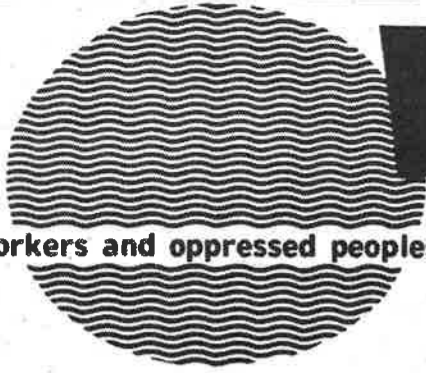


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Behind Watergate— a police state?

General in the White House

By VINCENT COPELAND

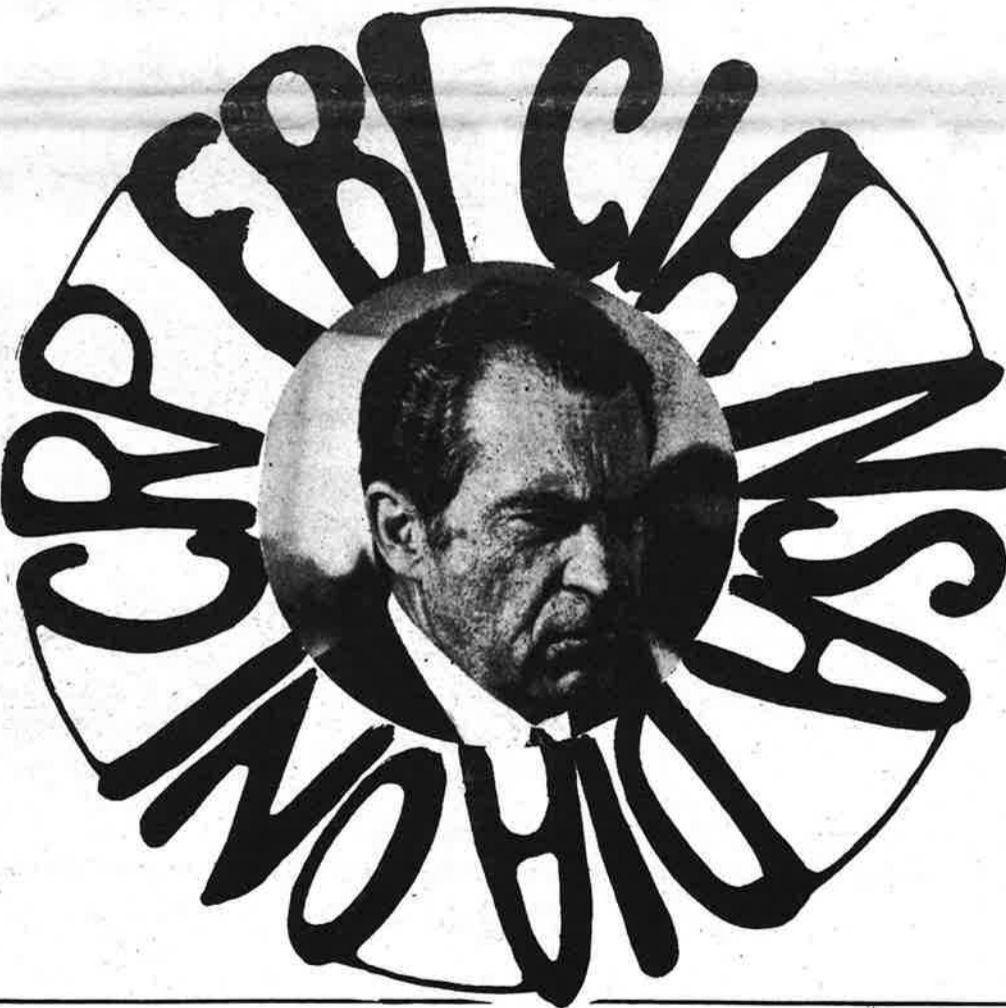
What is a four-star general of the Army doing in the White House as the top administrative assistant of the President of the United States?

Gen. Alexander M. Haig, Jr., Vice Chief of Staff of the Army and deputy to Henry Kissinger on the National Security Council, has been made top assistant to the President. He fills the vacated position of H. R. Haldeman, the Watergate character who is now suspended from his job.

Nixon, who is supposed to be on the defensive in the inner ruling class struggle, has in effect defied his factional opponents as well as shown his contempt for the majority of the American people by giving this key appointment to a top general, instead of to a civilian.

No less a person than U.S. Senator Stuart Symington has challenged the legality of Nixon's action. Symington, holding the significant post of acting chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, insisted that Haig at least

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By DEIRDRE GRISWOLD

All the revelations about political espionage, sabotage, and bribery that have surfaced with Watergate raise the question: Has the Nixon administration carried out a "quiet coup" and instituted a police state?

This is not just a question raised by radicals. Senator Ervin of the Watergate inquiry has said that plans for a domestic "intelligence" operation uncovered in private documents in the hands of White House aide John Dean "would be a great shock to the American people if they were released." He added that "those making this plan had the same mentality employed by the Gestapo in Nazi Germany."

FASCISM AGAINST THE OPPRESSED

What makes the question a complicated one is that the U.S. ruling class has employed fascist, police-state methods against oppressed people for years. What else can you call the lynchings of Black people, the massive police occupation of the ghettos, the assaults on militant Black organizations by dozens, sometimes hundreds, of police armed to the teeth? What else can you call the secret paramilitary operations against leftist or nationalist governments all around the world—and the open, military aggression against the liberation movements?

But, at the same time, there has been

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The butler didn't do it

Washington, D.C., May 29 (UPI)—“Government tests show that about one out of every 20 broiler-fryer chickens sold to consumers in the first three months of this year apparently had illegal residues of organic arsenic in their livers.
“Organic arsenic is widely used in poultry and hog feed as a growth stimulant.”

The Duke de Doudeauville

From the New York Post, May 23—“The Duke de Doudeauville has recently given his Dutchess a gift she likes better than pearls, rubies, or emeralds. It's her own little Paris shop to play with, named 'C'est Mon Plaisir,' words that are part of the crest that has belonged to her husband's family for generations.
“The Dutchess is an individualist about French foods. She prefers casseroles and peasant dishes. 'At our parties I make a point of serving them with our best silver and china. I like informal food served very formally.'
“Though the purpose of the shop is to give the Dutchess de Doudeauville something worthwhile to do, her husband is enjoying it just as much as she is. It was opened last fall on his 70th birthday. 'He has never done any kind of work before,' explained the Dutchess.”

The best of our age

Arlington House, a publishing company owned by the multimillionaire reactionary Buckley family, has just published *My Life*, by Sir Oswald Mosley, the founder and Fuehrer of the British Union of Fascists.
In *My Life*, written in 1972, Mosley states in typical Hitlerite fashion: “I have been asked to enumerate the ways Jews have assailed fascism and I will. In the first place, they have physically assaulted us. And that can be proved. (Mosley's slogan

was 'Yid out of England.')

It is not a matter of our own observation. It is a matter of proof. Jews make up 0.6 percent of the whole population, yet they are guilty of 50 percent of the attacks upon fascists. And we can prove that from the law courts of this country.”

Mosley describes a visit to a Ford plant. His aristocratic contempt for the workers slaving on the assembly line under the watchful eyes of Ford's anti-union goon squad of “service men” betrays Mosley for what he is: a ruling class gangster who dreamed of setting up in England a strong



Sir Oswald Mosley, English Nazi leader, with his stormtroopers in 1936.

state that could keep the working people in fascist serfdom.
“The industrial tour (in the United States) was one of the most interesting experiences of my life. It was in Detroit more than in any other center that I found striking confirmation of one of the main points of my economic and political thinking from 1918 onwards. I watched men working

on the conveyor belt in the Ford factory. Each performed some simple operation on the vehicle in the making as it reached him on the conveyor. Even with my complete mechanical ignorance I could have stepped in at practically any point on the line and done the simple job of turning a screw or fixing a bolt. The genius lay in the organization which had evolved such easy tasks for the individual worker. Some of the workers were quite primitive types—a number of them, I was told, illiterates—and they were ideal for the job.”

How is Mosley's new book glorifying fascism received by the British ruling class and their spokesmen?

Former Prime Minister Harold Macmillan read *My Life* and spoke of Mosley's “great talents and great strength of character.”

R.H.S. Crossman, a leading bourgeois English historian, commented that “Mosley was the outstanding politician of his generation, capable of becoming either a conservative or labor Prime Minister. Mosley was spurned by Whitehall, Fleet Street, and every party leader at Westminster, simply and solely because he was right.”

A.J.P. Taylor, another famous English historian, calls *My Life* “the greatest comment on British politics in the twentieth century. Mosley is a superb political thinker, the best of our age.”

The Earl of Longford: “We are left with a picture of a man who had aimed throughout his life at a Greek idea of excellence. In the field of ideas he was a creative force. If events had so decided and awarded him the supreme office, he would not have lacked the dedication nor the courage.”

And Lord Boothby of the British Broadcasting Company: “I discerned in Mosley the kind of quality of leadership that I discerned in only two other men during all my period of political life. One is Lloyd George and the other is Churchill. I should have joined with Mosley.”

On September 26, 1962, Sir Oswald Mosley came to Buffalo, N.Y., to spread his fascist ideology. Although many progressive Europeans are denied visas to enter the U.S. (Pablo Picasso was denied a U.S. entry visa from 1952 until he died last month on the grounds that because of his communist beliefs he was “an undesirable alien”), Mosley, who had been a personal friend of Hitler, was admitted to the country.

Mosley did not find the same friendly reception in Buffalo that his new book gets from the filthy rich of England and America. Youth Against War & Fascism distributed thousands of leaflets entitled “Stop Mosley—No Nazis Here.” Over 2,000 people mobilized by YAWF marched against Mosley's “right” to speak because they had come to understand that behind the anticommunist rhetoric of this fascist demagogue lay the death camps of Dachau and Buchenwald.

And now a sector of the ruling class, in its decadence, is publishing Mosley's *My Life* in another attempt to put a respectable face on Nazi genocide.

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Paris conference demands Saigon free prisoners

How Cambodian village of Angtasom was liberated

It is now five months since the treaty was signed in Vietnam, which stipulated the release of all political prisoners within 90 days. There are still over one hundred thousand political prisoners being held in the jails of the Saigon regime, however, most of them in monstrous conditions. On April 12 to 14, an international conference was held in Paris, attended by some 97 organizations, demanding the liberation of South Vietnamese political prisoners.

In Saigon itself, the Committee for the Improvement of the Prison System in South Vietnam, headed by Father Chan Tin, a Catholic priest, has been carrying out a campaign to release the detained prisoners. In a document read to the conference and sent to the International Commission of Control and Supervision, Father Chan Tin made the following charges:

documents and witnesses about all these maltreatments. We attach herewith a letter by detained students and by representatives of more than 8,000 political prisoners in Con Son.

"5. Only a small number of political prisoners have been released since the signature of the Agreement, but many of these were already invalids. The government of the Republic of Vietnam released these invalid prisoners mainly because the government is afraid that the International Commission and the Vietnam and world public will witness their invalid body suffered as the result of a brutal prison system if they are officially released in the presence of the International Commission. We attach herewith a list of 124 paralyzed political prisoners released from Con Son prison. Those people were sent back to many places in the mainland of South Vietnam and many of them are still detained by provincial authorities.

"We are earnestly sending to the International Commission of Control and Supervision this appeal urging you, members of the Commission, to do everything in your power to stop all new arrests, all tortures and maltreatments vis a vis political prisoners, and to intervene for the release of all political prisoners."

"1. Presently more than 100,000 political prisoners are being detained all over those South Vietnamese regions under the control of the government of the Republic of Vietnam. The majority of these political prisoners were arrested although they did not participate directly with either parties of the Agreement. We attach herewith a list of more than 2,600 political prisoners known to us thanks to communication of their relatives or friends.

"2. Since the signature of the Agreement, the government of the Republic of Vietnam not only has not released a substantial number of political prisoners, but has arrested and detained more people for political reasons. We attach herewith some cases of new arrests, proving clearly the infringements of Article 2c of the Agreement.

"3. The government of the Republic of Vietnam is doing everything possible to take judiciary files, changing political prisoners into common criminals. Many political prisoners in prisons such as Con Son, Tan Hiep, Chi Hoa, Thu Duc, etc., are being forced to sign papers proving their allegiance to the government. Many military field tribunal sessions are being staged inside prisons in order to give sentences to many prisoners already detained for a long time without receiving any sentence; in a few hours, the fake tribunal is capable of giving sentences to hundreds of detainees by just recording the sentences in fake files, disregarding any basic judiciary procedure.

"4. Savage tortures happen every day in interrogation centers and prisons. Political prisoners are being maltreated severely, are living in narrow, dark, dirty cells, sometimes shackled day and night. Their daily food ration is reduced in such a way that their body becomes completely destroyed. We have in our possession many



While the bill to cut off all funds for the bombing of Cambodia makes its halting way through Congress, the Cambodian people are continuing to score victories against the Lon Nol puppet regime. Just as the Vietnamese liberation fighters convinced U.S. imperialism that it would only suffer even more humiliating defeats if it continued the war, so are the Cambodians showing Nixon and the Pentagon that further aggression against the Khmer people will only bring greater disasters down on the heads of the imperialists.

Following is a story from Cambodia on the liberation of Angtasom by the Cambodian people's national liberation armed forces last April, based on an AKI correspondent's report from Takeo City.

By 7:20 hours on April 8, the Angtasom battlefield was cleared of all remaining enemy troops by the Cambodian people's national liberation armed forces, and the Angtasom district was completely liberated.

Angtasom, a fortified enemy position 12 kilometers west of Takeo City on Highway 3 and Highway 25, is a place of strategic importance.

After the redoubled offensives in July 1972 by the Takeo people's armed forces, the defense works of Angtasom were consolidated by the puppet troops to protect Takeo. The pagodas, cathedrals, shops, and administrative institutions there were all transformed into military positions. These positions were surrounded with dug-outs, cannons, mines, and barbed-wire.

In attacking Angtasom, the Cambodian people's liberation forces had worked out a plan to isolate the enemy position. They cut off provincial Highway 25 (from Angtasom to Takeo), sealed off all enemy supply, encircled the enemy post, and trounced reinforcements coming to its aid.

By the end of March, the liberation forces tightened their encirclement on Angtasom. As a result, the puppet troops entrenched there could contact their district headquarters only by telephone. Their food and ammunition were running out. Their planes dared not conduct low-altitude flights for fear of being hit. So the food and ammunition airdropped at random nearly all fell into the hands of the liberation forces and local inhabitants.

In early April, the Angtasom enemy positions were under the Cambodian people's national liberation armed forces shelling every night. The U.S. imperialists intensified air raids for their rescue, but in vain. The situation of the puppet troops huddling inside was deteriorating daily. Their wounded ones got no medical aid. Their dead were buried near the trenches in great haste, thus giving out a nauseous smell of rotten corpses. The puppet commander in Angtasom asked for a retreat to Takeo City, but was refused by his superior.

On the night of April 7, the Cambodian people's national liberation armed forces decided to root up the Angtasom position and shelled it from all directions. The puppet troops called for help from their air force but to no avail.

In face of the fierce attack by the fighters of the people's liberation forces, the enemy troops, unable to hold their own, raised up their hands in surrender. Three battalions of puppet troops stationed there were completely wiped out.

Rejoicing over their victory, the Cambodian people's national liberation armed forces together with the local people quickly sent to the rear over 400 prisoners of war and over 50 tons of war spoils.



The Cuban people rejoice over the victory of the Vietnamese.

Photo: Gail Reed—Venceremos Brigade

possible for these ships to leave this port."

MEDICAL BRIGADE

The return of the Imias and El Jigue came just after a homecoming welcome was given to the Tavito Medical Brigade, made up of 17 Cuban nurses and doctors who had also been on assignment in Vietnam. The dedication and skill of this brigade in the line of battle against genocidal U.S. attacks earned them the Ho Chi Minh emblem—the first non-Vietnamese ever to receive this award.

When the Vietnamese Minister of Public Health presented the Cuban team with the medal, he said in praise, "They took care of our children as if they belonged to their own family."

Working under the intensity of war, alongside Vietnamese doctors and nurses in

Haiphong and Hanoi, the medical brigade treated over 8,500 people, casualties of U.S. bombing raids. In operating rooms often jarred by the shock waves of a new bombing run, the teams operated on the children, men, and women of Vietnam, victims of fragmentation, pineapple, guava, and "anti-tank" bombs. Asked about the dangerous conditions of their work, Dr. Manuel Ojeda explained, "Anybody who has had the opportunity to live with the people of Vietnam, who has seen the imperialist savagery at close range, who has witnessed the courage, the daring, and the nobility of that nation of giants, cannot help but want to continue to live with those people as long as may be necessary and to give everything, including his own life, for that marvelous people subjected to such a criminal attack."

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Cuba-Vietnam solidarity

Hard work, shared joy

By GAIL REED, Venceremos Brigade

The government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam gave two Cuban freighters, the Imias and the El Jigue, the honor of being the first large-tonnage ships to sail from Haiphong Harbor since May 1972, when Nixon ordered the harbors mined. For their crews, going home to Havana, it was the end of a long and difficult year in Vietnam.

Nixon had given his infamous mining order, designed to blockade the port and cut off supply routes to North Vietnam, while

the two Cuban vessels were in the middle of unloading their cargoes of sugar. During the days that followed, the crews of the two ships continued to unload sugar and—under the many bombing raids during the months thereafter—remained in Haiphong. They spent the time working; and on one occasion, they helped rebuild the network of dikes surrounding the city, which were constant targets for U.S. bombers.

On the day they left, the captain of the El Jigue said, "It is the heroism of the Vietnamese fighters that has made it

Who are the culprits in meat price rise?

By SHARON SHELTON

NEW YORK, May 31 — In recent months, angry consumers have been fed many "explanations" for high meat prices by the meat industry and its apologists, the press and the government. Lame excuses like bad weather and natural catastrophes (which took place long after prices started to rise) have failed to impress most of the groups active in protesting the price of meat. But there is one excuse that some people have been duped into accepting.

Exports to other countries are being cited as responsible for the soaring price of meat. To hear them tell it, increased meat exports have affected the hallowed principle of supply and demand.

But does this principle really regulate prices in the present-day economy of centralized production? Are meat exports really to blame for the spiraling costs that affect the food budgets of millions of people across this country? Have exports even increased significantly in the last ten years? Or is this just another ploy by the huge and powerful meat industry to misdirect the anger of consumers and turn their frustration against people of other countries instead of against those who are raking in profits hand over fist from these outrageous prices?

First of all, the notion of supply and demand has only limited application in today's market. Production and distribution are highly centralized and concentrated into the hands of a relatively few corporations that anticipate the market and decide in advance what the prices will be. The top executives of the supermarket chains, the large ranchers, and the meat packing firms manipulate both supply and demand.

For example, during the meat boycott, according to the Department of Agriculture, many of the ranchers withheld cattle from the market and many supermarkets curtailed their meat orders rather than sell at lower prices. That this is a regular practice on the part of the ranchers to manipulate the market can be seen in what is called culling. Culling occurs when prices are low, and it means separating for sale only the oldest cattle that cannot possibly be withheld from the market. When prices are high, younger and larger quantities of cattle are put up for sale.

The boycott itself further illustrates the fallacy of this so-called principle of supply and demand. During the April boycott, even though demand was at its lowest, prices were barely affected. If supply and demand were indeed a determining factor behind meat prices, as industry would have shoppers believe, meat prices should have been at an all-time low. But, of course, prices remained high.

NO REAL SHORTAGE

Actually, there is no shortage in the supply of meat. The potential for meat production in the United States has barely been tapped. This country has the acreage, the feed, and the technology to produce untold amounts of meat for consumption, and, in fact, meat production has increased in the past few years. At the same time, especially since the boycott, there has been a drop in demand for meat due to the high prices. A report issued to the cattle industry by the Department of Agriculture is revealing: 5 percent more cattle are now being fed for slaughter than a year ago. The report goes on to say that "consumers remain reluctant to increase their meat purchases to former levels."

So there are more cattle and less demand than a year ago! This may, in fact, bring down meat prices slightly, says the Agriculture Department, but only for a short while.

Certainly, there is nothing in the law of supply and demand to account for the astonishing price increase of farm products (livestock and crops) over the last year. It was reported on May 31 by the government that farm prices had increased 33 percent in the year ending May 15, a rise "almost without precedent."

Yet, even if supply and demand were freely operating on meat costs, meat exports to other countries are such a small portion of the whole that they only minutely affect the domestic supply. Leaving aside the fact that meat imports have always greatly surpassed exports, beef and veal exports for 1972 were at about the same level as in 1965, making up a mere 0.3 percent of all meat produced! In light of this, it seems ridiculous to blame high prices on meat exports to other countries.

What, then, is responsible for the high meat prices that are so angering shoppers? Why is the meat industry so anxious to shift the focus of blame?

The answer is simple.

PROFIT IS THE CULPRIT

Profit. Food production has become big business. Small farms and ranches have been starved out by huge corporate enterprises that are concentrated into the hands of a few industrial giants who set food prices and are making record profits. Many people do not realize that meat production has become so concentrated that, according to the New York Daily News, 7 percent of all ranchers produce 80 percent of all the cattle for market. What's more, the big supermarkets handle 85 percent of all the retail meat sold in the United States.

And profits are up for these large concerns. According to the Wall Street Journal, Swift, Quaker Oats, General Mills, International Harvester, Consolidated

Foods, and Pillsbury all showed tremendous gains last year. And these are only a few.

Not only are large interests replacing the small farms, ranches, and stores that once produced and distributed this nation's food. There is another development in the food industry that is guaranteeing even greater fortunes. A writer for Nation magazine describes it as "vertical integration."

"Vertical integration has wiped out the neat distinctions that used to exist between cattle raiser, meat packer and retailer by consolidating many operations under one company roof."

An example of this is Krogers, which in its 1971 annual report boasted, "We're getting it all together." In this case, getting it all together means owning and operating 1,500 markets, 430 drugstores, 40 family centers, 150 delicatessens, 15 meat-packing plants, a dairy farm, five milk and ice cream plants, four bakeries, a sausage plant, a truck fleet, several regional warehouses, and an Arkansas chicken-breeding farm and feed mill.

This system has enormous advantages which include driving out the small interests, cutting operating costs, and providing tremendous tax benefits.

Western Beef is another example. Headquartered in Texas, it purchases cattle through a subsidiary and feeds them on its own feed lots, which have a capacity of 173,000 animals. After feeding, it uses its own company trucks to ship the beef to its own packing plants, where the beef is processed and shipped to supermarkets.

Western Beef has also begun to manage cattle partnerships which run cattle through tax loopholes, an enormously advantageous process which qualifies any participant for "farmer status." Farmer status allows cash-basis bookkeeping where all expenses count as business deductions while profits return as capital gains.

WALL STREET SPREADS CHAUVINISM

With such incentives, the banks have been getting in on the act. In 1966, for example, two Wall Street bankers took over the Arizona-Colorado Land & Cattle Co. and bought or leased ten ranches in four states with a total area about twice the size of Rhode Island. Not only does this company run about 40,000 head of cattle, it also owns the biggest commercial feed lot in all of California or Arizona, a meat-packing plant, two land management consulting firms, a 94 percent interest in the Alamosa National

Bank, a housing project, and Farmhands, Inc. (a major manufacturer of feed lot and other ranching machinery.)

Other big operators in the beef industry include such unlikely contenders as Greyhound; Ling-Temco-Vought (an aircraft and defense-contracting corporation); Atlantic-Richfield Oil; General Host Corporation; Dupont, Gloré, Forgan, Inc.; and the St. Louis-San Francisco Railroad.

It is to these large conglomerates that the hard-earned dollars of shoppers go. They conspire to keep prices (and profits!) high at the same time that labor productivity in agriculture is increasing by leaps and bounds—which means that food should be cheaper than ever, since it requires so much less human labor to produce.

No wonder these giants of industry want to cloud the issue of where the money is going! They fear the anger of shoppers that grows every day with each price increase. They want to mislead consumers by placing the blame elsewhere—on the weather, on shortages, and finally on exports—rather than on their own shoulders.

And, in a way, the "explanation" that exports are responsible for high prices is the most pernicious they have devised yet, because it is designed to engender the worst national chauvinism by turning the working people of this country against those who toil elsewhere, obscuring the real cause of the high prices—the corporate giants of this country who regard food as just another lucrative investment.

Sales per Employee

The Ten Highest

	SALES RANK	
National Beef Packing	472	\$428,931
American Beef Packers	257	291,759
Associated Milk Producers	133	289,567
Needham Packing	438	284,719
Amerada Hess	107	282,888
Iowa Beef Processors	111	280,140
Spencer Foods	323	272,856
Missouri Beef Packers	306	263,775
Archer Daniels Midland	204	201,929
Clark Oil & Refining	409	177,937

Tables from Fortune magazine's ranking of the top 500 U.S. industrials. Meat packing is the most automated . . .

Sales per Dollar of Stockholders' Equity

The Ten Highest

	SALES RANK	
Spencer Foods	323	\$46.56
American Beef Packers	257	35.74
National Beef Packing	472	35.50
Iowa Beef Processors	111	26.26
Missouri Beef Packers	306	22.96
Associated Milk Producers	133	21.20
LTV	21	18.71
Needham Packing	438	18.57
Rath Packing	411	17.56
Ward Foods	297	16.88

. . . and most concentrated of all U.S. industries.

'A great year' for Fortune's top 500

Fortune magazine prepares a directory each year of the 500 largest industrial corporations and how they fared. We all know that this year was not an easy one for the workers and oppressed: wages are still frozen under the 5 percent "guideline"; food prices rose an incredible

33 percent; and inflation has hit hard in just about every area of the budget, including rent, transportation, clothing, and household items.

But, as the following excerpt from the May issue of Fortune shows, not everyone in the U.S. has a problem. The bosses are actually quite exultant about the economic picture.

"The U.S. economy had a great year in 1972—and so did the 500 largest industrials. Their combined sales increased by 10.9 percent, the largest year-to-year gain since 1968. And the gains were broadly based; more than four-fifths of the 500 increased their sales, and more than two-thirds of the industry groups showed median sales increases of 10 percent or better.

"Companies with sales of more than a billion dollars continue to proliferate. One hundred forty companies, well over a quarter of the 500, are now in the billion-dollar club. Its membership grew by a baker's dozen last year: Motorola, H.J. Heinz, Crown Zellerbach, General Tire & Rubber, Pfizer, Associated Milk Producers, Martin Marietta, Burroughs, NL Industries,

St. Regis Paper, Anaconda, Kimberly-Clark, Avon Products.

"With margins rising throughout the economy, profits recovered even more sharply than sales. The remarkable 18.9 percent increase in the combined profits of the 500 was the largest year-to-year gain since 1959, when business was also recovering from a recession. The sharpest profit gains were achieved by paper and forest-product companies, which benefited from record demand for paperboard and lumber for home building. No industry showed an aggregate decline in profits.

"Total employment of the 500 increased last year, after declining in the two previous years. But the group had 136,960 fewer workers than the 500 had had in 1969 (though producing \$113.1 billion more in sales). Among the top ten, four companies reduced their employment last year: General Motors (by 13,809), Exxon (by 2,000), I.B.M. (by 3,341), and Western Electric (by 1,350).

"The 500 largest industrials now account for about 65 percent of the sales, and three-quarters of the profits and employment, of all U.S. industrial corporations."

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Runaway shops the issue behind Goodrich strikes

This article is reprinted from United Labor Action. Since the article was written, the Goodrich strike was settled.

What's behind the Goodrich rubber workers not accepting the Goodyear pact?

The Goodrich section of the United Rubber Workers went on strike May 8—after being offered a contract quite similar to that won from Goodyear. And after the union had said that Goodyear's agreement would be the guidepost for the rest of the industry.)

Granted that the pact gives too small a raise; granted that it doesn't even catch up with the cost of living, much less get ahead of it. The question is, why did the union—even after the International Executive Board reputedly accepted the company offer—suddenly reverse itself and authorize the strike?

Many outside the industry thought that this was due simply to the dissatisfaction of the mass rank and file with the much-touted "model" Goodyear pact.

The dissatisfaction is there, of course. But this does not explain the dogged deter-

mination of the Goodrich workers—and of the Executive Board—to get more in the present case.

The difference between Goodrich and Goodyear can really be summed up in two frightening words: **RUNAWAY SHOP.**

Rumors have been flying thick and fast all over Akron that Goodrich might fold up its Akron plant and reopen in the South. The company already has half a dozen major plants outside Akron. And the Akron plant is practically out of date. So, knowing it is going to open a more modern substitute sooner or later, the company is asking itself: Why not go South?

Goodrich bigshots are lying awake at night figuring how much more money they can save by this move and how they can maybe—just maybe—avoid or defeat unionism altogether in the new place.

So when the union leaders mumble about "fringe benefits" being the stumbling block at Goodrich, they really mean it.

When Peter Bommarito, president of the International, says, "Our members (at Goodrich) need additional job security and pension protection," he really means it.

Only a "fringe benefit" in this case is not

just a fringe benefit. Job security and pension protection turn out to be the key issues the workers are concerned with. And contrariwise, a decent agreement on these things might easily make the company think twice about a drastic move that would make it pay out millions in pensions all at once.

The real question here may not be so much what is behind the strike as why the union leadership failed to see the issue in advance and mobilize the Goodyear workers and all the other rubber workers for a fight.

To do this, they would probably have had to break through their own conservatism on

the wage issue and inspire the Goodyear, Firestone, and Uniroyal workers with the idea of a major battle for workers' rights on all fronts (especially the cost of living!). This would have helped unify the whole union on behalf of the right to work and the right to live.

So they did wrong by signing with Goodyear when they hadn't settled with Goodrich. They did wrong even from their own one-sided, bureaucratic point of view. And now they've got to lead a struggle, with their own hands tied as well as those of the workers!

ASU demands inquiry into Black sailor's death

By G. SMITH for the ASU

NORFOLK, Va., June 1—The American Servicemen's Union is calling for a complete and thorough investigation of the death of ABH2 Butch Barlow aboard the USS Guam on April 27.

Barlow, a Black landing signalman, was struck down by a ASWH2 helicopter as it attempted to take off in stormy seas in the North Atlantic. At that time, the Guam was returning from 30-day training exercises.

The deck was wet and slippery and the ship was rolling and pitching, but Capt. K. B. Austin ordered the flight under these dangerous conditions. When the pilot, a lieutenant, panicked and tried to lift off as the ship rolled, before Barlow had signaled him, the helicopter tipped and the rotor blade shattered into the deck.

Barlow was struck by two fragments of the rotor and lay dying for 16 hours, since the doctor on board couldn't operate because of the rough seas.

After Butch Barlow died on April 28, Captain Austin told the men in Butch's division, "Sorry to inform you Barlow

passed away a few minutes ago. These things happen when you have to fly in this kind of weather."

All during the time Barlow lay mortally wounded, planes were taking off and landing on the Guam. The ship was only 600 miles from land and decent medical help, yet Barlow was not evacuated.

If Butch Barlow had been an officer instead of a Black enlisted man, he would not have died aboard the Guam!

The preliminary evidence indicates that there was criminal negligence on the part of Captain Austin. The American Servicemen's Union does not accept the investigation currently being carried out by the Navy, based on similar "investigations" in the past that have served to whitewash and cover the Naval officers responsible.

The ASU is demanding that a member of the Union be allowed to conduct an investigation with the full power to subpoena witnesses. Captain Austin should be tried by a court over which the Navy has no control, along with the other officers who are responsible for this unnecessary death.



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As Copeland explains in the introduction: "In describing the psychology of a certain group of white workers, however, I have meant not only to be helpful to white progressives in their efforts to fight racism among the members of their own race, but also to help Black workers to eavesdrop, so to speak, upon this particular group of whites. In doing this, I have tried to reveal some of the inconsistencies and even weaknesses in the hold of white racism on the majority of white workers, in general. Black labor militants looking for allies in the long struggle for recognition and equality will decide whether I have done this well or not.

"White racism, the greatest internal enemy of the U.S. labor movement, absolutely must be fought and overcome. But a certain real and very effective labor unity can be achieved long before this poison is wiped out of white consciousness.

"It is the struggle of workers—Black and white—to better their conditions of work that creates the possibilities for mass education against racism, not the other way around. And this story proves the truth of that proposition, if it proves nothing else."

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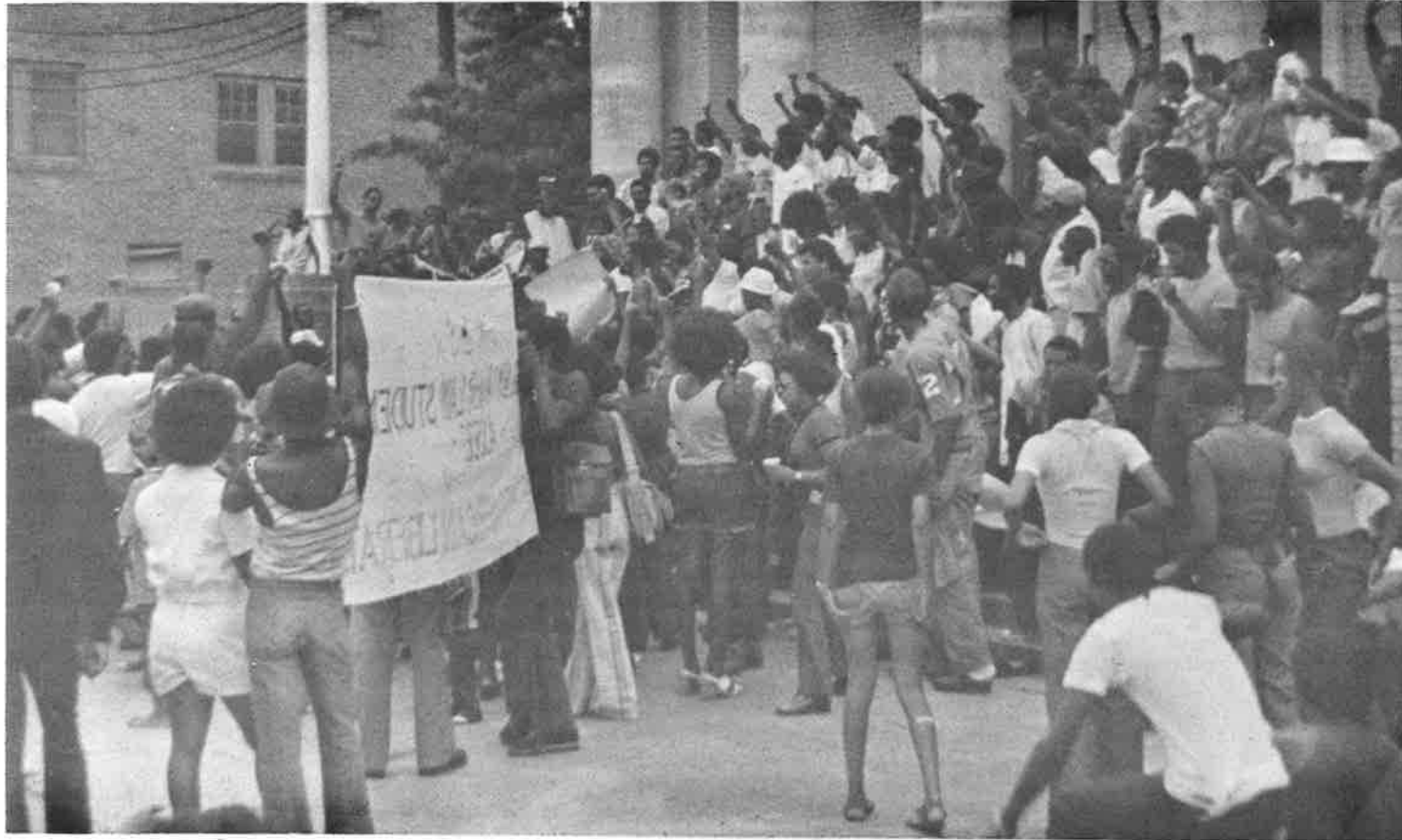
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by DOROTHY BALLAN

Tens of thousands march for African liberation



In Houston, superexploitative Gulf Oil Corp. was the target of African Liberation Day protests.

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By CAL BONNER

NEW YORK, May 26—Tens of thousands of African-Americans and Third World supporters marched and rallied in some 30 cities today to support African Liberation Day.

On the East Coast, up to 3,000 people marched in New York City, where they endured unseasonable cold and the threat of rain to participate in the demonstrations against Western imperialist domination of African peoples' land, labor, and resources. A strong anti-imperialist chord was struck at the rally by one of the many speakers, Brother Mark Smith of the Youth Organization for Black Unity (YOB), who stated that despite the long march and discomfort "the reason so many of you are still here is because you realize that imperialism is the major contradiction in the world today." "In the last 50 years," Smith continued, "imperialism has made the world smaller and the problems of the world larger."

Smith mentioned the neo-colonialist governments on the African continent which are tied closely to the economic in-

terests of U.S. monopolies, for example, Liberia (Firestone Rubber) and Ghana. And, he added, "study America" as well as the revolutionary struggles around the world. "We'd better start to understand what Watergate means. If Nixon and them can run around and lie and cheat and steal and try to off people in the Democratic Party, stop and think what they'll do to you!"

"The best way to support the African revolution," the Vice President of YOB and staff writer for The African World ended, "is to make one of our own."

This year's actions in North America were broader and more massive than last year's, utilizing local actions sponsored and coordinated by the African Liberation Day Coordinating Committee (ALDCC), of which the African Liberation Support Committee (ALSC) is the on-going nucleus.

The largest action of the day was in Antigua, West Indies, where some 14,000 people marched and an additional 10,000 lined the route of the demonstration despite a government ban.

In Oakland, California, some 10,000 Black people heard Kumbra Kangi of the ZANU-ZAPU Joint Military Command of

Rhodesia (Zimbabwe); Tanya Russell, West Coast representative of the ALSC; and others. In Raleigh, North Carolina, Brother Owusu Sadaukai, President of ALSC and Malcolm X Liberation University, spoke, and Brother Nelson N. Johnson, Vice Chairman of the ALSC and President of YOB, gave a Marxist analysis of the role of U.S.-born progressives of African descent in the struggle against imperialism. He told the rally of 4,000:

"The essential factor in the African Liberation Day demonstrations that represents a growth in the political maturity of the Black people in North America and the Caribbean is the anti-imperialist content of the demonstrations. Under capitalism, which has reached the imperialist stage of development, the struggle between imperialism and the national liberation movements represents one of the principal contradictions in the world which cannot be evaded by any progressive movement. It is imperialism that is giving rise to and nurturing neo-colonialism.

"The growth, decay, and destruction of imperialism will have a significant effect on the struggle against domestic monopoly

capitalism here in North America," he told the overwhelmingly Black assemblage. "It is the understanding and focusing on this set of forces and relationships which represents a growth in political maturity of the present movement around the African question.

"As opposed to a vague 'support all of Africa' program devoid of political analysis, the African Liberation Day demonstration programmatically is supporting those countries and movements struggling for national liberation against imperialism recognizing that such support both aids the progressive independent nations on the continents and the domestic struggle against imperialism and speeds up the isolation of those African governments in league with imperialism."

In the District of Columbia, the demonstration drew 3,000 people; in Newark, 4,000. Detroit's protest had 2,500 marchers, and 1,500 protesters turned out in Chicago. A representative of the late Amilcar Cabral's liberation party, the PAIGC, initiated a boycott of Portuguese wines by pouring a bottle of Costa Do Sol wine onto the street opposite the Portuguese consulate in Boston, where 1,500 Black people protested. There were also protests in Houston at the international headquarters of Gulf Oil, a major corporation investing in the exploitation and oppression of African people, and actions in several other cities.

The African Liberation Support Committee is a coalition of several African-American organizations representing nearly all shades of the political spectrum in the U.S. It gives financial and material support to the liberation groups fighting in southern Africa and in Guinea (Bissau) and the Cape Verde Islands. The ALSC voted to give support this year to the following liberation groups: PAIGC in Guinea (Bissau) and the Cape Verde Islands; FRELIMO in Mozambique; UNITA in Angola; and the Joint Command of ZANU-ZAPU in Zimbabwe (Rhodesia). These groups will be supported by the funds raised during the United African Appeal effort during the month of May. So far nearly \$50,000 has been collected during the ALSC demonstrations to support the liberation fighters in Africa.

The ALSC is also initiating boycotts against Costa Do Sol, Mateus, and Lancer's wines, Maxim and other freeze-dried Angolan coffees, Gulf Oil, and Polaroid. Contributions to the struggle may be sent to the United African Appeal, c/o African Liberation Support Committee, Malcolm X Liberation University, Greensboro, N. C. 27420.

Black workers win right to strike in S. Africa

By MARK DORAN

A partial victory for Black South Africans took place this week with the impending legalization of strikes by Black workers. Such strikes have been illegal in South Africa since 1942.

The legalization bill, submitted by the government, states that both parties in a labor dispute must submit to arbitration, but that if after 30 days no settlement has been reached, a strike may be called.

This concession comes on the heels of a strike wave by Black workers that has been sweeping South Africa since January. There has been widespread strike activity in Namibia (South West Africa), in Natal, and in the industrial regions around Johannesburg.

However, most of the fascist and anti-labor statutes are still in effect. The new law forbids strikes in "essential" industries such as utilities. And there still remain such

racist laws as the Unemployment Insurance Amendment Act, which denies benefits to workers whose earnings did not exceed 182 pounds a year: in other words, most African workers.

The proposed bill does not change the openly racist character of the apartheid regime. Strikes by the African people are now fact of life for the bosses, despite heavy police repression, and the regime clearly wants to control them by bringing them under the law.

The white rulers of South Africa now realize they cannot prevent strikes merely by making them illegal.

These events bring into question the very stability of the South African settler regime itself. The upsurge of Black labor in South Africa is both a class and national phenomenon. This is because almost all mining, transport, manufacturing, and service labor is performed by Black South



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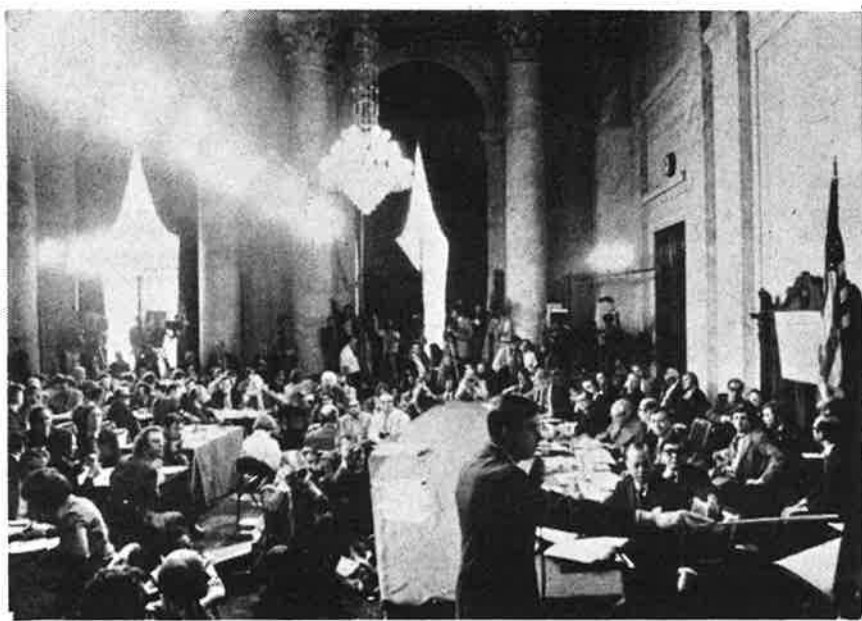
Africans. The white settlers are entrenched as the ruling and middle classes; those whites who can be considered workers represent the aristocracy of labor.

African labor's threat to the white supremacist regime strikes home at such U.S. and British monopolies as the Anglo-American Corporation, which has invested

heavily in South African gold, diamonds, and manufacturing.

The ruling clique of South Africa and its imperialist allies are in deep trouble. The growing movement of Black labor should be welcomed as part of the overall liberation struggle that will inevitably drive apartheid into the sea.

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Watergate Hearings in the Senate Caucus Room: Marble columns and chandeliers can only decorate the rot of a dying system.

Nixon the politician: a very dangerous man

By VINCE COPELAND

The U.S. militarists have sponsored and launched so many rightwing militarist coups abroad that it would be strange indeed if they had not thought about doing the same thing at home.

As a matter of fact, they have not only thought about it, but have been constantly planning such a coup, at least since before the assassination of John F. Kennedy in 1963, which in itself had the smell of fascism about it.

Up to now the militarists have been relatively too weak domestically and the forces of capitalist stability too strong to permit even an open showdown, much less an actual takeover. But Watergate has raised the issue anew under conditions of a much greater fundamental crisis of the system.

Richard Nixon, the centerpiece of Watergate, is not necessarily the leading candidate for a military takeover of what remains of the U.S. capitalist parliamentary system. But it should be obvious from his record, if not his personality, that he himself would like it that way.

While some of the liberals are talking impeachment (but not with very great conviction), what are the possibilities for Nixon to forestall them and to become the U.S. version of one of his client dictators in Greece, Brazil, Saigon, Cambodia, etc., etc.?

A CROOK, YES; BUT MUCH MORE BESIDES!

At first glance, his corruption and crookedness might give the impression that he is no more dangerous to the average working person than the friendly racketeer on the west side or the lookout man at the local bookie joint. Even his vicious racism is concealed in common hypocritical suburban platitudes and does not immediately conjure up visions of the lynch rope, the bull whip, or the gun.

And his bedtime stories about virtue, loyalty, and national security, his God-bless-you-all, like his tearful rendition of "God Bless America," all tend to create the feeling that he is just another run-of-the-mill capitalist politician. He just seems to be one of that ubiquitous breed which has infested the U.S. political woodwork for decades, if not generations.

But the truth is that he is not just a slob; he is an extremely dangerous man.

A MEDIOCRITY, YES; BUT DON'T UNDERESTIMATE HIM!

His own talents for mass demagoguery may be mediocre. His own personal ability to shape and lead the forces of reaction may be less than charismatic.

But that is not the point.

Nixon is deeply committed to a group of the most reactionary and militarist-minded capitalists in the country. And he has been associated with them for a long, long time. He must have, during that time, acquired a great number of hidden, as well as open, connections with the military.

The capitalist liberals have never in modern times been able to really slap down

Nixon the man: a very polished crook

By ANDY STAPP

"I believe in the American Dream because I have seen it come true in my own life time."
—Richard Nixon, 1960

Richard Nixon has indeed succeeded where other American politicians have failed. Most people in the U.S. are so used to reading newspaper headlines about politicians taking personal payoffs from rich businessmen in return for political favors that corruption is taken for granted. Bribe-taking politicians are just

something that's there, like pollution, inflation, wars, poverty, rising taxes, racism, unemployment, discrimination against women, and brutality to prisoners.

Richard Nixon, however, is so completely dishonest, corrupt, and greedy, so eager to sell his services to the highest bidder, that he has succeeded where other politicians have failed in shocking even those who are generally apathetic and cynical about money scandals in government.

Every time Nixon used to be caught taking bribes in the past, he had a ready answer. His accuser was a "communist."

When, in 1952, Nixon learned that the widely syndicated columnist Drew Pearson was about to expose him for taking \$18,000 in bribes from California businessmen, Nixon had William Rogers, now Secretary of State, phone Pearson and threaten to "expose" him as a "communist."

Pearson caught Nixon at it again in 1960, getting a \$205,000 bribe through his brother Donald Nixon from billionaire airline magnate and movie mogul Howard Hughes. Redbaiting not being as effective in 1960 as it had been in 1952, Nixon simply had his aides deny the story. A year later Nixon admitted that Hughes had given the \$205,000, but insisted that it was a "loan." Twelve years later the Nixons have still not repaid this "loan."

Nixon is very skillful, it seems, at getting these never-to-be-repaid loans out of business cronies who wish to buy his influence. Of course, when he became President of the U.S., Nixon could demand a better price for his services. Robert Abplanalp, a friend of Nixon's who amassed a fortune of \$100,000,000 through his sole ownership of the Precision Valve Corporation, a monopoly that sells about 60 percent of all the aerosol valves in the world, recently "loaned" Nixon \$625,000. Abplanalp, who bankrolled the ultra-right pro-administration "Tell It to Hanoi Committee," says he considers Nixon "a real intellectual." Nixon thinks that Abplanalp and his \$625,000 "loan" are swell, too.

Of course, Nixon can sometimes forget the niceties of getting his bribes as "loans" and just take the money outright. Maurice Stans, Nixon's 1972 fund raiser, simply went around to the big war contractors and demanded 1 percent of their profits from Pentagon contracts.

Nixon knows how to repay the favor. For instance, in 1961 when he went into his Wall Street law practice, Pepsico In-



Nixon gives thumbs-up to the military . . . who help him help his old corporate friends (note Vesco applauding in second row left).

the military nor check presidents when the latter line up with the military against the "constitutional" procedures.

Can they do so in the present crisis?

Now it is true, the House and Senate seem to have done exactly that—or tried to do it—over the question of the bombing of Cambodia. But even now, they are no more

determined to stop or check the power of the military in general than they ever were. And unless they do so, they may not be able to check Nixon.

A FASCIST APPEAL

Nixon is fighting back at them, not primarily on constitutional grounds (as he

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the appearance of a parliamentary system in operation in Washington. The Congress continues to debate, the Supreme Court is supposed to uphold the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, and every locality presumably has the right to elect its representatives.

Of course, in practice the political system is controlled lock, stock, and barrel by the superrich, capitalist ruling class. Going back as far as the thirties, books like America's Sixty Families and The History of American Fortunes explored the mechanics of how big business used both legal and illegal methods to make sure that its interests were served.

But even while it has been common practice for judges, congressmen, and even senators to be bought by narrow capitalist interests (for example, Senator Jackson of Washington, who has earned the nickname "the Senator from Boeing"), in the past the top executive offices—particularly the President and his Cabinet—have represented the broader interests of the capitalist class as a whole, and their united support behind the executive gave the office itself an aura of "impartiality" and "statesmanship."

This kind of imperialist "democracy" worked as long as U.S. imperialism was expanding, conquering new territory, and could afford to pacify the class struggle at home with crumbs instead of clubs.

THE BAY OF PIGS

But imperialism's fortunes have changed. By the time of the humiliating defeat of the Bay of Pigs invasion, it was clear that not only couldn't imperialism find new lands to conquer, but it was even losing irrevocably territory that had once been considered the private property of the sugar monopolies.

The heroic struggle and victories of the

Indochinese people have tremendously aggravated this dilemma of the imperialists.

The insoluble problems of declining capitalism are pushing the ruling class and its political lackies to circumvent the "normal" channels more and more, not only in their dealings with the masses of people but in their own internal struggles.

WHO KILLED KENNEDY?

Watergate, with all its involvement of CIA agents trained originally for the Bay of Pigs invasion, inevitably raises the question once again of "Who assassinated John Kennedy?—even if the bourgeois press and politicians are not ready at this time to raise it above a whisper.

The extreme rightwing blamed Kennedy for the failure of the invasion. They also were planning at the time a much bigger military adventure in Indochina, and did not want another defeat (which they got anyway, by the way, showing how they also have no program for success).

As the Watergate scandal provides more proof that the gang in the White House would stop at nothing (Liddy threatened Magruder's life, Caulfield threatened McCord, Hunt's wife died in a suspicious plane crash, Mills was found dead after it was revealed he got Nixon campaign cash), the Establishment has been increasingly uneasy about all this leading back to the string of assassinations that began with Kennedy. (See "Government by Assassination?" in Workers World, May 25, 1973.)

The latest snatch of information, raised tantalizingly in the Washington Post on May 24 and then quickly dropped, is that Bernard Fensterwald, McCord's present lawyer, and himself head of Garrison's Committee to Investigate Assassinations, contacted the Post last December with the following story.

In 1961 (after the Bay of Pigs) two Americans approached a French mercenary in Algeria with a plan to assassinate Kennedy when he came to Paris and make it

look like an attempt on DeGaulle's life. After Watergate, the Frenchman identified the Americans as two of the Watergate Seven!

After Kennedy's assassination, the military and the CIA went all out to wage a major war in Indochina.

Nixon (who had the total support of the rightwing and the military) was pretty much assured election by the assassination of Robert Kennedy right after the latter won the Democratic primary. And he was again assured reelection when Wallace (a racist rightwinger himself) was shot out of the race, giving Nixon 10 million more votes.

\$400,000 TO DEFEAT WALLACE

Now it has been revealed that Nixon's attorney, Herbert Kalmbach, handled \$400,000 in secret funds used to try and defeat Wallace in the 1968 Alabama primaries! When that didn't work, and Wallace was again a threat to Nixon in 1972, what were the Committee to Reelect the President's contingency plans?

There is not at present an open police state in the U.S. But as the history of the last decade is bared, it becomes clearer that more and more clandestine police-state measures have been used to change the course of history. Nixon, in the face of greater and greater pressure to resign or be impeached, leans more heavily on the military. And even those who seem to be exposing him the most are quite respectful of the secret police.

Ervin, after his remarks about a Gestapo mentality in the White House, had to turn over the Dean papers to government "intelligence agencies" to review the documents and "see what should not be released."

All factions of the ruling class fear most of all the power of the people when they are aroused to fight in their own interests. And the masses of workers, women and men, Black, Chicano, white, and brown are the only force that can destroy the police apparatus of the ruling class and liberate humanity.

Boyd Douglas, a chronic and pathological liar.

Gene Roberts, formerly an agent within Malcolm X's organization, was used to provide the phony testimony that kept the New York Panther 21 jailed on high bail for years before their acquittal.

Robert W. Hardy, the FBI agent used to entrap the Camden 28 into attempting to destroy draft files, was instructed by the government to provide burglary tools and teach them break-and-entry methods to keep these conscientious resisters from abandoning their plans.

Today the government is using a prisoner named Ron Beaty, who has a history of lying to save his skin, in order to press conspiracy and murder charges against the West Coast Venceremos Organization that has been active in supporting prisoners' rights.

One piece of information showing the

THEY DON'T NEED PLUMBERS, THEY NEED EXTERMINATORS!



secret police operating at the highest levels of the government was revealed when convicted Watergate burglar James McCord stated that he had been offered presidential executive clemency through John J. Caulfield. Caulfield formerly operated within the New York City "red squad" spying on anti-war demonstrations.

Of course the FBI and other police agencies also infiltrate rightwing fascist organizations—but for the opposite reason! In 1969 and 1970 in San Diego there were frequent terrorist attacks on radicals and left newspaper offices by the Secret Army Organization, an offshoot of the Minutemen. In one attack a woman was wounded. It

turns out that the undercover FBI agent in the SAO in San Diego, William Godfrey, was in fact the leader! And another FBI agent protected Godfrey and the SAO by hiding the gun used in the shooting!

It has also been revealed in recent months that the CIA has been conducting a training program schooling local police departments throughout the U.S. in "intelligence" techniques.

For years the CIA has conducted completely illegal operations overseas against popular leaders fighting U.S. domination. Now the methods perfected in those notorious coups and assassinations have been brought home.

CIA's been

By P. MEISNER

The Watergate scandal has helped to shatter yet another myth about the nature of the so-called U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)—that is, that the CIA was limited only to foreign clandestine operations. Twenty years ago, around the time of the CIA-organized coups in Iran and Guatemala, the myth that the CIA was only an "intelligence-gathering agency" was also shattered.

In fact, the CIA is a superpowerful paramilitary arm of U.S. imperialism, equipped to carry out counterrevolutionary operations in every corner of the world, including within the U.S., wherever and whenever it is necessary to protect Wall Street's and Washington's global empire.

The CIA was set up in 1946 by the Truman administration and was the successor of the wartime Office of Strategic Services (OSS). It is estimated (by the authors of The Invisible Government, Wise and Ross) that the CIA employs a minimum of 200,000 people around the world, although the U.S. government only admits to 15,000 employees in the U.S.

Consequently, just based on the sheer size of this imperialist monster, it is inconceivable for the CIA not to have been involved, in one way or another, in most of

What they've been doing to the U.S. left

By TOM MITCHELL

The leaking Watergate has sprinkled the press with reports of wiretaps, burglaries, provocateurs, and the like, for the purpose of destroying political opposition.

While operations against liberals have gotten more publicity, the secret police subversion has made its primary target anti-war and progressive organizations of oppressed and working people.

It was information from an infiltrated agent in the Vietnam Veterans Against the War that was used as a "national security" cover for the whole Watergate operation. Now seven members of the VVAW are facing charges of conspiring to violently disrupt the Republican convention, even though the government agent, William Lemmer, has admitted that 95 percent of the testimony he gave to the FBI and the Justice Department was false and was concocted in order to raise his pay as an informer.

Nixon has been forced to own up to a master plan prepared in 1970 to intensify surveillance and repression against progressives, combining the spy networks of the FBI, CIA, DIA, NSA, other secret police agencies whose existence the "national security" does not permit to be mentioned, and local police.

Nixon denied that the master plan had ever been put into effect, but the record leading to the burglary of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatric files shows otherwise. During his reign the regular systematic repression has dramatically escalated.

FBI AND MARTIN LUTHER KING

Former FBI agent Arthur Murtagh has

revealed that wiretaps were planted on Martin Luther King wherever he went and used to provide newspapers with gossip on his personal life. Would this same FBI have been opposed to King's assassination?

Under Nixon federal officials directed a series of military assaults on offices of the Black Panther Party as well as the Republic of New Africa in an attempt to intimidate and disorganize the Black liberation movement.

In January 1969, U.S. army agents along with the FBI entered the offices of the Washington Free Press, a local radical newspaper that was helping to organize a demonstration against Nixon's inauguration. One soldier who took part in the operation recently admitted that they took hundreds of post cards that were to be filled out by people willing to house demonstrators and then filled them in with phony names and addresses in an effort to subvert the protest.

Federal prosecutors have held an endless series of grand jury investigations for the purpose of forcing individuals, particularly journalists, to provide detailed information on all their activities and contacts with progressive organizations, or else be jailed for the duration of the grand jury.

The government has manufactured hysterical "conspiracies" like the Harrisburg case in which Daniel Berrigan was supposed to be part of a plan to kidnap Henry Kissinger and blow up heating tunnels in Washington, D.C. The whole thing was dreamed up by a government agent,

doing it abroad for years!

the coups d'etats, counterrevolutions, and political assassinations that have taken place since its creation. One Pentagon official, quoted in the last issue of *Workers World*, suggests the CIA may be implicated in the assassinations of Trujillo, Ngo Dinh Diem, Ngo Dinh Nhu, Dag Hammerskjold, John F. Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy, and Martin Luther King (see *The Secret Team* by Col. L. Fletcher Prouty). Not only has the CIA engineered many such individual assassinations, but its counterrevolutionary operations have led millions of colonial and semicolonial peoples to their slaughter—all for the cause of perpetuating and expanding U.S. monopoly superexploitation all over the world.

COUPS AND ATTEMPTED COUPS

While history will remember the Roman, British, French, and Nazi empires as powerful and ruthless, all of them put together cannot begin to compare with the incredible power of world domination built by the U.S. military and paramilitary colossus. Just to briefly recall some of the most well-known coups involving the CIA and the Pentagon is to astound the imagination.

IRAN

1953: When Premier Mossadegh of Iran began to nationalize Iranian oil held by Western companies, the U.S. oil monopolies worked directly with the CIA to overthrow Mossadegh and to restore the Shah to power.

1954: In Guatemala, President Jacobo Arbenz had decreed an agrarian reform which hit some of the prize holdings of United Fruit. The CIA came to the aid of United Fruit and soon had Arbenz overthrown (this CIA intervention was openly admitted by U.S. officials, including Eisenhower).

1958: A CIA coup in Indonesia failed at this time to split the republic and overthrow Sukarno, but it was a forerunner to the successful coup in 1965.

1960: The CIA and the Pentagon sent U-2 spy Gary Powers over the USSR, despite an upcoming Eisenhower-Khrushchev summit conference. Powers was shot down by a Soviet rocket and the summit conference was off.

THE CONGO

1960 to 1965: The CIA may have been responsible for the assassination not only

of Lumumba in the Congo, but also of UN Secretary-General Dag Hammerskjold. The CIA stooge in the background of the coups and bloodbaths in the Congo was Col. Joseph Mobutu. Mobutu was said to have been "discovered" by the CIA and eventually was installed as the puppet president on November 25, 1965.

1961: Perhaps the most famous (or infamous, that is) CIA attempt at counter-revolution was the invasion of Cuba at the Bay of Pigs on April 17, 1961. This invasion was decisively crushed by the Cuban people and their revolutionary government. The "CIA debacle," as it was called by the imperialist press, was the worst setback and a tremendous blow worldwide for the Kennedy administration.

1961: After a popular revolt in 1960 overthrew the repressive regime of Syngman Rhee in South Korea, a weak puppet was installed, but Washington was still looking for a lackey who would not be "soft on communism," in the Rhee tradition. The CIA soon found its new puppet in Pak Hung Ji (anglicized as Chung Hee Park) and put him in power via a coup of ultra-rightist South Korean military officers on May 16, 1961.

THE NGO BROTHERS

1963: Despite differences within U.S. ruling circles, President Kennedy had the CIA assassinate puppet South Vietnamese premier Ngo Dinh Diem along with his brother-in-law Ngo Dinh Nhu. While the U.S. government's excuse for overthrowing Diem was that he was too "unpopular," it has been suggested by some U.S. agents in South Vietnam at the time that the U.S. really feared Diem was trying to open negotiations with the DRV. New puppets took over for U.S. imperialism with a coup of South Vietnamese military officers.

1964: The CIA organized the coup in Brazil that brought down the liberal regime of President Goulart, who had begun a land reform program as well as nationalizations which threatened some U.S. properties. This coup was perhaps the most valuable ever executed by the CIA and Pentagon, since it has maintained a repressive regime loyal to U.S. monopolies for nine years now in Latin America's largest and most strategic nation. J. Edgar Hoover circulated at least one memorandum praising the role of U.S. FBI agents in that coup as being even better than the role played by CIA agents.

INDONESIA

1965: Probably the most important coup organized by the CIA and U.S. military brass on the Asian continent was in Indonesia in October 1965. A mass movement behind the Nationalist Party of Sukarno and the Communist Party had been swinging leftwards, but the people had no arms. The U.S. government kept in close contact with the most rightwing officers in the Indonesian army, Nasution and Suharto, and had the Seventh Fleet standing by to back up their takeover. This "successful" coup of the CIA led to a bloodbath where almost a million people were slaughtered by the new U.S.-puppet Suharto dictatorship.

1966: The CIA had its bloody hand in the military coup that overthrew Ghanaian President Kwame Nkrumah on February 24, 1966.

GREECE

1967: Another coup which brought on a fascist-like repression was the coup in Greece of April 21, 1967, which had the "distinction" of placing in power for the first time a dictator who was himself a CIA agent. Colonel Papadopolous and his fascist military buddies were not only CIA agents after World War II, but they had also been Nazi collaborators during the war. The coup was masterminded by NATO (which really means the Pentagon) as the "Prometheus" plan, designed to "save Greece from communism."

1967 to 1969: The CIA did the bidding of the U.S. monopolies by instigating and supporting the breakaway movement of oil-rich Biafra.

1970: The CIA organized the coup that overthrew the Sihanouk government in Cambodia in April 1970, leading to yet another bloodbath of tens of thousands of Cambodians.

1970: ITT and the CIA attempted a coup in Chile shortly after Allende's election to the presidency, which led to the assassination of moderate armed forces leader General Schneider. Playing a key role was ITT board member Allen Dulles, former director of—you guessed it!—the CIA. (The Watergate investigation has revealed that residences of Chilean diplomats in Washington, D.C., and in New York were broken into at least four times between April 1971 and May 1972.)

1970: The Pentagon and CIA gave full backing to Jordanian King Hussein's September massacre of more than 15,000 Palestinians.

BOLIVIA

1971: The CIA overthrew another left-nationalist regime, this time in Bolivia. The coup was led by U.S. lackey Col. Hugo Banzer against the regime of Gen. Juan Jose Torres. This coup was vital for U.S. imperialist interests, especially in light of the nationalist, anti-U.S. wave sweeping Latin America (and with the Brazilian "gorillas" becoming increasingly isolated).

1972: ITT, Kennecott Copper, and the CIA again put pressure on the progressive Allende government by supporting the October shutdown of truckowners, storekeepers, businessmen, and professionals.

It should not be forgotten that all of the convicted men in the Watergate burglary were ex-CIA agents, and all were participants in the 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba. Also, the above are only the most publicized of U.S. imperialism's counter-revolutionary attempts. There have been others, such as in Guyana, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Argentina, Peru, Sierra Leone, Dahomey, Uganda, Guinea, Tanzania, Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Turkey, Cyprus, East Germany, Poland, Hungary, India, Pakistan, and Laos.

The conspiracies of the Nixon regime around Watergate have been termed by the president of the University of Minnesota a coup d'etat or an attempted coup d'etat "to capture or retain control of the government by illegal means." But this bourgeois liberal luminary "forgot" to mention that the CIA and the Pentagon, and other U.S. clandestine organizations, have carried out a global campaign of coups, terror, and colonial suppression for over 25 years for the benefit of U.S. monopoly capitalism.



joined the fray and demanded that Haig resign one position or the other.

The essence of the matter is not in the holding of the two positions per se, however. The essence is the military connections and military base that Haig brings into the White House with him. He has of course already brought his whole personal uniformed staff. But more than that, he represents a distinct grouping of the military which no doubt works with Nixon and Nixon's faction of the ruling class. On the other hand, for Haig to resign the military position would be a step down from the military high-horse and an important admission by both himself and Nixon that

they were in the wrong.

On June 1, Symington again wrote, this time to William P. Clements, Jr., now Acting Secretary of Defense, again implying strongly that Gen. Haig's appointment violated the law.

The Pentagon took refuge in the argument that Haig's post was not a civilian office. (It did not attempt to explain how Haldeman, his predecessor, a civilian, could hold this "noncivil" position.) And it said further that Nixon could appoint Haig in the former's capacity as "Commander in Chief."

This is a howling mockery of the meaning of the President's constitutional

authority as head of the Armed Forces. The constitutional provision that the President is Commander in Chief was meant to guarantee civilian control of the military—or more precisely, an antimilitarist form of government.

Symington pointedly asked Clements, "What is the Department of Defense definition of a military office?" and "What is the number of military officers presently on detail to the White House?"

Neither Symington nor Proxmire has mentioned the words "military coup d'etat." But the logic of their opposition to Nixon's move is that they believe it to be objectively oriented in that direction.

—White House general

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resign his post as Vice Chief of Staff for the Army.

He wrote his complaint to Elliot L. Richardson, then Secretary of Defense, during the latter part of May and made the letter public on May 26.

On May 31 Senator William Proxmire

Why the fallout onto Kissinger?

Watergate apparently began as a mere factional—but extremely factional—blow of one section of the imperialist rulers against another.

Nevertheless, it has ballooned into a big crisis for the whole ruling class. The role of James McCord, for instance, in taking the ball for the investigators is an especially murky one, insisting as he does that his main interest is to defend the “misunderstood” CIA from the Nixonites(!).

However, the most interesting fallout of the case up to now is the attempt to nail Henry Kissinger with the same crime as the

Watergate burglars—that is, bugging.

Kissinger was reliably accused as having put bugs on all his associates and co-workers of the National Security Council (which is something like saying the Chief Judge of the Supreme Court had bugged all the associate justices).

If anything, this was an even more serious thing than the Watergate type of bugging, because he eavesdropped on his own friends and collaborators rather than on the opponent faction, as such. And this showed the extreme distrust, instability, as well as decadence that pervades the ruling

class.

The truth is, of course, that they all do it in Washington. They are all rotten apples, corrupt to the core. So why accuse Kissinger, in particular?

Some of the Nixonites—or even possibly some of those still to the right of Nixon—must have wanted to hit back and use the scandal of Watergate to scandalize still another faction, the Rockefeller faction, to which Kissinger really belongs.

This was not merely factional in the vulgar sense. It is very possible that there are large hidden interests opposed to the so-called detente with the USSR and China who hope to put a spoke in it by discrediting its chief political architect, Kissinger, who is in turn a political instrument of the Rockefellers.

But the new ploy took in some of the liberal columnists (like Anthony Lewis of *The New York Times*), who normally support Kissinger and hail his “statesmanship” on People’s China and the Soviet Union. These columnists intoned and postured against Kissinger’s bugging with all the outraged morality that \$25,000-a-year penmen have at their disposal—which is quite a bit.

Then the excitement died down and Kissinger was allowed to continue with his great work in Paris—that is, trying to swindle Le Duc Tho out of more real estate in Vietnam (which the Vietnamese are not about to fall for!).

The reason the excitement died down is not just that foreign policy is important to the whole ruling class. (Much of the class is unhappy about Vietnam policy, anyway.) The reason is that the Rockefellers moved

heaven and earth within their own extensive newspaper-TV empire as well as in other areas to make it die down.

And just in case there was anybody who still thought the Rockefellers might let Kissinger sink into the Watergate sewer without any rescue operation, Nelson Rockefeller took pains to put a triple life-saver around Henry’s neck last week.

He threw a super-duper birthday party for Henry at the snooty Colony Club on May 26 (which wasn’t his birthday, but that was all right).

Nelson Rockefeller and fifteen of his staff were in attendance. The party itself was arranged by Nancy Maginnes, a member of the club who also happens to work for Rockefeller. She placed Mrs. Rockefeller on Kissinger’s right hand.

New York State Senator Jacob Javits, a multimillionaire courtier in the high courts of Wall Street and a close political associate of Rockefeller, was one of the leading toasters.

Rocky himself toasted his globe-trotting protege, saying they had been associated in three presidential campaigns (in behalf of Rockefeller’s candidacy). “But we succeeded in the third. Henry went to the White House.”

It got a great laugh.

But generally, it was not such a light-hearted assemblage. Rockefeller had worked so hard at rehabilitating Henry that he even put the bee on all those associates whom Henry had bugged and made them show up, too, so the public would think nobody had any hard feelings.

“There wasn’t the humor you’d usually expect,” one celebrant told Lee Dembart, society writer for *The New York Times*. “Everyone there had quite mixed feelings: very happy to have been invited and to be there, but aware that these are very heavy times.”

Yes, indeed.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, HENRY,
FROM ALL THE BOYS
AT THE BANK

NOW, MORE THAN EVER,
I'M GLAD I HAVE A FRIEND
AT CHASE-MANHATTAN



“Buried in the press reports of Rockefeller’s announcement (of his Presidential candidacy) on May 3, 1968, when he talked about the Vietnam War and domestic problems, was a suggestion that the President of the United States should visit Red China. This idea had come from one of his new foreign affairs advisers, whom he had garnered from the staff of the

Rockefeller Foundation. None other than Henry Kissinger.

“It would take two and one half years for the memory of the Rockefeller suggestion for a China visit to be forgotten so as to enable Kissinger to resurrect it and make it appear as a great breakthrough for the Nixon Administration.” (Kissinger, by Charles T. Ashman, p. 90, Dell Publishers.)

What price the detente?

The press in both the Soviet Union and the People’s Republic of China have given little coverage to the Watergate scandal. With the exception of one 500-word article that appeared on May 16 in *Literaturnaya Gazeta* stating that former Attorney General John Mitchell and former Secretary of Commerce Maurice H. Stans “turned out to be involved” in the plot, Soviet publications have said little.

In the People’s Republic of China the Watergate scandal has been reported in a foreign press summary that has a small readership. The mass circulation dailies have not written anything yet. Last week

Pravda carried articles about unemployment among American workers and the Chinese press featured stories about the meat boycott in the U.S., but both countries’ newspapers continued to remain silent on the role of Nixon in the Watergate crisis.

Both the Chinese and Soviet leaders have said that the detente with the U.S. does not mean that they have abandoned support for the class struggle, but their handling of the Watergate revelations shows that their foreign policy goes far beyond merely improving diplomatic relations with the U.S.

while the Navy is the single largest purchaser of oil in the U.S. Nixon saw no conflict of interest in this. After all, he got his \$1,000,000 and Paul Mellon gets to sell millions of dollars of Gulf Oil to his son-in-law.

Today, former Attorney General John Mitchell and Commerce Secretary Maurice Stans face over 50 years in prison for obstructing justice, conspiracy to defraud, and perjury for handling a \$500,000 bribe given the Nixon administration by Robert Vesco. Vesco got the Nixon clique to intervene with the Security and Exchange Commission to prevent his prosecution for looting the huge Investors Overseas Service.

Vesco, by the way, is a partner of Howard Hughes, Nixon’s other good friend.

—Nixon the politician

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claims to be doing), but by appealing over their heads to the patriotism and super-patriotism of that section of the U.S. people who can be dragooned behind the military establishment.

That was the meaning of his speaking on an aircraft carrier for Armed Forces Day. That was the meaning of his big shebang tent party for the returned officer-POWs. That was the meaning of his maudlin appeal to “patriotism.”

Within this framework, his singing of *God Bless America* (in duet with its composer Irving Berlin!) had a much more ominous note than it might ordinarily have had. His superpatriotism and his flag waving about “national security” were not

Part of the Watergate revelations have revealed that another burglary attempt by the Committee to Reelect the President was made last fall in Las Vegas. The target was a file of information in the office of a Las Vegas publisher that was considered highly damaging to Hughes.

In the June 4, 1973 *Newsweek*, conservative columnist William V. Shannon writes about Nixon: “He is an unprincipled adventurer emerging out of the thin air of southern California, a man without moral weight or social roots.”

Shannon and all the other writers for the capitalist press know that this is simply a lie about Nixon having “no social roots.” Nixon came into U.S. politics as the creature of the Bank of America in California, whose of-

just meant to improve his standing in the Gallup and Harris polls.

They were a warning to the liberals (and to everybody else!) that if they tried to impeach him, he would call upon the military to support him.

Of course, no individual can cook up a military coup d’etat out of thin air. No individual, not even a President, can lead a coup if the whole capitalist class opposes it. But in this case, by no means the whole of the capitalist class does oppose it.

The truth is that Watergate itself—that is, the events which led to the present crisis—already had some of the elements of an attempted coup.

Having gone as far as they did at Watergate, will the Nixon clique hesitate to go farther, especially if a determined section of the capitalist class continues to back them?

Officers first approached him and suggested that he run for office. Nixon’s roots are in capitalism, and have been from the very beginning. The big bankers who raised \$50,000,000 for Nixon in ’72 always knew he was both a crook and a frameup artist. Now, with the ruling class deeply torn by various clique fights over how to divide profits among themselves and over what political policies to pursue at home and abroad, certain elements among them pretend to be horrified by Nixon’s personal immorality.

Of course, Nixon is corrupt, but what they try to conceal is the corruption of capitalism itself, a system where the super-rich few live off the wealth produced by the many who work to produce that wealth.

—Nixon the man

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ternational president Donald Kendall paid Nixon \$100,000 to secure the Pepsi franchise in negotiations with Taiwan dictator Chiang Kai Shek. When he entered the White House, Nixon maneuvered the Pepsi franchise for the Soviet market.

The Mellon family pumped well over \$1,000,000 into Nixon’s two presidential campaigns, and Nixon repaid them by making Paul Mellon’s son-in-law, John Warner, Secretary of the Navy.

The Mellons own the Gulf Oil Company,

PRG consolidates Vietnamese people's power in South

By JIM KOWALSKI

On January 27, 1973, the United States signed the Agreement on Ending the War and Restoring Peace in Vietnam. Madame Nguyen Thi Binh signed the historic document for the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam.

For the first time, the U.S. had recognized in writing the existence of a revolutionary government which had long before won that recognition on the battlefield. The general offensive beginning March 1972, carried through by the broad masses of the Vietnamese people, had forced the would-be colonizers to recognize the organization responsible for their eviction.

The PRG is now four years old. It has, in that short time and under the pressure of the technologically most one-sided military assault in history, established itself as the government of the great majority of the countryside in the South. Only the crushing weight of U.S. bombs has kept the revolutionary forces from assuming power in the major cities, where the U.S. has shown, as in Quang Tri, that it is not above destroying whole cities in order to deprive the popular forces of a capital.

The Provisional Revolutionary Government was formed on June 9, 1969, at a conference held in a jungle stronghold by representatives of all elements of the South Vietnamese people—except for the totally corrupt quislings in the pay of U.S. imperialism. Its formation was made possible by the glorious Tet offensive of 1968, when popular uprisings all over South Vietnam proved quite clearly to the world—and to the Johnson administration too!—that the great majority of the Vietnamese people were united in struggle against U.S. domination. The spectacular victories of that offensive set the scene for the formation of the PRG.

Since then, reports, even in the capitalist press of the U.S., have shown the tremendous contrast between the area which has been liberated and that still under the corrupt, U.S.-puppet Saigon regime.

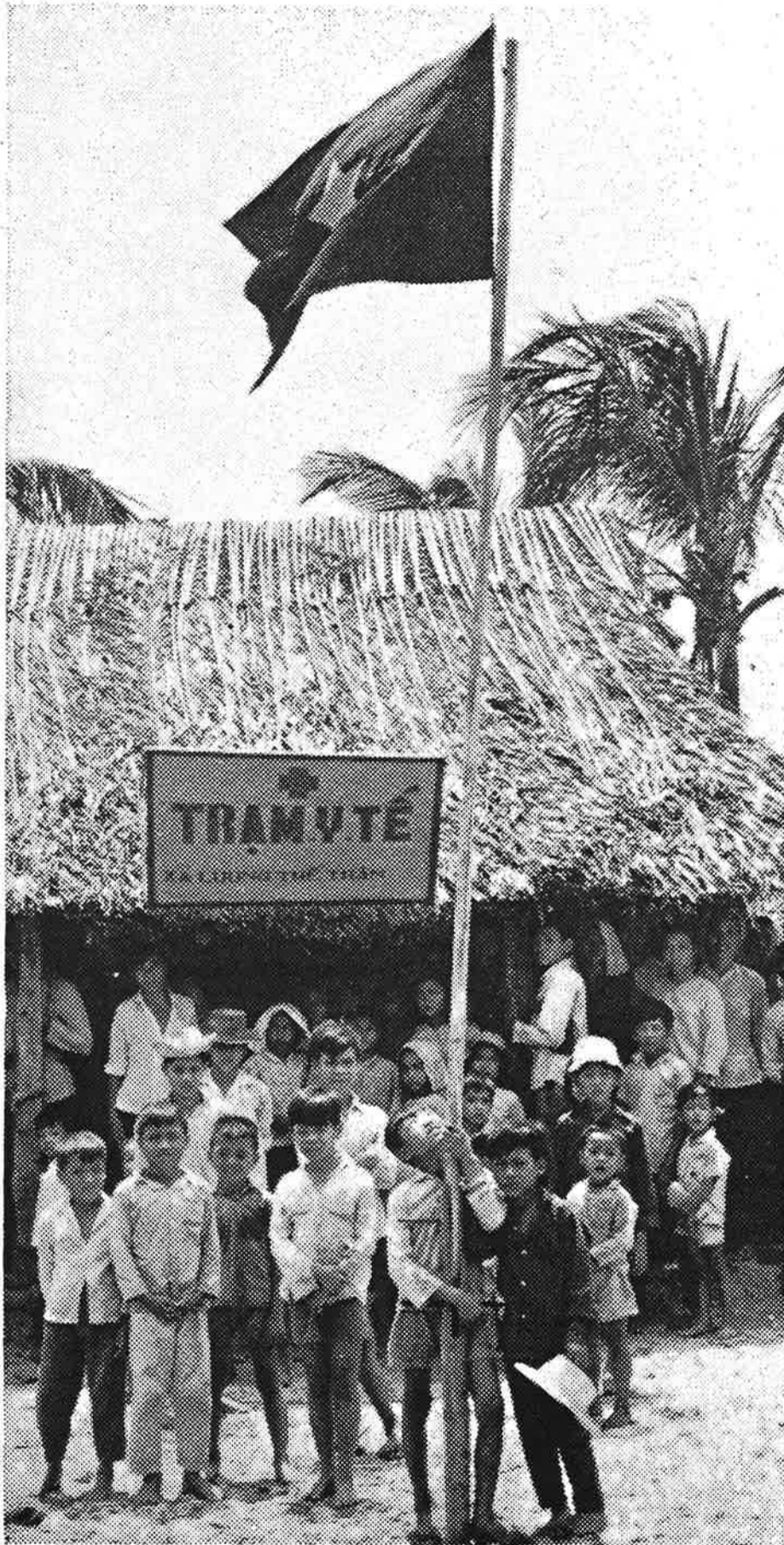
Here is part of an account by Ron Moreau of his 11-day stay in PRG-controlled areas of An Xuyen Province, which appeared in the May 21 issue of Newsweek:

"I speak Vietnamese, so I was able to talk with many people during my 150-mile tour, and most of the ordinary people I met seemed well disposed toward the Viet Cong. They called them 'liberation men' or simply 'PRG.' In their eyes, the Viet Cong had defended their territory against foreign invaders and Saigon government troops, whose abuses—ranging from petty theft to outright assaults—were a popular topic of conversation.

"Some people said they supported the Viet Cong simply because they revered the memory of Ho Chi Minh. Others said they agreed with Viet Cong policies. And still others, including some who have lived in Saigon-controlled areas, preferred the Spartan quality of life under the Communists. 'People here used to drink and gamble all their money away,' one leathery villager told me. 'Now there is discipline—people use their money more constructively and help others.'

"The further I went into Viet Cong territory, the more livestock I saw and the more prosperous-looking were the houses. It was obvious that the PRG was making special efforts in health and education. A common sight was a group of schoolchildren wearing badges quoting Ho Chi Minh: 'Nothing is more precious than independence and freedom.'

"After my all-too-brief visit to the 'other side,' I find it difficult to generalize about the PRG itself. That it controls the lives of large numbers of people and governs vast areas in An Xuyen Province is beyond any doubt. 'Our aim is to liberate the south under the PRG, and then reunify the



Children raise flag over health station in liberated territory of south Vietnam.

country,' stated one cadre. My impression was that an overwhelming majority of the people—and the political cadres—would prefer to work for these objectives peacefully within the framework of the Paris peace accords. But it also seemed evident to me that the leaders of the PRG would not hesitate to resume fighting if they felt it was the only way to achieve their goals.

"Before I set out in a sampan to return to Saigon-controlled territory, I noted a poster on the wall of a house. It was the picture of a young woman. In one hand she held high a copy of the Paris peace agreement. In the other she carried a rifle."

What is life like in the areas occupied by Saigon forces? An article by Fox Butterfield appearing in The New York Times of June 3 was devoted to descriptions of the "South Vietnamese Army's arrogant behavior toward civilians." The article quotes one U.S. embassy official as saying, "Before,

the Government could always count on our troops and planes to bail them out, but now they've got to stop antagonizing the people or eventually go down the tube."

Truckdrivers on Saigon-controlled roads are regularly stopped by soldiers extorting protection money, the article explains. One driver said, "We Vietnamese live at the end of a blind alley. We live very near death, so you grab as much money as you can, spend it all, and perhaps you die tomorrow. But I cannot accept it when the soldiers curse at us or beat us with their rifles. They only get the same amount of money anyway," he added, asking that his name not be used.

A refugee, one of the many people forcibly resettled in Binh Dinh Province last year, told how rice and tin roofing that is supposed to have been allotted the displaced has never been received. "We're starving, and our officials are all liars, promising us everything but giving us nothing."

Conference maps fight for total amnesty

By GREG MacMILLAN

TORONTO, Canada, May 28—About 100 people, representing 15 to 20 left and progressive organizations from all over the U.S. and Canada, met in Toronto May 26-28 to discuss strategy and tactics for developing an anti-imperialist approach to the question of amnesty.

The conference was sponsored by Americans Exiled in Canada (AMEX) and grew out of an initiative by several groups to form the National Universal Unconditional Amnesty Council (NUUAC). People representing Buffalo and Rochester (N.Y.) Youth Against War & Fascism and members of the American Servicemen's Union came from the United States.

The specific purpose of the conference was to bring together those individuals and organizations directly affected by amnesty and to elect representatives to serve on the national steering committee of NUUAC.

The conference was well organized, spirited, and united around the principle of universal and unconditional amnesty for all those who have refused to participate in U.S. imperialism's wars. It stressed that amnesty is a class demand and should not be raised as a single issue in isolation from all other struggles against capitalist oppression. Urging a militant struggle for real universal and unconditional amnesty coming from the grassroots within the unions, shops, offices, schools, streets, and neighborhoods, conferees cautioned that the ruling class could grant conditional and selective amnesty to a few as a safe concession to liberal congressional lobbying.

It is already evident that members of the ruling class are trying to divide all those who need amnesty. By focusing entirely on the exiles, they ignore the vets with less than honorable discharges, GIs in resistance, and civilian resisters, in or out of the prisons, jails, stockades, and brigades.

The conference took a serious attitude toward the problems of Third World resisters, noting that the demand for amnesty only begins to deal with the conditions that returning Third World resisters have to face.

Third World people make up the overwhelming majority of vets with less than honorable discharges, of GIs in military prisons, and of draft resisters in civilian prisons. They suffer the highest unemployment rate, lowest GI benefits, the highest drug use, and therefore are forced to commit crimes of survival and wind up in prison.

In all the discussion of amnesty it was never forgotten that the U.S. war of aggression against the Indochinese people continues. It was unanimously agreed to include in any statement of purpose the demand for amnesty for all South Vietnamese political prisoners, the demand that the U.S. implement the articles of the January 27 treaty, and a statement of solidarity with the Indochinese people.

As the Watergate exposure focuses more and more directly on the crimes of the ruling class and its hacks, Nixon and his flunkies, the time is ripe to drive home to the American working people who the real criminals are. One way is to intensify the struggle for universal unconditional amnesty for all those who are the victims of the criminal ruling class.

Fulbright threatens war against Arab nations

By BOB McCUBBIN

The indecision and division which have characterized U.S. ruling class policy with regard to Southeast Asia are nowhere evident in the case of the Middle East. Though there are different ideas on how to go about crushing the Arab revolution, no one in the ruling circles of U.S. imperialism doubts that it can and must be done.

On May 21, Senator Fulbright "warned" the Arab nations of possible military action against them by the U.S. or "militarily potent surrogates." Such a warning from a spokesman of the government which has been waging genocidal aggression against the people of Southeast Asia for more than ten years was hardly necessary. The people of the whole world know only too well the bellicose frenzies of the henchmen in Washington.

But Fulbright's statement was not a warning. It was a threat. Senator Fulbright, darling of the ruling class "doves" precisely because he wanted to concentrate U.S. strength in the Middle East and disengage from imperialism's defeat in Indochina, was presenting an ultimatum of sorts to the Arab governments. The Arab protest on May 15, in the form of a brief halt in the flow of oil to the West, had not gone unnoticed by U.S. imperialism. The stoppage, staged by Libya, Iraq, Algeria, and Kuwait, was timed to coincide with Israel's 25th anniversary. It gained added significance from all the talk recently of a world energy crisis.

So Fulbright was, in part at least, responding to this action. He said that the situation in the Middle East now constituted a "power vacuum." "There is no question of our ability to take over the oil-producing states of the Middle East. They are militarily insignificant." Because of the energy crisis, Fulbright said, "Our present policymakers and policy-influencers may come to the conclusion that military action

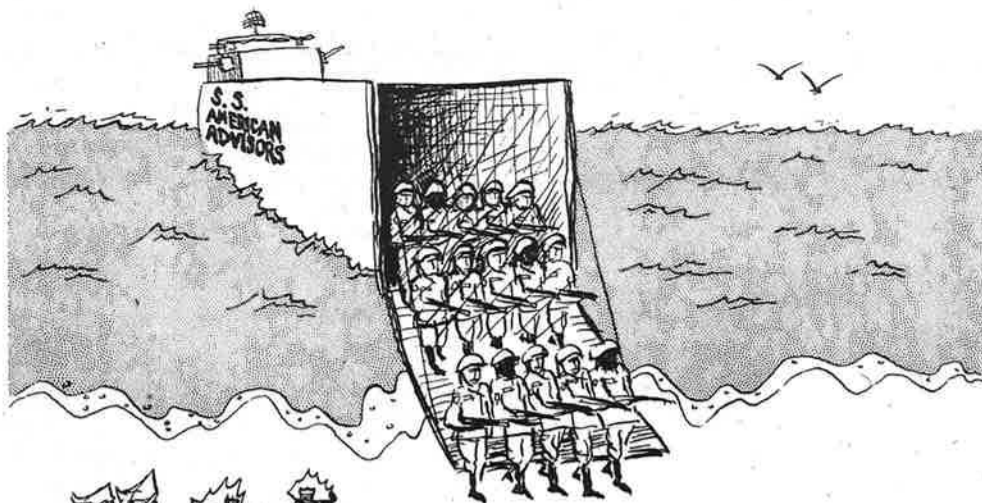
is required to secure the oil resources of the Middle East."

"We might not even have to do it ourselves," he continued, "with militarily potent surrogates available in the region." He specifically alluded to Iran's desire to play a "protecting" role in the area and to a rumor that Israel might decide to "take over" Kuwait. He added that "There has also been ominous talk—one assumes unfounded—of a possible Israeli strike against Libya comparable to the recent reprehensible raid in Beirut."

U.S. TROOPS IN IRAN

Fulbright wasn't telling the Arabs anything that they didn't already know. For example, it is public knowledge that the U.S. and Iran have signed a \$2 billion arms deal which one official described as including "most everything short of atomic weapons." Included in this "deal" are over 1,000 U.S. military personnel headed by three American generals! Israel, which was already a garrison state at the time of the June 1967 war, has received \$1 billion more in U.S. arms since then, according to figures just released by the U.S. Defense Department. Israel's inclination to use those arms against the Palestinians and other Arab nations has been amply demonstrated.

The prospects may seem nightmarish, given the blind desperation and mad barbarity of U.S. imperialism in its period of decline. But there are forces not in their control which may yet put a halt to their scheming designs. The USSR and China, if they united to defend the national and revolutionary aspirations of the Arab masses, would be one such force. The Arab masses themselves, 200 million strong, present a formidable obstacle to the imperialist dreams of Fulbright and his masters.



'80 students dead—many more will fight!

CHICAGO, May 19—Iranians and North Americans marched through the Loop area for over an hour today to show solidarity with the student movement in Iran. The demonstrators, including a delegation from YAWF, were protesting the latest acts of butchery by the Shah's military dictatorship.

Over 80 students have been murdered during the latest wave of student rebellions at Iranian universities, but, as the marchers chanted, "80 students have died—many more will fight!" The Iranian Students Association (ISA), which called and led the march, has been declared illegal and its brave members face imprisonment and worse if deported to Iran.

The group of well over 100 protesters denounced the Shah as a dictator and murderer, as well as a "U.S. puppet." A statement issued by the ISA pointed out that the U.S. government just recently sold more than \$2 billion worth of military equipment to the Shah. His U.S.-appointed role is that of

chief cop in the Gulf region of the Mideast to protect the U.S. oil monopolies' interests there.

To more vividly convey to the many workers and shoppers in the area the importance of fighting against the Shah's paymasters in Washington, the protesters related the situation in Iran to the struggle in Indochina with such chants as "Iran—future Vietnam! U.S. get out of Iran!" and "Vietnam to Persian Gulf—one struggle, many fronts!"

The march ended with a picket line and a short rally at the John Hancock Building, which houses the Iranian Consulate here. An Iranian student spoke to the large crowd which gathered and explained some of the history of the Shah's dictatorship, detailing the tremendous support he receives from the U.S. imperialists. But there is even more powerful opposition to the Shah among the Iranian workers, peasants, and students, which will surely result in the overthrow of this bloody puppet of the U.S. ruling class.

Iran not safe for mass murderers

Iranian leftists guerrillas executed a high-ranking U.S. military officer in the capital city of Teheran on June 2. Lieutenant Colonel Lewis Hawkins was shot in the head three times as he walked from his house to his chauffeured limousine parked outside. The American Embassy refused to tell reporters what Lt. Col. Hawkins' duties were in Iran.

The revolutionaries who killed him escaped on a motorbike.

Guerrillas have been attacking high-ranking American officials in Iran since 1970. Despite the execution of 118 Iranian leftists as "terrorists" by the Pahlevi regime since 1970, the anti-U.S. movement continues to grow. U.S. Ambassador Helms (former director of the CIA) is driven about the city guarded by special troops armed with machine guns and pistols. Only hours after the assassination of Hawkins, the Iranian government announced that seven leftists who have been in prison for three years would go before the Shah's firing squads.

Broadcasting from a clandestine radio station, Iranian guerrillas said that the shooting of Hawkins was "only the beginning."

up from the floor and started to beat me with truncheons. Sometime later I fainted."

The heinous crimes of the Turkish fascists expose once again the level of barbarism which decaying capitalism uses to attempt to crush the oppressed. But no amount of terror, however brutal, can stop the struggle of the oppressed and the workers.

The Turkish people look to the example of the Vietnamese heroes for inspiration. In a message of congratulation to the Provisional Revolutionary Government, the United Patriotic Front of Turkey said, "Our people are determined to follow in the footsteps of their friends, the Vietnamese people, in their victory against U.S. imperialism."

The U.S. imperialists are confronted with progressive struggles for liberation on all sides of the Mediterranean, from Palestine to Iraq, and from Greece to Turkey. The Turkish fascist clique is isolated and the Turkish and Kurdish masses are renewing the struggle on every front.

**STOP FASCIST TERROR
U.S. IMPERIALISM OUT OF TURKEY!**

U.S. torture methods used in Turkey

By GLENN KOLLEENY

More than two years ago, on March 12, 1971, the Turkish ruling class declared martial law in an effort to suppress the struggle of the peasants and workers. Since that time, the people of Turkey have been subjected to the most inhuman type of fascist terror, and have begun a broad underground struggle against the regime.

All civil liberties have been destroyed; teachers and newspaper editors are in jail; socialist leaders have been hung; hundreds, if not thousands, have been subjected to brutal torture.

The Turkish regime is an important element in U.S. imperialism's strategy for control of the Mediterranean Sea. Turkey is strategically located between the Soviet Union and the Middle East and can block the Soviet Union's southern fleet from leaving

the Baltic Sea because of its control of the Dardanelles.

Turkey, like Greece, provides bases for NATO operations and ports for the U.S. Sixth Fleet. Should U.S. big business decide to intervene militarily to enhance its interests in the Middle East, they could use Turkey and Greece as a base of attack.

The Turkish people live in semi-feudal conditions. Malnutrition is rampant. Since 1969, the Turkish fascists have managed to lower workers' wages, while prices have doubled and tripled! In addition, the Turkish ruling class has increased its super-oppression of the Kurdish people. Their continuing struggle for self-determination and national liberation has met with crushing violence.

As in Greece, Brazil, and South Vietnam the U.S. imperialists have instructed their

vicious henchmen in the most barbaric forms of torture. Accounts published in the bulletin of the United Patriotic Front tell how people are taken off the streets without the knowledge of their friends or relatives to be brutally beaten and subjected to shock treatment. Often prisoners slash their wrists rather than die by the hands of their captors.

One woman, 24-year-old Ayse Semra Eker of Izmir, described her treatment at the hands of the fascist butchers, "...Some time later they removed the electric wires from my fingers and toes and started to squeeze my ears with an instrument. Then they again used the electric shock treatment. My whole body shook with great force and my teeth felt as if they were cracking. The electric shock treatment was then stopped and some of the people...picked me

Solidarity broke the recent gov't offensive

Revolutionary sources from the Middle East have informed Workers World that the fighting provoked by the Lebanese government with the Palestinian revolutionaries there from May 2 to May 8 has ended in a tremendous victory for the guerrillas. In this decisive struggle the Palestinians were greatly aided by the National Progressive Party and the Baath Party within Lebanon. According to these sources, the two parties, with their own arms, fought side by side with the Palestinians in Beirut, Tripoli, and other areas. Also important to the victory was the support given the Palestinians by the progressive Arab governments of Syria and Iraq.

Many times during the fighting the guerrilla forces took the offensive, bombing banks and government buildings in Beirut. Two Lebanese Mirage fighter planes were shot down, one in Beirut and one in Southern Lebanon. Loaded with officers and arms, two Jordanian planes attempted to land at Beirut Airport, but guerrillas bombed the airfield and prevented the landing. The Lebanese Army suffered many casualties, according to the same sources.

Now under the control of the guerrillas and the Lebanese Progressive Party are: many areas of Southern Lebanon; all of the major Palestinian refugee camps; Abou Aswad, Casmia, Rasheedia, and the North Burg sections of Beirut; and the cities of Sur, Tripoli, and Saidon.

PALESTINIAN VICTORY HIDDEN

Regarding the Palestinian military victories, there has been the strictest press censorship in Lebanon, as well as a news blackout in the Western press. In place of facts, rumors have been circulated that are designed to mislead and demoralize the Palestinian movement and its supporters. A spokesman for the Executive Committee of the Palestinian Liberation Organization denied the information reaching the news agencies in the U.S. that an agreement had been reached with the Lebanese government to pull heavy arms out of the refugee camps. A widely circulated rumor that the Palestinian refugee camps are to be moved out of Beirut was also denied by an official Palestinian spokesman.

During the fighting, a convention of all guerrilla groups took place in Beirut. This

convention produced a statement calling for the withdrawal of the Lebanese Army and the establishment of a progressive government within Lebanon.

In retaliation against the strong support for the Palestinian movement, the Lebanese government has started a terrorist campaign aimed at those Lebanese, and other Arabs within Lebanon, who support the guerrillas. During the fighting in May the Lebanese Army attacked the Arab University in Beirut, a stronghold for guerrilla support and killed 12 students. After the fighting, members of the Lebanese national and progressive movements were threatened, and on several occasions their homes were raided.

LEBANESE GOV'T ISOLATED

Much of the Syrian proletariat within Lebanon took up arms in defense of the Palestinians. Several Syrian workers died fighting side by side with their Palestinian brothers and sisters.

The only support the Lebanese Army found in fighting the guerrillas was from among the rightwing in Lebanon. The desperate Lebanese government tried to arrange for support from the governments of Jordan and Saudi Arabia during the fighting. However, Syria, which closed its borders to Lebanese trade when the fighting started (and still has not opened them), announced that it will permit the guerrillas in Syria to cross the border and move into Lebanon to aid the Palestinians whenever necessary.

In order to save their own government which does not have popular support, the Lebanese bourgeoisie has been forced to ask Jamblatt, leader of the Arab Front to support the Palestinian struggle, to become Minister of the Interior and Minister of Defense. He replied that he could not make a decision without consulting with the progressive force.

The guerrillas, with the tremendous show of strength and popular support, have shown the reactionary Arab governments, Israel, and the U.S. ruling class that a "Black September" (September 1970 when Jordan's King Hussein murdered 20,000 Palestinians with U.S.-supplied arms) is not possible in Lebanon.



No 'hope' in Hatikva

By JOYCE BETRIES

In the night they came to take what was rightfully theirs. For 30 years, many had lived crammed into one-room shacks, five, six, and seven to a room. They would not live like this a day longer. On April 19, carrying bottles and blankets for the children, 22 families boldly broke the locks on the newly built apartment building meant for whites only, and moved in.

The Bat Yam 22 are not Black or Latin people in the ghettos of New York or Chicago. No, the place is Israel, and these 22 families who live in horrible poverty are Jews. The same Israel that commits atrocities against the Arab people for the U.S. oil monopolies also oppresses the Jews within its borders, particularly the darker skinned Oriental Jews.

"The Government built those apartments for new immigrants," said Ovadia Nachum for the Bat Yam 22. "Well, we're the old immigrants, and we think we should come first."

Of the Western Jewish immigrants, for whom these new apartments were designed, Mr. Nachum added, "Why should they get things that those of us who were born here or raised here have no chance of getting? Just because they are Ashkenazim (Western Jews)?"

HATIKVA—FALSE HOPE

The Bat Yam 22, all Oriental Jews, are forced to live in Hatikva, the largest and worst slum in Tel Aviv. Twenty-four hours after the occupation, the deputy mayor of Tel Aviv removed the families and sent them back to their shacks with promises of adequate, low-rent housing within two weeks. Six weeks have gone by and the families still wait.

Attempts have been made to break the unity of the 22 families by offering one family decent housing, but all 22 have decided that none will move until all are assured housing. The blocks of modern apartments in a suburb of Tel Aviv called Bat Yam still remain unoccupied, awaiting the immigration of those Western European and American Jews who might be able to afford them.

The horrible living conditions in the ghetto called Hatikva, which, ironically,

means "hope" in Hebrew, forced these families to unite and demand decent housing. While the Israeli population is 60 percent Oriental Jew, 90 percent of those who live in Hatikva are Jews who came from Africa and Asia. Most of the 60,000 residents of this ghetto live in one-room, tin-roofed shacks with as many as seven in a room. Over half of the inhabitants of Hatikva (35,000) live below the recognized poverty level.

The lives of Ovadia and Zmira Nachum, residents of Hatikva since 1963, are typical of those who must live in this ghetto. The Nachums and their two small sons live, eat, and sleep in a single room that measures 10 by 14 feet. There is no running water. The toilet is across the courtyard. A hot plate serves as the kitchen. The stench from the sewers is strong, and Mr. Nachum says it gets stronger when the hot weather sets in.

The situation of the Nachums mirrors the situation of Oriental Jews all over Israel. Mr. Nachum, who is 31, has not been able to find steady work since 1963, when Israel was hit by a recession. He is presently employed as a porter in a Tel Aviv vegetable market, where he works every other day. To make ends meet, Mrs. Nachum, who is 26, must work as a cleaning woman in a Tel Aviv bank, where she makes only \$80 a month.

"We have got to get out of Hatikva," Mr. Nachum says. "People call this the Harlem of Tel Aviv. I think it is worse. I can't let my children grow up here."

"Three rooms!" said Mrs. Nachum, explaining what they hoped to gain by occupying the Bat Yam housing. "One for us, one for the children, one to live and cook in. Is that too much?" she added, her voice rising in anger.

The Bat Yam 22 are not alone. They represent the unrest growing within the Jewish masses in Israel. Such groups as the Israeli Black Panther Party have exposed Zionist racism toward Oriental Jews. Members of MATZPEN (the Israeli socialist organization) are now on trial for espionage against the state of Israel and collaboration with the Palestinian Resistance. More and more, Jews are beginning to see that the Israeli state can only be a trap for the Jewish people.

Abolish UN cover for U.S. troops in Korea!

By ANDY STAPP

The Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea is calling on all progressive people in the world, and especially in the United States, to support their efforts to abolish the notorious "UNCURK," the "UN Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea."

In a letter to Workers World, the Workers Party of the DPRK denounced UNCURK as the tool of U.S. imperialism in south Korea. It is not widely known in the U.S. that the 50,000 Pentagon troops occupying south Korea are there supposedly as UN soldiers. In fact, most of the GIs who are stationed in south Korea in the U.S. 8th Army Command are unaware that they are "under UN command."

There are no other foreign troops in south Korea "under the UN flag" except U.S. troops. In the DPRK, the northern half of Korea, there have been no foreign troops in over 15 years.

The letter to Workers World, sent on April 20 from Pyongyang (the capital of the DPRK), reads:

"The UN Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea

'supervised' the puppet 'national assembly election' on February 27 in south Korea and described the 'election' held with an 'emergency alert' in effect as a 'fair' one.

"This proves that the U.S. imperialists try as brazenly as ever to camouflage their colonial enslavement policy in south Korea in the name of the UN; it reveals once again the true colors of 'UNCURK' as their pliant tool of aggression in Korea.

"The 'UNCURK' always belies facts. For more than two decades it has 'justified' the U.S. imperialists' occupation of south Korea and their policy of aggression and war, embellished their brutal, colonial, fascist, terrorist rule over south Korea and 'legalized' the south Korean puppet regimes. It maintained that the occupation of south Korea by the U.S. imperialists was 'necessary' for 'peace' in Korea and described the Syngman Rhee fascist dictatorial regime rigged up by the U.S. imperialists in south Korea at bayonet point as a 'model of representative government.'

"The Syngman Rhee gang was overthrown by an uprising of the south Korean people. Then the U.S. imperialists fabricated the Chang Myon puppet regime.

This time, too, the 'UNCURK' praised it as 'a very satisfactory representative government.' The U.S. imperialists replaced that regime with the Pak Jung Hi military fascist regime through a military coup.

"Again the 'UNCURK' went to great lengths in describing the military gangster's one-man dictatorship and unprecedented military tyranny as an 'effective measure' for 'democracy,' and actually went so far as to say that this regime is 'a manifestation of true democracy.'

"A farcical 'plebiscite' for 'constitutional amendments' was held last November 21. For 'this 'plebiscite' martial law was proclaimed, plus a 'state of emergency.' Streets were packed with tanks, armored cars, and armed troops, and

'polling booths' and 'ballot-counting stations' were crowded with policemen in uniform and in plain clothes. The 'UNCURK' supervised this election and claimed that it was carried out 'in good order.'

The letter then quotes Kim Il Sung, the President of the DPRK:

"The United Nations must first dissolve the 'UN Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea,' take the cap off 'UN forces' of the U.S. imperialist aggressor army occupying south Korea under the UN signboard and force them to withdraw from south Korea."

Workers World Party fully supports this demand and calls for the dismantling of the U.S. army of occupation in Korea and in all the other countries where the Wall Street imperialists have stationed their troops.

political prisoners

Carlos Feliciano

NEW YORK, June 1—Nationwide demonstrations will take place Wednesday, June 6, 1973, in support of the freedom of CARLOS FELICIANO and all Puerto Rican political prisoners.

The demonstrations, organized by the Committee to Defend Carlos Feliciano and a number of other Puerto Rican, Chicano, and North American organizations, will coincide with the beginning of Feliciano's New York County trial. Feliciano is to be tried on charges for which he was acquitted last year in a Bronx trial.

The demonstrations, while calling for the freedom of all political prisoners, will be demanding that DA Frank Hogan drop all charges against Feliciano.

Supporting demonstrations will be held in Chicago, Denver, and Los Angeles.

For more information, contact the Committee to Defend Carlos Feliciano, Box 356, Canal Street Station, New York, New York 10013.

June 6—The courtroom was packed today with supporters of Carlos Feliciano, while downstairs another 100 people demonstrated in front of 100 Centre St. Seeing the tremendous support, the judge postponed Carlos' hearing to July 2.

Pablo 'Yoruba' Guzman

NEW YORK, May 30—Today PABLO "YORUBA" GUZMAN began a two-year sentence for draft refusal. Guzman is a leading member of the Puerto Rican Revolutionary Workers Party (formerly the Young Lords Party).

About 40 supporters, mostly Latin,

packed the courtroom in solidarity with Guzman. The judge denied a motion that called for the sentence to be suspended since inductions into the U.S. army have been suspended.

Guzman answered the judge's denial: "You and your class want to intimidate our class. But by sending me to prison you will not make me weaker, you will make me stronger."

As Guzman was being taken away, his supporters chanted "Free Yoruba, jail Nixon!" There was a short rally outside the court, condemning the U.S. for conscripting soldiers to fight the racist Vietnam war, and especially for the crime of drafting Puerto Ricans who cannot even vote in U.S. elections.

Martin Sostre

BUFFALO, N.Y., May 31—Over 125 people came out yesterday and again today in support of MARTIN SOSTRE at a two-day hearing in federal court where he applied for a writ of habeas corpus. Sostre filed the writ in an effort to win a new trial and overturn his conviction on allegedly selling heroin in his Afro-Asian Bookstore in Buffalo's Black community.

Arto Williams, the state's prime witness in the frameup, testified yesterday that he was paid to say he bought heroin from Sostre and that the police had promised to drop charges he was facing himself.

Sostre had been held in solitary confinement at Clinton prison in Dannemora, N.Y., and is now scheduled for transfer to the notorious mind control program. If the strong show of support at the hearing succeeds in pressuring Judge John Curtin into granting the writ, the state must either release him outright or else grant a new trial and set bail, permitting his first release from behind the walls since his original arrest in July, 1967.

Sostre has maintained all along that he

was framed up by local police officials because they really wanted him imprisoned for running the only Black bookstore in Buffalo which carried progressive and revolutionary literature.

The case of Martin Sostre, and that of his co-defendant, Mrs. Geraldine Robinson, stems from the atmosphere of vicious racist repression at the time of the June 1967 rebellions in Buffalo's Black community. That atmosphere still exists today. Judge Curtin has reserved decision on the case. Free Martin Sostre!



Pancho Cruz

Eduardo 'Pancho' Cruz

NEW YORK, May 24—The appeal of EDUARDO "PANCHO" CRUZ from his conviction of possession of explosives has been unanimously denied by a panel of five judges.

Twenty major errors in the 1971 trial were pointed out in one of the longest and most complex briefs ever presented at the

Appellate Division of the courts. But the judges took less than ten days instead of the normal four weeks to refuse to permit a new trial.

No excuse was given by the judges for this blatant miscarriage of justice that will allow the New York State prison system to keep Cruz confined in the mind control program at Dannemora known as ACTEC. The Eduardo "Pancho" Cruz Defense Committee stated:

"The denial of his appeal is a direct result of the oppression of the Nationalist political prisoners, including Carlos Feliciano. Pancho's direct involvement in the Puerto Rican student struggle, and his fight for all our people, has led him to his present situation in the oppressive system of this country's jails. His case has served as a precedent 'that any Puerto Rican, whether in the movement or on its fringes, can be jailed for his or her political beliefs.'"

Contact the defense committee at P.O. Box 71, Peck Slip Station, New York, N.Y. 10038.

Prisoners' letterbox

Jefferson and Washington

This letter about the frameup of two Black men now on death row in Virginia is written by the sister of James Washington.

I would like to express what has happened to Malcolm Jefferson and what the system is trying to do to James Washington.

Malcolm was sentenced to die in the electric chair for the alleged homicide of a prison guard. The whole existence of the case is a fraud.

James' first trial ended in a hung jury,

Brain butchers' 'lecture' cut short

NEW YORK, May 30—A joint demonstration of the Prisoners Solidarity Committee and the Mental Patients Political Action Committee was held this afternoon to protest the appearance of two psychosurgeons from the California prison system.

50,000 VICTIMS ALREADY!

The two pseudo-psychiatrists had been invited to address a workshop of the American Ortho-Psychiatric Association

convention. The AOA is the professional organization of institutional psychiatrists, psychologists, and caseworkers.

Neither of the two got a chance to sell their program of brain butchery, which is known already to have claimed more than 50,000 victims. Approximately two dozen people, mostly women, of both organizations, entered the workshop and exposed what psychosurgery was about, instead of passively permitting the mutilators, "Drs." Serber and Bach-y-Rita, to give their benign depiction of the alleged advantages of butchering the brains of prisoners and mental patients.

Psychosurgery is used chiefly to intimidate prisoners and mental patients by making vegetables out of oppressed people, who can then be used as "walking advertisements" to strike terror into the hearts of those who hesitate to submit to slavery in the concentration camps.

It is apparently thought that such a threat may deter prisoners and mental patients whose conditions are so unbearable that even the threat of death has not been

able to "pacify" them.

Psychosurgery became fashionable in some circles in 1968 (after having been tried in the fifties and then pretty much discarded) as a "medical" answer to the rebellions that swept the oppressed communities. Three Boston "doctors" wrote a letter at that time to the Journal of the American Medical Association suggesting that many "rioters" exhibited violent behavior because of "brain dysfunction."

GET PAID TO MUTILATE

After several protesters had taken the floor, the psychosurgeons demanded more "freedom" to express their views. A Puerto Rican PSC member answered this by pointing out that these brain mutilators not only had the opportunity to present their views in magazines, on television, and in other places all the time, which the prisoners and mental patients do not have, but that they actually perform the atrocities and get paid for it.

Other PSC members and mental patients identified the exploitative system of

capitalism, which serves the rich people, and which creates a "need" for prisons and mental institutions, thus insuring an order based on terror to keep the poor people in line.

Of the 50,000 psychosurgery victims, 74 percent have been women; 60 percent have been Third World. Other favorite subjects are gays, the very old, and the very young.

The remarks of the PSC protesters alternated with very imaginative guerrilla theater by the MPPAC people.

Finally, Serber called for the meeting to end, complaining to the protesters that their purpose had been accomplished. A PSC member shot back that "Our purpose will not have been accomplished until you are behind bars!"

When a woman from MPPAC sprayed a "plastic streamer," New Years Eve style, into the air, one of the doctors displayed some all-too-public violent behavior. Temporarily forgetting that he was not behind the walls, within which prison and mental institution officials get away with murder every day, "Dr." Bach-y-Rita

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Racistas arreglan elecciones para junta escolar

NEW YORK, Mayo 17—El grupo de candidatos racistas que apoyó la United Federation of Teachers en las recientes elecciones para la Junta Escolar ganó la mayoría en el Distrito I, el Este del Bajo Manhattan. Los votantes puertorriqueños, negros y asiáticos fueron sistemáticamente prevenidos de votar para la incumbente junta.

Los sitios de votar donde se suponía que votaran negros y puertorriqueños estuvieron cerrados hasta por la tarde. Las listas de las computadoras no incluían votantes que han residido en el área por mucho tiempo. Tampoco hubo intérpretes ni cajas para echar los votos. Y los blancos encargados de las elecciones le decían

a los no-blancos que necesitaban una orden de la corte para poder votar. Tarjetas de mano que contenían el "slate" racista estaban a la vista en los cuartos de votar.

Una demanda pidiendo un "injunction" para no contar estas urnas fraudulentas fue denegada y sus candidatos racistas fueron declarados ganadores, con solamente tres candidatos por control comunal en la Junta.

La nueva Junta racista está lista para sacar a Luis Fuentes el superintendente del distrito. Quieren terminar con la política de Fuentes de "puerta abierta" de permitir que los padres venga a verlo a el y buscar en

los archivos cuando lo deseen. Quieren acabar con el derecho de los comiteses de padres de evaluar a nuevos principales de escuelas antes de ser empleados.

Y mas que nada los racistas intentan acabar con el programa de educación bilingue que ha sido diseñado bajo Fuentes en el cual 60 y 30 maestros que hablan español y chino respectivamente han sido empleados sin importar la oposición de la UFT y la Junta Central Escolar.

Mas de 2,000 estudiantes del distrito solamente hablan español y muchas solamente chino en un distrito en que la población estudiantil es 70 porcentaje puertorriqueña y menos de 10 porcentaje blanca. Casi 85 por-

centaje de los estudiantes están leyendo bajo nivel en la época de graduarse.

Los blancos racistas han podido arreglar las elecciones con la colaboración de la Junta de Elecciones, pero sin embargo envían a sus niños a escuelas fuera del distrito o a escuelas privadas. Los padres negros, latinos y asiáticos que tienen que enviar a las inferiores escuelas públicas lucharán duro para conservar a Fuentes y los programas progresistas que el ha comenzado.

En primer lugar fué el activismo de los padres lo que trajo a Fuentes y el poder de la comunidad se mobilizará para defenderlo.

¡Que viva Puerto Rico libre!



Militantes de YAWF participan en Desfile Puertorriqueño.

Third World YAWF joins pro-independence contingent in Puerto Rican Day Parade. On the sidelines, people cheer and children wave the Puerto Rican flag. WW photos: Bayinnah

—Cuba and Vietnam

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During his visits to Africa, Eastern Europe, and the USSR last summer, Fidel Castro spoke urgently and repeatedly about Vietnam, often reiterating the Cuban people's pledge: "We are ready to give our blood for Vietnam. We Cubans are ready to do whatever may be necessary for Vietnam; we are ready to fight shoulder to shoulder with the Vietnamese."

These are not empty words. For the Cubans, the matter of solidarity with Vietnam is a matter of action, of work, and is founded on their assessment of what is at stake in today's world.

Speaking before the Cuban people and Mme. Nguyen Thi Binh, Foreign Minister of the Provisional Revolutionary Government

of South Vietnam, last July 26, Fidel said:

"There is relative peace in Cuba now—not because the imperialists have wanted to give it to us for free, but because we have prepared ourselves, because we are stronger, because the balance of power has continued to change in favor of the USSR and the rest of the socialist camp, and because of a factor which we should thoroughly appreciate and be grateful for: the heroic struggle of the people of Vietnam!

"That is why we say that, in Vietnam, a struggle is being waged for all the peoples of the world, for Vietnam, with its heroic struggle in defense of its independence, has weakened imperialism militarily, politically, and morally; it has stripped off its mask and led to the development of an anti-war consciousness within the United States as well as kept the power of that country in check. All the while, the revolutionary movement has continued to develop, the revolutionary countries have continued to grow stronger. Cuba has continued to grow stronger.

"Our people have ample reason for

feeling grateful to the people of Vietnam," the Cuban leader said, "for in their struggle, they have also struggled for us; with their blood, they have kept Cuban blood from being shed."

'COMO EN VIETNAM'

The example of Vietnam, a small nation like Cuba, with seemingly insurmountable obstacles, has had a strong impact on the working men and women of Cuba in their efforts to transform Cuba's society. "Como en Vietnam" (as in Vietnam) is a slogan familiar to every Cuban, encouraging the hardest work and the maximum dedication.

The example of Vietnam, as Fidel Castro has said, "teaches us that it is possible not only to resist and struggle to the death, but also to resist and struggle until victory."

VICTORY CELEBRATION

No better example of the identification that the Cuban and Vietnamese people have

for each other can be found than in the spontaneous outpouring into the streets of Havana the day the victory of the Paris peace treaty was achieved.

A correspondent from Prensa Latina described the scene: "Since dawn, the people had been sitting by their radios. . . . A little after 5 a.m. when the radio broadcasts flashed the news, the joy of a people who have followed step by step the struggle of the people of Vietnam took to the streets and the plazas. . . . You could hear . . . automobile horns, the roar of sirens in the factories, the bells of the ships docked in the port, and the voices of the people shouting slogans, singing songs, crying for happiness for the triumph of Vietnam."

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