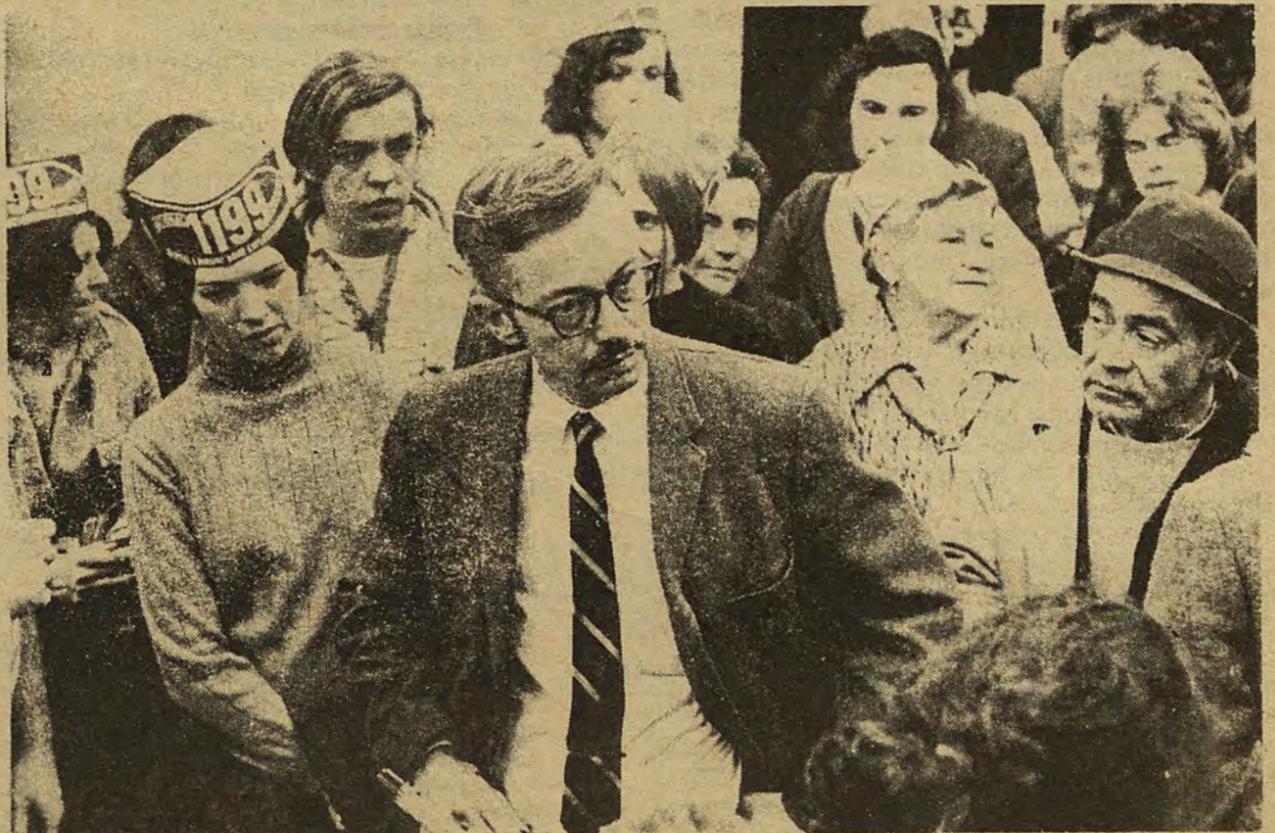
So the bosses' organs push ideas like "SDS is dead", "the movement is dead", and "you can't trust radicals; they're just going through an irrational stage". But many students who do not fall for this line often do not get involved because they believe that "human nature is basically bad" and that "people are all out for themselves". We have been taught in our schools that man is basically competitive and greedy.

"Lord of the Flies" is a popular book which pushes this theme. It is about a group of English schoolboys stranded on an island who, as time passes, form rival groups and begin to kill each other off. Order is finally restored when a British imperialist ship lands on the island and saves them. This phony piece of capitalist propaganda turns the situation that really exists for workers and students worldwide topsy-turvy. All of a sudden human nature is the enemy and the capitalist system and the "order" it imposes keep the people from returning to their natural "savage" state.

Universities teach these ideas for a reason. They would rather have us believe that human nature is the enemy rather than a few greedy landlords and businessmen who control things now. Most people would not become bosses or cops. Workers and students who fight for higher wages, more jobs, and better conditions do not do so because they are greedy. They are merely fighting for what is rightfully theirs.

Students must reject the defeatist and cynical ideas pushed daily in the bosses' press and schools. Every year the struggle advances and sharpens as students and workers learn how massive their power is when they join together in a united fighting movement against the bosses.

Susan Freese Chicago SDS



Dean at Stony Brook, New York wishes SDS were really dead as 400 campus workers and students hold him hostage, demanding that the school stop proposed layoffs of 300 campus workers.

On April 24th NPAC (the National Peace Action Coalition) sponsored an anti-war demonstration that was led by smooth-talking politicians and sell-out union "leaders". NPAC believes the way to end the Vietnam War is by pleading to liberal Congressmen. All these liberals want to do is to negotiate a settlement to protect US rulers' interests in Asia. As that ace liberal Eugene McCarthy once said: "The US must undertake to preserve Western civilization and the peoples who value it...(and) guard and protect our lifelines to vital materials and necessary supplies of oil, tin, manganese, uranium, et cetera...." Any negotiations in Southeast Asia will lead only to the "peaceful" exploitation of Vietnamese workers and peasants.

The leaders of NPAC say that fighting racism isn't important. They even went so far as to print separate leaflets for black and white people for the April 24th march. The fact that the US rulers have ordered the destruction of farm land and use hideous anti-personnel weapons against the Vietnamese people is racist. The fact that black and Latin GIs are put on the front lines more often and experience the highest casualty rates is racist. We want to end these racist attacks on the Vietnamese and black and Latin workers — and this can come about only through all races' uniting and fighting together!

NPAC is holding an anti-war conference in New York City July 2nd -4th to plan a similar demonstration for this fall. We in SDS say that no politician will ever end the War, and that the US has no right to negotiate over one inch of Vietnam. SDSers hold that the only way to end the War is by building a fighting alliance of



SDS breakaway demonstration April 24th in Washington D.C.

workers and students of all races that has the power to SHUT THIS COUNTRY DOWN, because that's what it's going to take to end the War! We want to take ACTION to build that alliance without any politicians, radical "super-stars", or union hacks.

The pages of New Left Notes are filled with stories of the growing worker-student alliance

— striking workers and students fighting cops at Yale, workers and students putting a stop to the racist Welfare schemes in Chicago. On July 3rd we are calling for a demonstration in New York City to demand JOBS FOR ALL and US OUT OF SOUTHEAST ASIA NOW — NO NEGOTIATIONS! Everyone is invited to come who needs a job and wants to end US imperialism — everyone except liberal politicians!

# ALLY WITH WORKERS!



National demonstration Mar. 20th in Wash. D.C. demanding jobs

*Not Liberal Politicians!*  
*U.S. OUT OF S.E. ASIA NOW!*  
*No Negotiations!*  
*FIGHT RACIST UNEMPLOYMENT!*  
*SUPPORT GHETTO REBELLIONS!*

➔ Demonstrate (3:00 PM) SATURDAY JULY 3rd FIRST NAT'L CITY BANK 65th & MADISON

## Join the SDS Summer Project

This summer we plan to build SDS chapters and the worker-student alliance everywhere in the country. We will travel to all parts of the country, from Pittsburgh to L.A. building fights against racist unemployment, against war research and ROTC, and in support of the upcoming steel strike. Unemployment—especially for Black and Latin workers—will probably hit an all time high this summer. And steel workers are planning for a big showdown with steel bosses in August. We urge all students to get active, get involved! JOIN SDS AND THE FIGHT AGAINST RACISM!!! Send for more information on the SUMMER PROJECT. Get in touch with us!

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I'd like to join the Summer Project \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to start a SDS chapter \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like to join SDS (\$5, includes NLN sub.) \_\_\_\_\_

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