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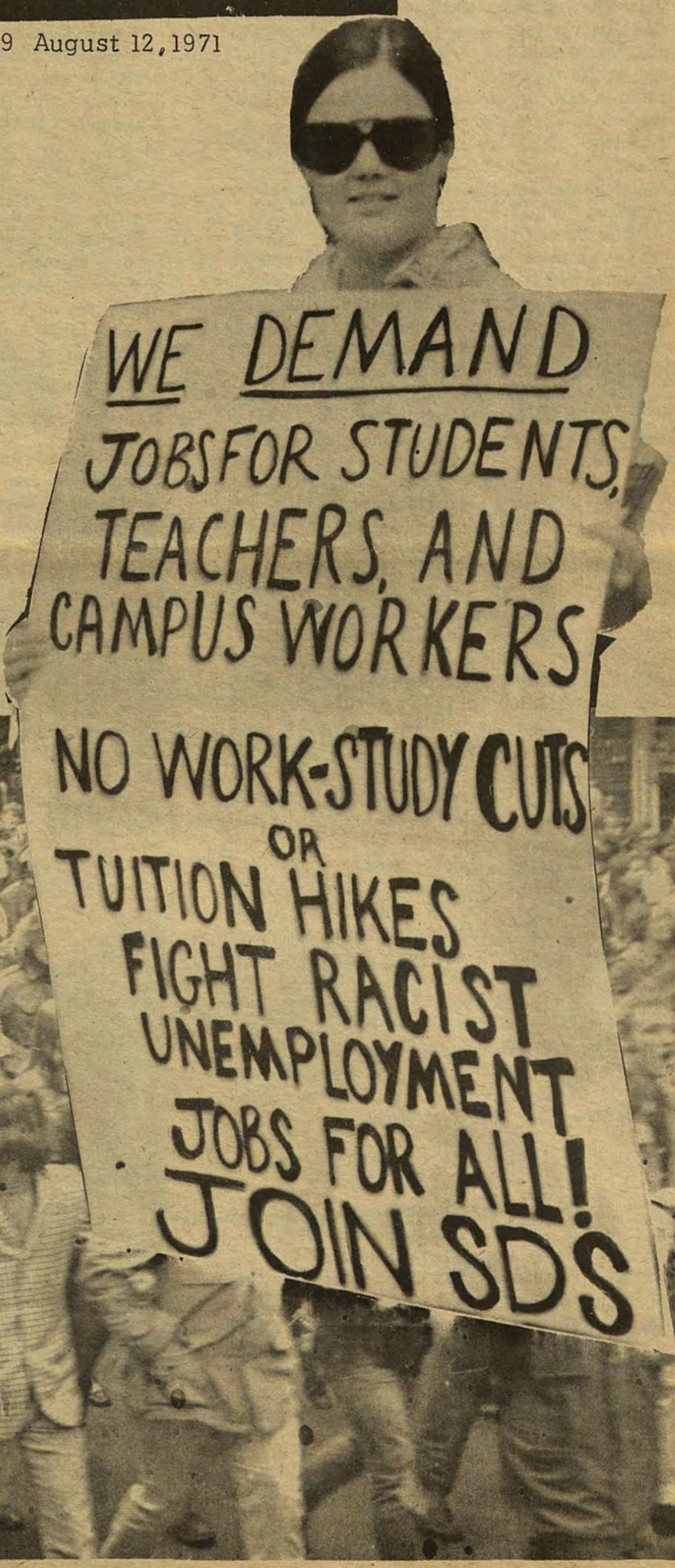


SMASH RACISM! ALLY WITH WORKERS!

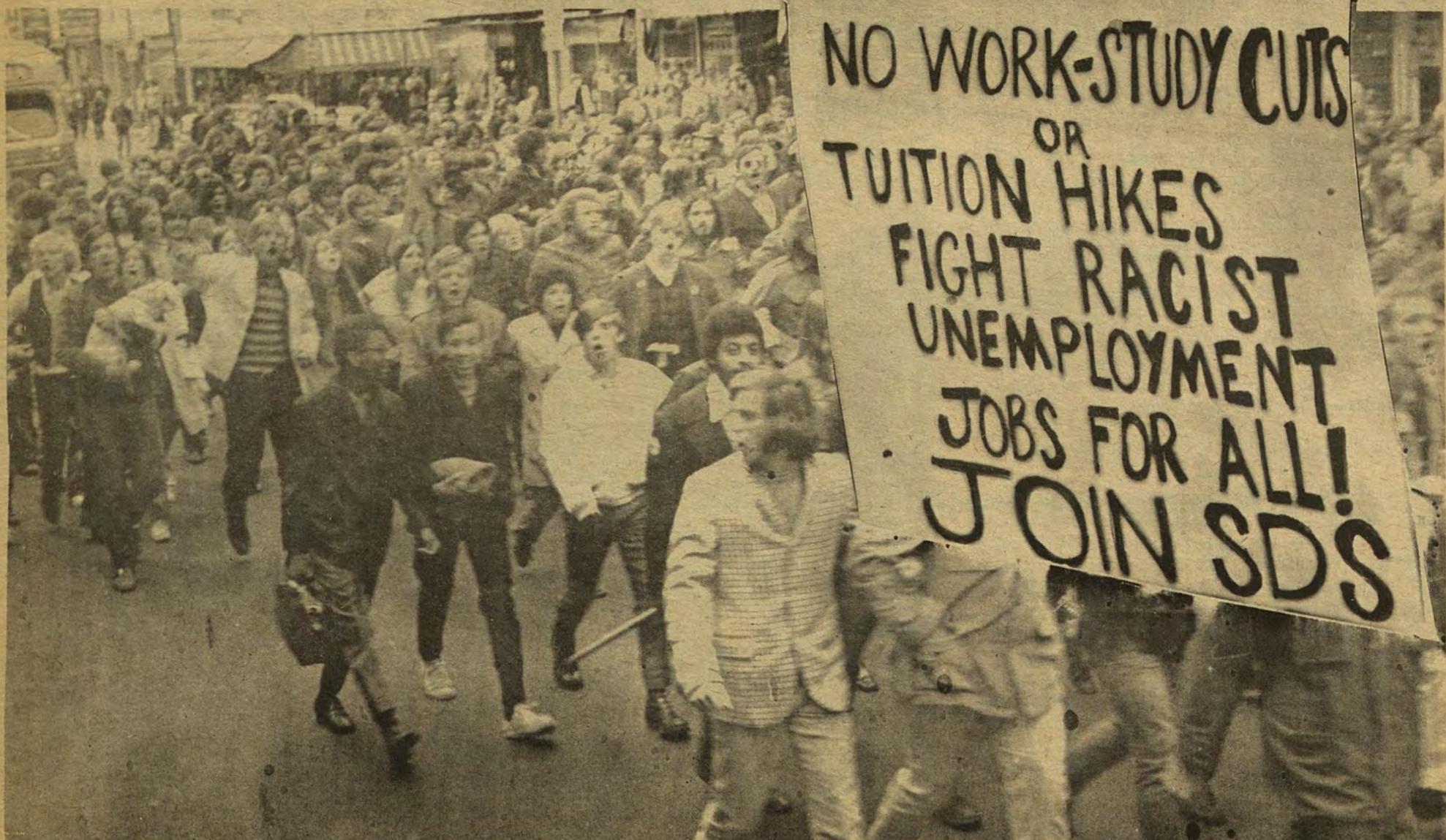
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WE DEMAND
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FIGHT RACIST
UNEMPLOYMENT
JOBS FOR ALL!
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NO JOBS FOR STUDENTS + LAYOFFS OF CAMPUS WORKERS = WORKER-STUDENT ALLIANCE TO: Demand Jobs Now!

Last week, at Wayne State University, SDS led a fight against work-study cuts which won back a work-study job for a student. This victory in Detroit is just one of many battles against tuition hikes, work-study cuts, campus worker layoffs, and scholarship cuts going on now. These cuts and layoffs are racist through and through. White students also are hurt, but for black and Latin students a work-study job is often the only job available. These racist cuts mean increasing misery for many black and Latin families. But racist budget cuts and unemployment are being fought at campus after campus.

While these fights are going on, the schools, the Government, and the media are still pushing the same old lies, like we should go to college so we can get a better job. Education is supposed to provide us with an escape from the problems of working people by opening the door to the worry-free bliss of "middle-class life".

What a crock of shit! First of all, about half of all college students are flunked out. But even for those who aren't, it's getting harder to stay in school.

Work-Study Grants Cut in Half

This year the Federal Government gave out work-study grants to twice as many students as the year before — while decreasing the total amount given out. Result: Students on work-study get less than half as much as before. But this isn't even the whole story. Students at scores of schools know that work-study money is being withheld. At the same time tuition is going up. Except for business executives' sons and daughters, students will be hard-pressed to pay for school. Many students will be forced to skip meals to pay increased tuition. Is this the shit that we're supposed to put up with to stay in school?

And what's the prospect when we get out? Right now there is an economic crisis and big businessmen are trying to make working people pay for it. These corporation heads and their economists say more unemployment is needed to stop inflation. So unemployment is over 6%, and over 30% for black youth! Then the press has the nerve to spout racist lies like "lazy blacks" should be cut off Welfare rolls — left to die because of lack of medical care. Meanwhile the salaries of top corporate executives increased an average of \$10,740 last year.

College Diploma ?? WHAT FOR!!

People can't avoid this crisis just because they have a college diploma. College graduates are screwed by the same businessmen who cut Welfare "assistance" and kill workers in steel mills. Unemployment for white-collar workers has already reached a record 3.7%, and it's still on the rise. A recent survey of the Manhattan Community College in New York shows that of the TOP-PAID 75 graduates, 48 made between \$7,500 and \$10,000. Not exactly rich! And the survey didn't include the hundreds of graduates who were making less than \$7,500. Maybe if another survey is taken in a couple years there won't be anybody making over \$7,500 — since most city college graduates in New York go into teaching, and the city has just laid off 6,200 teachers. Black and Latin college graduates will

be hit the hardest — the first to be fired and the last to be hired.

Colleges-Tool of Big Business

If colleges don't get us any better jobs, then what are they good for? Maybe the answer lies in the fact that the growth of community colleges took place after the rebellions in the ghettos — beginning in Harlem in 1964. Colleges are used as a tool to keep people from fighting back. Colleges are a good way to keep young people off the job market. They are also good for creating the illusion that we can get ahead within the System (although this lie is becoming harder to maintain). But mainly colleges are good for spreading the lies that big businessmen would like us to believe: lies like human nature is bad, black and Latin people are unemployed because of cultural deprivation, workers are all reactionary, and so on.

Cuts, Unemployment are Racist

Why should we take all this crap? The big businessmen are trying to make students and all other working people pay for the economic crisis that they created in their drive for profits. They make sure black and Latin people are hit the hardest. And then they expect us to sit through hour after hour of their racist lies in class. These millionaires say cut back: work-study, scholarships, jobs. Our response should be: Workers and students unite! Fight back!

The key to fighting back against these cuts is unity, and the ruling class certainly know this. That's why they're always trying to split us up — while they count their money. In San Francisco city colleges, the big businessmen who sit on the Board of Regents have devised a plan to have students take the place of campus workers. This way they can play off workers against students. And the result is that the students will have to

take the jobs for nothing! Supposedly they are in an on-the-job training program.

We've got to reject these attempts to divide workers and students. Our answer should be a worker-student alliance to roll back layoffs of campus workers and cutbacks of work-study grants.

Racism means billions of dollars for big businessmen every year. Racist attitudes are pushed to justify the extra-heavy oppression that black, Latin, and Asian people face. University Administrations use racism to split students. Divide and profit is their slogan. They try to get minority students to blame white students for the oppression. If this racist crap is rejected, a united student movement will be able to fight for jobs and stop the cuts.

Build Mass Movement to Fight Cuts

We should make the fight against work-study cuts, layoffs of campus workers, and tuition hikes — and the racist lies that are used to justify them — a mass issue on every campus. We should make sure that every student and campus worker at our school knows that cuts are being made and that we're going to stop them. Leaflets, petitions, and forums all are useful ways to do this. If we involve hundreds of workers and students — black, Latin, and white — and militantly tell the universities we aren't going to put up with racist cutbacks, we can win.

We should make this a nationwide fight of workers and students united. The fight for jobs for students and all other workers and against racist cuts will take a big step forward August 20th. On that day, SDS is organizing a national demonstration in Washington DC to tell the Federal Government that we've had it with racist unemployment and racist cuts!

Tom Schultz, Chicago SDS



SDS demonstration against racist unemployment in Washington D. C.

Youth Corps, SDSers Seize Office DEMAND "NO SLAVE LABOR!"

"We're not moving until our demands are met. We'll fight even if we have to burn this place down." Fifty young people from the Neighborhood Youth Corps (NYC) and University of Maryland SDS seized the campus NYC office to demand higher wages and an end to some of the rotten working conditions. The NYC program is a racist slave-labor program. It claims to give jobs to unemployed youth, but it is really just a trap to dissuade young people from fighting back for decent jobs. The pay at this NYC was only \$1.60 an hour for jobs like shoveling cow manure in campus barns.

The Administration makes a lot of money off this racist plan; they would have to pay regular

full-time workers a lot more for that kind of work. There are a lot of dirty, sweaty jobs like hand-mowing large fields in the hot sun. NYC members who do painting and other dirty work do not even have uniforms (because the Army gave all its surplus uniforms to the Cambodians. They even try to make NYC youth help pay for outfitting the US bosses' army in Asia!). Just recently one of the Administrators picked up a pitchfork and tried to attack one of the youths.

Fed up with this racist crap, the NYC youth, along with members of University of Maryland SDS, seized the NYC office. The bosses kept on passing the buck, but we stayed there for four hours while we held them hostage. Finally they

called some bigshot in off the golf course. The whole pack of them were so scared they finally agreed to raise wages to \$1.90 an hour and give us free uniforms, transportation, and a paid lunch hour for the 50 students in the program.

This great victory is only the beginning. We will keep organizing and fighting against racist Administrators. There are Job Corps like this in every city. High-school and college students and working people everywhere should look into these programs and unite to fight against these slave-labor schemes. We will be there August 20th in Washington to demand JOBS FOR ALL — SMASH RACIST UNEMPLOYMENT!

University of Maryland SDS

—FLASH!!! RACIST GANG ATTACK SMASHED see page 10

MARCH IN WASHINGTON LOS ANGELES, SAN FRANCISCO

AUGUST 20

Stop The Cuts! Jobs For All!

Jobs for all campus workers, high school and college students, graduates, and teachers

No work-study cuts or tuition hikes

Smash racist unemployment

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There will be a mass meeting on August 21st to discuss a fall program for fighting around these cutbacks, the war, and racism. Everyone is urged to attend. Time and place to be announced.

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NATIONAL ON-CAMPUS ACTION!

Cops Patrol Racist Class

A total of four students have been suspended and two more students have suspension hearings scheduled in connection with the fight against Professor Halsted and the racist pro-imperialist ideas he teaches. Halsted teaches a class called "Modern Imperialism" at the State University of New York at Buffalo. (See New Left Notes, July 1st, 1971.)

On the first day of class an SDS student and other students objected to racist statements made by Halsted, such as the statement "The Indians were innately inadequate in comparison to the British."

Halsted didn't like students challenging him, and ordered the student to leave the class. When the student refused, other students in the class supported him. The next day four cops stood by the door of the class to keep the SDSer from entering. That same day Halsted told the class that if anyone else caused any trouble these cops would be on hand to "remove" the student. The following day the SDS student received a letter ordering him to appear before SUNY President Ketter's kangaroo court to face expulsion on the ground that he "deliberately interfered with the freedom of a person (Halsted) to express his views".

About eighty students, including members of Halsted's class, went to the student's "closed" hearing to expose the SUNY Administration's racism — specifically, to expose the way the University pushes racism in the classroom, protects it with cops, and defends it through the expulsion of students who fight it. When we tried to enter the hearing we were met by plainclothes and uniformed cops. The hearing didn't take place and was rescheduled for the next week.

That next week was spent informing students of the issue and circulating a petition demanding the firing of Halsted, no expulsion for the SDS student, and an open hearing.

At the evening hearing, which the University Administration had promised would be open but was closed, thirty students again tried to bust in. The Administration was prepared this time. Twenty cops came out of the hearing room, and a fight was on. Although three students were arrested, three cops were sent to the hospital. Another student was arrested the next day and two more within the next two weeks.

We are continuing to fight to demand Halsted's firing. We are linking this fight to the issues of racist unemployment, SUNY's layoffs of campus workers, and building for the SDS national demonstration in Washington August 20th. We must fight the bosses on every level they attack us on: from Halsted, who teaches their ideology, to the actual conditions of oppression.

Loop JC Students Fight Budget Cuts

SDS at Loop Junior College in Chicago has just had its biggest meeting ever. The reason: Illinois Governor Ogilvie's \$58,000,000 cuts in education and Welfare appropriations have the students at Loop and people all over Chicago in a fighting mood!

Ogilvie has arrogantly claimed: "The cuts will be made where they have the least direct impact on those in need." This is an outright lie! The Ogilvie cuts will mean the beginning of tuition charges at supposedly free Chicago city colleges and a tuition hike at all other Illinois schools (up to some \$99 a semester at the University of Illinois). For people on Welfare, Ogilvie's cuts will mean an almost total elimination of already meager medical care, and almost no help for unemployed workers forced onto Welfare rolls. So in fact the cuts will hit hardest at those most oppressed — black and Latin workers forced on Welfare and black and Latin students least able to pay for school.

We aren't going to let Ogilvie get away with these racist attacks. As soon as the cuts were announced, students at Loop Junior College organized for an open meeting in the cafeteria. While building for the meeting, every student we talked to hated the cuts: "First we're told to go to school to get a good job, only to find out that there aren't any," was one student's response. "To make things worse, we have to pay more and more for bullshit education."

About twenty students showed up for the Loop meeting, where we planned a picket line at Loop in conjunction with other area schools. Students from Loop, Chicago State, and the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle joined the picket line the next Monday. Our chant of "Jobs Yes, Bosses No — Racist Cuts Have Gotta Go!" were heard all the way up to classes on the seventh floor, and many classes discussed the issue.

Some students questioned what can be done to fight the cuts, as the bill has already been vetoed. Militant mass action by campus workers, students, and faculty members could force the Governor to come up with the money. History has shown that whenever masses of people fight to put enough pressure on the bosses, they'll always give in. The fight for the eight-hour day, unemployment insurance, the struggles against ROTC, and war research on campus have shown how people united can win.

This is the kind of fighting mass movement which must be built to stop the cuts. Petitions are now being circulated at many state and city schools. A mass regional meeting is being planned to map out ways to spread the struggle citywide, statewide, and August 20th nationwide. Rallies, picket lines, and confrontations will build enough support to ROLL BACK RACIST BUDGET CUTS AND FIGHT FOR MORE JOBS!

Work-Study Job Won Back

"We gave out work-study applications this summer, but reluctantly. We were encouraging students to not go to school this summer, and if they do, to go without our help." That's how one counselor described the way Wayne State is screwing working-class students this summer.

This spring a black student, Toni Harris, who had been on work-study for two years, turned in her application for renewal and received no reply. Later she discovered that this had been happening to other students. So on July 23rd a group of students led by SDS went to confront the head of the program. What the group met was a small army of cops and a locked up Administration Building.

A few days later the University agreed to give back Toni's work-study job on a full-time basis to make up for time lost when they refused to answer her application.

This brief struggle shows that unemployment in the University can be defeated if students and campus workers fight against it. In Detroit, the largest number of unemployed people are black, including over 55% of black youth. Black students are in desperate need of employment just to scrape by. These facts give the problem of unemployment in Detroit an especially racist character. The University gave Toni back her job in the hope of cooling off the anti-racist struggle here. But we are going to keep pressure on by building a mass movement to fight for decent jobs for all.

Wayne State University SDS

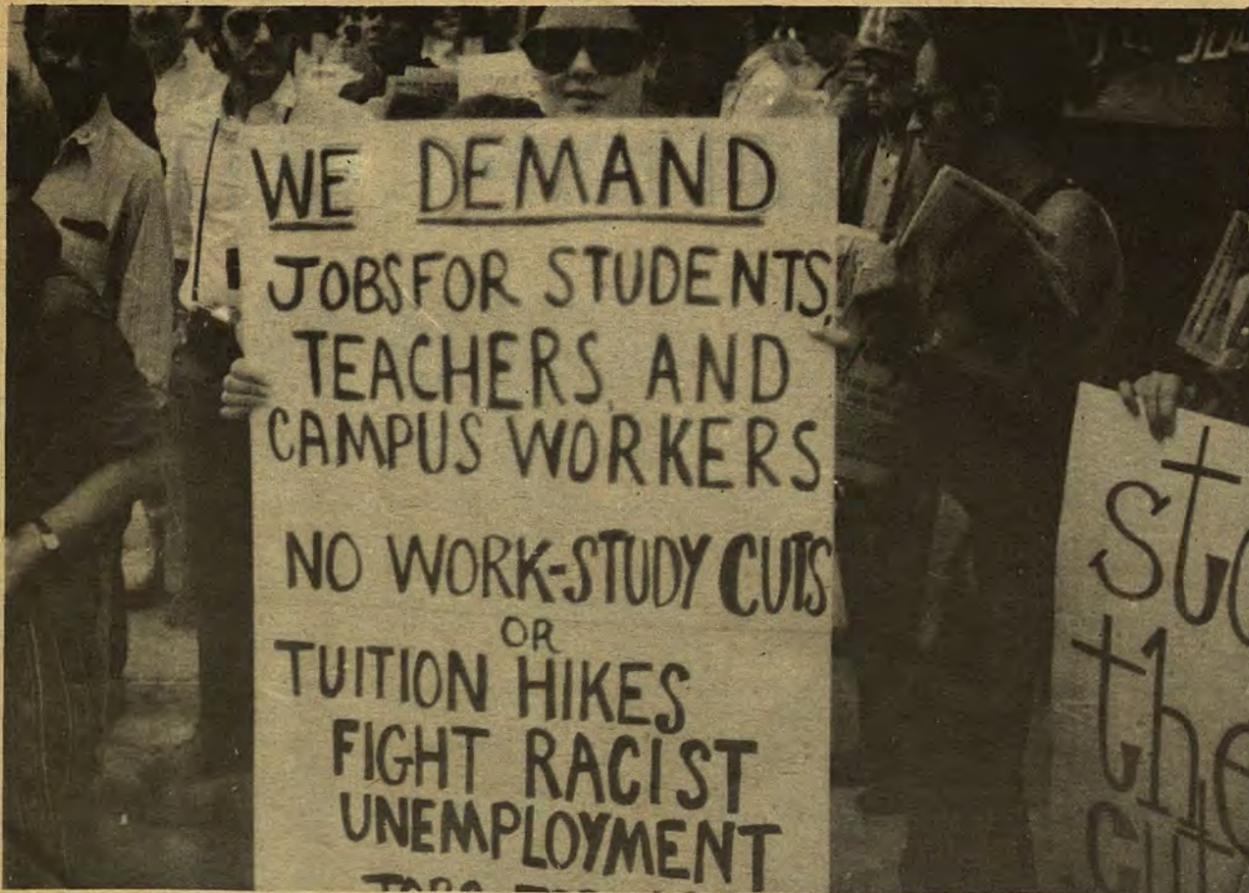
Goons Harass SDS Protect Racist Prof

Efforts to build SDS at the University of Washington have met with the usual resistance on the part of the Administration. Bureaucratic forms and procedures rallied once again to play down the mechanisms of organization, but could not play down the enthusiasm of the students involved.

After setting up a table in front of the Student Union to sell literature and talk to the students about SDS, strong-arm representatives from the Administration appeared on the scene demanding that the table be taken down. We refused. The next day we set up the table again and this time had a rally which brought the Administration out again. After some pushing and shoving they took the literature to the campus security office, saying we couldn't have rallies until we became recognized, and we couldn't be recognized until we paid bills for broken windows from two years ago (a result of a Weatherman action which had resulted in the banning of SDS). People gathered around, and the response from some was "What's going on? SDS is back — great!" Insisting that we weren't the Weathermen, and being defended by students who had just come around the table, we were permitted to put the table up.

We called a meeting for the next day to plan for a struggle to fire a racist teacher, Pierre vandenBerghe from South Africa, who teaches "Race Relations" and says the only way minority students can succeed in this university is either by organized cheating or by playing on the guilt feelings of liberal professors. He flunks 75% of the black students in his classes. We plan to tie the demand to fire vandenBerghe to the demand for jobs for students and an end to layoffs of campus workers. Support for SDS is growing day by day, and we are building an alliance with the workers and a strong movement against racism on the campus.

University of Washington SDS



Mass Action Stops Firing at Harvard

Mass militant action by campus workers, students, and faculty members, including a walkout from a final examination, forced the Harvard Corporation to give up the attempted firing of philosophy professor Hilary Putnam.

Putnam, a member of the Progressive Labor Party and the University Action Group, was singled out and attacked for taking part in the disruption of a pro-Vietnam War rally in March. Eight hundred students, campus workers, and faculty members led by SDS and PLP (plus hundreds of supporters outside who were not allowed inside the hall) had shouted down some pro-imperialist speakers including a US Vietnam planner and military leaders from Thailand and South Vietnam.

The purpose of that rally was to kick off a campaign of speaking tours all over the country to build up pro-war sentiment. The United States Information Agency was there with its cameras to make a film of the Harvard rally to use as an example that students are starting to support

Detroit SDS Backs Sanitation Strikers

On July 1st, after a three-week job slowdown, 1400 Detroit sanitation workers went on strike in spite of pleas by their union leaders to accept forced overtime due to 150 layoffs. Hundreds of other city workers walked out in support, while their bosses ordered them to scab on the local sanitation strike. Sanitation workers across the river in Windsor, Ontario were inspired by the strike and walked off the job also.

Wayne State University SDS helped build strike support by leafleting, talking to, and collecting money from students, campus workers, and other working people in their homes. Students went to the picket lines, where strikers told about the working conditions they faced daily: rats, filth, and no first aid or safety precautions. Most of the sanitation workers are black, and they get the most dangerous, dirtiest, lowest-paying jobs and are the first to be laid off.

After the wildcat was only five days old, the union bosses chained the sanitation workers to a three-year contract which provides for a raise of only 75¢ an hour over a three-year period! The contract said nothing about layoffs, but union boss Hudson said he had an "understanding" with the city that there would be no more. Almost immediately, however, the Mayor announced plans to fire 3,000 more city employees.

SDS at Wayne State will concentrate on winning more and more students to support workers' demands in the growing strike wave around Detroit.

the War and allow imperialist pigs to speak on their campuses. Needless to say, the Harvard bosses were furious that the rally didn't come off smoothly and the Government didn't get its film. They began looking for students to inform on Putnam. Finding no informers, the Harvard Corporation began issuing press releases saying that an unnamed professor and an unnamed campus worker would be brought up on charges.

But Harvard workers, students, and teachers had no intention of allowing Harvard to carry out this attack on the working class. At the beginning of June, within three days there were three demonstrations. The first linked the demand that Putnam not be fired with the demand that the Harvard Corporation fill in a water-filled hole in which three black children had drowned — a demand which was won. (See New Left Notes, July 1st.) The next day Putnam's class left in the middle of a final exam to confront a dean. The third day over a hundred and fifty members of the University Action Group demonstrated at the Administration Building, nailing to the door a petition demanding that the students, workers, and teachers who had disrupted the rally not be punished. The next day Harvard bosses said that there were no plans to punish anyone.

What all these actions show is that a mass movement of workers, students, and teachers can make the bosses back down. A movement like this can grow tremendously and defeat US imperialism, racist unemployment, and the oppression of women.

Harvard SDS

JC Students Demand Jobs - Fight Cops

Laney Junior College SDS's first action was a confrontation with the school board which runs the Oakland Junior College System. Thirty SDS members and supporters went to the Peralta District School Board meeting to demand more jobs on campus. They were barred from entering the supposedly "open" meeting. As the group attempted to enter the building they were met by dozens of cops who dragged one student inside, beat him, and then arrested him.

People were watching the action from the windows of the building. The students addressed these people, telling them of the unemployment situation of Laney students and of California students in general. People then demanded that the meeting be stopped, at which point the Board decided to reschedule the meeting August 2nd. SDS will go back to this meeting to present the demand that more Laney students be given jobs.

LANEY JUNIOR COLLEGE SDS

Faculty and Grad Students Organize Nationally

A few weeks ago, a new campus organization, the University Action Group (UAG), conferred over plans to expand nationwide. One year ago, university faculty members, graduate students, and staff members who want to fight racism, imperialism, and oppression of women formed the UAG. Since then, the UAG has participated with SDS and other groups in many struggles on and off campus. The experience we gained led us early to realize that workers, students, and faculty members are oppressed by the same bosses and must work together to fight these bosses.

The UAG, along with SDS, acted to expose the leaders of NPAC (see NPAC article) and joined SDS and the Progressive Labor Party (PLP) in shouting down the pro-imperialist speakers at Harvard (see Harvard prof firing article). The UAG is co-sponsoring with SDS the Washington demonstration on August 20th, and is holding a national meeting in Washington the next day.

During the past year the UAG has fought the ROTC and police science institutes, but the UAG also recognizes and tries to defeat a more subtle attack on the working class. One of the primary functions of the universities is the teaching of snobbish, anti-worker lies. Economics courses teach that a certain amount of unemployment is necessary and "automatic" rather than conscious policy of the bosses to maximize profits. The racism of this system is then "explained" by sociology, which says the reason blacks and Latins are poor is the absence of the father in the family structure. But actually the sometimes absence of the father in poor families is one of the results of poverty, not the cause. The real reason blacks and Latins are poor is that they are paid lower wages for harder, dirtier jobs. What sociology doesn't teach is how black and Latin working people fight against conditions like these every day.

Psychology courses teach that all problems are of an individual nature, and not due to the exploitive economic system. If someone doesn't "make it", it's because of that person's hang-ups rather than because the system is designed to not allow him to "make it". History books would have us believe that a few "great men", not the masses of people, are responsible for all major advances.

Members and supporters of the UAG have been finding ways to counter these anti-working-class ideas and winning students, faculty members, and staff members to fighting alongside workers. The UAG is co-sponsoring a conference with PLP this fall to further discuss ways to fight the universities' ideological attacks on the working class. All interested people are urged to attend. More information will be made available soon. To contact the UAG, write to the University Action Group, c/o J. Trubeck, 30 Appleton Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02116.

UAG, Boston

Attention! Filmmakers

Some members of SDS want to make a film explaining the politics of SDS through its actions. Shooting for the film will probably begin with the August 20th national demonstration. If anyone is interested in helping or has any special skills, equipment, or good footage, please contact Patty, 404 East 14th Street, New York, New York (212) 982-7228, or Bill Bleich, 517 Wyeth Street, Baltimore, Maryland (301) 539-2566.

Strike Wave Hits Nation- "ON STRIKE"



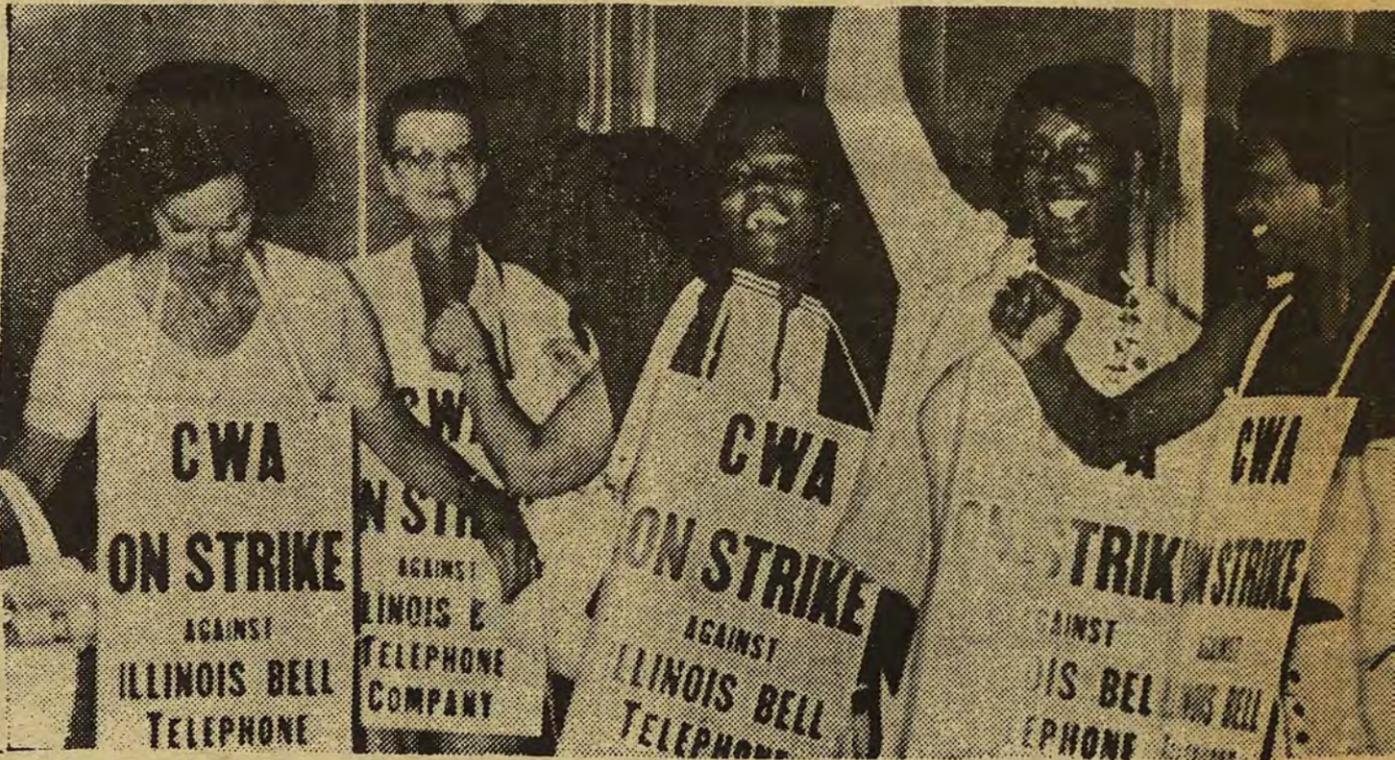
"Make the bosses pay" will be the demand when the Longshoremen's strike reaches the East coast this fall.



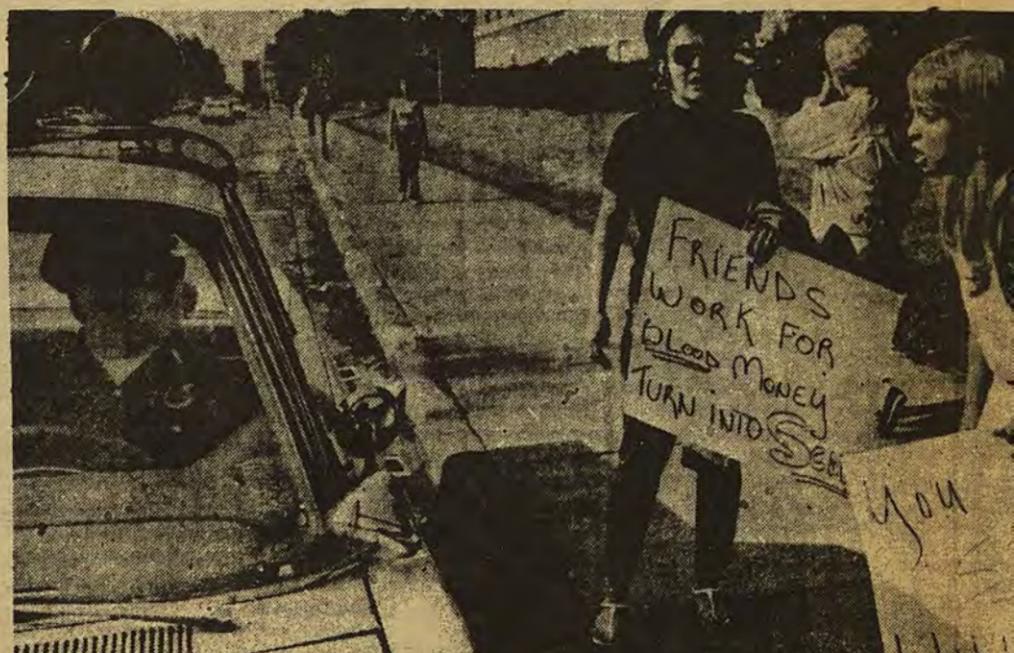
Anti-strike newspaper ads has been the bosses' tactic to end the walkout of railroad workers.

Bosses and scabs felt the wrath of 500,000 workers in the recent nationwide telephone strike.

Workers at Sea Train who was laid off be



College students and the strikers' wives joined in the picket line to protest Pesco's scab labor plan.

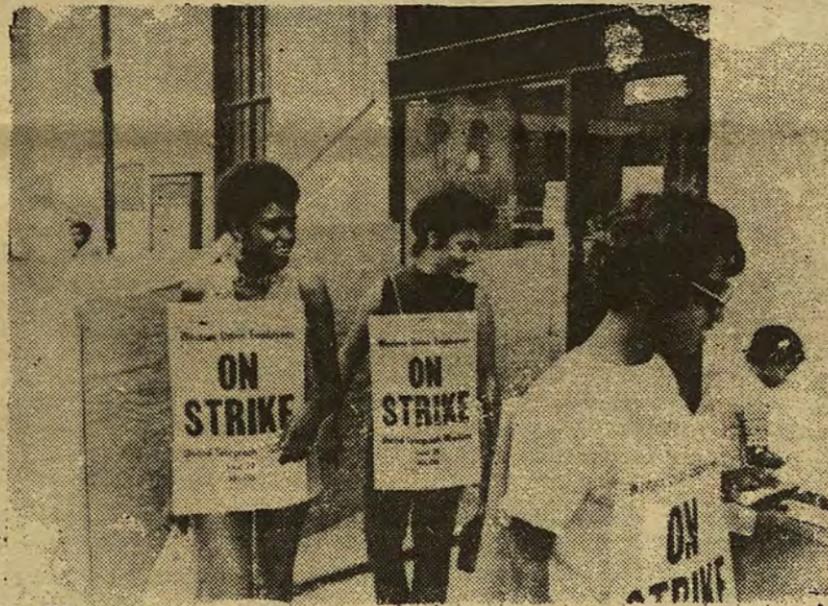


This was the greeting cops received at Gary-Hobart Co. after 18 strikers were arrested for stopping.

'RIKE TO SHUT IT DOWN!'



a Train, in Brooklyn, walked off their jobs and demanded that a fellow worker off be rehired.



Western Union and AT&T were hit by a nationwide walkout which stemmed from the companies' attempts to force workers to work with management crews in other cities and proposed mechanization that would result in hundreds of layoffs.



Robert Water... ing scabs.



Workers staged a walkout in Copper plants across the country, protesting hazardous working conditions.

This summer the word on millions of workers' minds is "STRIKE"! More than 1,600,000 are presently involved in some kind of labor dispute, and the number is expected to increase with the expanding railroad strike, the forthcoming steel strike (see the steel story in this issue), and the threat of a longshoremen's strike on the East and Gulf Coasts.

● In one of the most militant strikes this year 500,000 workers at Bell Telephone walked off their jobs and demanded a 33% wage increase over three years, higher pensions, better health care, and union security. Throughout the strike scabs who reported to work were threatened by picketers, Telephone Company windows were smashed, a Bell garage in the Chicago area was destroyed, and extensive cable damage was reported all around the country.

● Twenty-five workers were suspended at AT&T in Chicago after they had refused to work with management on a strike-breaking scheme. AT&T workers responded by walking off their jobs and forcing company officials to drop charges against those suspended. A week later nine employees refused to work with management crews and were suspended, which led to another walkout of even greater unity and militancy. Unity of workers in different countries was represented when sanitation workers in Detroit and Windsor, Canada struck simultaneously to put an end to forced overtime and demand higher wages.

● In an effort to break a strike, Pesco Products in Bedford Heights, Ohio began running quarter page ads urging college students to fill in the strikers' jobs. Students from the surrounding colleges answered this scab-labor ad by joining the workers on the picket lines.

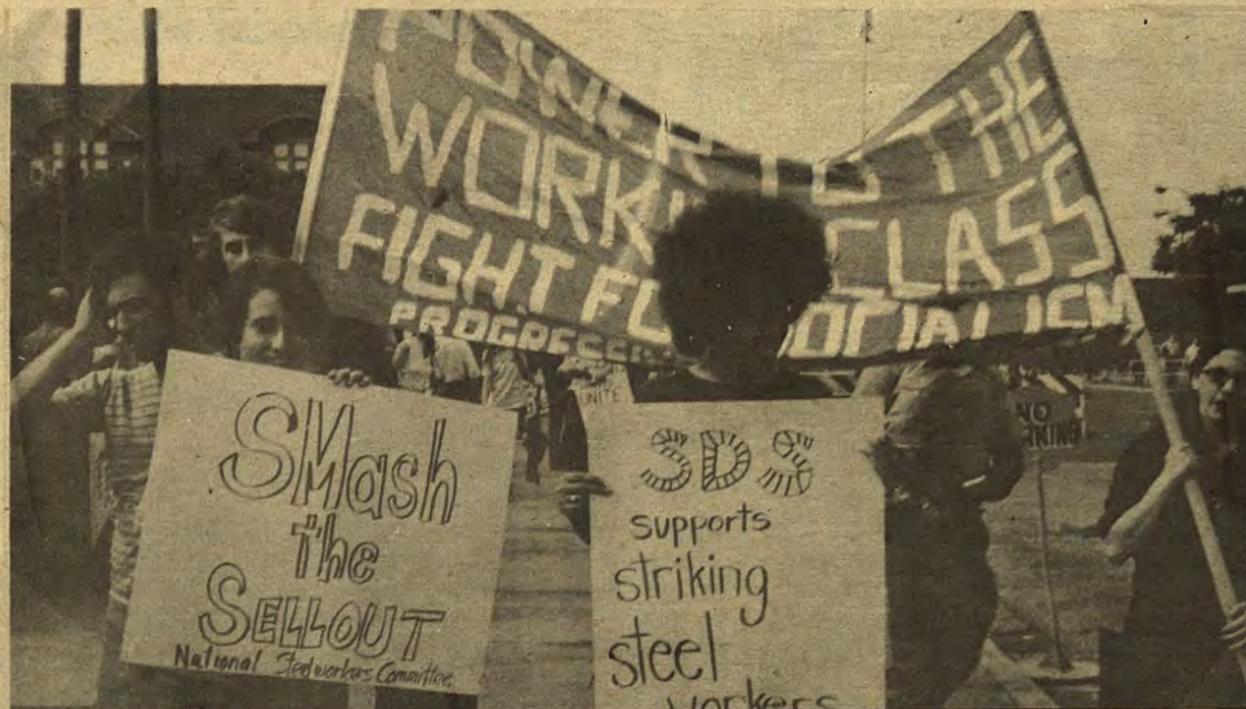
● The layoffs of 20,000 train crewmen by the railroad industry and the anger that it produced among the rank and file was more than enough reason for the United Transportation Union to call strikes that will shut down 45% of America's railroads. Since the beginning of this strike, the railroad bosses have been running notices in the form of full-page ads in papers across the nation charging that the strike is against the national interests and that the piggy rank and file will cause prices to soar (and the railroad to lose money because it won't be able to compete with the other transportation industries). This is a splitting tactic used by the bosses to try to turn workers against other workers who are on strike. They want to influence the public into backing anti-strike legislation, and are building the illusion that the management are being victimized by workers. When prices soar it isn't the fault of the company bosses, but the workers' fault.

● Ports all along the West Coast and all through Hawaii have been shut down since July 1st by a strike of 15,000 longshoremen. Mexican dictator Echeverria tried to help longshoremen bosses out on the West Coast by opening up the port of Ensenada (65 miles from the US-Mexico border) to US ships.

● The copper industry recently ended a month long strike by giving in to workers' demands for higher wages, increased pension benefits, and an unlimited cost of living clause. One major factor which the rank and file fought for was improved working conditions at various copper plants. An increasing number of respiratory deaths has been the result of workers' being forced to breathe copper fumes while working.

As these strikes indicate, working people are fighting back against the big business interests harder and harder. As students and future workers, we must support these workers' struggles. These are our fights too.

UNION MISLEADERS SELLOUT STEELWORKERS FACE LAYOFFS



Before settlement, SDS joins strike support demonstration at U.S. Steel in Gary, Indiana.

Steelworker Says: "WIN BY STICKING TOGETHER!"

WHAT DO YOU FEEL ABOUT STRIKING?

I think it's a good thing if we can get what we want. I heard that the Union has already agreed to 33% of what they are asking for. The only way to get more is to strike.

IF THE UNION HAS ALREADY AGREED, HOW CAN YOU GET MORE?

There are something like eight hundred items being negotiated. We have to force Union leaders to represent us. It would be different if the Union reps were really for us. Everybody knows that they get together with the company bosses. They talk over old times and new times. These Union leaders might just as well be called bosses too! We have no representation. We have been sold out. The only one that can really represent us is our fellow worker — one that works with us, knows the conditions, and is going to be working under a new contract too.

THIS REQUIRES ORGANIZATION —

We need a rank-and-file committee that will negotiate. People that work everyday in the mills know that you can't live well on our wages, that you have to skimp from one week to another. If we had a man from each department to negotiate with the company, then we would be represented.

Now some Union stewards go to negotiations, but these guys are finks. When something goes wrong in the mill, the stewards try to keep you in line. The only time a steward does something for you is when he would like to move up in the Union. A lot of those guys become foremen. It's hard to get people together, but what we have to do is build a rank-and-file committee.

WHERE DO YOU WORK?

In the Open Hearth Department of US Steel's Gary Works. I'm a hand-torch driver — I burn scrap steel for the blast furnace. We have really bad conditions. Like at night you don't ever have enough light to see what you're doing.

We have safety equipment, but your gloves and leggings wear out faster than you can get new stuff. We have a safety man who spends most of his time sitting behind a desk in an office. We had to have a work stoppage before we could get any new material — the safety man never did anything. The only way we'll get anything is by sticking together. Then maybe we'll get some big things as well as small ones.

Lots of times the foreman orders you to work on the burning bed when cranes are carrying stuff overhead. This is very unsafe.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE STUFF THAT IS BEING PUT FORTH IN THE PRESS ABOUT THE STRIKE HURTING THE ECONOMY AND LETTING JAPANESE FIRMS GET STRONGER?

When the mills shut down around here it's like a depression. There's no money circulating in Gary when no steel is produced. In 1959, things were really bad. Now you have more mills, and it'll be worse. It'll be harder to live, but we have no real choice. If we don't strike, we lose.

We work in the mill to support ourselves, not to kill ourselves. The bosses would work us to death. We are not part of the Government or the bosses. It's their problem to compete with steel companies in other countries. We have more in common with workers in other countries than we do with our bosses. We have the same problems, the same feelings about the work we do.

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT STUDENTS SUPPORTING THE STRIKE?

If students support us we'll be able to improve conditions now. Some of them will work in the mills. Higher wages and better conditions in the mills will benefit them too. We need more jobs now.

The bosses, politicians, and Union hacks are against us, and we need all the support we can get. Like if some steel worker is being evicted from his home for not paying the mortgage, we could have committees to stop it. We could also use support in the lines — the Union is not going to encourage mass picketing. So we need help.

Boss-Union Deal is Lots of Nothing

I. W. Abel, steel union boss (a workers' "servant" who gives himself a \$96,000-a-year salary from union dues), and his cronies in the steel industry showed whose side they're on with the contract they "settled" for the steel workers. In the same old sellout tradition, they have been publicly patting themselves on the back for the marvelous package they've "given" the workers to preserve industrial peace. The wrapping on the package is very attractive according to them. The media tell us of a 30% "inflationary" wage increase and many other benefits. But if we cut through all the big talk, we find the same old bullshit (which they aren't telling us).

As usual, the big businessmen, with union co-operation, are making working people pay for inflation. The 30% raise doesn't even make up for the 25¢ per year steel workers lost over the last contract period because of rising inflation. In other words, the union is settling for 25¢ less in real wages than steel workers had three years ago. The union leaders are also bragging about the 40-year retiree monthly pension increase to \$355 from \$260. But almost no one can last in the steel sweatshops for 40 years! Moreover, the union has thrown out demands for a shorter work week, better job conditions, and a decent medical plan. Local grievances such as demands for improved working conditions, mechanization, and an end to on-the-job harassment, racist pay differentials, and racist hiring and firing were completely ignored.

Bosses Plan Speed-ups and Lay Offs

As they raise prices to increase their profits, the steel bosses will try to convince us that all the price hikes are due to the settlement. We can't be fooled by these lies that we'll hear in the press and in our classes. Not only are steel workers actually losing money, but speed-ups and layoffs will increase. Abel and Larry, the company negotiator, with "special praise" from Hodgson, the Government negotiator, "announced they had agreed to work together to try to increase worker productivity and put the steel industry in a better competitive position against the heavy inroads of imported foreign steel". (Chicago Sun-Times, August 2nd, 1971) This will undoubtedly mean more speed-up and layoffs, that is more accidents and higher unemployment.

Bosses Scheme to Split Workers

In their worldwide conflict for markets, the imperialists try to improve their competitive position at the expense of workers. Since Nippon Steel of Japan is edging out US Steel as world's biggest producer, the US bosses are trying to figure out a scheme to get the US workers to produce more for less pay. They'll try to get US workers to blame it on underpaid Japanese workers. But the enemy of all workers and students is the same: the imperialist bosses!

In the US up to two-thirds of the steel workers will be unemployed while the steel industry uses up the stockpile it built up for the strike. Many workers will not take this. We must support wildcat strikes against this sellout. The bosses and the union leaders were scared that a major strike would lead to greater militancy and rank and file organizing. We should help turn this fear into a reality wherever we can.

EXPOSE THE UNION SELLOUT! SUPPORT THE STEEL WORKERS!

Puerto Rican Communists Get 312 Years in Jail as **FIGHT AGAINST IMPERIALISM GROWS IN PUERTO RICO!**

I am a member of the revolutionary communist Progressive Labor Party. I have recently visited Puerto Rico, where members of our fraternal party, the Puerto Rican Socialist League, have been attacked by the colonial government of Puerto Rico.

The US imperialists will try anything to stop Puerto Rican workers from fighting against the rotten conditions, low pay, unemployment, and colonial system that make Puerto Ricans victims of extremely vicious exploitation. Above all, they want to stamp out the working-class revolution led by the Puerto Rican Socialist League (PRSL). The US and Puerto Rican bosses' latest attack was to jail 12 members of the PRSL on trumped up charges of "violating the weapons law" and sentence them to a total of 312 years in jail.

This is not the first time the capitalists have mounted attacks against the League. Since its founding and throughout its lifetime, the League has fought to play a vanguard role within the Puerto Rican working class. In the PRSL's short existence, its members and leaders have led, participated in, and supported fights against the bosses everywhere on the island. They were instrumental in the organizing of mass solidarity actions in alliance with the GE strike of 1969-70. As a result of these actions last year, the PRSL secretary J. A. Couretjer and his wife Consuelo Lee were almost assassinated by gunmen hired by the imperialist bosses who run Puerto Rico.

PRSL Communists Lead Fight

In the spring of 1970 and again in 1971, the League provided leadership in mass worker and student rebellions against the imperialist ROTC program at the University of Puerto Rico.

Workers all over the island of Puerto Rico — strikers, unemployed workers, students — are looking to the League for leadership. In the slums and factories of Ponce and San Juan, many hundreds of workers have joined forces with the PRSL in demonstrations against the bosses who rule the island and exploit them. The fact is that the PRSL has wide support among the workers. As a result, the Puerto Rican working class has sharpened its struggle against the capitalist system. This has the bosses shaking in their boots. They fear the workers' power and unity and the development of a revolutionary political party advancing communist ideas. They know this



Scared pigs huddle as thousands of students at the University of Puerto Rico, led by PRSL, drive ROTC off campus.

means the end of their economic and political power.

Only Workers' Rule Can Smash Imperialism

The PRSL is the only organization in Puerto Rico that calls for workers' rule — for the dictatorship of the proletariat — as a solution to the problems of the working class. They have fought for international solidarity of workers everywhere, and against all the attempts of the ruling class to split workers on racial, national, or sex lines. As workers' struggles spread in Puerto Rico, as opposition to US imperialist bosses grows, the working-class line of the PRSL becomes even more dangerous to the rulers of the Puerto Rican people and to their henchmen. The League has pointed out that the nationalist fakes with their MPI (Movement Pro Independence) and PPI (Party Pro Independence) can only mislead workers down the same dead end to capitalism. More nationalism means more

capitalist oppression. It's no longer enough for bosses and sellouts in Puerto Rico to hide behind a national flag. It's workers against capitalist oppression.

PRSL grows despite repression

Also the League has pointed out that the "community control" already exists in Puerto Rico — Puerto Rican cops, judges, teachers and schools, the flag, and so forth. The Puerto Rican workers "have" all this and suffer some of the worst poverty of any workers in the world. The fact that the League has exposed this terrifies the bosses who squeeze hundreds of millions in profits out of the sweat of Puerto Rican workers.

Repression has never stopped the growth of a revolutionary movement. The League has replied to all these attacks by stepping up its efforts to bring Marxist-Leninist ideas to workers and students who want and need to fight the bosses on their backs. To be attacked by the enemy means that the League's line is winning among workers and students.

The struggles of US workers are as one with those of the workers of Puerto Rico — working for the same bosses. US workers and students must support the struggles of their brothers and sisters in Puerto Rico.

In the words of Comrade Corretjer, chairman of the PRSL: "Whatever happens, neither the Puerto Rican Socialist League nor socialism will ever be stopped, here or anywhere else. All the immense power of the enemy is reduced to delaying our victory. It cannot avoid it."

All our support for and solidarity with the comrades of the Puerto Rican Socialist League as they lead the fight to workers' power!

- We in Progressive Labor say:
- Stop the conspiracy against the PRSL!
 - Free the comrades in Puerto Rico!
 - All power to the working class!
 - Build international solidarity among workers and students!



PRSL led this militant strike by construction workers

Raphael Perez, SDS and PLP

18 Year Old Voting Law: Gimmick Tries to Sidetrack Hatred for System

A recent set of decisions by the courts and various legislatures have given youth between 18 and 21 new "voting rights" — and in the case of California other "adult" privileges as well. These actions have only one goal: to give youth the illusion that the system they have fought (through fighting ROTC, war research, scab recruiting, and the like) can be reformed peacefully.

Ever since the big strikes on campuses during the spring of 1970, politicians and administrators have been concocting their plans of "involvement in the system" for students and young workers who have been shooting their officers in Vietnam and leading the fights for more jobs in ghettos around the country. Over and over newspaper editorials point out how young men are fighting a war about which they've never had any say. The politicians are saying the "system" is not "sensitive" to the needs of youth, and all that is needed to improve the system is more channels of communication.

Speaking of the function of the lowered voting age, the New York Times said: "It is to open 'the system' and make it more amenable to orderly, peaceful change." Or, as "super-radical" Berkeley Congressman Ron Dellums has put it: "The fundamental challenge facing American society is to bring the young and the ethnic minorities into the political process."

The great majority of people of voting age have always faced rotten living conditions, war, and unemployment in spite of all sorts of "democratic rights" with which to "air their grievances". Not one of these "rights" ever got

jobs in enough numbers to improve the lives of people.

Workers and students of all ages have learned through bitter experience that the only way the nation's rulers change anything is not by better communication but by millions of workers and students taking to the streets demanding what is rightfully theirs. One of the best examples was the fight for unemployment insurance in the 1930s. Congress moved only because hundreds of thousands were out in the streets and passing the bill was the only way Congress thought they could stop a revolution.

The reason people think voting is important is that there appear to be some alternatives. Many students who need jobs and oppose the War think electing a liberal like McCloske, Hartke, or McGovern would make some changes, even if only small ones, to ease a bad situation — for example, maybe negotiations in Vietnam would speed up and cops would be hipper and have long hair. That's not what we need!

Liberals have a different strategy for doing what all politicians strive for — protecting US corporate investments and profits. Their plan requires protecting profits under the mask of glorious ideals and noble sentiments; but name one liberal who supports total withdrawal of the US lock, stock, and barrel from Southeast Asia with no negotiations. (Read: Negotiations to peacefully exploit Vietnamese resources and workers.) Look hard for a liberal who doesn't support arming Israel to the hilt to protect US interests in the oil-rich Middle East. (Dellums has said, in the pro-Zionist Jewish Observer:

"I reject the notion that Israel is a spearhead of the so-called Western imperialism... necessary arms should be provided...")

You would have to dig to find a liberal who wouldn't support forcing railroad workers back to work or calling the National Guard against ghetto residents fighting for jobs against price gougers, loan sharks, dope pushers, and brutal police (like liberal Carl Stokes, the Mayor of Cleveland, who welcomed a Student Mobilization Committee anti-war conference to his town in the summer of 1970 a few months after he called in the National Guard against wildcat teamsters and ghetto rebels). How many times have you heard of any politician who called in the National Guard against the landlords of unsafe high-rent buildings that kill more people than any "riot"?

Elections are a luxury rulers feel they can use. If elected officials stopped GM speed-ups and demanded that GM hire 10,000 more workers and build a safe pollution-free car, GM bosses simply would not stand for it. Congressional rule would be swept away much as it was in Germany. Whether the American people are under military rule or under phony "democracy", millions will still be forced to live miserable lives. Millions of workers and students in the US already know that the only way to change anything is to fight back. That's why two million workers will be out on strike in August. That's why ghetto residents from Albuquerque to New York take to the street to deal with the lack of jobs, high prices, and police brutality. Real power lies in shutting this country down, not in the ballot box.

Byron King, San Diego SDS

RACIST GANG-UP SMASHED!

Last week at a dance at the University of Maryland, black and white students united to smash a racist motorcycle gang. Some members of the gang were harassing a couple of black students at the dance. Word of this was rushed down to Cambridge Hall (a dorm), and about 40 reinforcements arrived.

The bikers were still trying to harass people. We jumped them and started to beat the crap out of them. The cops showed up and the bikers pointed their racist fingers at black students and one white student. The cops were all ready to arrest these students (and no bikers), but the militant crowd wouldn't let them. The cops and bikers were forced to crawl off into the night.

An injury to one is an injury to all. Students and workers everywhere should follow this example. Never let a single racist attack go unanswered!

University of Maryland SDS

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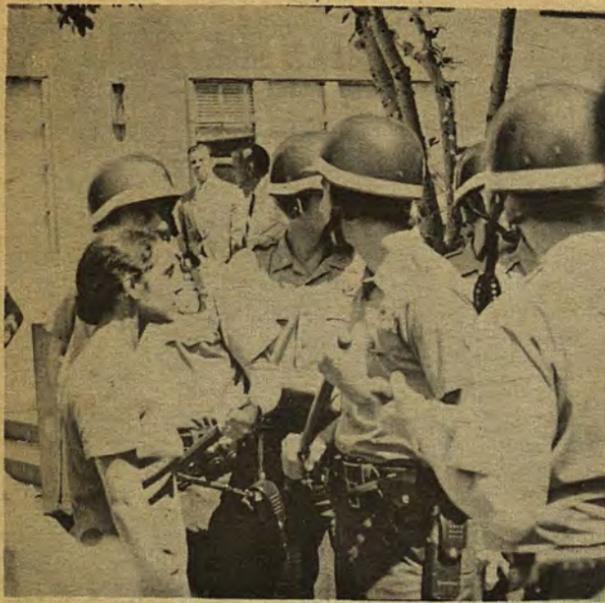
if they try to fire even one worker. Oppose any cutbacks in work-study grants and scholarships. Organize students and workers to give racist and imperialist speakers a "hot" reception when they speak in public. Attack, Nixon, Hartke, Reuther, Rockefeller, and all bosses like them. Organize students in the classrooms to oppose the racist and anti-working-class lies which they try to teach us. We should build strong, lasting ties between students and working people. The most powerful weapon we have against all the bosses' oppression is a massive, fighting worker-student alliance — with tens of millions of workers and students of all races united to fight racism and oppression. Build the worker-student alliance! Join SDS!

by Jeff Singleton, Chi. SDS



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NPAC marshal confers with cops.

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claiming that Hartke had a right to free speech and that SDS members are goons and thugs who go around beating up people who don't agree with them.

Whenever bosses are attacked, they scream "free speech" and "freedom" to defend their exploitation. When students attack military recruiters, university presidents cry "freedom of choice" (for the Army, not the Vietnamese). Now murderer Hartke comes around to organize the anti-war movement, and NPAC leaders say the same thing.

Just think how Hartke would be treated by the Palestinian people! Think of how Reuther would be treated by workers in Latin America, where he has helped set up anti-communist labor unions controlled by the CIA! These rats were lucky to get off so easy at the NPAC conference!

Lies and Distortions

The second lie NPAC and Company have put forward is that SDS and the Progressive Labor Party (PLP) came only to disrupt the meeting, and that we are "thugs" and "hooligans". This was the theme of an article in SWP's newspaper *The Militant* entitled "PL-SDS Fails to Disrupt NPAC Gathering".

SWP's leaders know that SDS members had no intention of breaking up the conference. We did urge people to shout down Hartke and Reuther, for the same reason that thousands have shouted down murderers Nixon and LBJ. Everyone saw, however, that we weren't disrupting everyone we "disagreed" with. But our fight with Hartke and Reuther is not just a "disagreement" between friends. So *The Militant* resorts to lies and distortions: "When the auditorium doors opened for the NPAC rally, about 100 PL partisans were the first to march in. They immediately attempted to seize the stage...." Actually this was a group of about 10 people who attempted to perform a skit on stage and were thrown off.

This NPAC lie is the same as the lie pushed in all the major newspapers about SDS, claiming that SDS goes around provoking trouble and beating up people who don't agree with us. This is just a lie they spread, with the help of major newspapers, to scare people away from SDS. The NPAC goons are the real thugs. For example, after a scuffle began in one part of the room, one well-known member of SDS standing alone in a corner was jumped by 10 goons, held down, and kicked around. Another SDSer was forcibly thrown off the stage when she attempted to present a proposal to ban Hartke and Reuther. But the main point still is that the goons were there PROTECTING Hartke and Reuther!

The "Militant" attacks SDS in order to hide the main issue—their disgusting alliance with Hartke, Reuther, Eaton, and Company. In fact, the "revolutionary" "Militant" even suggests that Hartke, Reuther, and their ilk are NOT enemies and sellouts. It says: "They (SDS) claim (sic!) that such speakers have 'sellout' positions on many issues...." Does the "Militant" deny that Hartke is responsible for vicious repression of the Palestinian people? What about Reuther's record? But the "Militant" would rather not talk about those questions. It makes sense. NPAC and Company can't afford to disrupt its cozy alliance with such criminals; it would cost them too much ruling-class money, free publicity, protection by police, and other fringe benefits the bosses give their loyal servants.

Concentration Camp Atmosphere

On the second day, the New York City cops were there in force to protect their buddies in NPAC. During the night, the NPAC steering committee voted to prevent SDS from attending the conference or the workshops. The place was run like a concentration camp. To get in, you had to walk past a line of cops, and then through a gantlet of 30 marshals who threw out anyone they recognized as a member or friend of SDS. Fred Halstead, a main SWP leader, searched people's belongings for SDS literature. If you were "approved", you were allowed into the conference room, where marshals patrolled the aisles looking for SDSers.

In spite of this, a number of SDSers managed to sneak in with some literature, and managed to get in a couple of speakers during the day. But in general those recognized as being either members or friends of SDS (such as those who were passing out SDS literature) were instantly thrown out. One person who attempted to present the SDS proposal was quickly snatched and dragged out. NPAC leaders were forced to spend most of the conference time trying to justify the goon-squad tactics. Halstead, taking a break from searching people's knapsacks, said "NPAC can be immensely proud of its democracy. Look at the literature tables. Anyone can pass out his literature. Anyone is free to come in and take the floor."

Cops Call Cops

During the afternoon several hundred people marched out of the conference to join in the SDS demonstration against First National City Bank. First National, which is run by Mayor Lindsay's brother, has investments all over the world that exploit and oppress millions of people. When we returned we found the doors being guarded by New York City cops as well as NPAC marshals. The marshal leaders and cops conferred publicly from then on.

We tried to get in to put forward our "banned" ideas to the conference, and a fight broke out

with the marshals. When it looked like we would get in, the cops attacked us and about 150 cop reinforcements showed up. Three cops were sent to the hospital. Throughout the rest of the day, the cops and NPAC leaders continued to work hand in hand.

Boss-Cop-NPAC Alliance FLOPS

On the last day it was clear that the conference was a dismal failure. Cops were all over the place. The cops arrested one SDSer and would not let SDSers leaflet within 100 feet of the main door. The conference had dwindled down to about a third of its original size. Outside we continued to meet scores of students who walked out in disgust. MORE THAN 200 PARTICIPANTS WHO CAME INDEPENDENTLY GAVE THEIR NAMES AND ADDRESSES TO SDSERS, SAYING THEY'D LIKE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH US!

This year's conference saw NPAC's alliance with the bosses take a big step forward. Never before have they had a Senator, and such a racist murderer at that, on their steering committee! Their use of cops goes right along with this. But this is all very good. Now thousands more know exactly where these NPAC leaders stand. They are the bosses' voice and the bosses' tool within the movement.

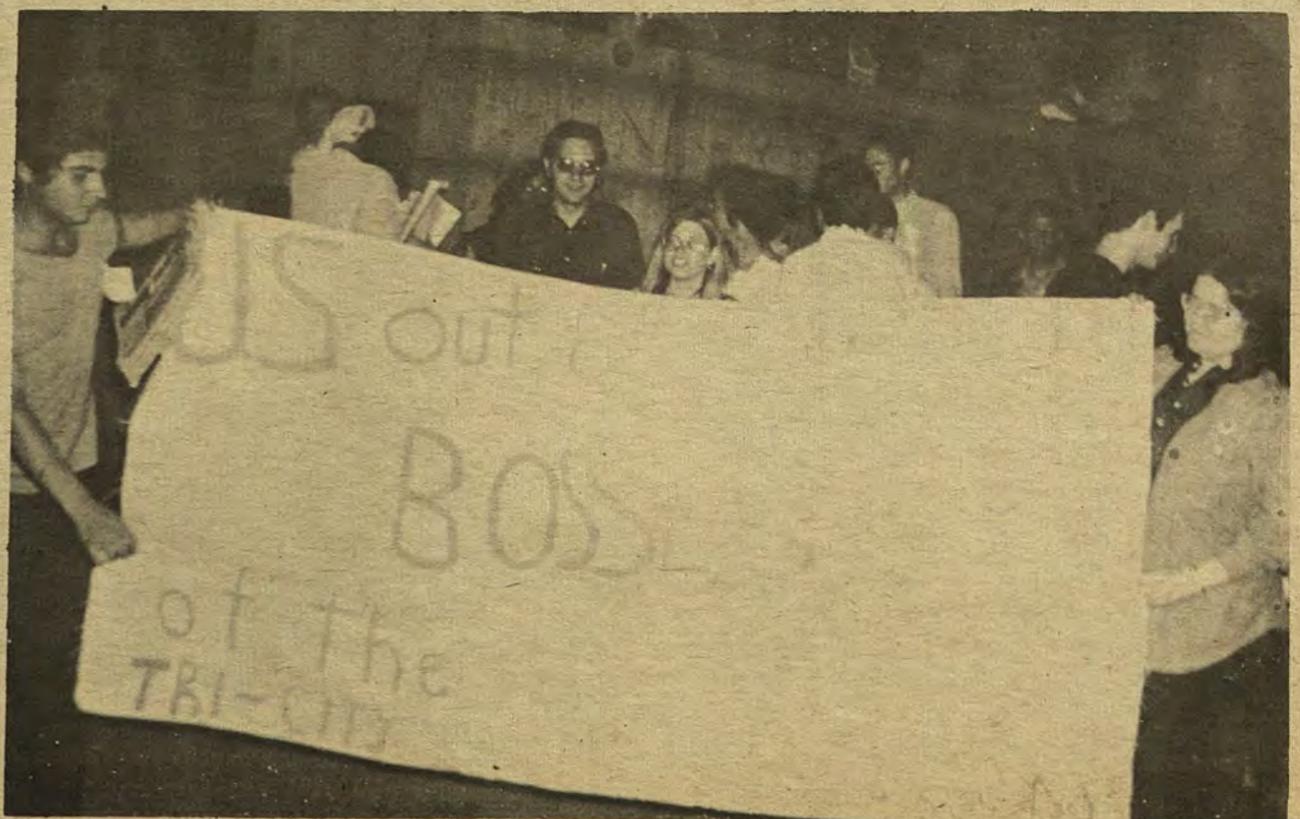
Actually, the conference was a tremendous step forward for the movement of militant workers and students. Hartke was totally shouted down. Hundreds more saw him as the enemy and treated him the same way they would treat Nixon or Johnson. The conference greatly strengthened the worker-student alliance and seriously hurt the Government and NPAC's plan to ally the movement with the Government and big business. Instead, hundreds more are interested in SDS and the worker-student alliance!

The Best Answer

to murderers and misleaders like Hartke, Reuther, NPAC, and Company is to step up the fight against the bosses and against the Government, and especially to fight racism. SDS calls on all students to build the fight for jobs. Build the August 20th demonstration for JOBS NOW! Students should unite with workers against both racist Welfare cutbacks and racist unemployment. For example at the University of Maryland, SDS sat in with a group of young workers to win improved conditions from the racist Job Corps. Build support for strikes and ghetto rebellions, fights against oppression led by the most militant workers. Support workers' struggles all over the world—organize actions against the Vietnam War that can really HURT the US war effort. Fight ROTC!

We should fight racism at every turn. Fight racist oppression in dormitories and elsewhere on campus. Build a struggle against the school

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WORKERS AND STUDENTS WON'T BE STOPPED!

NPAC HIDES BEHIND COPS

Friday, July 2nd, Democratic Senator Vance Hartke of Indiana, visibly shaking on nationwide TV, accused members of SDS of being "war mongers"...responsible for the death of babies in Vietnam and just as responsible for the War as Nixon. He even accused SDS of pushing drugs on campuses around the country. The Senator was hysterical because only a few hours earlier hundreds of students led by SDS had shouted him down at an "anti-war" rally. It was the first night of a conference called by the National Peace Action Coalition.

Bosses \$\$\$ Pay Friends. . .

The National Peace Action Coalition (NPAC) is the group which sponsored the "anti-war" demonstrations last April 24th in Washington and San Francisco. Once or twice a year NPAC, with the help of big businessmen and many major newspapers, builds mass demonstrations which feature mainly liberal politicians, union sellout "leaders", movie stars, and businessmen. NPAC is run mainly by the SMC (Student Mobilization Committee) and the SWP-YSA (the "Socialist Workers Party" and "Young Socialist Alliance"). These groups claim to lead the movement, when, actually they are spokesmen and representatives within the movement for a large group of big businessmen and politicians. Just one example: Cyrus Eaton, the multi-millionaire owner of Republic Steel and an enemy of workers and students everywhere, had given huge sums of money to these groups, and his wife has been one of their main endorsers.

These groups serve their masters well. They try to divert the movement away from militant action and alliance with rank-and-file workers. They try to contain the movement within bounds, the Government would like. For example during the 1970 student strike, the SMC made deals with the college presidents on many campuses. They would agree to keep the universities open and free from disruption if the universities gave them free paper and mimeo facilities for their "anti-war" (and anti-disruption) leaflets. Then they actually protected ROTC buildings and war research (sometimes joining with the cops). This strike-breaking is what they called the "anti-war university".

. . . Who Push Racism And

Furthermore, these groups oppose fighting racism on the grounds that it "turns off some people" (racists). In fact they build racism: They pass out separate leaflets to black and white students. The one to black students says Vietnam Is a White Man's War. The one to white students doesn't even mention racism. They had Hubbard, the racist mayor of Dearborn, Michigan, speak at one of their rallies. Hubbard issued orders to shoot suspected rioters on sight during the 1967 Detroit ghetto rebellion.

. . . Politicians to Sidetrack 's!!!

NPAC and Company serve their bosses well and get rewarded for it. But this conference made that crystal clear to hundreds more when

NPAC called the cops to protect their alliance with the bigshot politicians and businessmen. They were doing their job within the movement for their bosses.

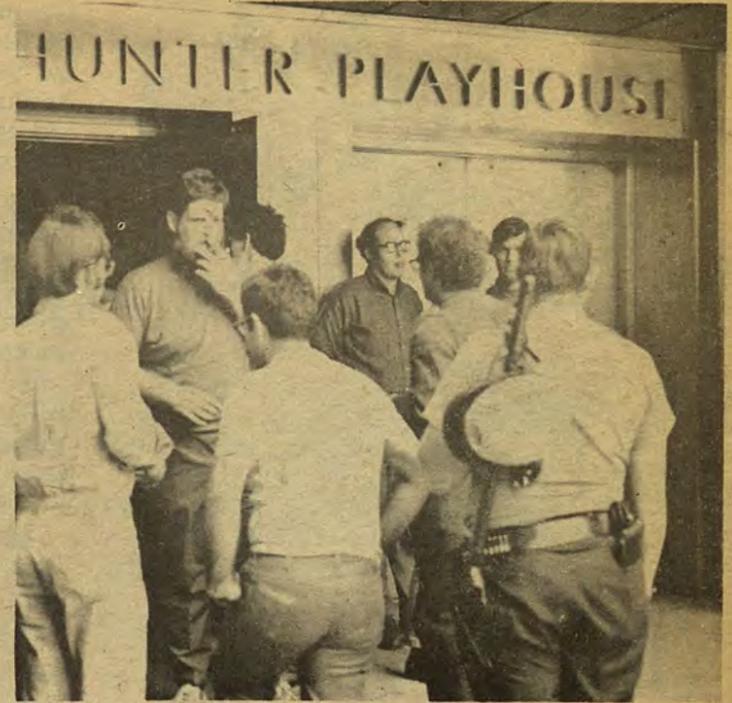
A rally was called for that first night. There were a number of featured speakers, including Hartke, Victor Reuther, and David Livingston. (See box.) These scum were put forward as leaders of the anti-war movement. They claim to oppose the War, but their own racist and anti-working-class records show that they are in the same camp as Nixon and the "hawks". The only difference is that they believe that "peace" in Vietnam would be the best way to protect the American system of exploitation and oppression all over the world.

KNOW YOUR ENEMIES

Keynote speakers on the first night of the conference were Hartke and union leaders Victor Reuther and David Livingston. Hartke is one of those doves on Vietnam and hawks on the Middle East. He supports sending jets and guns to Israel to be used against the Arab people. He has also voted for government aid to the racist ghetto merchants attacked during ghetto rebellions.

Reuther is International Affairs Director for United Auto Workers and has worked to set up CIA-financed anti-communist labor unions in Latin America. This fink played a big role in the sellout of last year's auto strike. During the 1967 auto strike he personally went to Mansfield, Ohio, where a militant wildcat had broken out, and suspended the union local.

Livingston, of New York City's District 65 (Hospital Workers), provided his personal goon squad to help patrol the conference.



Marshals and cops guard door to NPAC Conference.

SDS and the University Action Group (UAG), an organization of faculty members and graduate students, proposed that Hartke, Reuther, and Livingston not be allowed to speak. Without any debate on the motion the NPAC chairman brought out the first speakers. When Hartke took the mike, hundreds stood up and roared "No Ruling Class Speakers!" Many who had not come with SDS joined in the chant. It was a tremendous display of hatred against this racist murderer. Even with NPAC's sound system, Hartke was completely drowned out. He left the stage in a rage.

NPAC Protects Its Bosses

A few speakers later Victor Reuther got up on the platform and was confronted by an even louder outburst of hate. Reuther shouted feebly: "You wouldn't do this at a union meeting!" But the treatment he got at the NPAC conference was mild compared to what he would get from the workers in places like Mansfield, Ohio, where he suspended the union local and crushed a militant strike (in 1967). At this point, Reuther and NPAC leaders called out the marshals (SWPers and members of Livingston's District 65 private goon squad). The marshals, in groups of 10, systematically beat and dragged out every individual who was shouting or seemed to show any sympathy with the action. Many who were thrown out were not involved in shouting down the speakers, but stood up and opposed the attack on SDS.

In all over 150 people were thrown out. Many students walked out of the conference saying that they couldn't see the difference between the cops and the marshals. They were right.

At the conference and afterward NPAC and Company defended their goon-squad tactics, (continued on Page 11)



SDS led demonstration against U. S. imperialism.