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BY THE EDITORS

Richard Nixon’s statement to a gathering of Republican Congressmen in the White House Wednesday that he will fight like hell against any attempt to impeach him is a defiant challenge directed against the millions of working people in this country who want him thrown out of office.

Workers must answer this challenge by fighting in their locals for the demand that the AFL-CIO, United Auto Workers, and all trade union organizations prepare a general strike to force Nixon out, and at the same time convene a Congress of Labor to establish a labor party pledged to socialist policies.

These actions must be taken as Nixon shows his determination to hang on to power in order to press forward with his attacks on the living standards and basic rights of every worker.

Pricing continues to skyrocket, with the latest figures revealing an overall rise in consumer prices of 8.8 percent, the highest since the end of World War Two.

Not one week passes without new reports of layoffs throughout industry as big business carries out Nixon’s deplorable policies of unemployment under the guise of the energy crisis.

Police attacks on trade unionists are being carried out under the direction of Nixon. Postal workers are being harassed and assaulted by police raids in Jersey City. Police have sought to bust up picket lines outside the Illinois Township in Dayton.

Independent action by the working class against Nixon through a general strike and labor party is necessary now not only because his Democratic Party allies will not impeach him, but because Nixon no longer even pretends to govern on the basis of popular support for his policies.

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This has been sharply revealed by the existence of a CIA network in Britain which is directing intelligence operations against militants within the British unions.

These agents operate directly outside of the American embassy and other US government agencies with the official sanction of the Nixon government.

While the governments of Europe and America are at each others throats in a brutal trade war, they are working together to form a counterrevolutionary alliance to prevent the working class from taking power.

The American capitalist class fears that the development of a general strike in Britain and the overthrow of Heath will give great inspiration to the struggles of American workers against Nixon.

The presence of the CIA exposes the lie of the Heath government that it is the overtime of the miners that has forced him to slash the work week to three days.

The three day work week is a deliberate provocation aimed at slashing the living standard of the working class and forcing a confrontation under conditions in which the Tories aim to set up a dictatorial Bonapartist government to defeat the miners.

The capitalist class in every country is driven into class confrontations by an economic and monetary crisis totally out of their control.

With its policy of trade war and inflation, the US capitalists attempt to push the burden of this crisis on to the backs of the European countries. The workers of Germany, France, Britain, and Italy now face massive unemployment and soaring inflation.

These conditions now bring forward revolutionary struggles throughout Europe at the same time American workers move into struggle to defend the same rights and conditions here.

What the British worker faces today will be the future of the American worker in the next immediate period.

The fact that the CIA is sent into Britain shows that behind the "energy crisis," the Tories are preparing their conspiracy for all-out war against the working class.

The Nixon government is the organizer of repression and counterrevolution in every part of the globe. Nixon's CIA is doing the dirty "subversives," British workers who are fighting to defend their right to a living wage and a job.

We have repeatedly warned that the brutality of American imperialism in suppressing the movements of workers and peasants in Vietnam would be used directly against the American working class.

In every country, from Vietnam to Chile to Greece, it is the CIA that does the dirty work of imperialism that tortures and jails all those who oppose it.

We have warned that these methods are now used not just in colonial countries against revolutionary movements, but also are used in the advanced countries like Britain and against trade unionists who are fighting to defend their jobs and their rights.

The recent revelation of the FBI plan to infiltrate left-wing organizations, Nixon's enemy list, the Pen tagon Papers and the move of the FBI to gain "na tional emergency" powers makes clear that American workers face the same terror here.

The New York Times, the same paper that led the exposure of Nixon, now refuses to print one word about what is happening in Britain.

The financial and big business interests who publish the Times want Nixon out to open the door to an even more reactionary government to stop the CIA's tactics to break the strength of the working class.

It is above all this struggle and the struggle of the working class that has thrown the Heath government in Britain and Nixon here into crisis.

Unemployment, the destruction of the unions, dictatorship, none of these can be imposed on the working class without a tremendous battle in which all the strength of the working class is brought out against the unions and the state.

The outcome of this struggle depends on the construction of a revolutionary party and leadership within the unions and among the youth that prepares the working class to take power.

We have shown that Nixon and the capitalists are preparing. We must also prepare by fighting now for the immediate construction of a labor party to force Nixon from power and to build the alternative revolution ary leadership.

Sihanouk Predicts Year Of Victory

FORCES of the Khmer Rouge have erected Phnom Penh and are continuing daily shelling of the Cambodian capital to undermine Lon Nol's tottering defenses.

Four rockets were fired into the city Monday, killing two and wounding several others.

Some Khmer Rouge spokesmen have cut off the Government's only road to the south, the support from the south less a week after Lon Nol boasted of having opened it.

Within the capital, Lon Nol is rapidly losing the support of even his army backers who are resenting their calls for his resignation.

They hope to stabilize the political situation in the country by persuading the Khmer Rouge to negotiate with Phnom Penh government.

However, exiled Prince Norodom Sihanouk Monday night was a statement in which he de clared that if government forces "would refuse any compromise with anyone in the Phnom Penh government.

Stating that the liberation forces would take over the government this year, Sihanouk declared:

"You are absolutely sure that we will not accept any compromise with any political solution other than acceptance by the United States—because it is President Nixon who is making war against us—of a racial solution based on the Khmer and thus of Cambodia."

Solzhenitsyn Refutes Lies

BY DAVID NORTH

Soviet author Aleksandr I. Solzhenitsyn hit back last week at claims by the Stalinist bureau that his latest work, The Gulag Archipelago, is pro-Nazi and anti-Russian.

Solzhenitsyn declared that Stalinist press has been inventing passages in order to discredit the book and cover up the crimes it exposes.

He claimed that the reaction to Archipelago amounts to the regime is seeking to go back to the open defense of Stalin which lasted until Krushchev's secret speech of 1956.

"In publishing The Archipelago," he declared, "I did not realize how they would expunge their own previous weaknesses. The line chosen by our propaganda organs is one of animal fear of exposure."

"It shows how fanatically they cling here to the bloody past and want to drag it along with them, sealed up, into the future to at least to utter a word of condemnation, let alone, an experience upon any of the mass hangmen, inquisitors, or informers.

"Introducing official statements which as quoted" the book together with the Hitlerites as "beast and kind to the enslaved peoples." Solzhenitsyn said: "It is incomprehensible to me.

"Please cite the exact pages! We will see they won't cite them at all.

DEPORTED

Solzhenitsyn's statement came after deporting his attacks on the Soviet press orchestrated by the Kremlin leadership. Reports from the camp show that Solzhenitsyn may soon be ar rived in East Germany, either abroad or to a remote region in Siberia.

The Daily World, organ of the American Communist Party, continues to play an important role in the slander and persecution of Solzhenitsyn.

Its venomous attacks on the writer consist not only of distorting the content of The Gulag Archipelago, which is an indictment of Stalinism, but also are supported by the CP, but also in attempting to brand Solzhenitsyn as a CIA agent.

In its issue of January 9, the Daily World described the book as Solzhenitsyn's "return to the support of the CIA Central Intelligence Agency.

"Indications that the Kremlin's move are supported by the CP are growing in the growing harassment of Solzhenitsyn over the past week. His wife that reported plain clothed police have encouraged their apartments and that numerous threatening phone calls have been received.

Peron Begins Crackdown

Juan D. Peron, the President of Argentina, called on the trade union leaders, the armed forces, the police, and members of his Justicialist Party, to join in the fight against the Peoples Revolutionary Army.

The Peronist movement came after 70 members of the Peoples Revolutionary Army, a group of former armed forces, launched the at the city of Arroyo Bonito.

The Peoples Revolutionary Army once took a Laurentino Cubo hostages and successfully es caped to the Buenos Aires.

Following an emergency Cabinet meeting on January 30, Peron issued an order to "annihilate as soon as possible any group or individual or task to which everyone must commit himself."

"It is time to stop shouting 'Peron' and start defending the country," Peron's crackdown of the ERP is a prelude to repression on the trade union and the Argentine working class.
French withdrawal from the Common Market joint float and the decision to allow the franc to float on the world currency markets last spring led to the end of the French efforts to hold the world monetary system together.

On Monday, the Japanese and almost all European exchanges were closed as each government fought to protect itself against a wave of panicked speculation. The yen fell four percent against the dollar and only the intervention of the Bank of France which reportedly sold over $50 million kept it from falling further.

Virtually all European currencies fell in relation to the dollar, revealing the lack of confidence in the European economies.

The price of gold reached unprecedented levels of over $460 an ounce and at one point rose to $600 an ounce in Paris as speculators rushed to unload depreciable francs.

The depth of the crisis can be seen in the collapse ofexport Walston, the second biggest securities house in the U.S., handling 300,000 accounts with 2,000 salesmen.

The crisis demonstrated the unbreakable pressure on Europe of soaring inflation, oil prices which threaten a $30 billion balance of payments deficit, and the impact of OPEC's trade wind.

The French government was forced to move to avoid losing virtually all reserves of foreign exchange and gold.

It breaks apart all fixed relations between Euro-

CIA Agents Spy On British Unionists

BY MELODY FARROW

According to the London Times, the CIA has recruited 30 to 40 spies in Britain to gather information of "subversive elements" within the British unions. These activities have been going on since Prime Minister Heath declared a state of emergency. A former CIA agent, Miles Copeland, told the Times: "The top men in the CIA believed that the present state of strikes in Britain was a sinister move by the unions that one needed to examine the underbelly of the situation.

They believe that the aim is to bring about a situation in which the trade union movement is weakened or even eliminated."

The Foreign Office and the CIA have denied Copeland's story, but refused to discuss the activities of CIA agents in Britain. Copeland said that the CIA recruits British citizens for the undercover work because the CIA considers MIS, the British intelligence service, too soft on the trade union and left-wing parties.

PRAGMATIC

"We all know that practical considerations prevent people like MIS from acting really effectively inside Britain. You are restricted and squabbling on your own territory from doing the type of things that really have to be done to track down subversives."

Copeland also revealed that the agents work out of the US embassy in London and other US civilian and military offices. They are equipped with the latest surveillance equipment. As Copeland's reference to "democratic" government makes clear, these agents are preparing a situation in which the Tories, armed with

Mass Strike In India

Another six workers are dead in India as violent demonstrations and strikes continue against the rise in prices.

In Madras, police opened fire on protestors as a general strike began. At least 50 stores and buildings were looted and set on fire.

In Bombay, striking textile workers were joined by other demonstrators and police again opened fire. At least 15 have now been killed and the movement continues to spread.

Kissinger Knew Of Military Spies

BY A REPORTER

Secretary of State Henry Kissinger admitted at a press conference on Tuesday that two years ago he had listened to a taped interrogation of Admiral Robert W. Welander by David R. Young, the White House aide in charge of the "plumbers" unit.

The questioning dealt with the passing of National Security Council documents to Joint Chief of Staff Chairman Admiral Thomas H. Moorer.

Kissinger had previously testified to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that he knew nothing about the "plumbers" or Young's activities.

New York Times sources state that Kissinger was involved in setting up the plumbers in July 1971 and was well aware of Young's role.

Admiral Moorer admitted receiving stolen documents from the "Today" television show claiming that there was no truth about it as the information was "essentially useless."

Former Kissinger aides have already told the newspapers that in 1971, the State Department and the Pentagon were shut off from sensitive information under Kissinger's direct orders. This is what led to the setting up of the spy ring.

According to Time magazine, there were over 500 liaison officers from the military assigned to civilian agencies.

SPYING

A retired admiral declared. "Military people are spying on every branch of the government. There are 10 of them on Capitol Hill and part of their job is to report back not only normal information, but also the eating and drinking habits of everybody up there."

"We had a hard time cracking the Government Accounting Office, but now the Navy has a commander at the GAO to keep it informed."

The fact that no action has been taken against any of the officers involved in the spy ring reveals the degree to which a desperate Nixon and Kissinger and the Teamsters must be forced to military for support.

Both parties dread an impeachment proceeding that could make a once Nixon to testify and reveal even more scandal and illegal activities and might leave Kissinger to advance preparations for dictatorship.

The leaders of the AFL-CIO, the United Auto Workers, and "Battling Bob" Taft have always been able to mobilize the unions to fight for a labor party to throw Nixon out.
Nixon Seeks $99 Billion War Budget

BY MITCH PATTERSON

The Nixon administration announced last week that it would seek legislation in Congress to increase the US defense budget to an unprecedented $99.9 billion.

Moreover, Defense Secretary Schlesinger outlined the press that nuclear missiles in the United States would be re-aimed at strategic targets within the Soviet Union. The proposed $99.9 billion defense budget is an increase of 15 percent over the amount that was approved last year. Administration officials claim that the increase is justified by the need for additional guard and arms.

STRATEGIC

In actuality, the additional funds will be used for more advanced strategic weaponry and equipment. Several billion dollars will be spent on the development of a new nuclear warhead. The two re-aimed American intercontinental ballistic missiles are likely to be the Polaris A-3 or Polaris A-4. The planning stage for the Polaris has been underway since 1967, in violation of the antiballistic missile treaty signed with the Soviet Union in 1972.

This warhead will enable the missiles to change course in the final stage of their trajectory, according to some military analysts and retarding in with precise accuracy on the target.

An additional $6 billion is to be allocated for military support to South Vietnam and billions more for Israel.

Abraham & Strauss Losses Threaten Jobs of 600

BY BEN WILLIAMS

NEW YORK—Abraham and Strauss, the largest department store in the downtown area of Brooklyn, is reducing the workforce, threatening the jobs of 500 to 600 workers.

It is reported that a 30 percent cut in expenses has been ordered in wide parts of the store. This, the company announced, layoffs have worked at A&S less than six months.

Reduction began a few weeks ago with management asking employees to voluntarily reduce their hours. Management asked full-time employees to reduce their schedule of 37.5 hours to 27.5 hours per week.

Part-time employees who would normally work 15, 10 hours per week were asked to reduce their hours by 25 percent.

Several workers in the store "voluntarily" requested a reduction of hours last week after they were told that if no volunteers were forthcoming people would be assigned the reduction of hours.

In reference to this, Schlesinger stated: "In the event of an invasion of South Vietnam, President Nixon would have to make a rapid decision to re-aim the B-52s to hit targets in the Soviet Union. The Pentagon officials said this was necessary in light of an expected invasion of Soviet naval power once the invasion of the Soviet Union is imminent. This has led to US imperialism's springboard for an invasion of the Mideast as it serves all the strategic aims from the Arab oil producing countries.

The re-aiming of American missiles is part of a "strike" package against the Soviet Union. Previously, the missiles were aimed at heavily populated cities. Now they are to be aimed as bow ties on East Asia. airtight military installations.

With the introduction of the M-4, the US can pinpoint the location of a Russian missile site and destroy them before they get on the ground.

These developments show the preparations for war lie behind the "detente" between Nixon and the Soviet Union and China. These moves open a step towards World War Three, according to the economic crisis of capitalism.

On February 4, part-time employees in different parts of the store were informed that for the month of February their hours were reduced to 11.5 hours per week.

There were also reports that older employees are being pressured into retiring early.

HURT

One worker said about the layoffs: "Sure, it's going to hurt us all. BESIDES those directly laid off, the remaining workers in the store will now have to work that much harder. A&S will still expect the same work to get done. The rest of us will have to pull the load of the 600 leaving and without a union can we really do it without a union?"

John O'Neill, secretary-treasurer of the United Store Workers' Union, sparked the movement over the phone.

"The Union has heard about the layoffs at A&S, but they are extremely interested in organizing A&S workers. There has not been an organizing drive there in many years."

Consumer prices jumped 8.8 percent in 1973, the highest increase since the 9 percent rise in 1947 when wartime price controls were removed.

Food was the major factor with pork prices up 28 percent, fish, and poultry and a 28 percent rise for cereal and bakery products.

Fuel oil and coal climbed 45 percent, while motor oil and gasoline went up 10 percent.

The prospects for 1974 are so bad that the White House economics adviser Herbert Stein simply reads the price statistics from the Labor Department without comment.

Huge price increases have already hit the wholesale markets for oil, food, and industrial materials.

The Department of Labor also announced that for the third consecutive month, the average worker with two children had a decline in real income. For December real wages are down by 3 percent in the last quarter.

UNIONS

George Meany, AFL-CIO president, declared that the unions will be seeking increases well above the Nixon 5.5 percent guidelines.

The unions "will be negotiating for more than that in order to sort break even. Everything indicates that there is going to be a big jump in the cost of living.

Everyone is suffering from the price increases, however. Senator Henry M. Jackson reported to the Senate Per-
mament Subcommittee on Investigations that the seven largest oil companies in the United States increased their profits by 46 percent in the first nine months of 1973.

27 PERCENT

The City Service Company (the first large oil company to report) showed a 37 percent increase with a 50 per-
cent rise in the last quarter.

Oil company executives denied that their profits were unex-
planable. The president of Shell Oil told the committee that they expected gas to go up another 10 cents this year.

Teachers Fight To Unite Locals

BY A REPORTER

BALKITTSVILLE, Md. - Leaders of the Public School Teachers Association (PSTA) have called a meeting and strike vote for January 26.

The leadership, headed by Karl Boone, is hoping to reach an agreement by threatening to strike if the school board does not accept the recommendation of the special impasse panel. The leadership has dropped all mention of a significant wage increase this year.

While Baltimore teachers have been working without a contract since September, many teachers are actively fighting for merger of the PSTA and Balti-
more Teachers Association (American Federation of Teachers).

Forty-two thousand of the city's nine thousand teachers have signed a unity petition, re-
\%ecting their bitterness about the do-nothing tactics of the Boone leadership.

MERGER

The petition move has re-
sulted in the merger of the Teacher Unity Association which includes the petite school teachers with the Baltimore Teachers Union.

Boone has done nothing but throw mad on the merger, citing the BTU's past failures, but this is a cover for Boone's unwilling-
ness to fight all the way for the teachers.

The Trade Union Alliance for a Labor Party calls on all city teachers to build a new lead-
ership in the PSTA-BTU which will fight for immediate merger and to prepare strike action in defense of demands for a wage increase of 20 percent.

CITY WORKERS

Baltimore sanitation workers and other city workers are also entering an immediate contract fight and possible strike. A strike of any city union must be supported by the whole Balti-
more labor movement to boost Nixon's wage guidelines.

US To Depорт Haitians

The United States Immigration and Naturalization Service has taken steps to deport all of the Hattian refugees who have come to the US over the past thirteen months. There are now 400 refugees in the US.

The Trade Union Alliance for a Labor Party has called for the deportation of Haitians to be halted by Jean Claude Duvalier, who runs one of the most brutal dictatorships in the world.

To escape the horrendous living conditions imposed by the dictatorship in Haiti, the ref-
ugees had to embark on a 750 mile journey by boat in order to reach the United States.

In 1958, the US government has re-
sponded to their appeal for poli-
tical asylum in the US by jailing 100 of the men.

The US Immigration Depart-
ment has taken steps to deport the 400 knowing full well that once they are returned to Haiti, they will be murdered by Duval-
ier's police.

A State Department spokes-
man said that the Haitians are illegal immigrants from a country that has diplomatic relations with the United States.

While the State Department declares the refugees illegal, the hated ruler of Thailand who was recently kicked out of that country by the rebellions of workers and students was wel-
comed to the US with open arms. He was granted permanent resi-
dence in Boston.
Suharto Regime In Crisis

BY MELODY FARROW

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VITAL

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The way Japanese “aid” works can be seen in the case of a proposed hydroelectric dam on the Indonesian island of Sumatra.

The Indonesian government’s appeal for $400 million to finance it was ignored by Japan and the United States who were only interested in construction of an

Malaysia’s production of natural rubber, its primary export.

These policies have led to the bankruptcy of domestic industries and mass unemployment.

Japan is now second only to US imperialism in the rapacious drive for profits and raw materials in this part of the world.

The government.

It is Suharto who, after the 1965 coup, opened the door to unlimited foreign investment. In fact, Suharto was a major in the puppet army established by Japan when they occupied the islands during World War Two.

Suharto, as part of the military leadership, was backed by the

camp on Buru, 500,000 political prisoners are held, most of them there since 1965. Buru is a living hell where half-starved pri-

soners stick with malaria and other diseases are forced to do slave labor on projects for the government.

The food they grow themselves is said by prison officials for their own profit.

Anyone suspected of being a communist can be picked off the streets, detained indefinitely, and sent to the camps.

Suharto has wiped out all political parties and in 1971, set up Sekber Golak as the only official political movement.

A rigged election was held on July 3, 1971 to “legitimize” his regime.

Suharto was only able to seize power in 1965 because of the policies of the Indonesian Communist Party (PKI).

In 1945, the PKI had a membership of over three million and led mass organizations with a total membership of over ten million.

ALLIANCE

The PKI joined the alliance of President Achmad Sukarno who was part of the native bourgeoisie. This alliance included workers organizations on the one hand and military men like Suharto, on the other.

This alliance became a smoke-screen for the right-wing of the Army to prepare its coup. On September 30, they launched an offensive first against a section of the army and then against the PKI, and began one of the most savage suppressions in history.

Up until that point, the PKI restricted the role of the working class to backing Sukarno, as for example their support for a P600 Column of workers and peasants to join the government in war against Malaysia.

Today a newer generation of youth has come forward in Indo-

nesia to fight imperialism and dictatorship.

This is part of an international movement of workers and peasants not only in colonial countries, but in the major capi-

talist countries.

New conditions exist today to build a revolutionary party in Indonesia, a movement that must learn the lessons of the Stalinist betrayal in 1965 and prepare the Indonesian working class to take power.

Thailand students demonstrating against Japanese imperialism.

Japan is also building petro-

leum refineries in Bali, Sumatra, and Lombok, and has just signed a deal to receive a steady supply of natural gas for the next twenty years.

Similarly in Thailand, capital is available only when it benefits Japan. Japanese technology has allowed Thailand to double its corn production, but since not all the corn can be sold domest-

icly or on the world market, Japan can buy it at the price it chooses.

CREDIT

Japan has invested over $100 million in Thailand, from hotels to auto factories, but Thailand can only get credit if it is used to import Japanese goods.

In Malaysia, the Japanese have built huge synthetic rubber plants which are threatening

the way in which Japan sees its role can be seen from the warning of a Japanese official in Foreign Affairs:

“Japan must inevitably become more involved in Asia in the economic field, as well as in aid. At the same time, it would be against the interests of other Asian countries and equally of Japan, for these countries to become too dependent on us.”

...The economic presence of the United States...remains indispensable.

“Already Japan is facing in Asia the same economic problems as the US faces in Latin America.”

The conditions created by Japanese and US imperialism in Indonesia played a major role in the explosive mass movement that is now shaking the country, but this movement above all is directed against the Suharto

CIA and became Commander of the Indonesian Army’s Stra-

tegic Command in 1965.

His family owns huge interests in every aspect of investment, from tourism: and gambling to shipping and banks. One of Suharto’s closest aides, Lieu-

tenant General Buri Sulowo is head of Pertamina, the state owned petroleum company and earns $500,000 a year.

The Indonesian tenant farmers still toll in the most backward semifeudal conditions working on land they will never own.

COUP

Since the 1965 coup when over 500,000 members and supporters of the Mainist Indonesian Com-

munist Party were massacred, the dictatorship has relentlessly battered and persecuted any op-

ponents.

In the swampy concentration

Left: Indonesian soldiers breaking up street riot.
Above, General Suharto.
WATER, LAND AND REVOLUTION

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The Socialist Workers Party of the United States has been the subject of a number of statements: The December 19th issue of International Socialist Review and a series in Intercontinental Press to a polemic against the World League and any tendency that sees in the Watergate events a threat to the democratic rights of the working class.

The SWP has gone to great lengths to demonstrate that Nixon's actions in Watergate are one part of a larger, systematic derangement of the traditional methods of capitalist rule in this country.

The SWP has concluded that Watergate merely reveals the "undemocratic" nature of capitalism and attacks the rejected war tribunals of the State. That the political methods of Nixon were a sharp move towards a one-man dictatorship.

In the weeks before Richard Nixon went to Kennedy and Nixon, and Beyond, Cliff Connor's "The Left and Watergate," also in the December RSI, and Allen Myers's series on Watergate in Intercontinental Press from October 22 to December 1971, it was contended that the only political change Watergate represents is a greater "centralization."

For example, Myers states that "...the operation of the Nixon war were the latest steps in a decades-long process in which the US ruling class has steadily centralized authority in order to enforce more efficiently its international and domestic aims.

Les Evans writes: "Excesses aside, most of what Nixon did was determined by the objective needs of the bourgeoisie to beat back the colonial revolution abroad—and to silence its domestic opposition in order to create a climate where it could get away with slashing the standard of living of the working class to improve the competitiveness of American goods."

The SWP sees the method of Watergate including Nixon's refusal to turn over the tapes and the firing of special prosecutor Arlen Specter as the culmination of a gradual process since World War Two. This process in turn is viewed as primarily a result of the requirements of US imperialism and its oppression of the colonial revolutions.

Radicalization

The only change that Myers will recognize is a trend towards greater secrecy. This is explained as a product of the "production of a new class of radicalizing intellectuals and the radicalization of the whole mass of the working class students to imperialists policies.

Nixon's centralization and the radicalization are seen as equal forces that balance each other out so that for the SWP, democratic liberties are always preserved.

Neither Myers, Evans, nor Cliff Connor, who writes an attack on the Watergate in his book "The Left and Watergate," recognize that there is an economic crisis and therefore cannot explain why Watergate was not just another "scandal," but turned into the biggest political crisis a government has ever faced.

On October 23, in the issue of the bulletin headlined "We Will Not Accept Dictatorship," we wrote:

"By defying the courts and disbanding the Watergate investigation, Richard Nixon has moved to establish a one-man dictatorship in the United States."

"Nixon's actions over the weekend and his preparations for war are the real face of the capitalist class as it seeks to impose a dictatorship on the working class. Nixon will now use the Watergate case as a tool to create the conditions for dictatorship here against the American working class.

This assessment was based above all on an understanding of the new stage that has been reached in the economic crisis. Without this understanding, the depth of the political changes in preparation cannot be grasped.

Watergate exploded at a time when every capitalist country is plunged into recession, unemployment and mass firing and unemployment on a scale not seen since the 1930s. Against this background, a capitalist system and every attempt of the capitalist governments to resolve this with more and more state control appears unviable. The basic contradictions of capitalism, its inability to provide a market or even production on the basis of private profit is now violently breaking to the surface.

The entire structure set up at Breston Woods in 1944, the tying of the dollar to a fixed amount of gold, and the deliberate decision to allow inflation rather than take on the working class was ended by Nixon's August 1971 measures.

This over-expansion financed by huge sums of credit now threatens the entire capitalist system and must be brought to an end.

Whole sections of boom industries based on billions of worthless dollars will be denied credit and will collapse, a policy that is already leading to massive unemployment. This is combined with ruthless trade war against Europe and Japan.

To restore their rate of profit, the capitalist class must turn against its working class and destroy all its hard won rights and conditions. Workers will be put under the whip of the capitalist owner to work twice as hard for half as much.

It is clear to the capitalist class that every attempt to carry out these attacks will be fiercely resisted by the working class. Thus they begin to seek more and more extreme means of rule, to impose wages cuts and unemployment by force.

Constitutional Confrontation

It is this economic crisis that is the driving force behind all the moves towards greater presidential power at the expense of the judiciary and Congress. Nixon is preparing for a confrontation with the working class.

At the critical moment when Nixon fired Cox, refused to turn over the White House tapes, and disbanded the investigation, he came into conflict with all the established methods of rule in this country.

This moment revealed the sharp contradiction between the past political developments and the new political changes taking shape in preparation for the future.

Myers is partly correct when he states that there has been a tendency especially since World War Two towards greater executive power, a weakening of Congress, and more repressive laws.

This tendency developed to a great extent as imperialism expanded. Suppressed revolutions in the colonial countries, and set up its dictatorships in every part of the globe.

Nixon's actions in defying every government body did not just prefigure the past, as Myers sees it, but suddenly revealed what these past developments were leading to.

What had previously been methods used against the colonial people were now seen to be the same methods that the government is preparing to use against the American working class.

Dictatorship

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Several days later, Nixon pulled back and decided to hand over the tapes, convincing the impressionists of the SWP that Nixon had no dictatorial intentions and was respecting democratic traditions.

Les Evans writes: "Nixon's move towards dictatorship lasted for about 48 hours when he meekly announced that he would turn over the tapes to Sirica. This is a long way from the moves normally associated with a coup, a round-up of the left, the dissolution of Congress, press censorship, the calling out of the army."

The old form did reassert itself again, but only temporarily. The tendency towards dictatorship is not a smooth line or process. The important question is that during that moment, it became clear how far the new political changes had gone and how close they were to breaking through the surface and completely destroying 200 years of democratic rights.

If it could happen in that 48 hours, there is no doubt that it will happen again because the fundamental economic crisis is forcing the capitalists more and more to break with any kind of democratic rule.

Beginning With Appearance

As revolutionists this is the most critical issue because it shows the working class what it will face in the future unless there is a struggle for its own political power against the capitalist class.

The method of Myers and the entire SWP is to begin with appearance which is viewed as unconnected and separate from every other appearance. This is expressed by Cliff Connor. After admitting that we base our conclusions on the existence of a crisis, he writes:

"Consistent with that logic and with its past practice of discerning civil war in the most ordinary of events, the Workers League finds that the final disintegration of bourgeois democracy...has already occurred."

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Myers names the major contributors to Nixon’s 1968 election campaign to prove his point. While there was no distinction made between the traditional industrial empires (represented by men like Rockefeller and the banks that finance the basic industries) and the newer section of capitalists that generate the bulk of corporate revenues, the latter group rose to power on the basis of speculation, real estate and conglomerates, all heavily dependent on credit.

It is true that at the time of Nixon’s election campaign in 1968, he was supported by the capitalist class as a whole. But it cannot be denied that those who have traditionally supported Nixon and are the richer capital groups that provide the bulk of the electorate, have not been the ones to respond to Nixon by bringing out the bulk of the Abstract Group.

The turn of the older section of capitalists against Nixon after the election is tied to their fears of economic stagnation and the failure of the economic recovery. While this was not a solution to the problem of governing the economy, it was a step in the right direction.

With the assumption of the rise of the new capitalists and the working class, the means to challenge the capitalist class are at hand. The working class has the means to challenge the capitalist class and demand a better future for itself.

The working class is the backbone of the capitalist class. It is the working class that has the power to change the course of history. It is the working class that has the power to bring down the capitalist class. It is the working class that has the power to create a better future for all.

The working class must continue to struggle and fight for its rights. The working class must continue to challenge the capitalist class and demand a better future for itself.

The working class is the future of humanity. It is the working class that will bring about a better world. It is the working class that will create a world where all people can live in peace and prosperity.
WATERGATE AND REVOLUTIONISM

Part One

An Answer To The SWP

By Melody Farrow

In the November 6 Bulletin, the editor pictures Watergate as signaling 'preparations of the entire capitalist class, the Democrats and Republics, to smash the accomplishments of the working class.'

"The most logical step of course is to place the seizure of workers power on the agenda."

With these methods, all the SWP can do is to recognize the appearance only when they are directly confronted with it and then comment on it after the fact. They do not seek to grasp the contradictory content within every appearance.

The SWP passes off the struggle of the Hahndorf county miners in Kentucky where whole families were jilted and the coal companies sought to break the union, as an "ordinary event," whereas we warned that these methods were being tested out against the entire working class in a civil war situation.

Dialectics

It is the struggle for the dialectical method, to understand the changes taking place within capitalism that equips the revolutionary party to bring its perspective into the practice and life of the working class.

It is not, as the SWP states it, that we see a dictatorship already established and all rights eliminated. It is a question of war, of the workers struggle for power, for their freedom.

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Auto Parts Layoffs In Detroit

DETROIT—Chelsea-Hayes, which specializes in production of plastic auto parts, has laid off 600 workers in the Detroit area. The heavy layoffs in the auto industry have caused the company to adopt a survival strategy. Chelsea-Hayes employs nearly 100,000 workers in the United States. The industry is facing significant challenges, including the loss of jobs and the decline of the lives of millions of workers.

The weakness of the dollar has been continuously used by the United States as a tool to exploit its rivals in Europe and Japan through inflation and trade war measures. The construction of the joint float means that the conditions for revolution are rapidly developing in Europe. The working class will either take power and establish socialism or be ground under the heel of dictatorship and fascism.

The rapidly depreciating dollar which remains at the center of the crisis means that this struggle is not far off in the United States.

Crime Centers On The Dollar

The withdrawal of France from the Common Market joint float puts an end to any attempt to maintain some order in the system of international finance and trade. Without capitalism is now dominated by dollars could convert to gold whenever they wished and all other currencies measured their value in a fixed relationship to the dollar.

The great majority of the postwar expansion of investment and trade throughout the capitalist world depended on the competitive advantages of the paper dollar system. The measured against a relative decline in the US gold hoard. Gold, unlike paper money and credit, represents real value and its human labor is required for its production.

Thus, almost from the very beginning, the Breton Woods system was dependent on the US balance of payments deficit, raising fears that America would be unable to convert its dollars into gold.

As early as 1958, France began to turn in its paper money for gold. By 1967, the British pound collapsed, despite massive American loans and rescue operations. The devaluation of the dollar brought on an immediate panic run against the dollar.

By 1968, the pressure on the dollar was so great that the banks had to close for several weeks while the two-tier system was set up. This unstable system ended dollar-gold convertibility except between governments and central banks, which were allowed to rise.

All of this came crashing down on August 15, 1971 when the Nixon administration ended convertibility by severing the link between the dollar and gold.

Overnight, the huge hoards of dollars and credit outside the US were stripped of any value. Since that time, inflation expressed in astronomical price increases for goods and basic commodities has raged out of control.

The dollar has been devalued twice while every currency has gone through a series of devaluations, revivals, and devaluations.

The Common Market float, a last ditch attempt to hold off the collapse of paper money, has now been ripped apart by the economic crisis. In other words, the dollar is a house of cards.

In the context of the crisis, in which something as fundamental to man's needs as energy can no longer be provided.

In other words, relations that have existed since the end of the war are now being violently broken up through mass unemployment, the bankruptcy of entire sections of industry and finance, and the destruction of the lives of millions of workers.

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midwest news  

GE Slashes 6000 Jobs in Cleveland

CLEVELAND, Ohio—General Electric just announced that beginning January 28, over 6000 GE workers will be laid off for at least one week. The company refuses to release any information or explain the layoffs other than to say there is a decline in sales for the lamp division. They refuse even to disclose close what cities will be affected and who will be forced out of work.

However, the Bulletin has learned that in the Cleveland area alone, hundreds of workers will be laid off. The Pitney Glass plant in East Cleveland employs 200 people and many are not expected to be called back.

In December, 22 workers were laid off permanently and 13 are now on a one month temporary layoff. At the Cleveland bulb plant, 32 people were laid off in December and the entire plant was forced to work two three-day work weeks.

ENERGY

According to one worker: "They are using this so-called energy crisis as an excuse to trim back on the work force."

The Bulletin talked to Edward Harrison, president of Local 707 International Union of Electrical Workers. He stated: "We are living from day to day. They do not tell us anything until it happens. We held a meeting and the membership voted unanimously for the impeachment of the president.

"This whole thing is Nixon's fault. The energy crisis is a put-on."

ST. LOUIS Young Socialists hold successful talent show with many singing and dance acts. Above, Johnson Family.

Brook Park To Strike

Cleveland, Ohio—Negotiations between Ford and United Auto Workers Local 1250 broke down last Thursday, and local president Wayne Medders announced that 10,000 auto workers would strike the giant Brook Park plant Monday.

Picket assignments are being made and strike headquarters is being set up in preparation for a strike over grievances and a local contract.

The two engine plants and the foundry make the Brook Park complex the second largest Ford operation in the country. Auto workers here earn 70 percent of the engine blocks and manifolds needed for Ford's production. Engine blocks for the Pinto and Mustang are made exclusively at Brook Park. A strike at Brook Park will quickly bring Ford's entire production to a standstill.

At the same time, members of UAW Local 1112, from the nearby Lordstown, Ohio plant are still waiting for official sanction from the international leadership to strike over the same 4,000 grievances that have piled up over the local contract.

The Lordstown plant produces the Chevy Vega. One young worker reported to the Bulletin: "These grievances are allowed to pile up month after month, then we have to lose pay to settle them."

"All auto should go out to reopen the contract and to force Nixon out too."

CTU Backs Wage Deal

BY CYNTHIA BLAKE

CHICAGO, Ill.—Seven hundred and five representatives of the Chicago Teachers Union unanimously endorsed President Robert Healey's contract settlement which provides for a 6.5 percent wage increase for most teachers.

The present contract provided for hiring 500 new teachers: 25 art and music teachers are to be added to give some aid to elementary school teachers and 300 teachers will be hired to bring high school social studies and business classes under the maximum class size limit.

REFUSAL

The refusal of Healey to fight for an 11 percent wage increase and his refusal to prepare strike action threatens all the gains won in the present contract.

After last year's 18-day strike, the Board threatened to close the schools for two extra weeks to balance the budget after subsidies were cut.

Healey backed off from a strike when the Board threatened court action against any midcontract strike. Instead, he joined with the Board in appealing to the state to allocate more funds.

During the negotiations, Healey said no strike vote could be taken unless the Board approved the budget before the contract was signed. Now everything won in this contract is dependent on state funds that have not been voted on yet.

THE NEW STAGE OF THE CRISIS:

The Case For A New Election

Speaker: T. Wohlforth, National Secretary, Workers League

PITTSBURGH

SUN., JAN. 27

Bethesda United Presbyterian Church

7220 Benetit Street

8 pm

Dinner first: 6 pm

$3 trade unionists, $1 youth and unemployed

BOSTON

TUES., FEB. 5

Roxbury YMCA

All Purpose Room

7:30 pm

$1
Divine Assistance

The Reverend John McLaughlin, a Jesuit priest and a vocal supporter of Nixon for many years, has been interested in California as part of a nationwide tour to encourage the "support of the President's movement." Father McLaughlin's official title is "the director of the Institute for Urban Affairs." His role in the White House has been in the area of speechwriting, but because Nixon gives so few speeches, Reverend McLaughlin has been free to engage in other pursuits.

He has been instructed to engage in what the National Security Agency archly terms "media radiation." He is currently making himself available for television shows, radio talk shows, and public forums.

Father McLaughlin said he does not consider his appointment of Nixon is a big issue. Expressing the tremendous hatred the Nixon administration has for labor, workers, the Reverend placed the AFL-CIO first on his enemy list.

The priest has not been received too warmly in California and had a tough time dealing with the barrage of questions. Stating that he never got a hostile question when he spoke in New Orleans, he complained that in California, "things are different here."

When asked about Nixon's failure to pay California personnel promptly as he did in San Clemente, resident, Father McLaughlin said the State of California are too brief and he spends more time in Camp David and Key Biscayne than in California, and he spends the majority of his time in Washington, so he is not a California resident.

The Golden Rule

A large group of extremely wealthy people known as "hard money" advocates, met over the weekend in New Orleans for a two-day gold seminar. The event was sponsored by the National Committee to Legalize Gold.

Although billed as a serious meeting to discuss what they were going to do with their holdings of stocks and bonds, an onlooker would have witnessed a very funny sight.

For two days, these people ran around in gold colored too shirts marked "In Gold We Trust," flipping plastic coins symbolizing the worthlessness of currencies not backed by gold, and carrying small yellow bars of cardboard labeled "paper gold."

During the meetings, speakers hysterically attacked government and central banks for flooding the world markets with valueless paper currency. They declared that they would have to convert all of their assets into gold, silver bullion, and silver bullion.

They all agreed that there was nothing they could do to hold back a "worldwide collapse" of greater severity than that experienced in the 1930s.

There was unanimous agreement that the US government should become, as they put it, "pro-gold" and jack up the price of gold as high as possible. A spokesman for the Dow Theory Letter, Richard Russell, said to the worried group: "If we put gold at $500 an ounce, we could really buy some oil."

C. Vere Myers from Myers Finance and Emery Newsletter said: "It is impossible psychologically for the present chaotic monetary system to continue."

If nothing is done to bring the frame of reference (gold), the system will fall apart by itself.

SF Orders Big Power Cut

BY BARRY GREY
SAN FRANCISCO -- State controls on business energy consumption by 15 percent have gone into effect.

Announced earlier in January by the Public Utilities Commission, the regulations are designed to conserve energy by California companies for advertising, air conditioning, and nonessential indoor lighting.

The maximum heat in commercial and industrial buildings is 68 degrees in cold weather and the minimum that they may be cooled down to in warm weather is 78 degrees. Outdoor and indoor lighting is restricted after closing time or 10:30 pm.

Firms that fail to comply with the new regulations will be charged for the utility that their power may be cut off within five days unless the violation is corrected.

Already, the same Public Utilities Commission has threatened to halt all new construction in the spring in order to "save energy."

This would bring depression levels of unemployment to California and immediately cost the jobs of tens of thousands of construction workers.

Glass Workers Face Layoffs

BY A BULLETIN
ALAMEDA, Calif. -- Since the first of the year, over 200 workers at Owens-Illinois have been laid off and are working only on an on-call basis.

The workers, mostly women, are represented by the Glass Bottle Blowers Association, Local 141.

Over 1000 people work at the Alameda Plant and many fear that there may be hundreds more laid off before the union contract expires in March.

Betinda McDonald told the Bulletin: "We have got five years' seniority, so we have not been laid off yet, but everyone is in pins and needles expecting their notice any day."

Contract

"Our contract is going to come in about two months, and I think that the company wants to have as many out of work as they can so that we will not strike. They already pay us three dollars per hour less than every other factory doing our kind of work."

Owens-Illinois personnel manager, Mr. Lamy, told the Bulletin that the layoffs were only temporary due to shortages of natural gas.

But Lamy also said the layoffs probably will "improve our bargaining position in the upcoming negotiations."

He denied more layoffs are planned.

Union members say Local 141 officials have said nothing about the layoffs and no plans to fight them have been announced.

Court Locks Up SLA 'Evidence'

BY TED BAKER
OAKLAND, Calif. -- All evidence confiscated by the police in the frameup of alleged Symbionese Liberation Army members has been sealed by Judge Roy Renaghan of Contra Costa County.

The order prevents the press from examining any of the items police claim to have seized at the Concord house raided last December. Renaghan has, however, released a local copy of the material.

All press reports rely completely on police descriptions, since direct examination has been barred by the court.

LETTER

One important feature of the inventory is that it does not include a letter sent by the August Seventh Movement to newspapers last October claiming responsibility for shooting down an Oakland police helicopter.

First newspaper reports of the raid quoted prominent police sources saying that such a letter had been found at the Concord house.

The inventory also fails to mention any firearms or weapons which were reported confiscated in banner headlines the day after the raid.

The inventory does include a list of names of people who, police claim, may be members of the Symbionese Liberation Army.

Thus, despite mounting evidence that the entire case is a deliberately manufactured police provocation, it appears that more arrests are likely.
YS Conferences Pledge Jobs Fight

Resolution passed unanimously at the YS Regional Conference:

1) The YS condemns the appearance of 13 uniformed Nazis at the last Board of Education meeting on January 6 as a provocation against the entire working class.

2) The YS condemns Mayor Allito, the Democrats, and the police for supporting and defending the Nazis. We defend all those who were attacked and arrested because they fought the presence of the Nazis.

3) The YS calls upon the AFL-CIO to mobilize the unions and the entire working class to stop the appearance of the Nazis at the next Board of Education meeting on February 5 or any meeting held in San Francisco.

Aarons of the Oakland YS addresses conference: “We must take it at a step at a time.”

BY ANN LORE

The first Bay Area Young Socialists Regional Conference against the Nazis on January 19 was one of the biggest steps ever taken in this area towards the building of the Workers League and a mass Young Socialists.

An equally successful Young Socialists Conference was also held in Los Angeles attended by over 100 youth and young workers.

Delegations of youth came to the conference from Pomona, East LA, and San Diego with an especially large contingent from Watts.

Dan Johnson of the Watts YS announced that the conference will begin February 16 and go through Watts, Imperial Courts, Northgate, Broadway, Fillmore, and Wolves Down, culminating in a rally at Will Rodgers Park.

Both the LA and SF campaigns will build up for a joint statewide march in San Francisco on March 16 when the YS will rally at the AFL-CIO headquarters to demand that they act to force Nixon out and build a labor party.

The San Francisco conference was attended by over 75 youth from all over the Bay Area.

Students, unemployed youth, and workers were there from Palo Alto, San Francisco, San Jose, Union City, and a really strong delegation from East Oakland.

Adde Sinclair, editor of the YS, presented the perspectives report.

“Can we see the energy crisis being exaggerated to destroy the jobs of older workers?”

In the late 1960’s, the ALC stepped up unemployment among the youth, which was a preparation for today.

“But the rank and file are not accepting it. We must reach those older workers to organize the working class independently to force Nixon out and build a union to fight the bosses.

“Two months ago in Greece, a dictatorship was set up. The US organized the military in Greece, Spain, and Chile to take power. This same US-financed and Nixon organized the Watergate ‘Greasy’ on the Demo- crats, but now the army itself has been spying on Nixon and preparing for military rule here.

“Adde spoke of the importance of the national jobs campaign in preparing a leadership to lead the struggles of the working class in a political fight against Nixon.

“These marches are not to organize a protest. These marches are to prepare to take power.”

NEW PERIOD

Tim Wohlfarth brought the report of the struggles from the Workers League. In his address he said: “We are now in a new period which affects a new campaign against unemployment.

“Nixon and the world capitalists are using the weapon of unemployment to force the working class into the conditions of civil war against the working class. This is a phase of the economic crisis to create a panic.

“In England, the miners are fighting for wages and the Tories create hysteria by the use of tanks and by borrowing from the terrorist methods used in Northern Ireland. Those same preparations are taking place here.

“It is explained that the international crisis of capitalism is under the stage of development in the Bay Area. Wohlfarth emphasized the important lessons to be learned from the wildcat campaigns of the strikers, the struggle of the farm workers in the face of the Imperialization of the Nazis.

“The farm workers and the carpenters strike show the future. The importance of the carpenters’ wildcats is that it happened. It is a sign of the future, of the movement of millions of workers against the government.

“The carpenters struggle showed that the spontaneous movement of workers coming forward was not enough to defeat the government. It demonstrated the decisive importance of a revolutionary leadership which must be prepared in advance to lead these struggles politically against Nixon as part of the fight for a labor party.

“Wohlfarth said, it was also necessary to draw the lessons from the struggles of the United Farm Workers.

“The UFW began in a period of boom, but they were not able to complete their goals. Today, in a new period this movement does not exist as a strong UFW.

“Despite the courage and determination of the workers to defend their union, the leadership of the Farm Workers Union has failed to current the conditions of inflation and unemployment.

“This is not that their numbers are still small. In this period they sense there is a future for the organization. They do not have a strong enough movement, but in their struggle they will enter into a period where workers are coming into a struggle.

“Wohlfarth said that while it was essential that we call on the workers of the Bay Area and the entire country to mobilize against the Nazis, we must take the lead in countering that campaign.

“The Nazis are going into every working class community and are trying to build a mass revolutionary movement of youth to give leadership to workers.

“All of these developments demonstrate that the construction of a revolutionary party of the working class is a necessary, on the political independence of the working class, can assure victory in the class struggles ahead.

“He explained the importance of avoiding changing the thinking of the working class and building a new leadership.

“The thinking of workers is already changing. They know they are under attack, but they are only struggling against the Nazis. Just as the carpenters realized they were doing something that was threatening to their movement, we have a responsibility to our comrades in the labor movement.

“We see the future jobs as part of that. We go into the communities where the working class lives and ask for their support.

“We bring the working class through the unions and for the YS, fighting to bring socialism into the working class.”

They then discussed the YS taking up a fight at the conference to answer the questions of the other youth. Becky from San Jose said: “You just keep talking about AFL-CIO if you want to say anything about it.” This provoked a lot of discussion on the necessity for everyone to know what we are doing.

Don from San Francisco spoke on the difference between the YS and other political groups: “People in other groups don’t know what to do, they’re just phoning around.”

“We are planning to construct a labor party and we know what we have to do.”

“Narco from the Oakland YS and Arambi from the East Palo Alto YS told of their local chapters for a local march in Hunters Point, San Francisco on February 23, and a statewide march in SF on March 16 through the Mission and Fillmore Districts to rally the workers for the “Fight the Dues Union” unions for jobs by forcing Nixon out and building a labor party.

“A separate resolution condemning the gas attacks was enthusiastically supported.

“A fund appeal at the conference was raised for the Bay Area unemployment fund. There was an appeal for the YS to reach out to get workers from there to join the Workers League and 12 people joined.

“We all enjoyed ourselves dancing to the music of Not Sitting Soul. It was a tremendous success.”

editorial

A Cowardly Defense Of Nazis

James E. Ballard, president of the San Francisco Federation of Teachers, issued a press release Monday backing the right of the Nazi Party to be present and speak at the Board of Education meeting at which they attended in full uniform January 18.

Ballard attacked members of the Workers Alliance (WAM), who were allegedly beaten and then arrested by the police, after they got into a fight with the Nazis.

Fifty police lined up around the auditorium in an attempt to protect the fascists.

Yvonne Goldston, was subsequently arrested and charged with inciting to riot for grabbing the microphone and demanding the thirteen Nazis be ejected.

Ballard’s statement indirectly refers to WAM members not to defend her, Yvonne, along with other WAM members, for violating the “civil liberties” of the fascists.

Ballard’s statement reads: “Although the views of the Nazi Party are repugnant to the teacher, it is contrary to our efforts to fight for freedom of speech, to establish a free society. We believe that freedom of speech is an absolute freedom. Ballad is free to speak, but the Fascists are not free to speak.

What is involved here is not an abstract question of freedom of speech. The very fact that the Nazi party today is protected by the police and liberals, like Mayor Alioto, is a reflection of the conditions under which the conditions are being created for the rapid growth of right-wing and fascist movements to be able to flourish.

Nixon’s policy of mass unemployment and mass repression is designed to weaken the unions and split up the working class.

Patrotism, racism, and anti-communism will be used by the Nixon administration to whip up the working class into a hystera against the unions.

All the actions of the capitalists class will turn to the fascists as they prepare for civil war.

This basis, every trade unionist must understand the great danger posed by the Nazis, even though they are presently weak and few in number.

Ballard today followed in the footsteps of the German Social Democratic union leaders, who used the police to stop the German workers to crush the Nazis and take power.

In Germany, the Nazis exercised their “right to free speech” by breaking up union meetings, arresting unionists and destroying union halls, and, in once, outlawed the unions and murdered the union leaders. Millions of unionists were further raised by their newspapers, whose rights Ballard defends so staunchly.

Ballard and the rest of the trade union leadership have not lifted a finger to defend the rights of workers to a contract and a living wage against Nixon’s FBI, the right to a job against Nixon’s program of mass unemployment, the right to a decent education, against Nixon’s betrayal of the poor and workers.

This is because Ballard is opposed to a political struggle for power against the government.

Every trade unionist must report that Ballard’s treacherous and cowardly stand, and take into his hands the power of his local union, the power of the National YS, the power of the National Congress of Young Socialists, and call the workers to mass marches at the office of the YS, to the office of the Chamber of Commerce, and to the office of the Chairman to drive the Nazis out of San Francisco.

At the same time, trade unionists must fight for the YS to raise the Bay Committee against unemployment.

More than ever this campaign is the construction of an alternative revolutionary leadership in the unions which will mobilize the working class politically to force Nixon out and build a labor party pledged to socialist policies.”
El costo de vida en Puerto Rico, que siempre ha sido más alto que en otros países, ha aumentado astrológicamente en los últimos meses, afectando directamente el nivel de vida del trabajador boricua.

La escasez de gasolina ha utilizado por el gobierno, para implementar desempleo masivo y dejar que la inflación aumente a control alguno.

Puerto Rico se ve afectado más directamente por esta escasez de petróleo, en comparación a otros países. En primer lugar, porque las industrias petroquímicas del sur de la isla, esta presenta la amenaza de los cierres de las plantas y de la disminución de la fuerza laboral en esta rama de la economía.

En segundo lugar, donde tiene importancia el petróleo de otros países, en particular de Venezuela. Con el nuevo aumento del petróleo venezolano, recientemente decretado por los grandes barcos, como Rockefeller, quien posee un gran porcentaje de los pozos de petróleo, aumento este que duplica el actual, precio del barril de petróleo.

Nunca las petroquímicas han sido tan altas, sino todas aquellas industrias que dependen del petróleo para su funcionamiento, las petroleras, la farmacéutica, los plásticos etc...

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Comenzando el mes de febrero, el pago por los servicios de la electricidad, se verá aumentado, debido al consumidor que pagará en ciertas instancias hasta el doble.

El costo del baril de petróleo costaba $1.87, al presente se paga cerca de $1.83 por barril.

El costo de los servicios de salud son intolerables para la clase trabajadora. Los servicios de salud no son de calidad y muy escasos fuera de la área metropolitana, pero fue el costo de los servicios de salud, el reglón de la economía que aumentó más el pasado año.

Al mismo tiempo que los trabajadores se encuentran a un galope azotado, se encuentran por otro lado al problema del desempleo. El gobierno ha admitido que la fuerza laboral en las industrias, ha disminuido de 150,000 a 149,000 en un par de meses.

Esto no contiene el permanentemente desempleo de un 30 porciento de la fuerza laboral tanto parcial como temporalmente desempleada.

Desde el gobierno se espera un cierre masivo de lugares de trabajos, debido a los beneficios que reciben los capitalistas norteamericanos en otros países tanto en América Latina como en México.

El gobierno está tratando de crear un pánico dentro de las filas obreras para prevenir la posibilidad que el movimiento de los trabajadores y las uniones por un salario mínimo de $2.00 la hora gane espíritu.

El aumento de un cincuenta por ciento en los Estados Unidos, la inflación se expresa más agudamente en la isla de Puerto Rico norteamericana mayoría de los productos que circulan en le país son de precencia norteamericana. Encima de los altos precios de estas importaciones, el trabajador puertorriqueño tiene que pagar más para cubrir el costo de los fuertes, marítimos, que por ley han de ser americanos, siendo los más caros del mundo.

Estos ataques no son aceptados sin lucha por la clase obrera. En 1972, fue un año que se registró solo tres días sin huelga. El año pasado a pesar de la relación que existe entre las uniones con el partido en el poder, Partido Pueblo Norteamericano, un tremendo huelga se desarrolló en el país en el mes de julio.

Los bomberos, los trabajadores de la electricidad y los de la limpieza lanzaron una huelga, respondiendo el gobierno con el uso de la Guardia Nacional para romper la huelga.

Fue la primera vez desde el 1951 cuando la Guardia Nacional fue utilizada en contra de la huelga de los estibadores que el gobierno utilizó nuevamente en contra de los trabajadores.

El Movimiento Obrero Indo (MOI), que agrupa a más de 40 sindicatos, lanzó un llamado a huelga, para defender el derecho a la huelga y en protesta por el uso de la Guardia Nacional.

La lucha en contra de la inflación, el desempleo y todos los ataques en los derechos básicos de los trabajadores por parte del gobierno de la clase dominante. Ya que en este país, que la nación de una alternativa política es presentada con gran urgencia a la clase obrera en Puerto Rico.

Lamentablemente, la lucha de la clase obrera bajo un programa programado basado en un programa de demandas sociales, que defienda los derechos básicos, es la tarea del momento en la isla.

El derecho de Puerto Rico de ser un país independiente es una realidad, la que será vista en la práctica que de la clase obrera controle la economía, se nacionalice todas las industrias para que estas tienen las necesidades de la clase trabajadora, fuera de los delegados de los capitalistas por más ganancias.

La lucha obrera

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Inflación En Puerto Rico

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The three day work week and Heath's attempt to blame the miners for the mass unemployment has only deepened the anger of the miners who are fighting for a wage increase.

All major companies except Harmony promise the miners are standing peacefully in the drive.

Workers who slowed their cars along the road to ask shop stewards where a union meeting would be held were immediately forced off the road by patrol cars and given summonses.

The arrival of several loads of state police, postal inspectors, and federal marshals at 8pm Tuesday was the signal for the issuing of individual restraining orders to workers on the picket line.

At the same time, photographers with telephoto lenses took pictures of those participating in the work stoppage.

Support

The shutdown of the Jersey City facilities has generated enormous support among postal workers throughout the metropolitan area. Workers in Kearny were calling in sick Tuesday to back the Jersey City action. Union members from the New York facilities on Church Street participated in the picketing.

Shutdown

However, the Biller leadership refuses to call in official strike of the entire Metro Area Postal Union and fight for a national shutdown against the US Postal Service to defeat Nixon's attacks on all postal workers.

Billers seekes at every point to cover his own refusal to fight the government by pointing his finger at the right-ward Ratter Mcmane-Philly leadership of the postal workers nationally.

Jersey City postal workers last Friday filed the court order, call a citywide strike, and demand that the national leadership carry forward a fight against the Nixon administration's nationwide shutdown of the US Postal Service.

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The fight for socialist policies to end the living conditions of the working class—for the nationalization of the oil industry—must be taken forward now through the building of a labor party on the basis of such policies.

Policies

These policies can be carried out only through a discussion through a debate with the Democrats and all the politicians of big business.

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All efforts to impose any compromise on the miners are ruined. With the miners taking the offensive, the conditions are right for turning the working class to force the Heath government out of office.

The Heath government is now in the weakest position ever. Fearing that a national mine strike will lead to a general strike that can force out his government, Heath announced that the three day work week must be relaxed to four or five days.

The Workers Revolutionary Party in Britain will hold a mass anti-Tory rally January 27 to mobilise thousands of workers to the fight to build the revolutionary movement.

British Miners To Vote Nationwide Strike

Postal Workers . . .

Postal Service’s campaign to worsen job conditions, speed up the processing of mail, violate assigned job categories and seniority, and destroy the union.

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This is being achieved by vicious court orders which have already been issued to hundreds of rank and file union members in an attempt to defeat the work stoppage, which began after a mass meeting held in the rain Monday.

“If we do not stop this move, then management will take further action,” one of the workers declared.

“We know that they are trying to break our spirit with these new hours. And they try to stop us from fighting back by using the law.”

He stated that the union membership had ordered to strike even though Moe Biller, president of Metro Area Postal Union, urged the workers to return to their jobs.

“When Biller told us to go back to work,” related another shop steward, “everyone of us started to shout ‘no’. He could not even make the meeting call to order.”

Many of the workers stated that Nixon’s reorganization of the postal service as a federally funded private corporation lays behind the increasing attacks on the union.

WASHINGTON

“We know this came down from Washington because the whole plan of operation is Nixon’s baby.” said one worker.

Already the first day of the work stoppage, the federal courts have been joined by the Houston policemen in a brutal effort to drive the men back to work.

One worker was arrested Tuesday and another was carried away in an ambulance after being run over by an automobile driven by management personnel.

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