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what is a revolutionary situation? by Leon Trotsky

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In this issue, we are preparing Leon Trotsky’s draft notes on “What Is A Revolutionary Situation” written in 1915.

 Trotsky’s writings on the political and economic conditions for revolution have an immediate significance today as conditions rapidly mature in every country for the working class to take power and establish socialism.

In England, in the United States, and throughout the colonial countries we have entered a revolutionary period. Trotsky wrote that there are three economic conditions for revolution: a decline in the productive forces, inflation, and permanent unemployment.

The necessary conditions are a break in the consciousness of all classes in society and show the need for the working class to take power in order to establish a revolutionary way out and the preparedness of the leadership of the working class, the revolutionary party.

Today, the economic crisis of capitalism has reached the stage where these conditions are being created on a worldwide scale.

The severing of gold from the dollar which has now forced gold up to $715 an ounce and the entire capitalist economy with collapse on a far more violent scale than in the past.

By Melody Farrow

In Britain, production is stagnating. The backwardness of the British economy has forced it out of many markets. Unemployment is over two-and-a-quarter million and inflation is out of control.

Heath has imposed a three day week, passed laws to destroy trade union rights and declared a state of emergency.

The workers in Britain, led by the miners who defied Heath and went on strike, are determined to defend their rights. They will never allow the capitalists to return them to the 1930’s.

Their strength has created a split within the Tories who were forced to call an election and are divided on what to do with the working class.

Large sections of the middle classes, traditionally pro-Tory, are turning towards the working class to show a way forward.

Unlike 1931, when the Labour Party dominated the working class, today there is a growing disillusion and disgust with the reformist leaders and a turn towards a revolutionary movement.

In all, the most decisive subjective factor, the revolutionary party, is being built by the Workers Revolutionary Party, the British section of the International Committee of the Fourth International and is rapidly gaining support among broad layers of the population.

Britain is on the verge of a revolutionary situation and events in the United States will follow closely.

In the US, there is already a recession, and a decline in production as expressed in the mass auto layoffs. The economy is facing bitter competition on the world market, has begun a policy of mass unemployment and has forced gold up to $715 an ounce.

While the economic conditions are rapidly maturing, here for revolution, the political conditions lag behind. The Nixon administration has already split apart and is divided on how to handle the economic crisis.

Nixon is not only despising the working class but by large sections of the middle and lower middle classes who have been affected by inflation and unemployment.

There is a break in confidence of people in all capitalist politicians.

The working class entering big battles against the government over wages and jobs in which big expulsions are already taking place against the reformist bureaucracies in the unions.

In these battles, the political conditions can be rapidly transformed as millions of workers see in their experience that only the destruction of the capitalist framework of the building of their own party can defend their rights.

This is why the actual leadership of the revolutionary party is the most critical task. Trotsky stressed that a revolutionary situation is not a matter of speculation but of decisive action.

We must go forward and build the Workers League within all unions, to recruit masses of workers and construct a mass revolutionary youth movement and prepare for a daily Bulletin.

In the fight for a labor party on the basis of socialist policies, we will expose all the reformists and cap- italist parties and prepare the next stage in which the working class will be able to take the power.

Support Builds For WRP

The candidates of the Workers Revolutionary Party have received a tremendous response in the final weeks of campaigning before the British election Feb-

ary 28.

In rallies, factory gate meetings, at shopping cen-
ters and at housing projects, youth, workers, and house-
husbands have come forward to pledge their votes for the WRP and offer to help in the campaign.

In every constituency where there are candidates of the WRP, trade unionists, disagreed with the Labour Party leadership have welcomed the WRP as the only alternative to the Tories in the election.

Only the WRP candidates have clearly put forward a social program, a program to the unemployment and inflation hitting the working class, warning constantly of the dangers of Heath’s moves towards a military-police dicta-

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tinuously exposed that it is the British capitalists, and not workers and other workers whom Heath labels as “extremists,” that are the real cause of the crisis.

Heath instituted a three day week last December; unemployment is over two million; prices were frozen last year and food rose 20 percent. That the economic crisis is the real issue was revealed this week when the balance of trade figures showed a new record deficit of $800 million in January.

The Workers Revolutionary Party has been among the first to expose the reformists of the Labour Party who refused to fight for socialist policies or defend the miners and to build support for the Workers Revolutionary Party as the only party prepared to lead the struggle for power.

In Swindon, where Kate Blakeley is the WRP candidate, youth, workers and housewives have come forward to help. In one weekend, 5000 votes were obtained by the WRP at the shopping centers, over 600 copies of WRP Press were sold.

Stephen Hammond is the WRP candidate in Devonshire Central where James Reid, the Labour Party candidate, is also running.

Meetings have been held at the Clydesdale Club, where Hammond has spoken against the sectarianism of the Stalinists when employers threatened to close the yard, which resulted in housewives putting up that slashed 30 percent of the jobs.

At a election rally of 70 people, it was clear that no issue, food prices, housing or jobs, would be discussed without nationalization under workers control of food and building monopolies and all major indus-
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tendance to vote for and join the WRP.

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tary of the WRP, declared at the meeting that the employers would never return to employment and would elimi-
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Prime Minister Nematollah, left, resigned from government. Pompidou is at right.

**Nixon Plans To Defy Them All**

BY A REPORTER

Richard Nixon's Monday evening press conference represents the clearest warning that Nixon is determined to establish the conditions for dictatorship.

With absolute arrogance and defiance the president declared that he was completely independent from the Constitution, the courts, and the Congress.

Nixon revealed for the first time that he had refused a request from Special Watergate Prosecutor, Leon Jaworski, to testify before the Watergate grand jury and would only agree to provide answers to written questions or to meet personally with the prosecutor.

"I am prepared to cooperate with the Committee in any way consistent with my constitutional responsibility to defend the office of the presidency against any action which would harm that office and the ability of future presidents to carry out their great responsibilities that any president will have."

In the most brutal manner possible, Nixon made it clear that no matter how unpopular he is and even at the cost of losing Republican seats in the coming elections, "we have a lot of work left to do, more than three years left to do it and I'm going to stay here till I get it done."

Nixon rejected completely the report of the House Judiciary Committee staff that proof of criminality is not necessary for impeachment.

"It is my belief that the House, and it considers its inquiry, will not reach that determination. I do not expect to be impeached." According to the House report, Nixon could be impeached for his secret Cambodian bombings and for his refusal to spend funds appropriated by Congress in the last budget. Despite its hesitations, the Judiciary Committee is preparing to demand that Nixon turn over evidence for its investigations. A presidential refusal will force them to issue subpoenas.

It is already clear that Nixon has evaded income taxes, set up a Watergate plumbers operation, violated the election laws through the acceptance of millions in illegal corporate contributions, authorized burglary and electronic surveillance, and surrounded himself with men who are under criminal indictment or have already pleaded guilty to criminal offenses.

Most recent in the guilty plea of former Nixon lawyer Herbert Kalmbach, to charges of illegally raising more than $2 million for the 1972 elections and accepting a $300,000 contribution in exchange for a promised ambassadorship in Spain.

The recent hearings on the Pentagon spy ring now reveal that it is a government that has already stopped any prosecution of the generals involved.

When Nixon declares that he will not resign or be impeached, he is telling the Pentagon chiefs and right-wingers like George Wallace who recently visited, to back him up.

When Nixon declares that: "we have a lot of work left to do," he means the work of cutting wages, banning inflation, keeping living standards, and creating mass unemployment. The job Nixon wants to do is preserve capitalism with whatever repressive and repressive measures are necessary.

Nixon has only been able to get away with these desperate maneuvers by the refusal of the left and the leadership to act. The labor movement more than ever has the power to force this isolated and hated president down.

The trade unions must act to smash the plans of Nixon and the military for dictatorship by forcing Nixon out with a general strike and compelling a labor party to replace him with a government pledged to socialist policies.

**Ethiopia Revolt Spreads**

BY A REPORTER

Larger sections of the Ethiopian Army and Navy are in full-scale revolt against Emperor Haile Selassie over demands for higher pay.

Soldiers and junior officers seized control of Smara, the second largest city on Tuesday, have rejected Selassie's offer of a 20% increase, and have taken over the airport, government buildings, and banks. The government has been placed under house arrest.

Soldiers in the capital Addis Ababa who were shooting demonstrators last week, have joined the revolt. Heavy shooting was continuing as many soldiers rejected the compromise.

The Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa was engulfed in strikes and demonstrations last week. Teachers launched a wildcat strike on February 18 for a salary increase and were joined by students and taxi drivers in protesting an increase in gasoline from one dollar a gallon to $1.40 a gallon. Demonstrators estimate that 10 to 20 people were killed by police during the routings in which buses, cars, and policemen were burned. The government arrested over 500 people.

Selassie tried to halt the movement by promising teachers that their demands would be studied and by cutting fuel prices two cents a gallon. Peasants, who were forced off their land by the drought and flooding, joined the demonstration in protest against soaring prices for meat and flour.

Food distribution centers that were to feed peasants while they were replanted the earth and 12,000 oxen they were to receive never arrived.

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**Shah Murders Two Iranian Marxists**

BY A REPORTER

On February 18, the Shah of Iran had two Iranian Marxists shot to death by firing squad.

Karamat Dariushyan, a film maker, and Khoros Kolesorkhi, a writer, were shot and killed today in a court in defense of Marxism and refused to beg for pardon.

Two days later, the Iranian government announced that six others, in an unrelated case, had also been shot for "acts of sabotage, assassination, voluntary arson, and armed aggression."

Dariushyan and Kolesorkhi and 10 others were accused of plotting to kidnap the Shah and members of his family during the trial. Dariushyan declared: "I am a political person and should not be tried by the military court."

He denounced the "fascist methods of the court for cutting off his defense speech and said:

"If you are not afraid of the revolutionary forces and the struggle of the masses and in reality you do not believe in the death of the Iranian ruling class, history will show this reality to you."

"Marxism has never been in accordance with the desires of the ruling classes and their hangeron."

Kolesorkhi told the court:

"The Iranian people must realize that I am being tried here simply because of my Marxist beliefs and it is for this that I have been condemned."

The courage of these men will be an inspiration to all those who are fighting the barbarous Shah regime which by ordering these savage executions reveals its fear of the Iranian masses.

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Mass. Jobless Rate Hits 7.3 Percent

BY DAVID NORTH

FALL RIVER, Mass.—The decline in the textile, apparel, and auto industries, exacerbated by the severe shortage of capital, spelled disaster for the workers in this region.

"It is not what you know, but who you know," said a young worker who has been out of work for four months. When a contractor employed him laid him off as housing starts slowed sharply during the fall. Because of the high level of unemployment, the companies hold down wages to two dollars an hour or even less. Workers are fired at the whim of the companies and receive little support from the unions.

Twenty-year-old Wally Silvas was recently fired from the Ashwood Foundry in Somerset for refusing to do extra heavy work on a day he was ill. "If the bosses see any sign or dissent or anything, they just let you go. It was the first time I had any trouble at work, but now I'm out."

FIRED

He said that he has been unable to find a job since he was fired. "It just does not seem like there are any jobs," he stated. "Two years ago, I would have had a job in a few days."

Emmanuel Botelho, an Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union shop steward in the mill owned by Essex Manufacturers, declared that this is the worst year he can remember. "Nothing should never have been in office," he said. "But I do not think he will be impeached by Congress. Ford is no price package. He was put in there by time."

"I think Meany is saying the right thing when he says Nixon's got to go. But so far Meany is just doing a lot of talking."

"It is a tough situation. This gas business is just like the meat situation. When we pay them the price they want, we will have gas, not before."

"People here hate Nixon. Opinions are strongly expressed quickly. Everyone wants him out."

Framingham GM Shutdown

BOSTON—The first shift at the Framingham General Motors plant here will be closed down indefinitely beginning March 4.

The shutdown will throw out the remaining 1800 workers with no guarantee of a return to work. Framingham manufactures mainly middle-sized cars such as Buick. Up until January 25, the plant was operating with 3600 workers. On that date, the entire second shift of 2100 workers was thrown out. Now the remaining workers will be out for what management has termed an "inventory adjustment."

The shutdown is predicted to last from one to two weeks, with some workers called back on the second week. GM, however, has refused to give any guarantee on when the two-week deadline for SUI benefits will expire. SUI benefits exist for only 35 percent of the workforce and more than 50 have already been laid off for the January 25 shift closure.

DCYS March Chants: We Demand Jobs, Food, Gas

SPECIAL TO THE BULLETIN

WASHINGTON, D.C.—With chants of "We Demand Jobs for All—Build a Labor Party and "Nixon Out, Health Out, Work and Power," over 40 supporters of the Young Socialists and Workers' League marched through working class neighborhoods of Southeast Washington.

Workers, housewives and youth responded to the Young Socialists banners which denounced Nixon for all, banks of the unions, and applauded the banner, "We Will Not Accept Dictatorship."

Southeast Washington is a densely populated housing enclave bisected by freeways, military reservation and polluted waters. Forty-five percent of the population in apartments and 56 percent of the city's public housing is concentrated there.

Mark, who recently joined the YS, eagerly fought with other youth and workers to join the march and rally and found that "they are all 100 percent with us all they want Nixon out."

CHANT

Pam, a Young Socialist from Stanton Road, started a chant along the route which everyone responded to: "We Demand Jobs, We Demand Food, We Demand Gas; Build a Labor Party.

At the rally held in Fort Dupont Park, a Baltimore meeting of the Justice for the Union Alliance for a Labor Party spoke of the situation facing city teachers in their four-week-old strike for decent wages and working conditions.

BUILD

Gina from the Southeast YS, urged all marchers to build the YS and the revolutionary party, as the only way to ensure a future for youth who are demanding regulation, good schools, decent food and transportation.

That evening a successful dance was held at the YS club where many youth signed up for March 18.

55 Workers Acquitted

BY A REPORTER WASHINGTON, D.C.—Fifty-five George Washington University hospital workers have been acquitted by the jury in a trial which began on February 19.

The workers were cleared on charges of illegal entry for a demonstration in support of union recognition for Local 1199 last November 30 in the hospital lobby.

Twenty-four workers were fired as a result of this demonstration. The hospital administrator, Dowell C. Novack, has refused to allow an election to decide the question of union representation.

"The police," he stated, on February 27 "is that there is no evidence of majority support at 1199."

Fifty hospital workers had set up a picket line in front of the courthouse. Judge Margaret Hayward announced that anyone who did not show up on time for the proceedings would be charged with bail jumping and risk a maximum penalty of five years or 50000 or both.

Every attempt of the defense attorney, Norman Blumenthal, to discuss the democratic right of workers to be represented by union was attacked by the government prosecuting attorneys, Michael Pave and Judge Wood. The court ruled that the courtroom is not the place for political discussion.

Trade unions, their wives, and friends were excluded from the jury on the grounds that they were not impartial.

The judge ruled that because the hospital was a private rather than a public place, the case does not fall under the First Amendment and therefore this issue must be kept out of court.

The government's case was that the workers disrupted hospital routine by singing union songs during the demonstration.

The workers said that they had no choice but to demonstrate their strength because the administration had refused for 18 months to meet with them to discuss a union election.

The real issue at stake—the intolerable working conditions, the low wages paid by this wealthy, profit-making hospital, and the union-busting tactics of the administration were not "admissible evidence," according to the court.

Despite this, the jury found them not guilty and was re-}

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what is a revolutionary situation?

by Leon Trotsky

1. For an analysis of a situation from a revolutionary point of view, it is necessary to distinguish between the economic and social premises of a revolutionary situation itself.

2. The economic and social premises for a revolutionary situation begin, generally speaking, at that moment when the productive forces of the country are going out of control, that is, diminishing; when the specific weight of a capitalist country on the world markets is systematically reduced and when the incomes of the classes are likewise systematically reduced; when unemployment becomes, not a conjunctural event of fluctuation but a permanent social evil with a tendency to growth. All the foregoing characterizes the situation in Britain completely and we can affirm that the economic and social premises for a revolutionary situation exist there in this form and are always more acute. But we must not forget that the expression, revolutionary situation, is a political term, not alone sociological. This explanation includes the subjective factor, and the subjective factor is not only the question of the party of the proletariat. It is a question of the consciousness of the whole class, foremost, of course, of the proletariat and the party.

BREAK IN CONSCIOUSNESS

3. The revolutionary situation, however, begins only from the moment that the economic and social premises of a revolution produce a break in the consciousness of society and its different classes. What must be produced in this way for creating a revolutionary situation?

(a) In every situation which we must analyze, it is necessary to distinguish three classes of society: the capitalists, the middle class (or petty bourgeois) and the proletariat. Those changes in the consciousness of these classes in order to characterize a revolutionary situation are very different for every one of these classes.

(b) That the economic situation is very acute, the British proletariat know very well, far better than all theoreticians. But the revolutionary situation begins only at the moment when the proletariat begins to search for a way out, not on the basis of the old society but along the path of a revolutionary insurrection against the existing order. This is the most important subjective condition for a revolutionary situation. The acuteness of the revolutionary feelings of the masses is one of the most important measures for the ripeness of the revolutionary situation.

(c) But a revolutionary situation is one which must, in the next period, permit the proletariat to become the ruling power of society, and that depends in Britain, less than in any other country, but also there to a degree, on the political thoughts and feelings of the middle class; the revolutionary situation would be characterized by the loss of confidence of the middle class on all the traditional parties (including the Labour Party, which is reformist), and its turn of hope to a radical, revolutionary change in the society (and not a counter-revolutionary change, viz. a fascist change).

(d) Both changes in the consciousness of the proletariat and the middle class correspond to the change in the mentality of the ruling class which sees that it has not the means to save its system, loses confidence in itself, decomposes and splits into factions and cliques.

4. It cannot be foreseen or indicated mathematically at what point in these processes the revolutionary situation is totally ripe. The revolutionary party can only establish that fact by its struggles, by the growth of its forces, through its influence on the masses, on the peasants and the petty bourgeoisie of the towns, etc., and by the weakening of the resistance of the ruling class.

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

5. If we adopt these criteria to the British situation we can see:

(a) That the economic and social premises, as has been stated, are existing and becoming more effective and acute.

(b) The bridge, however, from these economic premises to the psychological results, has not been crossed. For the revolutionary situation in Britain it is not necessary for great changes in the economic conditions, which are already unbearable, to come about. What is necessary is a new adjustment of the consciousness of the different classes to this unbearable catastrophic situation in Britain.

6. The economic change of society is very slow and is measured by centuries and decades, but when the economic conditions are radically changed, a transformation of the retarded psychological factors can be produced very quickly. However, quickly or slowly, such changes must inevitably be effected in the consciousness of the classes. Only then can we have a revolutionary situation.

7. In political terms it signifies:

(a) That the proletariat must lose its confidence not only in the conservatives and liberals, but also in the Labour Party. It must concentrate its will and its courage for revolutionary aims and methods.

(b) That the middle class must lose its confidence in the big bourgeoisie, in the lords, and turn their eyes to the revolutionary proletariat.

(c) That the rich classes, the ruling cliques, rejected by the masses lose confidence in themselves.

8. These phenomena will inevitably come. However, they do not exist today. They can come in a short period of time through the avalanche of events. They can arrive in two or three years, or perhaps only a year. But this is a perspective and not a fact today. We must base our policy on the facts of today and not of tomorrow.

RIPENING POLITICAL CONDITIONS

9. The political conditions of a revolutionary situation are developing more or less parallel and simultaneously but this does not signify that they all become ripe at the same moment—there is the danger of the British situation of tomorrow.

10. In ripening political conditions, the most retarded is the revolutionary party of the proletariat. It is not excluded that the general revolutionary change of the proletariat and the middle class and the political decomposition of the ruling classes, will develop more quickly than the ripening of the Communist Party. It signifies that it does not exclude after the economic ripeness revolutionary situation without an adequate revolutionary party. It would be to a certain degree, a reproduction of the situation in Germany of 1923. But to affirm that Britain is in such a situation today is absolutely false.

11. We say that it is not excluded that the development of the Party can remain retarded in relation to the other elements of the revolutionary situation, but that is not in any case inevitable. On this question we cannot make any prognosis, but the question if not merely a question of prognosis. It is a question of our own action.

12. How much time will the British proletariat need in the present state of capitalist society to break up its connections with the three bourgeois parties? By a correct policy of the Communist Party, it is entirely possible that its growth will take place in proportion to the bankruptcy and decomposition of the other parties. It is in our aim, it is our duty to realize this possibility.
The Role of Stalinism

As the crisis of capitalism deepens, the counterrevolutionary role of Stalinism becomes all the more pronounced. The Stalinist bureaucracy sees in the periodic downturn of the capitalist economy internationally the downfall of its bureaucratic rule within the workers states. It desperately acts to buttress capitalism precisely at the point when millions of workers go into struggle to overthrow it.

But the very crisis of capitalism requires of the capitalists renewed efforts to regain control of the one-third of the earth lost to direct capitalist exploitation. This means the Stalinists embrace the very form which is intent on their destruction. The imperialists in turn wine and dine with the Stalinist bureaucrats only to gain their help against the working class. Once the imperialists are able to gain the upper hand in their struggle with the working class they will move swiftly to seek to destroy these very workers' states.

The meaning of Leonid Brezhnev's trip to the United States has become crystal clear in the role of the Soviet Union in the Middle East War. It sought first of all to prevent the offensive of the Arab countries. Once this offensive was under way, it would have meant defeat for the United States for the purpose of preventing a complete defeat of Israel. Syrian defeat would have upset the current balance of power with the imperialist nations. It currently acts to prop up Israel and to deny to the Palestinians their right to self-determination. This did not prevent Nixon from calling a full scale military alert against the USSR in the midst of these events.

The role of each Stalinist party within each country is consistent with this international role of Stalinism. It has been most clearly in Chile. The Chilean Communist Party was the most consistent supporter of the popular front government of Allende. As part of this government it consistently attacked the left and urged the closest collaboration with the PCI. The result was the military overthrow of this government which of course did not spare the Stalinists during its terror.

The American Communist Party has been the most loyal and consistent supporter of the Kremlin bureaucracy of all the parties of the world. This party was directly implicated in the planning and execution of the murder of Leon Trotsky. To this day it struggles to defend Brezhnev's trip to the U.S. policies of the Chilean CP, and Kremlin policies in the Middle East.

The American Communist Party will be the main force within the socialist movement struggling against the Stalinist bureaucracy in this period of class struggle and opposing the development of the labor party. As the labor bureaucracy gets more and more exposed independent formations will develop into the CP. The labor bureaucracy's very survival in the next period will depend on the Communist Party and various revisionist groups who are in league with the CP.

The development of a revolutionary leadership in the trade unions will only be possible in this struggle against Stalinism. In the course of this struggle the whole history of the struggle within the CP must be constantly brought forward and a new leadership of workers trained in this way.

Revisionism

Revisionism is a political tendency which, breaking with the Marxist method, maintains adherence to Trotskyism in only a formal sense while in practice liquidating Trotskyism and aiding Stalinism. The Workers League was born out of the struggle within the International Committee against the turn of the Soviet Workers Party back into the camp of Pablotte revisionism.

The tendency which became the Workers League was expelled from the SWP in 1964 for insisting upon a discussion of the entry of the LSP into a bourgeois coalition government in Ceylon and of the responsibility of Pabloism for that situation. We insisted that the refusal of the SWP to discuss the issues raised in the original split in 1933 led to the Ceylonese Coalition Government.

The results of this unprincipled reunification are now obvious to all. The principled position the Workers League fought for ten years ago together with other sections of the IC has been fully vindicated. Since 1969 the reunited United Secretariat has been torn apart by a completely unprincipled but nonetheless devastating division.

One faction around the old Mandel European leadership, the CP, defends guerrilla warfare, seeks to liquidate itself into the "mass vanguard" of middle class forces, and more and more openly goes over to Stalinism. It views the Vietnamese Communists as a revolutionary party and has supported its deal with imperialists.

The other faction, supported by the SWP which is barred from membership in the American Communist Party and the revolutionary VIVA Act, has abandoned the Transitional Program in favor of liberal democratic demands, and is oriented exclusively to the middle class around its "red university" protest politics. This faction capitulates to Stalinism as well, as is seen in its collaboration with the Communist Party over Chile.

The unprincipled character of the current discussion is revealed in the refusal of both sides to seriously discuss the meaning of the 1933 split, and in that light reassess their own reunification in 1933. This issue is continuously forced into the discussion by the very logic of the development of the discussion but is just as constantly distorted and ignored by the participants. This is the meaning of the refusal of the SWP to accept the proposal of the International Committee for a general discussion of the meaning of the 1933 split.

The result has been a series of splits and the disintegration of sections throughout the world. The SWP turns more and more against its own history and moves closer and closer to Stalinism.

The crisis of revisionism must be understood as being brought to a head now because of the crisis of capitalism and the struggle of classes now dominating all countries of the world. The revisionists refused to recognize this crisis in its developments. They failed to make any preparations for it, to train their cadre in any way in the Marxist method to be able to intervene in the new movement of the working class. Thus this movement throws them into crisis while it provides the basis for the serious growth of the sections of the International Committee.

The struggle against revisionism must be conducted at all times in order to educate the new generation of workers, to clarify questions and to reaffirm the struggle against Stalinism, and to remove a constant impediment to the development of the working class. The Workers League must continuously turn to its own rich history of struggle against revisionism as part of the International Committee in its turn to the working class. It should be the construction of the revolutionary party in the working class that revisionism will be fundamentally defeated. This is the task in this next immediate period.

During its ten years of existence the Workers League has been largely confined to a propagandistic existence. It fought continuously for the principled positions of the International Committee, seeking within this limited framework to learn what it could of the Marxist method, always trying to go beyond the limits of development this propaganda existence imposed upon it. This was a necessary stage in the "coming of age" of the League and without
Workers League. This is first of all a theoretical question. This period requires a revolutionary perspective on the way we develop cadres in the trade unions. But we cannot develop theory in a vacuum but only out of our practical experience in the class struggle. We must penetrate the most revolting sections of the working class, the young workers, in order to be able to develop our work in all layers of the working class. At the same time, it will be the youth who carry the program through the paper into all other forms of the trade union movement. The middle class youth as well from the universities will make an important contribution particularly through their bitter struggle for theory against revisionism and in numerous ways because of their intellectual and cultural training. Student youth can play this role only if they throw themselves entirely into the workers' movement.

The construction of the Young Socialists can only take place if the V.S fights each day in defense of working class youth on the basis of its program. An actual youth organization must be created, led by youth, defending youth, organizing youth into social and sports activities as well as fighting among youth for Trotskyist politics.

We must understand that the fight for the development of the Young Socialists is a party fight. It means the party must take full responsibility for the development of the Young Socialists. It means that to the extent that youth come forward to the point where they fight other youth for a Marxist understanding and prepare themselves to become party members, to that extent an actual youth leadership is the central and most difficult task of the building of a youth movement. It is also central to the building of the revolutionary party.

The Young Socialists can only be built and developed in an organizing way. There must be continuous recruiting drives and campaigns which bring the youth around us. We must always speak up for the new and newer layers of youth. The moment this is dropped in favor of routine visiting and discussion, of building youth circles, at that moment the youth movement dissolves.

The development of the mass circulation of the Young Socialist newspaper, already the most widely read socialist youth paper in America, is to be built on by the Young Socialists. At the same time every effort must be made to raise its theoretical level and to continuously bring the life of the working class youth into the paper. The paper must also be a propaganda paper leading the struggle of the Young Socialists, building its forces, training its cadres.

Towards The Daily Bulletin

It is through the Bulletin that the party campaigns in the working class, fighting at each point the fight from developments of the need for the working class to construct its own party. The Workers League has been built around the Bulletin, now completing ten years of publication. The Bulletin always brings the party out into wider layers of the working class.

It was because of our assessment of the depth of the capitalist crisis and the movement in the working class that this crisis would bring about the need to launch the twice-weekly Bulletin in the Fall of 1973. 1973 was the year of the twice-weekly Bulletin. It was given over to raising $1000 for the Bulletin, installing a web of office staff, carrying the movement, training a technical staff, setting up a 100 percent union shop, and developing the circulation of the paper when it came out.

We accomplished every task we set ourselves. We have been able to make important inroads in the construction of the party through campaigning with the twice-weekly Bulletin. Barriers were built whole new branches in important cities like Cleveland and Pittsburgh this way as well as within New York City.

1974 is the year of transition to the Daily. This year will be devoted to the development of the twice-weekly Bulletin, its financial base, its geographical distribution, its circulation, and its actual support within the trade union movement itself, which will permit the launching of a daily paper in 1975.

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Revisionism in Crisis

Revisionism is a political tendency which, breaking with the Marxist method, maintains adherence to Trotskyism in only a formal sense, while in practice subscribing to Trotskyism and adopting Stalinist tenets. The Workers League was born out of the struggle between the Trotskyists and Stalinists in the United States. The League's interpretation of the Second World War has been that the United States was a bourgeois country, and therefore the Soviet Union was a socialist country. The League's main goal was to convince the workers of the need for a revolutionary socialist change in the United States.

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Inflation Fuels Collapse

The worldwide economic and financial crisis of capitalism is now most sharply expressed in the unprecedented rise in the price of gold. This is not simply a matter of some speculators preparing to make a quick killing. Behind it is the collapse of paper money as a universal means of exchange and the growing insistence by the large capitalists that production costs can only continue on the basis of payment in gold.

But this means that a fundamental breakdown is now taking place in the system of world trade and capitalism production. Capitalist production takes place only on the basis of the exchange of commodities which are the product of human labor for money which must embody human labor. This is the role of gold, and paper money has value only in so far as it is backed by gold.

But capitalist production has expanded for the last thirty years on the basis of the almost unlimited printing of paper money on a limited gold standard. Today, none of this paper represents gold and its real value is unknown. Hundreds of billions in dollars and credit are now faced with destruction.

The speculation of currencies now expressed daily in the huge rises on the commodities markets and the uncontrollable inflation in all the industrial countries is nothing but the derangement of the collapse of production. For example, the huge rise in the cost of animal feed combined with the growing inability of workers to pay the high prices for beef and pork are creating a situation in which the meat growers are deliberately holding back production.

This will lead to a situation of extreme shortages with prices so high that meat will be removed from workers' diets.

The same sort of developments are now taking place with wheat. High world market prices are bringing record US wheat sales abroad, threatening a bread shortage.

Today, all of this is happening because the speculative activities of the banks are hoarding so much grain that shortages in fertilizers in the US may make it impossible to reach planned levels of wheat production. Money is now drying up so fast that it is impossible for capitalists to plan long term investments. Whereas before the oil crisis, the large oil companies held huge investment funds; now the cost of constructing a refinery today has gone from $150-$200 million to $800 million.

This will lead to a situation of rising prices in the refineries and their suppliers. The price of oil will rise to the point where it is unprofitable for the large oil companies to produce any more oil at all.

The record profits being raked in by the largest corporations in this country is the deterioration of the system and not its strength.

Shortages are now so extreme that many commodities are not available for sale. The case of Union Carbide is typical. One of its many products is styrene monomer, a plastic used in molded parts and plastic cups. Benzene is necessary for its production and has gone from 18 cents a gallon to $2.50 on the world market, even higher on the black market. If a company has benzene and wants styrene monomer, Union Carbide will take the benzene and convert it, keeping some of the styrene for itself.

Japan has just concluded a deal with Brazil and several other countries. Japan takes sugar from Brazil and refines it. The sugar is exchanged for oil which is then divided between Japan and Brazil.

The localization of barter deals between Europe, Japan, and the Arab states for oil is well-known.

Such primitive methods can only service a tremendous reduced volume of world trade. That major capitalist nations are now reduced to such methods reveals the degree to which the entire world economy is breaking up.

Only by taking the means of production and putting the vast resources and techniques available to planned use under workers control can the working class prevent the destruction of its conditions of life under worldwide anarchy and barbarism.

7500 Strikers Shut Whirlpool Plants

EVANSVILLE, Indiana—Seventy-five hundred workers at Local 988, International Union of Electric Workers, are on strike against three Whirlpool plants here.

Picket lines were set up on February 18 after a mass meeting voted to strike, with only 30 dissenting votes. Local 888 President Charles Johnson said that negotiations were broken off on February 19, the day before a contract deadline, and that the "general sentiment is that Whirlpool's offer is so poor we could not believe it. According to Johnson, the total offer, including fringe benefits, amounts to a raise of 75 cents an hour, 25 cents on signing, and 15 cents for each of the next two years. The cost of living clause is to be revised. The workers at the Evansville Division won a package totaling about $1.35 an hour after a 196 day strike three years ago.

Whirlpool spokesmen have already announced that they have sufficient stocks of air conditioners and refrigerators to carry them through a number of months, because "sales recently have not met forecasts." The local strike fund is only adequate for about four weeks.

In addition, workers expect widespread layoffs throughout the Evansville area, as Whirlpool suppliers close down.

Within hours of the strike's start, General Tire and Rubber had sent home 90 workers, and Kent Plastics, which makes the plastic panels inside the refrigerators, had sent home 50.

The company expects further layoffs. Outbacks at Island Container, Springfield Wire, and Crescent Plastics are expected to affect over 1500 workers.

Socialists and called on all present to build the St. Louis continual for the Regional March at Chicago, on March 16.

Two unemployed trade unionists spoke about the conditions facing both the younger and older workers. James, a member of the International Association of Machinists, said that he had been looking for a job for two months without success. He joined the Young Socialists because the only way forward was to kick out Nixon and for the working people to control their own lives.

George, a member of United Auto Workers Local 25, described how 2000 auto workers had been laid off from his plant. He called on all auto workers to join the campaign of the Young Socialists to build a new leadership in the union and to register for the National Auto Workers Conference, called by the Trade Union Alliance for a Labor Party on March 31 in Dayton, Ohio.

ALTERNATIVE Howard greeted greetings from the Workers' League and thanked the reporters: "All socialist policies are the alternative to Nixon today."

Capitalism is breaking up; it cannot provide jobs or schools as long as the necessities of life are being priced out of the reach of working people today. "That is why we do not march today to plead with Nixon to give us jobs. We march to call on the working class to throw him out and all of his kind and replace him with a labor party pledged to socialist policies." The campaign concluded with a very successful dance in the evening.

YS Marches in St. Louis

BY A REPORTER

ST. LOUIS—Over 40 youth and trade unionists marched against unemployment in the first March ever held by the Young Socialists in St. Louis last Saturday.

The highly spirited chanting led by Willie on the bullhorn and banners calling for Nixon Out and Build a Labor Party brought a tremendous response from

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This motion, put forward by the Trade Union Alliance for a Labor Party, passed in Local 1112, Lordstown.
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Miners Picket To Support Harlan Strike

BY DAVID NORTH

Harlan, Ky., Feb. 27—Picket lines are being set up outside mines operated by the Duke Power Company throughout Kentucky and West Virginia as Harlan County miners are moving to strengthen their eight-month-old strike for a union contract.

Nearly all of the 200 miners in the high split coal field owned by Duke Power refused to cross the new picket line and declared their solidarity with the Harlan miners.

The miners are also hitting the Blue Jay mine in Pineville and two other Duke Power mines in neighboring Martin County.

The miners plan to shut down all Duke Power mining operations in those in West Virginia two or three days every week to reduce the 35-days of supply of coal reportedly held by Duke Power.

"I think this is going to get more miners laid off from the county," said the union's Black Lung Association President Robert Grills told the Bulletin.

"We hope to bring that coal pile down to no more than a day's supply." The miners have heard rumors that an attempt will soon be made to operate the Brookside mines, but they thought such an attempt might be delayed because scabs have now been moved up to High Split.

The Harlan strikers are spreading just as 10,000 West Virginia strikers are on strike to protest the lack of gasoline to drive to work.

The action of West Virginia miners and the spreading of the Harlan strike shows the determination of the miners to fight Nixon.

However, United Mine Workers President Arnold Miller is trying to channel this powerful movement against Nixon into a bankrupt appeal to big business and middle-class reformists to support the Harlan miners.

Miller has invited a "Citizens Public Inquiry" to come down on March 11 to Harlan and investigate conditions. This panel will be headed by senior senator Fred Harris and former Labor Secretary William Wirtz. Grills said that he felt "the unions should organize among the workers. When one union has a problem, all have a problem."

He stated that Harlan miners were interested in the British miners' strike. The company was calling them communists and everything just because they want a decent wage.

"If any American scab coal is going over to England, it should be stopped by any means necessary."

UIE Ends Kuhs Strike

BY A REPORTER

DAYTON—The 87-day old strike at Kuhs Brothers Foundry was sold out when leaders of Local 786 of the International Union of Electrical Workers (UIE) and International representatives agreed to a second vote under provisions of the anti-labor Taft-Hartley Act.

The Kuhs workers had twice rejected company offers. The result was that AFL-CIO international representatives took charge of negotiations and made their deal with federal mediator Ralph D. Dowd to end the strike by any means possible.

The first day of the strike, a Democratic judge, Walter Rice issued injunctions limiting picketing at an entrance.

The following week, Rice stopped police from entering the company trucks that were removing parts from the plant. The pickets were reduced at Durion Foundry which is also organized by the UIE.

The leaders allowed this in spite of the fact that Kuhs workers asked for support from all UIE locals in the Dayton area.

Government

BY A REPORTER

ST. PAUL, Minn.—The trial of Wounded Knee Defend- ants Banks and Russell Means continues in the federal court. The testimony of government witnesses is being exposed by defense attorney Mark William Kunstler as an amalgam of lies and inconsistencies.

It is obvious that the government intends to drag out the case as long as possible, in an effort to drain the financial and legal resources of AIM and the Wounded Knee Defense Committee.

In South Dakota Kenneth Feinberg, one of the defense attorneys, told the Bulletin that notice was received on Feb. 25 setting two cases for trial in Aberdeen South Dakota for March 18, and warning a date will soon be set on a third.

The two cases involve Al Cooper, a peace activist from New Mexico and one of the few non-Indians facing trial, and Bernard Escamilla, who headed the Chic in Elsip at Wounded Knee. These two men are charged under multiple indict- ments and face various charges which could mean life imprisonment.

The defense will demand a change of venue and postponement of their cases until after the Means-Banks trial.

"We will contest these cases on these grounds. We will do all that we are able to do to put the case before the court. There is no way we will allow the government to force us to spread our resources so thin," Feinberg declared.

In one case, involving four local people, the government moved for dismissal the first day, claiming a key witness had garnered information in the course of the defense, the prosecution con- tinued the case the strongest and wanted it to come last.

A second group of cases, involving Vaughan Baker and Marianne DeCore, has just consolidated the cases in which the defense won a motion to suppress evidence, seized illegally on the reservation.

Preliminary hearings for a change of venue and suppression of evi- dence are now underway in a third set of cases in Sioux Falls.
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Police at Sears picket lines.

Sears Machinists Go Back

BY MARTY MORAN
SAN FRANCISCO—Members of Machinists Local 1227 returned to work Monday at Sears, crossing the picket lines of Retail Clerks Locals 1100 and 410 who are continuing the month long strike.

A contract was ratified by the machinists last Wednesday. The leaders of Local 1227 agreed to terms substantially the same as those accepted by Teamsters Local 833 three months ago.

Local 833 was the first of the five striking locals to break the joint strike pact. The electricians union, representing appliance repairmen, also went back to work.

Aided if Sears intends to offer the same terms to the clerks, Sears spokesman William Holland replied, "Those are completely different questions. It's like comparing apples and oranges."

Sears has now obtained an injunction limiting pickets to six at any entrance at the Geary Street store. The company claimed pickets were damaging cars of shoppers entering the parking lots.

STORY
In the face of this arrogant determination to isolate and break the clerks union, Local 100 President Walter Johnson proposed absolutely no change in his strategy of protest demonstrations designed to put pressure on Sears management to settle.

Johnson denied that the decision by the officials of the AFL-CIO machinists to cross a labor council sanctioned picket line was anything new. "That happened in 1960," he said, "We fought alone before and we'll fight alone now."

COLLAPSE
The desertion of the machinists marks the collapse of any effort by the labor leadership to support the strike. They are writing the Sears strike off as a "loser" because it requires defiance of the injunctions and of unfair practices laws to stop the flow of merchandise to the stores.

One striker said: "There's got to be changes. It seems like strikes are getting longer and longer."

Sears workers must demand that the labor council enforce respect for its sanctioned picket lines and begin mass picketing to shut down Sears.

Prosecutor Defends Nazis

BY ANN LORÉ
SAN FRANCISCO—The trial of Yvonne Golden which opened Monday revealed the lengths to which the government will go to silence any opposition to its policies.

Mrs. Golden is being charged with inciting to riot, disturbing a lawful assembly, and disturbing the peace. If found guilty she could face a three to one-half years in prison and/or a large fine.

These charges stem from the prosecution by the Nazis (National Socialist White People's Party) at a Board of Education meeting on January 8 which erupted in fist fights. Many people were beaten and Workers Action Movement supporters were arrested on the spot. Mrs. Golden was not arrested until almost a week later, after charges were filed by Dr. Hopp, president of the school board.

ROTH
The prosecutor announced he will call 60 witnesses to show there was a riot and that Golden, by calling on the board members to kick out the Nazis and then calling on the crowd to do it, initiated it.

The district attorney is openly defending the Nazis in order to prosecute Golden. He said, "There were two ideologically opposing groups...one wearing brown shirts and the other, carrying signs 'Down with Nazis.'" and added, "We cannot characterize these people at Nazism. We don't know for a fact he is (a Nazi), only that he's wearing a Nazi uniform."

"Their involvement was only to defend themselves. There will be no pictures to show there were injuries."

Vincent Hallinan, the attorney for Golden, instead of exposing the way the state is building up the Nazis to ask against the left and the whole working class and directing his defense politically against Nixon, is basing his case on two premises: first, that Yvonne Golden is a great humanitarian, a brilliant teacher, who has been "a gadfly in the board system," exposing the "encrust ed bureaucracy in the school board," and secondly that it is a question of free speech.

"There has been a lot of talk of free speech for Nazis. What about free speech for Yvonne Golden?"

The defense announced that Mrs. Golden went out to call the police into the hall and two policemen will be called as witnesses for Mrs. Golden to show that she is really on the side of the board.

The defense wants to show there was no association between Golden and the Workers Action Movement and this is the reason splitting the trial. The implication is that WAM carried on "illegal" acts, but Golden did not.

The day before, a rally held in defense of Golden attracted only 100 people. A previous rally of 400 was held at Glide Memorial Church. The Communist Party, which is directing this defense with the full cooperation of the Socialist Workers Party, cannot mobilize working class youth on the basis of this liberal campaign.

Only a political defense which begins by exposing those in the government who allow Nazis complete freedom, and links Golden's defense to the defense of all workers rights, can win this case.

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Hawaii ILWU Plans Strike Over Layoffs

BY A BULLETIN REPORTER
HONOLULU — The 15,000 sugar and pineapple workers represented by ILWU Local 14 in Hawaii have voted by 90 percent to authorize a strike against the employers.

The sugar and pineapple employers have refused to negotiate with the union on the central question of job security. The major pineapple companies are planning to move to the Philippines and Thailand, where they can exploit cheap, nonunion labor.

The employers are out to protect a strike and the ILWU membership is ready to fight it out. The sugar companies broke a negotiation on February 19, and while negotiations with the pineapple firms are continuing, union spokesman Tommy Trask said the two sides are still "miles apart.

EXTENDED
The men are working without contracts which expired on January 31 and were extended to February 19. The ILWU leadership is desperately trying to avoid a strike. A strike by the ILWU in Hawaii would paralyze the island and immediately bring about a coalition of the state and federal government. Conditions exist to unite Hawaii workers with dock workers on the West Coast in one massive shutdown by the ILWU.

Historically, the West Coast ILWU Local 14 of the Pacific Maritime Association is illegal.

The historic ruling struck down the container freight supplement which required the

NATIONALISTS LINE UP WITH RIGHT ON BUSING

BY A REPORTER SAN FRANCISCO — Over 800 people packed the San Francisco Board of Education meeting on February 26, the last in a series of meetings to decide on a school integration program for elementary and secondary schools.

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3000 Firemen Rally - O'Hagan Must Go

BY MITH PATTERSON
NEW YORK, NY —
Over 3000 firemen repre-
senting almost every Engine Company and Squad Company in the entire New York area, attended a mass demon-
stration in front of City Hall last Tuesday.

It was the largest gathering of ever of firemen from Local 94 of the Uniformed Firemen Association.

Union President Richard Vizintin called the demonstration to protest the vicious assaults that have been waged against the union membership by Fire Commis-
ioner John T. O'Hagan, and by the city administration.

For their five and one-half hour shift, the firemen will be fined $125 and fire officers will be fined $160, under the standards of the Taylor Law. This money will be deducted from the paychecks at the end of the week.

In addition to the three, UFA officials, including Vizintin, are urging the firemen not to respond or speak to the firemen for “misrepresenting the strike vote.”

Since the strike, hundreds of firemen have been forced to transfer to other Engine and Squad Companies. Most of the men who were transferred have been union members and participated in the strike.

MILITANT

These transfers are a conscious policy of O'Hagan to split up the more militant Compa-

ies, to be sure that there is no organized opposition to his policies.

On the demonstration, every fireman was carrying a sign saying, “O'Hagan Must Go” or “Fire Commissioner O'Hagan is Astilbor.”

One fireman said: “We know that they were going to hit us with the Taylor Law even before we went out on strike. You know, Local 94 has only 10,000 mem-
bers; any more of a fine would have completely halted the union.

I feel that O'Hagan absolu-
tely has to go, and all of us have come a long way to tell Mayor Beame that we want him out. I have never seen a demonstration like this in which every fireman stuck his finger in the face of Mayor Beame. We are not here to take any nonsense from Mayor Beame or any of his friends in this city. We are not here to take any nonsense from Mayor Beame or any of his friends in this city.

The truth of the matter is that this bureaucracy has decided to do nothing except maintain its bankrupt alliance with the Democratic Party which stands for nothing in the eyes of the people. Nothing that is related to unemployment and inflation.

The demonstration was a part of the campaign of the Workers League and Young Socialists to defend the right to work being denied to workers and the mobilization of the working class against the corruption of the Nixon administration. Nixon has shown the way for-
ward.

The demonstrations called by the Young Socialists on March 16 in Washington, Chicago, and San Francisco, represent a historic step forward in rallying the working class against the Nixon administration and constructing the alternative revolutionary leadership in the working class.

We call all trade unionists and youth to attend this demonstration and join the Workers League.

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We have received $153.18 this week to bring our total to $374.75 on the February Bulletin. This repre-
sentation of the Bulletin in the last week is and is the result of a big effort in many areas. A highly successful Fish Fry which everyone enjoyed helped considerably.

However, we still have another big effort to make to reach our goal of $500. We know it will be done. We urge all our supporters to read Trotsky's statement on page 3 and the “What We Think.” Then on this political basis, we will push the February fund over the top so we can forward to meet the challenge of this revolutionary period.
MPD Defiende Capitalismo

Para las elecciones presidenciales del 16 de mayo en Santo Domingo, el Movimiento Popular Dominicano (MPD) ha lanzado un programa que incluye una amplia agenda social y económica. El programa busca enfrentar directamente el capitalismo y su impacto en la vida de los dominicanos. El MPD sostiene que el capitalismo es la causa principal de la desigualdad y la pobreza en el país. El partido está comprometido con la implementación de políticas que beneficien a la población dominicana más vulnerable.

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3000 Firemen Rallies O’Hagan Must Go

BY MITCH PATTERSON

NEW YORK, NY—Over 3000 firemen repre-
senting the Engine Company and Squad Company in the entire New York area, attended a mass demon-
stration at City Hall last Tuesday.

It was the largest gathering ever of firemen from Local 94 of the Uniformed Firemen's Association. Union President Richard Vizzini called the demonstration to protest the vicious attacks that have been directed against the union membership by Fire Com-
misioner John T. O'Hagan, and by his political administration.

For their five and one-half hour shift, the fire men will be fined $125 and fire officers will be fined $100, under the state of New York Taylor Law. This money will be deducted from their pay each week.

In addition to the fine, three UFA officials, including Vizzini, were arrested and charged with "misrepresenting the strike vote."

Since the strike, hundreds of firemen have been forced to transfer to Engine or Squad Companies. Most of the firemen have been united delegates who have organized and participated in the strike.

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These transfers are a conscious policy of O'Hagan to split up the more militant Com-
mpanies, in order that there is no organized opposition to his position.

On the demonstration, every fireman was carrying a sign saying, "O'Hagan Must Go" or "Fire Commissioner O'Hagan is Anastilb." One fireman said: "We know that they were going to hit us with the Taylor Law even before we went out on strike. You know, Local 94 has only 10,000 mem-
bers: any more of a fine would have completely busted the union."

Mayor Beame said that O'Hagan abso-
lutely has to go, and all of us have come a long way to tell Beame what we think.

GOLD...

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...the fact that the U.S. is deter-
ning the value of billions of dollars of foreign gold as a result of World War Two to finance the boom.

The new yellow metal is called "control" and/or "deben-
ment." It is used by the United States government to increase its power to influence the world economy and to maintain its control over the world. The gold standard is still in existence in many countries around the world.

The world's gold reserves are controlled by governments and international organizations, such as the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF). These organizations control the flow of gold into and out of a country, and they set the price of gold.

In addition to the gold standard, the world's central banks also control the flow of gold. These banks are responsible for maintaining the exchange rate between their currency and gold. They also use gold swaps, which are agreements between central banks to exchange gold for other assets, to influence the gold market.

The gold standard was abandoned in 1971 by the U.S. and the U.K., and the world's central banks agreed to keep their exchange rates stable. This agreement, known as the Smithsonian Agreement, was designed to prevent a return to the gold standard.

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