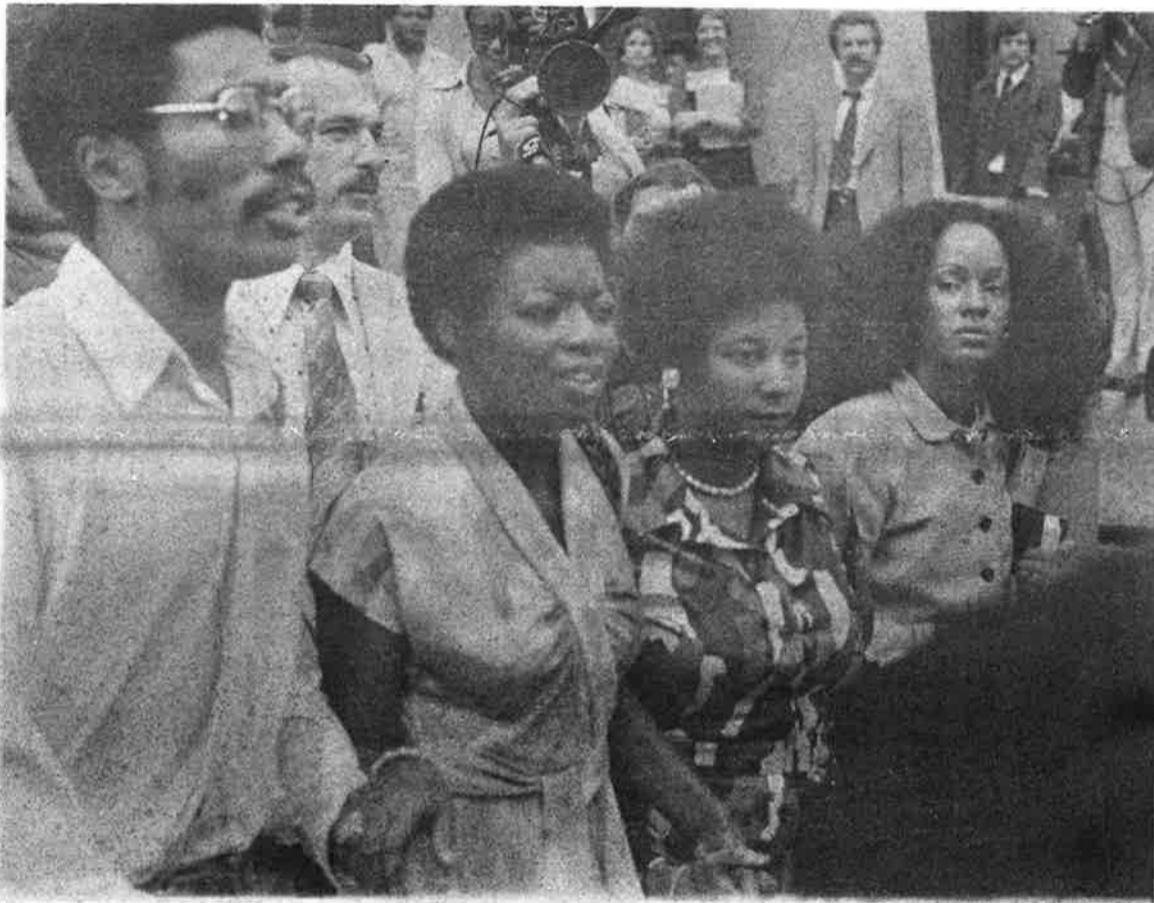


Cops arrest 18 resisting mass evictions in Baltimore

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Joann Little trial begins; 1,000 supporters rally at courthouse. Page 3.

Joann Little [second from left] greets her supporters on the courthouse steps in Raleigh, N.C.

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Crowded courtroom cheers as Carlos Feliciano is freed. Page 2.

Carlos Feliciano [center] among some of the many friends and comrades who helped gain the freedom of this courageous fighter for Puerto Rico's independence.

Photo: Claridad

Continuous support wins independence fighters' freedom

Carlos Feliciano released from prison

By JOE ANGELO

NEW YORK, July 12—The 13th floor of 100 Center Street today belonged to the oppressed, as more than 100 people crammed Part 33 in anticipation of the release of Puerto Rican Nationalist Carlos Feliciano.

Shortly after 10 a.m., Carlos entered the courtroom. For a moment there was silence. Carlos gestured to his supporters with a clenched fist and the entire courtroom stood on end as the people, led by Lydia Feliciano, his wife, rose to their feet, returning the gesture amid shouts of "Free Carlos Feliciano!" and "Que viva Puerto Rico libre!" Soon after, over the objections of the DA, Carlos was resentenced to time served and walked out of court—freed not by the mercy and justice of the courts, but by the people who over the last 5 years have waged

such a tremendous struggle in his behalf.

Carlos's case has been one not of an individual but of a nation struggling to break the colonial yoke of U.S. imperialism. Feliciano's participation in the struggle dates back to 1947, when at the age of 19 he joined the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico.

Arrested twice and jailed shortly after the 1950 uprising in Puerto Rico, Carlos was sentenced to four life terms for allegedly committing four murders, even though witnesses placed him in a different city at the time. In 1954, he was released after spending much of his time in confinement with the leader of the party, Don Pedro Albizu Campos. Continually harassed by the FBI and its island stooges, he was forced to come to New York.

For 16 years, Feliciano devoted

himself to his two jobs and the task of raising his family of six children.

However, the government put an end to this period by arresting him on May 16, 1970, for attempted arson, all the unsolved bombings in New York City, and being an agent of a foreign government. Backed by growing support from the Puerto Rican left and progressive North Americans, Carlos won a complete acquittal in this Bronx trial.

Freedom was still not his, as the DA quickly moved to have Carlos tried on similar counts in Manhattan. His defense committee sought to prove all this was a frame involving high-level Nixon aides, the FBI, CIA, and the Puerto Rican police. The state's tactics were much simpler—bring in a judge who had helped prosecute Nationalists once before and not let the defense present its case!

Despite this, Carlos was still acquitted of all of the major charges although the judge coerced the jury into delivering guilty verdicts on lesser charges.

The DA's office then began screaming for a 25-year sentence. Judge Arnold Fraiman would have been glad to comply had it not been for the tremendous support Carlos had received, as Fraiman himself admitted.

Today Feliciano is out on the basis of a motion to grant credit for the 16½ months he spent in pre-trial captivity. Even so, Carlos holds no illusions about this victory. "The struggle is not over, they will try again to put me in jail," he says.

Growing support for national liberation movements plus the active intervention of the toiling masses must be the answer to any further attempts by the state to take Carlos Feliciano.

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Carey and oil industry —it's all in the family

By LESLIE FEINBERG

NEW YORK, July 12—Recent New York Times revelations show that New York's Governor Hugh Carey has received \$10,000 a year since 1960 from his oil magnate brother in return for political favors. This new evidence only deepens the scandal exposed by the Cox news chain a month ago, while making Carey's protests of innocence sound even more absurd.

Governor Carey's most recent swindle took place during the 1973 Arab oil embargo, at a time when the people were asked to believe there was an oil crisis. Secretary of the Treasury William Simon, then administrator of the Federal Energy Office, approved oil export licenses enabling Alabama oilman Bart Chamberlain to sell almost 1 million barrels of oil to Edward Carey's Bahama refinery, the New England Petroleum Corp.

At the time of the sale, the price of domestic oil was frozen at \$5.10 a barrel. After the oil was exported and refined, Edward Carey turned around and sold it domestically to Con Edison and other East Coast utility companies for \$17 to \$23 a barrel.

NO SUBSTANCE TO STORY?

Robert Laird, spokesperson for Governor Carey, says, "There is

absolutely no substance to the story that Mr. Carey, while serving in the House, interceded on his brother's behalf."

However, only a month ago the Cox news chain printed the statements of three former and present energy officials. Fearing reprisals from powerful oil companies, the three men asked that their names not be revealed. They asserted, "The FEC knew there was political pressure involved. They knew that there was some very high authority that wanted those licenses to go through. The pressure was coming from New York and Alabama, from the Carey brothers and from (Senator John) Sparkman." In a press interview, Edward Carey denounced as "congenital liars" the three officials.

WHITE HOUSE IMPLICATED

Even the Federal Energy Office, which has not convicted a single price-gouging corporation in a decade of investigations, had to promise token investigation when it was revealed that Senator Sparkman wrote a letter in behalf of the licenses to Pat E. O'Donnell, special assistant to President Nixon. O'Donnell forwarded the letter to James Sparling, Jr., in the office of the Secretary of Com-

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merce, with the notation, "Dear Jim, Sen. Sparkman is pushing me on the attached matter." Senator Sparkman has replied that he was merely "acting on behalf of a constituent."

What neither Sparkman nor Carey are addressing themselves to is the effects of their greed on the rest of "their constituency." While they are protesting innocence, Edward Carey as well as other super-rich oil barons are making fortunes from profit by manipulating oil prices while working people become the victims of their greed. Governor Carey, Senator Sparkman, and other politicians employed by these corporations act as well-paid tools for such favors.

Even Howard Samuels, who was grappling with Hugh Carey for the position of Governor, admitted, "Hugh Carey's acceptance of (campaign) contributions totaling \$1.175 million from his brother made him beholden to the oil industry."

Rather than attempting to solve the problems of a state beset with economic woes, Carey's attention is riveted on the profits of oil barons and his own shady deals. Carey says he knows that "Having lived in Washington 14 years, there is political motivation in everything that transpires." The poor and working people of New York state, hard hit by the economic crisis, are becoming only too aware of that.

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PIG JUSTICE

The New York Post, July 8:

"A former police lieutenant convicted of shooting a prostitute was sentenced today to up to three years in prison.

"... During the trial in Supreme Court Ehrlich (the cop) said the woman had tried to rob him and he shot her twice. Miss Lee (the woman he shot) testified that Ehrlich had solicited her and driven her to a parking lot where she performed a sexual act in the rear of his car. She testified that when he refused to pay, they tussled and he shot her.

"Before pronouncing sentence Justice Arnold G. Fraiman said, 'I am moved by the appearance here of many friends of the

defendant and the many letters I have received on his behalf. This was an isolated incident, an aberration from normal behavior. The defendant is not in need of rehabilitation and prisons don't rehabilitate in any event."

"Fraiman also noted that Ehrlich 'will receive for the remainder of his life a full pension from the Police Dept. amounting to \$12,000 a year. . . ."

Arnold G. Fraiman was the judge who tried and sentenced Carlos Feliciano!

A GREAT FRIEND OF DEMOCRACY?

From Clayton Fritchey's column, July 1:
"Even now few in this country are aware that Alexander Solzhenitsyn is almost as

contemptuous of American democracy as he is of Russian Marxism.

"Solzhenitsyn's opinions were not lost on former President Nixon and Secretary of State Kissinger, who were concerned over his assaults on their detente with Russia. Nixon is reported to have described the author as 'to the right of Barry Goldwater.' Kissinger is said to have replied, 'No, Mr. President, he is to the right of the czars.'

"He might, if possible, even be to the right of Sen. Helms (R, N.C.) who got the Senate to pass a bill making the novelist an honorary citizen of the U.S. But nobody told the Senate that Solzhenitsyn . . . complained of 'Senate leaders' who 'in their eagerness to play up to the rabble, pre-empt every government proposal.' It may also come as news to the American electorate to discover that it is 'rabble.'"

FIRE TA COPS AND SAVE MONEY!

The New York Post, May 30:

"The anti-crime transit cop cleaned

against the rear of the grimy telephone booth . . . he looked directly across the row of clicking turnstiles to his partner, wedged between two rows of lockers and hidden from the view of rushing commuters.

"Their assignment was to grab subway gate-crashers who, according to a Transit Authority spokesman, are costing the city 'untold amounts of money yearly in lost revenue.'

"According to TA officials, the number of 'deadbeat' riders is staggering, although they insist it is less than one percent of the 3.5 million passengers who use the subway daily.

"... A task force of 225 cops working in teams now covers 55 stations a day."

A little simple arithmetic will show that the TA cops cost more than the free riders. If 3.5 million people ride the New York subways every day, they pay the subways \$1 million a day. But if less than 1 percent get in free, the subway loses less than \$10,000 a day. And you can bet your slugs that 225 cops cost more than \$10,000 a day.

Raleigh police harass demonstrators as trial opens

1,000 at courthouse for Joann

By JULIO GHIGLIOTTY
 RALEIGH, N.C., July 14—The trial of Joann Little, who has become a symbol of struggle against racist and sexist oppression, began here today amidst heavy security and nationwide support. Ms. Little faces a possible death sentence because, as a prisoner in Beaufort County jail, she defended herself against a white guard's sexual assault, using the same ice pick with which he threatened her.

Pretrial motions calling for dismissal of the charges against her were argued in the Wake County Superior Courthouse by defense attorneys as more than 1,000 Joann Little supporters rallied at the courthouse steps to demand her freedom. Of the six motions filed by the defense, only one—asking that all witnesses be sequestered during the day—was granted.

RACISM OF COURT BLATANTLY APPARENT

The major motion, asking for dismissal of the charges on grounds that the "death penalty is arbitrarily and capriciously applied against Black people" was denied after a factually detailed presentation by defense attorney Morris Dees, citing a study of the North Carolina prison system which pointed out that "of the 82 people on death row . . . 67 percent are non-white." A report from the Department of Corrections, submitted as Exhibit 2 by the defense, revealed that while more whites were convicted of capital offenses, more Blacks received the death penalty. The motion was denied.

A motion to bar Lester B. Chalmers, the state-appointed prosecutor, from participating in the trial because he had defended the Ku Klux Klan at House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC) hearings in 1965 and 1966, was also denied. Later in the day, during the jury selection, Chalmers used "peremptory challenges," which require no legal justification, to exclude three



Over a thousand demonstrators thronged the steps of the Wake County Courthouse in Raleigh, N.C. on the opening day of the trial of Joann Little.
 WW photo: Gregory

Black people from the jury.

The racist nature of the court system was further displayed by the denial of a motion to bar John A. Wilkerson—an attorney hired by the dead jailer's family to assist the prosecution—from the trial because he had been retained by Ms. Little to represent her when accused of shoplifting in 1973 and again in 1974. (She was acquitted both times.) By assisting the prosecution, Wilkerson is violating the client-attorney relationship of confidentiality established then.

Trial judge Hamilton A. Hobgood said, "I'm not going to pass on that motion until tomorrow morning," and then asked Wilkerson to sit behind the prosecution table, presumably so that he couldn't consult with them on the case—but what about consultation outside the courtroom?

The defense then presented a motion to prohibit the questioning of prospective jurors on their opinion of the death penalty. People opposed to the death penalty are struck from the docket

by the prosecution, thereby eliminating 35 percent of North Carolina's population, according to polls taken for the defense, from jury selection. According to Gallup and Harris polls, 50 percent of the Black people in North Carolina and 45 percent of the women oppose the death penalty. This motion was also denied.

Meanwhile, the effects of the militant demonstration outside the courthouse were felt in the courtroom as supporters filled the 45 seats left for the public. Free Joann Little buttons were pre-eminent in the mostly Black audience.

COPS HARASS DEMONSTRATORS

Even though it rained heavily, a march from the Women's House of Detention to the courthouse drew over 700 people—despite the insistence of the established press that only 100 to 500 people (depending on the press medium) demonstrated. Chanting "Free Joann!" a picket line, which soon

grew to over a thousand people, was set up in front of the courthouse.

Several hundred people gathered across the street to watch the demonstration, and many joined in the chants, especially the one which went, "Everybody clap your hands; let's go together and free Joann!"

Harassment and attempts to intimidate the demonstrators occupied the police stationed around the courthouse. The demonstrators were told that "a city ordinance" prohibited signs or banners of the size they carried. Then picketers were told they had to be at least 15 feet apart. The epitome of pettiness came when the police told spectators sitting along the railing in front of the courthouse that they could only sit there if they faced the courthouse!

Finally, they were told that they couldn't sit there at all.

However, the demonstrators were not deterred from forcefully showing their support for Joann Little. A rally held in the afternoon

expressed the support in very clear terms.

COURTHOUSE "A RAILROAD STATION"

Larry Little, a member of the Joann Little Defense Committee, chaired the rally from the top of a sound truck and said, "We cannot sit idly by while they railroad sister Joann. This is not a courthouse, it's a railroad station!" He exclaimed that "If Joann Little is to receive justice, she should never have been brought to court."

Other speakers included Awuzu Saudaki of the African Liberation Support Committee, who pointed out that Joann is a victim of racism, sexism, and capitalism; Calvin Lewis of the Prisoners Solidarity Committee; and a representative of the Wilmington 10, who said, "The judge never gave her life, but he has the power to take it away."

Nationwide support for Joann Little has mushroomed in the last few weeks as evident by the large number of marches, rallies, and meetings held in her behalf throughout the country. Activities have been held in New York, where several hundred people marched and rallied on Saturday; in Richmond, Rochester, Norfolk, and Baltimore as well as here in Raleigh.

New York Times reporter Wayne King opens his article in the July 15 issue by saying that Joann Little's defense attorneys "made clear as her trial opened today that they were putting the Southern system of justice on trial."

Not only is the "Southern" system going on trial, but the whole country—in particular Black people and women—is watching the whole system of justice under capitalism on trial.

After Joann pleaded not guilty at the end of the arraignment, the court clerk intoned, "May God send you a true deliverance." Joann knows that it is the people who are going to give her "true deliverance."

Free Joann Little and all political prisoners!

March and rally attract many supporters and sympathizers

Joann Little Solidarity Day in New York!

By DEIRDRE GRISWOLD
 NEW YORK, July 12—This is an indifferent and hurried city, they say, but scores of New Yorkers paused, nodded, and voiced their encouragement today for 300 demonstrators who brought support for Joann Little to the crowded shopping areas of 34th and 14th streets in Manhattan.

Thousands more read with intent seriousness the banners and leaflets that told the story of this young Black woman from North Carolina who fought for her life in prison against an attacking guard and is now fighting for her life again in a Southern court.

Joann Little Solidarity Day in New York began with a street meeting at 34th Street and 6th Avenue, as demonstrators lined up along the curb behind colorful, flowing banners that highlighted the issues behind the Joann Little case: racism and sexism. Then the marchers were off, across 34th Street to 8th Avenue, probably two of the busiest blocks in New York, to bring their message to the thousands who crowd into Macy's,

Gimbel's, and other stores on a Saturday afternoon.

At 8th Avenue, the procession turned left and headed downtown. It wasn't long before the sidewalk could no longer contain the march, which had picked up supporters along the way, and the group moved into the avenue. It stayed in the streets, defiant and eye-catching, past the super markets and Latin bodegas that line 8th Avenue, and then flowed along 14th Street where thousands more Black, white, and Latin workers were shopping, trying to catch a bargain at the many open variety stores along the way.

Union Square, once the scene of massive labor demonstrations but more an ordinary park in recent years, awoke as the marchers set up sound equipment and started their rally. The speakers added depth and feeling to the slogans displayed as a backdrop. A motionless crowd forgot the lightly falling rain as the program began: Kathi Dorsey of the Joann Little Solidarity Day Committee in-



Several hundred demonstrators marched through downtown New York on July 12 to rally support for the defense of Joann Little.
 WW photo: Mark

roduced Attica Brother Herbert X. Blyden; Karen Galloway and Jim Raven, two of Joann Little's lawyers, urged the greatest support and attendance at Joann's trial, saying only the people could free her.

This point was surprisingly repeated by Bruce Wright, a Black New York judge who has been under great pressure from the PBA (Patrolmen's "Benevolent"

Association) for setting reasonable bails for poor defendants. Judge Wright revealed that he had been "warned" not to speak at the rally.

Attorney Flo Kennedy and Gerri Miller of the Bronx Household Technicians explored the significance of this case for those who bear the double burden of being Black and women. A \$250 check was presented to Ms. Little's lawyers by a Brother from

Teamsters Local 10 after Bill Kaessinger of the local's Joann Little Solidarity Committee ran down why militant unionists should support this case.

A high point came near the rally's close when Carlos Feliciano, only a few days out of jail himself, spoke as a living example of how the persistent struggle of the people can win the freedom of all political prisoners.

Baltimore tenants take on landlord, politicians, riot cops in rent strike

By RAY CECI
BALTIMORE, July 10—Yesterday morning, a scene reminiscent of Nazi Germany took place at the Upland Apartments in West Baltimore.

Busloads of tactical police in full riot gear forcefully and violently evicted three tenants from the apartment complex. When scores of tenants and their supporters gathered to protest the evictions, the police made a stormtrooper assault on the crowd, arresting 18 people and injuring many. Two required hospital treatment. One woman was so severely injured that she remains confined to her bed, unable to care for herself.

RENT STRIKE

The tenants at the Uplands Apartments have been conducting a rent strike since May 1, when the landlord raised the rent 18 percent. This was his third attempt to raise the rent in 9 months.

Over a month ago, more than 200 families received final eviction notices from the Baltimore police. The tenants organized an "Eviction Patrol"; members carried whistles and would blow them to summon help. Once when the landlord's men backed a truck up to an empty apartment in a test of the tenants' vigilance, it was surrounded by angry tenants within minutes.

INSUFFERABLE CONDITIONS

This remarkable organization and unity is in response to ever-rising rents imposed by a landlord who has let his buildings deteriorate shamefully. The Uplands Tenants Association complains of broken-down plumbing and flooding pipes that regularly cause ceilings to cave in; rats and roaches with no adequate extermination; once-a-week garbage collection by the land-

lord's crews; and hazardous conditions on the property, like a contaminated pool of water the landlord refuses to fence in.

All Baltimore was shocked when yesterday's papers showed little children crying as their mothers were dragged off to jail. The name of Morton T. Sarubin, the landlord, has become notorious in this city, not only for his ruthless treatment of the Uplands tenants, but also for corruption and his association with Spiro T. Agnew.

The story of the rent increase for these hard-working West Baltimore tenants is a saga in political influence and corruption. Sarubin first tried to impose a 23.9 percent rent increase on the Uplands tenants in August 1974. But protests and picket lines by the Uplands Tenants Association forced the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which must approve any increase for the federally subsidized buildings, to inspect the premises. The inspector agreed with the tenants, and the increase was rescinded.

Less than 6 months later, Sarubin applied for and received a 5 percent increase. Emboldened, he demanded an additional 18 percent to begin this May 1. And HUD, despite the fact that conditions at the apartments have actually worsened, turned a deaf ear to the tenants. The second increase was granted, causing the tenants to launch their rent strike.

THE AGNEW CONNECTION

In addition to the "normal" criminal negligence against poor and working people that is standard fate for most big landlords, Sarubin is a crook even by accepted legal standards. No one knows for sure how Morton T. Sarubin acquired the Uplands complex. He didn't pay for it. He

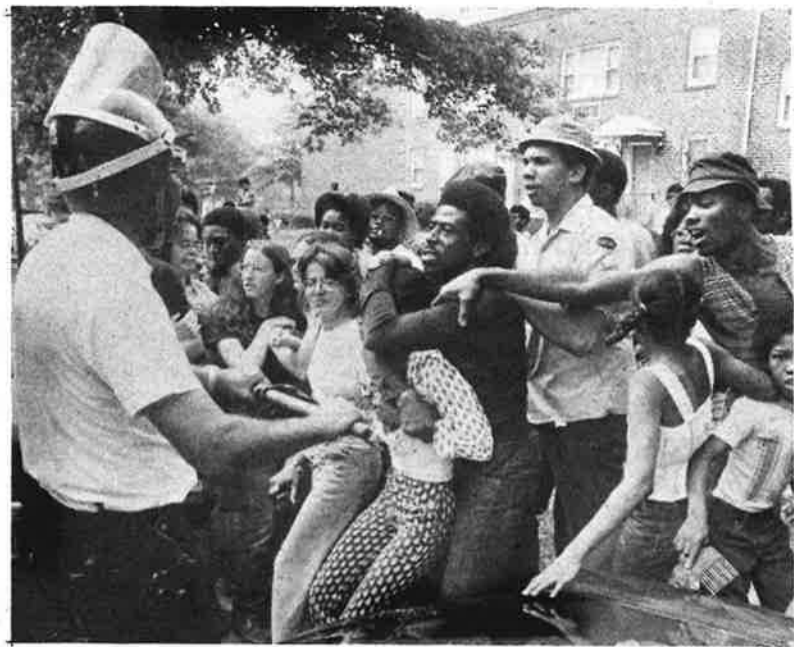
"traded" land in Georgia and elsewhere for it.

Then he applied for a federal subsidy. At first officials from HUD turned him down. He reapplied and was again rejected. Only after conferring with Maryland's most infamous crook, then-Vice President Spiro Agnew, was he finally approved by HUD.

The political probe that so ignominiously ended Agnew's public career may have finally ensnared Sarubin. When tenants demanded that HUD officials inspect Sarubin's books before approving the increase, they were unavailable. The books had been (and still are) impounded by a grand jury investigating political corruption.

But the increases were granted anyway. And because of that, three tenants have been evicted, 18 people arrested, and 200 more face eviction.

It has been consistently reported that Sarubin is a front man for a coterie of lawyers, politicians, and others. Most prominently men-



Uplands tenants in Baltimore are shoved back by cops with nightsticks as they protest mass evictions stemming from their rent strike.

tioned is Irv Kovens, political king-maker and bag man for Governor Marvin Mandel, whose own financial records have been subpoenaed.

Perhaps this explains the ferocity of the attacks against the Uplands tenants and their supporters. They are arrayed against

a powerful oligarchy who control much of the state apparatus.

(BULLETIN, July 15—In a retreat from his earlier position refusing to meet with the tenants, Morton Sarubin is now negotiating with the Uplands Tenants Association over the rent increase and evictions.)

Politicians postpone Buffalo's budget crisis—but for how long?

By E.B. HARRISON

BUFFALO, July 10—After threats of massive layoffs of Buffalo city workers, and a projected "disaster school budget" with the elimination of kindergarten, adult learning center, and free transportation for students, an 11th-hour session of the New York State Legislature last week "found" \$14.7 million in state aid just in time to "save" the city from financial crisis. The question still remains, however, whether the

politicians have really managed to save anything but their political skins.

Buffalo has been operating in the red since 1971, with a projected \$17 million deficit for the current year alone. It is obvious that the economic crisis in this city, like so many others, did not develop overnight. But the politicians, like their big business counterparts, can only come up with one "solution"—to dump the burden on the backs of the workers, adding to the unemployment rate (which has nearly doubled since 1974, to an official 14 percent for the Buffalo area, the highest in the state).

THEIR "SOLUTION"—MORE LAYOFFS

The city claims that eliminating jobs of city workers is the only real way to save money, and since 1971 has reduced the number of the city workforce by nearly 19 percent through layoffs and attrition. The budget for 1976 called for the elimination of 280 more jobs including some 40 firefighters, and threatened 1,000 to 1,400 more layoffs if state aid was not forthcoming.

Past layoffs, however, didn't prevent the crisis from occurring, and instead have brought economic hardships for the workers who must subsist on unemployment or less.

Cutting into the higher-paid city positions never occurs to the politicians. Over 260 positions in

the city's school system are paid in excess of \$20,000 annually, and if the city cut even half of these supervisory and management jobs it would mean over \$3 million in savings for the city. This money would more than pay for the restoration of kindergarten classes, which cost only \$1.3 annually, or the free bus transportation for students (for which the city pays \$2.5 million and is 90 percent reimbursed by state aid).

The threat to drop free transportation should be recognized as a further move to block the implementation of a possible integration order in the city schools this fall that could involve massive busing.

MONEY FOUND FOR BUSINESSMEN

While Buffalo's Mayor Makowski played political football with the Albany legislators and Governor Carey, his shallow "concern" did not prevent the city from announcing that it planned to make an immediate purchase of a site for a proposed \$20-million convention center in downtown Buffalo for the benefit of the business community. The city must assume the risk for money spent on subsequent claims if the center isn't built, meaning even more burden on the backs of the poor and working people of the city.

The city has also "borrowed" \$5.1 million to make up the difference between the state aid and the city's \$17 million deficit, through the sale of budget notes to four local banks, including Marine Midland, Liberty National, and Manufacturers & Traders Trust. With an interest rate of 8.15 percent, the short-term notes are payable by August 1976.

Pushing up the debt ceiling in order to stave off an inevitable economic crisis is like piling rubbish into a closet where it waits for the first unfortunate victim who opens the door. But the crisis that may soon come crashing down on the politician's heads is already a reality for thousands of area workers.

Clearing up some confusion on the cops

Are police part of the working class?

By DEIRDRE GRISWOLD

NEW YORK, July 14—In covering the layoffs of city employees in the current economic crisis, the capitalist press reserves special sympathy for the police. It not only dwells on their "hardships," but makes dire predictions that trimming the police forces will lead to an increase in crime.

Unfortunately, the trade union leaders of the municipal unions go along with this fiction and seek solidarity with the various associations of police, prison guards, etc.—even while making concessions that weaken the solidarity of their own members. A case in point is the stand of New York's AFSCME leader, Victor Gotbaum, who has called for the layoff of "provisional" city employees in his own union.

Also unfortunately, many "radical" papers lump in the cops when speaking of city workers. But are the police members of the working class? And will concessions to them by the trade unions generate solidarity with the workers?

The answer to both questions is a very definite NO.

COPS DESERT THEIR CLASS ORIGINS

While almost all rank-and-file police are recruited from the

working class, they are submitting to a role that is diametrically opposed to the interests of the workers the minute they put on a uniform. They are voluntarily joining the capitalist state (unlike soldiers who are drafted), whose fundamental role in society is to perpetuate the rule of the capitalist class over the workers. Their position of trying to preserve an "order" that is unjust and despised by the poor and oppressed almost invariably breeds in them a fascist mentality. Their only chance for individual rehabilitation back into the ranks of the workers is to get them out of the uniform.

RESPONSE TO LAYOFFS

The idea that the police prevent "crime" is false. On the contrary, the correlation over the years has been: more cops, more murders, more drug addiction, and an expansion of the organized crime syndicates under the protection of the bourgeois state. Murders by police themselves have become a common, every-day occurrence. Their violence is always aimed against the workers, most often the poorest and most oppressed.

The response of one white gang of New York cops to the layoffs in this city was to go up to Harlem,

get drunk, and beat up 19-year-old Wesley Peartree, a clerk in the Self Service Superette at 2480 8th Avenue. When he refused to open up the store and sell them beer, they punched and kicked him, according to the July 9 Amsterdam News.

When the sanitationmen's union fought for a wage scale giving them parity with the police, the response of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association in this city was to take out huge ads and billboards saying: "Parity with police? Garbage!" The police approach workers not as their allies but their rivals. Their fascist mentality is of course encouraged constantly by the ruling class and its politicians, who cultivate the attitude that the police are an elite force.

(In New York City, at the height of the budget crisis while workers in all different areas are being laid off by the thousands, the city has just agreed to a retroactive pay increase for the cops that will raise their average wage to \$19,259 a year—without tips!)

The few really useful jobs that are today being performed by cops—like traffic control and emergency assistance for accident

Banks behind assault on union contract**After mass layoffs, Beame orders longer workday**

By SHARON SHELTON
NEW YORK, July 14—In blatant violation of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employee's (AFSCME) contract, Mayor Abraham Beame announced Thursday that shorter summer hours for city workers—a provision of the union contract for 8 years and an informal agreement for approximately 35 years before that—would be cancelled today.

CITY WORKERS ANGRY

The response of city workers, who have been getting off work at 4 instead of 5 p.m. during the hot summer months, was immediate and angry. "It's part of my salary being taken away from me," an

Stacks of bank loot piled higher than a skyscraper

NEW YORK, July 12—Who bailed out New York City from its worst crisis last week?

The banks did, according to all accounts in the capitalist press and other imperialist news media.

How did they do it?
By handing over \$1 billion as the first installment of a \$3 billion loan.

But don't they get that billion back?

Oh, yes. They get it all back with over \$80 million interest each year. In fact they didn't even hand over the whole billion.

On July 10 at 8:07 a.m., the Morgan Guaranty Trust handed the chairman of the Municipal Assistance Corp. (the so-called Big MAC) a check not for \$1 billion, but for \$984,518,217.88.

Where did the small change of \$15,481,782.12 disappear to?

This sum was not a part of the "underwriting expense"—that is, sales commission—and the discount the banks got for selling the bonds to themselves.

Thus the people of the city will have to pay roughly an extra \$15.5 million for the use of \$984.5 million, in addition to the \$80 million, which comes to more than 10 percent in real interest the first year, plus the principal.

On the day following this transaction, the New York Daily News whimsically described the size of it.

"There were 200,000 of the bonds in \$5,000 denominations," said the paper. "Stacked up, they would be 12 stories high. Laid singly end to end they would stretch 41 miles..."

Since most of our readers have never seen a \$5,000 bond and never expect to see one, let us consider what a pile of \$20 bills of the same thickness would look like—if they represented just that juicy \$95 million untaxable guaranteed profit chiseled out by the banks for a couple of days' "work"—and not the billion itself.

Would the pile be just 12 stories high?

No, it would be 285 stories high—or 3 piles of \$20 bills, each about as high as the Empire State Building.

That's how much additional wealth the workers of New York City have to produce for the banks in one year because of that one financial transaction.

older clerical worker told a television newscaster.

Other workers interviewed agreed, pointing out that if the city succeeds in violating this provision of the contract, it would inevitably open the door to other violations.

Earlier, AFSCME president Victor Gotbaum had threatened a walkout of city workers at 4 p.m. today, but after the director of the city's Office of Labor Relations agreed to formal arbitration, he urged the workers to remain on their jobs until 5 p.m., at least temporarily.

At first Beame had refused to submit to arbitration and had threatened any city workers participating in a 4 p.m. walkout with the Taylor Law, which penalizes striking public workers 2 days' pay for each day of strike. In

addition, through his press secretary, Beame threatened the workers with fines, suspensions, and dismissals if they refused to work the longer day.

But faced with a walkout of 110,000 city workers, Beame realized he had better concede to arbitration at least. It remains to be seen whether this arbitration will bring the union the desired result. And in the meantime the workers are working the extra hour for nothing.

PROVISIONAL WORKERS

The threatened walkout overshadowed the questionable, if not actually racist, demand by the AFSCME leadership that by today the city rehire the thousands of laid off workers at the expense of provisional workers. Beame

agreed to meet with AFSCME leaders concerning the provisionals this Friday.

Although the union leadership is claiming that the reason it wants these workers laid off is because their jobs have been used by the politicians as patronage, this is not the situation of the majority of the provisionals. Many have provisional status as the result of a hiring freeze enacted by the city over a year ago; with others, permanent status was prohibited by the city tests, which often discriminate against those without college degrees.

"Some of the provisionals have been on the job for over 20 years," an AFSCME chapter president explained. "They've been doing the same work as the so-called permanent workers all this time.

Many of the provisionals are Black and Latin, largely women, who were discriminated against by the city testing system that has very little to do with being able to do the job."

He added that a large percentage of these workers are in the union, supposedly under the union's protection, which makes the leadership's position doubly bad.

ONLY THE BANKS BENEFIT!

It is clear that this "solution" of Gotbaum and the others in the AFSCME leadership cannot help the city workers hold onto their rights won through past struggles. It can only play on racism and serve the interests of the bankers, who will be the only ones to benefit from the division of the workers if such a proposal goes into effect.

Crinkles her nose at garbage—and workers**This 'liberal' not so liberal on labor!**

By V. COPELAND
NEW YORK, July 14—Big business would like the working people to greet a possible postal strike with the same all-out rage with which a well-massaged executive greets a walkout of his own private messengers.

In preparing the public for this effect, the liberal newspaper columnists are playing their parts.

The syndicated almost super-liberal Harriet Van Horne, one who wept for patriotic joy in print when the House Judiciary Committee finally made "spontaneous" speeches calling for Nixon's impeachment, is a case in point.

"AN ANGRY LOT"

Ms. Van Horne, well supplied with wage statistics, but saying nothing about the cost of living, wrote of July 9:

"Incredible as it seems, salaries for federal jobs have risen more

than 100 percent in the last 10 years. . . .

"On TV last night we saw the workers at New York's main post office marching in a gung-ho rehearsal for the big strike they expect to call when their new contract demands are rejected."

The fact that these workers are willing to go off the job, lose money, endanger their living altogether, in order to secure a raise and prevent themselves and their brother and sister workers from being laid off, this strikes our \$40,000-a-year liberal columnist as quite a terrible thing.

She goes on to show that the mails are nearly twice as slow as 4 years ago, the implication being that the workers are loafing on the job.

Actually she knows nothing whatever about the matter, but simply gets press releases and anti-labor information handouts from the executives of the postal service and other agencies as most other columnists do.

These publicity handouts didn't say, of course, that postal workers have been cut back by attrition if not by actual layoff for years, that not even Christmas extras are being hired any more, and that there is a constant speed-up—alias "productivity"—campaign.

However, these omissions do correspond with Van Horne's own opinion of what the life-style of the masses should be.

HUNGER GOOD FOR THE SOUL!

In her column of July 7 she wrote the following to advise people to live on less:

"When you're hard up, you learn to Do It Yourself. Sometimes it is as richly satisfying as all those inspirational back-to-basics books said it was. . . .

"The weekly steak is no longer a priority among working-class families," the Wall Street Journal reported the other day. Also noted were an increase in casserole cookery and brownbag lunches.

"All these trends are wholesome,

good for the soul as well as the budget." And so on and on.

Of the recent New York sanitation workers' strike, she said (on July 11):

"Public servants who deliberately abandon us amid reeking tons of filth must be expected to be denounced as traitors, saboteurs, anarchists and worse."

Indeed they must, Ms. Van Horne. That's what your job of liberal columnist was created for.

The people in Harlem, Bedford-Stuyvesant, East New York, Lower East Side, Brownsville, and quite a few other places have been getting along for years without remotely the same efficient sanitation service that Ms. Van Horne gets. So they were able to endure the strike somewhat easier than she.

By the same token, the workers of New York will be able to endure a postal strike, if they don't read the columnists and watch TV. Surely they can somehow survive the absence of all those bills they would otherwise receive on time!

**Long and bitter wait for a possible job**

NEW YORK, July 10—It is a long wait in the sun for summer jobs for youth in the Bedford-Stuyvesant ghetto in Brooklyn. For 2 weeks now, hundreds of Black teenagers who very much want promised work at \$2.10 an hour have lined up and waited behind police barricades for 10 hours a day outside the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood center.

Out of 250,000 teenagers in this oppressed community that is one of the most dilapidated areas in the city, only 3,820 federally-funded summer jobs at 6-hours-a-day, \$50-a-week were allotted to the community. Now

the youth are waiting for these few jobs.

Each person in the line has already filled out all the necessary application forms and all have been assured of employment—but the latest word is that the promised jobs "may never materialize." The doors to the center are locked and guarded, and the officials in city government agencies make excuses, and the oppressed youth taste the bitter pain of poverty and broken promises.

FBI conducting Vietnam-style attack on Sioux at Pine Ridge

By PETE PERKINS
NEW YORK, July 10—Hamlet raids in Vietnam were called search and destroy missions. Soldiers in fatigues, armored personnel carriers, helicopters, jeeps, and spotter planes were all common elements of the assault. Vietnamese people were harassed, tortured, and often murdered by the likes of Lt. William Calley.

Hamlet raids of exactly the same sort are going on today at the Pine Ridge reservation of the Sioux Indians in South Dakota. The current crop of Calleys are FBI agents instead of army officers. Their methods and tactics are straight out of Vietnam.

SIoux THIEF

The Vietnamese had their murderous puppet President Thieu to deal with. And the Sioux people have Pine Ridge President Dick Wilson and his own organized

henchmen to contend with. Wilson's goon squads are now rampaging through the reservation backed by the illegal presence of hundreds of FBI agents and other state and federal police.

Since the armed occupation of Pine Ridge ended about 2 years ago, over 240 Indian people have died violent deaths that are part of the sum total of the U.S. government reprisals against the uprising. Today leaders of the American Indian Movement (AIM) are calling for United Nations supervision to end the FBI reign of terror and supervise free elections that they are sure would oust federal stooge Dick Wilson.

The FBI, with Wilson's assistance, has greatly stepped up the harassment and persecution of AIM in recent months. Dennis Banks is on trial now in Custer, S.D., and Russell Means faces 12 separate trials in the near future

after he recovers from a bullet in the back that he sustained on June 7 from the gun of a federal cop.

AIM FOR SOVEREIGNTY

The central issue at Pine Ridge is the issue of Indian sovereignty. The Sioux are an Indian nation with valid treaties with the U.S. government which the FBI and other federal and state government agencies systematically violate. These racist whites fancy themselves as the cowboys in a modern-day version of the lethal game of cowboys and Indians.

Since the days of the first European colonists, the capitalist settlers of North America have never lived in harmony with the Native American people. The Indians have a collective and sharing style of social and economic existence. Corporate America has long sought to exterminate the Indian nations and their influence



Police view body of a young Sioux he murdered.

on contemporary society and totally seize their land.

They have resorted both to open genocide and the more subtle tactics of "assimilation." The current Vietnam-style offensive at

Pine Ridge is an attempt to smash several centuries of Indian resistance, but it will just reinforce this resistance. FBI director Clarence Kelly will join the ranks of Custer and Calley who tried and failed before him.

Does Ghandi stand above classes?

Wall St. and the s

By ANDY STAPP

NEW YORK, July 14—Since declaring a state of national emergency 3 weeks ago in a counter-move directed against right-wing and pro-U.S. forces plotting to topple her government, India's Prime Minister Indira Ghandi has presented herself as a leader who stands above all political groupings and is independent of the various contending classes—whether big capitalists, peasants, or the urban workers.

This is, of course, the typical pose of a Bonapartist regime that seems to straddle the fence in the class struggle, with a foot planted in each camp, alternately promoting one social grouping over another in an effort to preserve its precarious balance.

And it is true that since evoking the Emergency Act on June 26, Prime Minister Ghandi has, to a certain extent, taken steps calculated to win the backing of the masses.

U.S. WANTED ANOTHER CHILE

Her jailing of reactionary politicians like Jayaprakash Narayan under the Maintenance of Internal Security Act undoubtedly met with widespread approval from those who understood that beneath Narayan's vague talk about "fighting corruption," he and his rightist allies were clearing the road for a pro-imperialist takeover. The French newspaper *Le Monde* (July 3) notes that shortly before he was taken into custody, Narayan was preparing a campaign of organized disruption and terror "which would probably have paralyzed administrative life in the country." It was just such well-orchestrated chaos, abetted by the U.S. CIA, which aided in destabilizing the leftist Allende government in Chile in the days leading up to the fascist coup in September 1973.

Many Indians also undoubtedly hope that Ghandi will use her new power to do something to better the life of the very poor, a task that her regime, as well as all previous ones, has been notably unsuccessful at accomplishing.

In a limited manner, some reforms have been instituted, for the time being at least. Even a bitter critic of the Prime Minister like the *New York Times* admitted in a story filed from its New Delhi bureau on July 14 that "consumer prices have dropped throughout the country, partly by decree and partly because of fear among would-be profiteers, inspired by the many arrests. 'So many things have come down,' remarked a housewife who was holding a bunch of bananas in one hand. 'It's because of the emergency.'"

IMPROVEMENTS ONLY TEMPORARY

Despite some temporary improvements they have brought about, however, Ghandi's moves on the economic front fall short of what is needed and the measures she has taken to eradicate poverty have been rather like trying to melt an iceberg with a candle.

The Manchester Guardian of England on July 12 pointed out, "It is a fact that the power base of (Ghandi's) Congress Party in Bihar, as elsewhere in India, is the rural rich, and they can be expected, as before, to block all reform."

True enough. The only point the Guardian neglects to mention is the century of English imperialism that left this legacy of suffering and gross inequality!

Not surprisingly, an important section of the Indian capitalist ruling class has come to terms with the latest turn of events on the sub-continent. The influential *National Herald*, a newspaper associated with the Nehru family, reported on July 5 that Mr. Naval H. Tata, the President of the Employees Federation of India, "welcomed Mrs. Ghandi's economic measures."

MAKE INVESTMENT EASIER

One reason for this friendly attitude of the Indian big bourgeoisie toward the supposedly "socialist" Ghandi regime is spelled out frankly in the issue of *Le Monde* quoted earlier. "There is no question of nationalization," the French paper stated, adding that

Native Americans to cross border in celebration of their sovereignty

By HARRY HILL (President, Indian Defense League of America)

BUFFALO, July 12—On July 19, 1975, Native American Indians from all over North America will be coming to Niagara Falls, Ontario, for the 48th annual celebration of the Free Border Crossing—the sovereign right of North American Indians to cross the international borderline between the U.S. and Canada without hindrance.

This right was established for all North American Indians by the Jay Treaty's recognition of the Indians' sovereignty in 1794. The history of the Free Border Crossing Celebration began over a century later,

when the Jay Treaty was returned to Chief Clinton Richard in 1926, and Richard proposed an annual celebration by marching across the international borderline between the U.S. and Canada. Since 1928, the third Saturday in July has been celebrated by Native American Indians in both the U.S. and Canada, although Canada still claims not to recognize the Jay Treaty.

The Free Border Crossing Celebration, which alternates in the U.S. and Canada each year, is one of the few Indian rights which the U.S. government hasn't yet tried to squash. To allow Indian people to cross the border without hindrance is a recognition by both the U.S.

and Canadian governments that the treaties with the Indians still exist and are exercised by the Native American Indians.

This year's celebration will commence at the Whirlpool Rapids Bridge, connecting the U.S. and Canada, on July 19, at 12 noon.

(Editor's note: The Indian Defense League of America is an organization composed entirely of Native American Indians who have dedicated themselves to the service and welfare of all Indians. The league has pledged to defend the rights of the Indian people and to unite them under one organization, to preserve their rights as a nationality and as a sovereign people.)

Racists throw bricks, fire-bomb

Mob attacks Black family

BUFFALO, July 10—Robert Redricks, a Black foundry worker at Chevrolet here, is facing charges of "reckless endangerment." His son has had his leg broken by a gang right outside their house. Bricks have twice been thrown through the Redricks' window, and a fire bomb was also thrown at the house.

What have the Redricks done to become the victims of such vicious persecution?

They moved into the Bailey-Delavan section of Buffalo, a predominantly white neighborhood that harbors a "White Power" bookstore.

Visits by the police and FBI have only been to further harass the Redricks, despite the attacks and the appearance in the neighborhood of a leaflet boasting about breaking Robert, Jr.'s leg. The questions of the police, instead of focusing on the racist attackers, have pressured the Redricks on why they wanted to move into the neighborhood in the first place.

"Why do you want to be martyrs?" they recall one detective asking them.

CHARGES PRESSED AGAINST VICTIM!

After a racist mob on May 20 attacked some of the children right down the street from their house at E. Delavan and Hazelwood avenues, charges were finally pressed. But not against the racists! The charges were against Mr. Redricks for "reckless endangerment." A car in which he had been riding to rescue his kids had crashed into a pole after rocks were thrown into the windshield. Last Monday, July 7, Mr. Redricks' landlord and the owner of the car, James Brown, testified in court that he was driving the car at the time, not Redricks. Yet Judge Alois C.

Mazur refused to dismiss the charges against Robert Redricks and bound the case over to a grand jury.

This concerted racist campaign, that is being carried forward with the collusion of various local authorities, comes at a time of grave crisis for working people in the Buffalo area. Extremely high unemployment ranges from 60 percent for Black youth to 15 percent overall, with a rise expected because of threatened city budget cutbacks.

DEEPENING CRISIS

This spring, predominantly Black groups held a march for jobs and decent housing. Thousands of construction workers marched on City Hall for jobs. Hundreds from the Civil Service Employees Association picketed Governor Carey for higher wages. Workers at Buffalo Forge and Arcada Graphics have put up militant resistance to the strike-breaking efforts of the cops. And when a women's group, Women United for Action, distributed free potatoes to 1,000 people in the city, the public was shaken by the knowledge that near-starvation was widespread.

It is in this atmosphere that Nazi groups have tried to whip up the prejudices of many white workers, and set them against the oppressed just at a time when all workers so desperately need to unite against their common enemy, the parasitic bosses.

The Redricks, however, are standing firm in defense of their right to live where they choose. Their courage is inspiring a growing support from white, Black, and other people who stand ready to help out the Redricks family in their fight against racist terror.

Lebanese victims: 'We want guns!'

By MOLLY CHARBONEAU

NEW YORK, July 14—In a blatant attempt to intervene on behalf of the fascist Falangists in Lebanon, the Israeli military this past week launched three vicious attacks against Palestinian refugee camps inside Lebanon. The Palestinians have been closely allied with Lebanese leftists in the recent internal struggle within Lebanon.

The Israeli military, with the full support of U.S. imperialism, aimed a combined land, sea, and air attack on the refugee camp at Rashidiyah on July 7. This was followed by two similar and equally brutal attacks against the Lebanese coastal town of Sidon yesterday.

ATTACKS AIMED AT AIDING FALANGISTS

Using the excuse that the raids are "retaliatory" and aimed at wiping out alleged "guerrilla headquarters" and arms caches, the Israeli state is in reality trying to wipe out Palestinians and Lebanese progressives to pave the

road to power for the ultra-right Falangists in Lebanon.

In its latest monthly diplomatic supplement, the French newspaper *Le Monde* exposed the integral connection between the Israeli military and the fascist, U.S.-backed Falangists.

Le Monde reporter Guy Paud saw Israeli weapons (many undoubtedly U.S. supplied) in the Falangist arsenals. Israeli military "advisors" also aided the Falangists in their recent assault against Lebanese leftists.

Despite this aid, and other shipments of arms from Iran, Europe, Panama (where the U.S. has a Special Forces training camp), and the Jordanian government (a proven enemy of the Palestinian struggle), the Falangists have been suffering defeats at the hands of a united Palestinian and Lebanese leftist fighting force.

Israel undoubtedly hopes to recoup the Falangists' losses through its latest series of vicious attacks.

The Israeli government and military since their inception have loyally served the interests of imperialism and reaction in the Middle East, Africa and the Mediterranean. Israel aided French colonialism in Algeria, invaded Egypt in 1956 when Nasser nationalized the Suez Canal, and has joint training operations with the racist South African military.

Despite the brutality of the Israeli attack, there were surprisingly few casualties. Residents of the Rashidiyah camp have built a series of underground shelters which succeeded in protecting the over 5,000 camp residents from the bombs. Similar shelters also protected residents of the Ein Helweh camp outside of Sidon who took cover after spotting Israeli reconnaissance planes.

During the July 7 raid, Palestinian guerrilla forces drove back 100 Israeli troops and downed one plane, suffering only four casualties. During yesterday's raid, Palestinian gun and missile crews downed two Israeli Phantom jets as "Palestinians in the camp shouted with joy and danced about at the news." (*New York Post*, July 14.) The Israeli military, trying to save face, has denied that any planes were shot down.

LEBANESE POOR, PALESTINIANS CONTINUE THEIR STRUGGLE

Clearly, even this Israeli intervention on behalf of U.S. imperialism and local reactionary forces has failed to produce a decisive blow against Palestinian

and Lebanese progressives. Within Lebanon, with the exception of tanks and planes, the left is as well armed as the right.

What is more important, the Palestinians struggling to regain their homeland and the Lebanese poor, oppressed, and progressives have a revolutionary spirit and will to struggle which far surpasses that of the Israeli or Falangist forces.

This sentiment was echoed loudly by the masses in Beirut. When ransom was paid for captured U.S. Colonel Ernest Morgan (and it turned out to be far less than leftists had demanded), the crowd answered the government with chants of, "We want guns, not charity."



In Sidon, Palestinian refugees hold up parachute belonging to an Israeli pilot whose Phantom jet was shot down over Lebanon.

struggle in India

"the government is in fact getting ready to make investment formalities easier," a prospect that should please both European and American imperialism and the Indian capitalist class.

Although they might well be neutral or even approving toward Ghandi's latest economic policies, the U.S. ruling class nonetheless remains quite hostile toward her government, which Wall Street considers too closely allied to the USSR on international questions.

The biggest capitalist faction in India that is clearly against Ghandi is the commercial and industrial empire headed by G.D. Birla. Closely associated with the U.S., Birla enterprises enormously expanded throughout India in the last 15 years. In 1963 he openly boasted to visiting U.S. businessmen that "the public sector in India is going to act as a generator of private enterprises." This is hardly news to Ghandi and the rest of the Indian capitalist class. She is basically at odds with Birla because of his flagrant support for the Rashtriya Svayamsevak Sang (RSS), the paramilitary arm of the fascist Jan Sangh party. Under the emergency act, the RSS is outlawed but membership in the Jan Sangh is still legal.

GHANDI ATTACKS THE LEFT

It is the deepening repression Ghandi has unleashed against the left, however, which most clearly reveals that her interests and those of her regime are firmly wedded to the rule of big money. Of the 26 parties that she has banned since June 26, nine are communist organizations, eight of them what are generally termed Maoist. Of all the major workers' parties, only the Communist Party of India (CPI), which has been virtually uncritical of the government, has escaped all suppression. Although correctly supporting Ghandi's moves against the reactionaries, the CPI has also endorsed the outlawing of all 26 organizations, indiscriminately lumping together ultra-right parties like the Jamatt-

e Islami-e-Hind and the RSS with a number of progressive organizations under the catch-all label of "reactionary and extremist groups."

THE PEOPLE WILL FIGHT

The Indian revolutionaries and the hunger-ridden masses have not yet played a central role in the struggle now taking place between Ghandi's Bonapartist regime and the pro-U.S. business interests who are determined to break her diplomatic alliance with the Soviet Union and reduce India to a complete puppet of Wall Street imperialism like Indonesia or Brazil.

But events in India are now moving to a critical turning point. The present regime (with or without Ghandi) will eventually be replaced—either by proletarian revolution or by fascist dictatorship. The danger before the Indian masses is great—but even greater is the challenge.

Ask \$300 minimum social security

By a Senior Citizen

CLEVELAND, July 9—The Cleveland Senior Citizens Coalition held a rally and demonstration July 3 when President Ford came to speak to a \$150-plate fundraising dinner. The rally, held on the square, stressed the two demands of the Senior Citizens Coalition: a minimum \$300-per-month social security for each recipient and a National Health Act that will assure adequate care for all senior citizens.

Mrs. Mudri, chairperson of the coalition, stressed the need for higher social security and described the poverty that many of the aged are forced to live in. Brother Dowden, while not someone who has supported the socialist countries, said he could not understand why we can't have adequate medical care here too. He stated that the old people just cannot afford the care they need in this country.

Ted Dostal, a retired steelworker, recalled for the meeting the days of the great depression of the 1930s. He recalled the struggles conducted by the now-senior citizens to get unions in order to have job security, pensions, unemployment compensation, welfare, veterans' bonuses, and many other benefits that are just taken for granted today. He stressed that the retirees of today labored and helped produce the commodities that made an abundance of goods possible.

"If all the over 10 million unemployed could get work, there could be an abundance and plenty for all instead of the poverty and suffering that prevails today," he said. He concluded by saying that the senior citizens of today are organizing and that they will join hands with others in the future to fight for the right to live.

A Senior Citizens Declaration of Independence was signed by those present, forecasting the future struggle they will have to participate in if they are to get what they earned in the past.

They then marched in front of Ford's hotel, where they demonstrated their resolve to be heard. They were in full view of the news media and passers-by with their signs up high. The demonstration was not too large, but it was nearly as large as the group that greeted the President. The seniors were joined by a contingent from the Center for United Labor Action.

REMEMBER THE DEPRESSION

While the senior citizens went to their poverty-type meals, Ford and his big business and political supporters were having their banquet. But the real treat in store for the businessmen was a statement by Ford that "Americans

must do more for themselves." This is just what President Hoover used to say during the Depression. Hoover used to imply that "the poor should support the poor." And we were reminded of Hoover's famous last words, "Prosperity is just around the corner," when Ford told us recently, "The recession is about over."

But the senior citizens of today who remember the 1930s, and the workers today who know that a fuller life is possible, will not just listen to Ford and accept his preachings. They will organize to demand things from the government and if the government won't serve the people (which it won't), the workers, young and old, men and women, Black, Chicano, and white, will do something to change the government so that it will really represent the masses and not just a few billionaires and millionaires. And they won't wait forever, either.

The Soyuz-Apollo Flight

The joint Soviet-American space flight which began on July 14 in many ways marks the high tide in the "detente" between the U.S. and the Soviet Union. From the point of view of the leaders of the USSR, the Soyuz-Apollo mission will help build friendship between "people of good will" in both countries, as the newspaper *Pravda* stated last Sunday. And certainly First Secretary Brezhnev hopes that this public display of cooperation in outer space will counter the anti-Soviet war hysteria being whipped up in the U.S. by influential politicians like Senator Jackson.

All this would be fine if there were nothing more to it. Unfortunately, there are other aspects to this space mission that can only have a negative effect on oppressed peoples' views of the USSR in particular and on the overall struggle against U.S. imperialism in general.

First of all, this much publicized "handshake in the sky" will certainly reinforce the false "superpower" concept that there is no basic class difference between Wall Street and Moscow. Certainly the Chinese must feel that the space flight is aimed at strengthening the Soviet Union's ties with the U.S. and is directed in large part against them. And for this the Soviet leadership has only themselves to blame.

And for the masses of the world trying to break the chains of U.S. capitalist domination, for the political prisoners in south Korea, for the Portuguese workers menaced by a CIA-inspired threat of counter-revolution, for the people of Chile under the heel of a U.S.-puppet dictatorship, and for the masses of Angola who are at this very minute fighting the forces of U.S. neo-colonialism, this U.S.-Soviet space spectacular can only appear to be a rank act of class collaboration with U.S. imperialism. Certainly the whole affair is far more "government-to-government" than "people-to-people," and is calculated by the U.S. rulers to embellish the reputations of Ford, Kissinger, and Schlesinger, men who just last week were threatening a nuclear first strike against the USSR itself!

While the joint flight obscures the true working-class character of the Soviet state, the U.S. has in no way lessened its barrage of anti-Soviet propaganda. This week saw Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn on "Meet the Press." And Ford has designated 1975 "Captive Nations Year" (meaning, of course, the socialist countries of Eastern Europe allied to the USSR, not the *real* captive nations the U.S. controls around the world in Asia, Africa, and Latin America, as well as the Black, Chicano, Native American, and Puerto Rican people in the United States itself.)

Seen as it really is, the Soyuz-Apollo is not a step forward for humanity but a wholly unnecessary advantage for the imperialists, an act harmful to the class struggle and basically self-defeating for the Soviet Union too.

Daily News 'recognizes' China

The New York *Daily News* has been running a series of articles on the achievements of People's China. They are written by the executive editor of the paper and they are relatively favorable to the Chinese People's Republic.

The fact that this extreme right-wing and even profascist newspaper has been compelled to, so to speak, "recognize" this socialist country—4 years after ex-President Nixon's visit there and 26 years after the great revolution of 1949—is one more proof of the power of that revolution. And it is gratifying indeed that millions of working people can read about the liberation of women, the devotion of the Red Army soldiers, and the heroic battles of socialist construction.

However, the *News* also attacked the Soviet Union in the same editions in which it praised People's China, warning the allegedly innocent Washington imperialists against detente with the Soviets and even viewing the Soyuz-Apollo flight with considerable alarm. Which should lead people to question the objectivity and even the strategy of the *Daily News* in running the series at all.

Before Nixon's trip to the People's Republic, the *Daily News* said of the China-Soviet dispute—in so many words—"Let's you and him fight." The paper at that time constantly repeated the vicious injunction that "the only good communist is a dead communist"—usually admonishing those "liberal" imperialists who wished to maneuver with the Chinese against the Russians.

It appears to us that just as some U.S. upper circles are trying to convince the Soviet leadership that imperialism will never make war on the Soviet Union, so other forces are trying to convince the leaders of People's China that if they stick with U.S. imperialism, they will be much better off than if they try to reestablish the China-Soviet alliance. The *Daily News* also appears to be joining or encouraging the latter group.

Both U.S. groups are imperialist liars maneuvering to



Which side is PL on?

Club-swinging attack on Labor Council

By T. MITCHELL
NEW YORK, July 3—In its newspaper *Challenge*, the Progressive Labor Party has taken complete responsibility for carrying out the "Battle of Union Square" last June 19, when 120 PLers armed with 4-foot walking sticks set upon 60 unprepared defenders of the regular monthly meeting of the Central Labor Council, composed of the AFL-CIO union officialdom of this city.

At least 12 members of the union defense guard, such as it was, were taken in ambulances to hospitals. PL claims 18 victims on the union side, calling them "goons." The PLers soon retreated and dispersed under the clubs of arriving cops, taking their injured along. Two PLers were arrested.

Until the July 3 issue of *Challenge* appeared, there were no news reports of the assault. PL themselves pretended ignorance when this reporter, after speaking to an eyewitness to the event, contacted their office. But now an editorial in the same issue of *Challenge* proclaims that their deeds in Union Square are an example of "revolutionary

demolish both socialist countries—preferably by making them fight each other first.

It should be recalled in this regard that the New York *Daily News* was the most vociferous cheerleader of the war against Japan in 1941 (while opposing the war against Nazi Germany!) This had nothing to do with getting revenge for Pearl Harbor. But it did have something to do with a plan to take over China. And that plan failed solely because the Chinese Revolution made it fail.

Thus, the *News* with all its anti-Soviet ravings is about as friendly to People's China as the proverbial fox in the chicken coop.

violence on the road to power."

The account in *Challenge* heaps glorious praise on the PLers who used their advantage of the moment in numbers, weapons, and surprise to inflict merciful injury: "The union goon staggered against the wall as blood poured from his forehead... Another blow sent him reeling to the floor, he screamed in terror and passed out!... We fought three or four workers against each goon."

A spectator across the street told *Workers World* that the PL attack force arrived marching four abreast, sticks in hand, from three directions at once, and immediately set upon beating their way into the building. The defenders of the meeting included many rank-and-file workers. A man in a building porter's uniform was among those carried off on stretchers.

By what twisted thinking does this would-be "revolutionary communist party," as it mislabels itself, make a virtue of assaulting a union meeting, even if only a meeting of union bureaucrats?

It is certainly true that the top executive officers are mostly a bunch of collaborators and misleaders, but unions are still vital defensive formations of the working class. And in spite of the failure of the current conservative leadership to organize and lead a political general strike against the city layoffs—as PL is demanding—PL itself is in no position to take a leading role in such a tremendous action.

In its avowed mission to oust the entrenched sell-out heads of these unions, PL chose a period when the leaders of the city municipal workers' unions are daily being labeled "bosses" and "dictators" by capitalist politicians, bankers, and editorial writers in the news media. PL is certainly aware of the right-wing attack on these unions, yet it says nothing against it. Which side are they on?

PL asserts that it is totally dedicated to the interests of the working class, and it was once prominent on college campuses during the anti-war struggle, when PL did correctly argue that the

Vietnam war was systematic imperialist aggression, not an accidental mistake. But following its unprincipled criticism of the Black Panther Party, then under attack from mass arrests and military assaults on its headquarters, PL degenerated and its membership largely disintegrated.

Until its June 19 reappearance, PL had seldom been seen on the streets of New York ever since Nixon's trip to China in 1972, when PL switched from its former position of imitation of China's line to a sudden declaration that China had gone capitalist—an accusation earlier thrown at the USSR. Now PL has shown in Union Square that it has gone further to the right in its decline.

PL claims that the attack on the meeting was made by "hands of the working class," "Black, Latin, Asian, and white workers," "many of whom had just received their pink slips from Mayor Beame." This dishonest description of the PL attack force, which was reported to us as made up overwhelmingly of young white men, is a fabrication conceived in PL's delusion that it is leading mass actions of the working class.

In fact, the "Battle of Union Square" displayed the infantile presumption of a small band of radicals foolishly attempting to substitute themselves for the masses. And the extra-legal violence used by the working class to remove the capitalists from power—that PL covers itself with—does not begin with organized assaults on union meetings. Such hooliganism is characteristic of the fascist bands that historically have operated in periods of economic crisis.

PL has momentarily reared its head from obscurity in a desperate act more typical of the neo-fascist Labor Committee-U.S. Labor Party than of any progressive organization. And PL will be repudiated by the very workers it speaks in the name of, who will turn to those who consistently defend and strengthen the unions as they rise to give militant leadership.

Portuguese revolution in danger

By SAM MARCY

NEW YORK, July 16—The U.S. and its Western allies are preparing a back-door counter-revolution in Portugal. They are using Socialist Party (SP) and Popular Democrat (PD) politicians as their public relations front to carry out this sordid mission. This attempt to reverse the gains of the revolution, unlike the two previous attempts—last September and again in March—has the potential of fomenting the bloodiest civil war in Europe since the Spanish Revolution.

There are, of course, theoretically speaking, other possibilities. The Portuguese Communist Party (CP) and its allies could gracefully withdraw from the government and from influential positions in the army and let the SP and PD run the show in reestablishing the battered and broken-down ruling class of Portugal.

But even if the CP leadership were contemplating this alternative, which we strongly doubt, it would not result in a peaceful democratic solution. It would only end up in a monstrous bloodbath for the working class. The reasons for this should be obvious to anyone who has even superficially studied the development in Portugal over the past 14 months.

FASCISTS STILL THERE —IN THE WOODWORK

In the first place, all the counter-revolutionary forces—the Salazarists, the Caetanoists, the Spinoists in and out of the army, all the old, rotten, and corrupt elements of the fascist regime, the police, the civil guards, the prison authorities, the court personnel and judges, some elements of the rank-and-file army not to speak of reactionaries in the officer corps, all the flunkies of the dispossessed landlords, absentee managers, servants and lickspittles of the monopolies, who have long been in hiding and subdued—all these would spring into the open and create a St. Bartholomew's Night of terror for all the working class militants, landless peasants, and progressives.

None of the above counter-revolutionary elements have been destroyed or deeply wounded by the revolution. The revolution has been kind to them. Have not all genuine revolutions of the oppressed in the past always started off by treating their mortal class enemies with kindness—until the night of terror does descend upon them? Only then, and then only, does the vengeance of the revolutionary masses come into existence. It is then that the revolutionary masses are reviled for the use of terror, but the terror of their oppressors is not mentioned.

To this day, the PIDE (the secret police who used to torture all dissidents during the fascist regime) have been treated "leniently, even kindly" (Portuguese CP-head Alvaro Cunhal's own words). They could be out of jail on an hour's notice as vengeful, as cruel, and as sadistic as they ever were, if not more so.

Then think also of all those—there are thousands—who have been forced into exile. The landlords, plant managers, business executives, government officials of the former regime, and their families. Even now, "refugees" from Mozambique and Angola are streaming into the Lisbon airport.

The rightists are delighted to welcome them.

Yes, it is theoretically possible for the CP to gracefully withdraw, but the practical aspect is no easy task. It ought to make anyone shudder at the enormous dangers it would entail. The bourgeoisie would soon show what it really means by a "democratic process." This would happen even if the CP withdrew in the best and most principled break with the government.

RIGHT-WING PRESSURE FROM ITALIAN CP

There is no question that the Italian CP leader Enrico Berlinguer and his colleagues have been urging precisely such a withdrawal. Have not the Italian CP leaders been warning Cunhal all along to take his place as a minority in a "peaceful," constitutional, "democratic way" and make a Portuguese-style "historic compromise" like Berlinguer is so desperately trying to accomplish in Italy?

No wonder Cunhal is now so disdainful and scornful of his

and honorable profession of Portuguese barristers (where have they been all these 50 years in the struggle for civil rights and democratic liberties?) has at last passed a resolution for civil rights and democracy directed against the government and the CP.

To round out the events as they are unfolding in this tense political crisis, the headquarters of the CP in Rio Maior (a small town 25 miles north of Lisbon), has been burned down to the ground by a counter-revolutionary mob to the malicious joy of all the rightists. And none of those who are now suddenly fighting for "democracy" took note of this infraction of democracy.

And what has been the issue which galvanized the SP and the Popular Democratic politicians and caused them to throw down the gauntlet to the armed forces (really meaning it for the CP)?

Freedom of the press! The fact that the workers, led to a very limited extent by the CP, took over the establishment of Republica (which incidentally is privately owned), locked the door, and

working overtime on all cylinders getting everybody to do their bit to reverse the situation in Portugal. Even bankers have been enlisted to act as errand boys for the CIA so that "freedom could prevail." Tad Szulc, the former New York Times Washington Bureau Chief, says in an article in the August Penthouse magazine that "early this year several American bankers were asked by personal friends in the CIA to handle a delivery of special funds in Spain and Portugal." Some, of course, refused. It would violate the tradition that the CIA does the errand boy work for the bankers, and not vice versa. But on this special occasion, some of the bankers agreed to cooperate in the spirit of "national interest."

MONEY AND TROOPS

Why special funds in Spain and Portugal? It was not for nothing that Ford on May 30 condescended to embrace Franco in public. For it is there in Spain that the so-called Portuguese Liberation Army, a band of cutthroats, mercenaries, and scum of the earth, are being trained for a counter-revolutionary invasion. It should not be forgotten

for his "silent majority" to come out in a Mussolini-type march and end the Portuguese revolution?

None of them seem to have noticed that at all. Where were they all when the Spinoists were planning to launch their second coup last March? Were they alerting the public in Portugal to mount the barricades? Were they getting ready to send bundles for the freedom fighters on the barricades who halted the Spinoist fascist assault?

Did they even deign to write a commendatory editorial on the successful defense and the crushing of the fascist coup—which they said they were against (but only because it failed)?

No, No! Then it was the workers, the revolutionary militants, the PCP, the Portuguese Democratic Movement, and others on the left who were fighting the battle for civil liberties and democratic rights against the fascist assault. It was they who saved whatever democratic rights exist in Portugal today. Arrayed today against these very same revolutionary militants, class-conscious workers, and progressives is the bourgeois counter-revolution wearing the mask of "freedom of the press" and "democracy."

Soares and his colleagues are merely preparing the groundwork for the counter-revolution. They are transitional, intermediate, and temporary figures to hold the fort until...! Soares' bourgeois allies among the Popular Democrats are more conscious of their mission than he is. As are the representatives of U.S. imperialism like C.L. Sulzberger, part of the oligarchy that owns and edits the New York Times. Now in Lisbon, he quotes Soares as telling him, "I think we must use foreign help." (New York Times, July 16.)

CP REJECTS

BOURGEOIS PARLIAMENT

Cunhal is every bit correct in rejecting the bourgeois democratic system which he calls "freedom and monopolists"—that is a splendid formulation and accurate as well (as quoted in a July 13 New York Times Magazine interview conducted by Italian journalist Oriana Fallaci). The monopolies can always reject "freedom" whenever it becomes inconvenient for them. But the social democrats and liberals, who presumably personify "freedom," have never quite disengaged themselves from the monopolies and have always managed to coexist with and serve them faithfully.

Cunhal is also absolutely correct when he denounces the Popular Front, such as the one Togliatti made with Nenni in 1948 which resulted in the Italian CP disbanding the anti-fascist Partisan organizations and entering a coalition cabinet with the bourgeoisie. Here is a case where the monopolies could not quite comfortably coexist with freedom as envisioned by Togliatti and he and his colleagues were unceremoniously thrown out of the Cabinet as soon as it became convenient for the U.S. State Department.

Berlinguer's striving for his much beloved "historic compromise" with the Italian bourgeoisie is merely a cruder version of the 1948 coalition.

It should not be assumed that Cunhal is rejecting all compromise with the bourgeoisie and is all out for the dictatorship of the

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Left-wing rally in Lisbon. Now, under the guise of "democracy," U.S. and European imperialism are trying to sabotage the Portuguese revolution and restore fascist rule over the workers.

Italian and Spanish colleagues. The truth is, as an article by John Paton Davies in the New York Times Magazine of July 13 says, the Italian CP leaders have all along been more favorable to the Portuguese Socialist Party and its approach. That explains a lot about the anger of Cunhal at the advice (or really pressure) he's been getting from Italian and other Western CP leaders.

The current crisis in Portugal arose when the SP ministers and their deputies withdrew from the Cabinet. By the time this is in print, the Popular Democrats will have done so too.

Almost simultaneously, the Confederation of Portuguese Industries—the industrialists' organization—which had been laying low all these many months and at times seemed as servile as flunkies to the government, has made a turnabout. Emboldened by the "democratic" electoral victory, these capitalists have steadily become tougher. At their last meeting they went so far as to hand the government an ultimatum so provocatively worded that even President Costa Gomez, a moderate (a euphemism for a bourgeois), had to decline meeting with them. The smaller shopkeepers too have become even more rambunctious.

And finally, the Assembly of Lawyers, representing the ancient

wouldn't let the publishers in. But this takeover coincided with hundreds of others by Portuguese workers in other areas of the working class struggle, which explains why so much workers' control of industry prevails as of now in Portugal (see WW article, June 27).

BOURGEOIS "FREEDOM" LOVERS

Never has an issue such as the closing of the Republica newspaper had such a magical effect on rallying the worldwide bourgeoisie. Offers of financial support "have come from all over the world and things have gone so far that there was a suggestion that Western European and American newspapers might make a direct contribution for a newspaper to be edited by Raul Rego" (the former owner of Republica), says the Washington Post of July 15.

Has there ever been a genuinely socialist publication that could get the support of the Pentagon, the CIA, the White House, Wall Street, and the Bund? Yet even a retired U.S. Chief of Naval Operations is publicly soliciting funds for Republica. Admiral Elmo Zumwalt signed his name to an ad in the New York Times for such purposes (July 13), and Zumwalt was none other than Nixon's Chief of Naval Operations.

Indeed, the U.S. ruling class is

that the Mutual Assistance Treaty signed between Franco and Salazar in 1939 had in mind precisely such a situation as exists in Portugal today.

The London Economist of June 28 refers to the PLA as one of the reasons why the "vanishing right has reasons for feeling not entirely powerless."

The other two reasons the magazine gives are the troops expected to return from Mozambique and the former high commissioner there, Admiral Vitor Crespo. It has been widely speculated that the latter is a possible alternative to Premier Goncalves.

The ruling class has put its liberal elements in the vanguard role in garnering support for Republica. Behind them, of course, are the Washington Post, the New York Times, the Chicago Sun-Times, such luminaries of the right as William Buckley, a long list of right-wing liberals, and an array of organizations like the anti-communist Social Democrats USA, and others ad nauseam.

Where were they all these many years when the fascist dictatorship was in power? Did they ever raise their voice for any victim of fascist terror in Portugal, or condemn the suppression of democratic newspapers then?

Where were they when Spinoia was planning and openly calling

Italian newspaper article further shatters assassination coverup?

U.S. mercenary says he helped kill JFK

By P. MEISNER

NEW YORK, July 8—Another major crack in the cover-up of the biggest assassination conspiracy of the century has been revealed in a bourgeois newspaper of Western Europe. *Il Messagero*, an Italian daily in Rome, reported in its July 8 edition that an American mercenary named Lawrence Truckman, who was arrested in the Philippines in 1972 for plotting an assassination attempt against President Marcos, also admitted to having participated in the conspiracy that killed John F. Kennedy 9 years earlier!

Truckman had initially confessed only to having plotted against President Marcos, along with Cuban exiles and American and Filipino frogmen and sharpshooters. The confession seemed so incredible that Filipino police administered a truth serum to Truckman, who then proceeded to repeat the same story on the Marcos plot but added that 15 Cuban and American mercenaries had carried out the assassination of Kennedy on November 22, 1963.

Truckman further said that the

assassination was in retaliation for Kennedy's refusal to provide air cover for the ill-fated Bay of Pigs invasion in 1961 and for "promising" Krushchev that the U.S. would never again attempt an invasion of Cuba after the 1962 missile crisis. Truckman also said that Lee Harvey Oswald was to be the fall guy in the assassination because of his alleged work in pro-Castro activities.

(Mounting evidence has already been compiled to show that such "activities" on the part of Oswald were all show, with non-existent headquarters and fake membership applications, and that all such activities were set up by ultra-rightist organizations tied to anti-Castro Cuban organizations and the CIA.)

According to the *Il Messagero* report, Truckman did not link the CIA or FBI directly to the assassination but indicated that both agencies were deeply involved in the subsequent cover-up of the giant conspiracy. (However, the presence of CIA figures within the conspiracy itself was raised in the 1967 investigation and in-

dictments issued by then New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison. That investigation linked many of the conspirators to ultra-rightist organizations, the CIA, and Cuban exile groups.)

President Marcos apparently informed U.S. officials in 1972 of Truckman's testimony, but the story was immediately suppressed in the U.S. The Rome daily also reported that major U.S. newspapers, such as the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post*, were "working" on the story but had yet to print anything on it.

These revelations from a self-professed American mercenary add to the weight of historical evidence that a huge, ultra-right-wing conspiracy was behind the JFK assassination. The Warren Commission's "lone assassin" theory was purposely developed to keep from the American people the truth about the ruthless methods employed by the various feuding ruling class factions—against each other and against the masses of people themselves.

Only one newspaper in the U.S., *Workers World*, has consistently

exposed the profound meaning and political character of the assassination of John Kennedy. On November 26, 1963 (less than 4 days after the assassination), this newspaper put out a special edition headlined "Behind the Assassination." It laid bare the dangerous trends developing within the U.S. imperialist colossus, which were later to surface again in the assassinations of Robert Kennedy, Martin Luther King, and Malcolm X, in Watergate, and in the most recent CIA exposures. That analysis read in part:

"The United States of America came close to a fascist coup d'etat and the establishment of a right-wing, reactionary, totalitarian dictatorship.

"This is really the main and fundamental fact to emerge from the assassination of President Kennedy.

"That the coup d'etat did not actually come off, can only be explained by the fact that the forces of political reaction, virulent racism, and 'preventive war' militarists, had failed to

coalesce at the critical moment and emerge with 'a man on horseback'....

"The evolution of U.S. ruling class politics in general, and military politics in particular, has consistently manifested an un-deviating tendency towards dangerous adventurism abroad which needs domestic reaction as a fundamental prop....

"The merger of the racist reactionaries with the unbridled military who are impatient for adventures in Cuba, in Vietnam, and in nuclear blackmail in general, are a key factor in stimulating and advancing the trend to a Rightist dictatorship. These elements find the remnants of bourgeois democracy and democratic processes in general in the U.S.A. too slow, too cumbersome, and too unwieldy to suit their criminal purposes.

"The trend to totalitarian dictatorship can only be reversed by the intervention of an ever larger mass of the millionfold working class movement, and of unity between Black and white workers against the common oppressor."

—Portugal

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proletariat, as a superficial reading of his interview with Oriana Fallaci would indicate. But he does appear to be utterly uncompromising in the struggle against any bourgeois parliament which would be a screen for a later fascist takeover.

CP RELIANCE ON MILITARY

The most worrisome aspect of Cunhal's militant, defiant, and confident attitude towards the bourgeoisie is that it comes rather late in the day—hopefully not too late. Cunhal has banked everything on his relationship to the army and particularly to the Armed Forces Movement (AFM). He considers it a singular achievement and believes now that his party is "unexpendable" by the army.

His faith in his alliance with the AFM is wholly unwarranted and objectively a breach of the most elementary Marxist-Leninist principles on the class character of the state. (Incidentally, Lenin's classic on *State and Revolution* is one of the best sellers in Lisbon today.)

Granted that some limited rapprochement with the army in the struggle against the Caetano-Salazar regime was inevitable, given the circumstances that the military had for a considerable period been preparing for the overthrow of the fascist regime. But taking the responsibility for un-deviating collaboration with the army on a practically unlimited scale is quite another matter. It's another form of class collaboration, in principle not qualitatively different from the character of the collaboration which the Italian CP is now carrying out, only theirs is with the civilian bourgeoisie.

The heavy price paid by the Portuguese CP for the collaboration is the loss of confidence of large sections of the workers who have become alienated as a result of the PCP's relentless drive to increase production—capitalist produc-

tion—against "excessive" wage demands, all in the name of trying to arrest a consistently deteriorating capitalist economy. Cunhal admits that the economic situation is disastrous. Why is it so? Because the capitalist class is sabotaging production.

Asking the workers to withhold wage increases and the like will not stop capitalist sabotage nor will it in any way militate against inflation. No capitalist government has yet been able to stifle inflation except by creating unemployment, and even then the inflation still continues.

Workers' control of the entire economy and the destruction of the capitalists' political power is the answer.

To some degree Cunhal himself gives the answer. As summarized by his interviewer, accurately, we believe, it is "either the dictatorship of the proletariat or fascism, the third force doesn't count, liberal socialism is rubbish."

Yet the CP has not acted upon this from the earliest stages of the revolution and instead tried to police the workers, making it easier for the SP and other elements to utilize and exploit the PCP's false policy. Of course it was pure demagoguery on the part of the Socialists and others.

If bourgeois democracy cannot prevail in Portugal, according to Cunhal, what then? Is not a fascist dictatorship inevitable? "We Communists," says Cunhal, "are equipped to prevent it, thanks to our alliance with the military.

Would that that were so. We would like to believe that we are wrong in doubting this and will cheerfully admit it if Cunhal is to be proven true.

However, the first part of his sentence, in our view, is cancelled out by the second part.

As matters stand, the facts speak against it. "A fact is a blunt thing," said Lenin.

WHO ARE THE LEADERS OF THE AFM?

Costa Gomez, the President of the Portuguese government, is, in Cunhal's own words, a moderate (a bourgeois). He was the chief of staff of the fascist government, not a very good recommendation.

Admiral Crespo, the former high commissioner of Mozambique,

another moderate, is openly suggested as a replacement for Premier Goncalves, said to be a long-time friend and collaborator of the CP even before the overthrow of the fascist dictatorship.

Foreign Minister Antunes, another moderate, only the other day posed the possibility of calling in the UN in the developing struggle in Angola. He is said to have raised the alternative of sending in more troops to "safeguard" Portuguese lives and property.

(If the PCP does not completely and without qualification denounce and disassociate itself from such renewed intervention, it will suffer the most severe setback in the mass movement, evoking utter revulsion from its most militant and class conscious supporters. And if the junta goes through with the projected intervention, then it invites the same fate as the Kerensky government after it resumed the imperialist war with the June 1917 offensive.)

(It is well known that the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA), which considers itself Marxist, is supported by Soviet arms. It is now reported to be in control of Luanda, the Angolan capital. The National Front for the Liberation of Angola (FNLA) is reported to be moving an army against Luanda from Zaire. Assuming the very best motive on the part of the Portuguese junta—that is, to help the MPLA defend Luanda against a neo-colonialist maneuver—this still would be a rank error. Any intervention by the troops of a country still legally the colonial power would only discredit the MPLA and confuse the situation. As Engels said, freedom for the colonies cannot be brought in from outside on a sword; that would only boomerang and weaken the real forces of liberation.)

General Carvalho, the head of the security forces, is described in the bourgeois press as erratic in his relations with the military groupings and prone to move from left to right, a thin reed to rely upon in a showdown crisis.

As late as July 5th to 7th, General Carvalho, along with Captain Vasco Laureno and Major Jose de Canto e Castro, met with the so-called moderate (bourgeois)

faction headed by Foreign Minister Melo Antunes, Major Vitor Alves and, very significantly, Admiral Vitor Crespo. It was a secret caucus meeting. Premier Goncalves was not there, nor were some of the others close to him (*New York Times*, July 8). Fortunately, Goncalves and his supporters along with the CP either reversed or somehow broke up what seemed to be a developing crisis and a split—what the SP and the Popular Democrats had been counting on, and what the CIA and its allied foreign intelligences in Europe have been feverishly working at.

According to one report, there are no less than a thousand foreign newspaper people of the various wire services, magazines, newspapers, electronic media, etc. in Portugal today. A veritable army of intelligence, most of them not from the U.S. but working on behalf of U.S. intelligence. This is the kind of intelligence the liberal establishment thinks the CIA is properly engaged in. They only object to covert operations—after the fact, naturally.

WORKERS' COMMISSIONS

There is absolutely no question that the danger of counter-revolution is real. That and that alone explains why the military finally validated plans to build what are called workers' committees and "commissions" based upon popular support. The bourgeois press was quick to call it a move to establish a dictatorship of the proletariat—when what is really involved is an elementary measure of self-defense.

The PCP, however, necessarily feels the danger to itself, its organization, its mass following, and to the working class, far more keenly than any member of the High Council of the Armed Forces. It took the opportunity to get the High Council to validate its own version of the so-called commissions based on popular support.

These commissions can properly be described as "committees for the defense of the revolution," such as the Cubans developed. Of course they are subject to the approval of the existing military regime. But it does not take a great deal of political acumen to see that these committees can also be the foundation for a broad, popular,

mass-based struggle against the counter-revolution.

The fact that the government validated them lends them legality but does not necessarily exclude their independent action during the course of the struggle. Certainly the counter-revolutionary elements who have been observing these developments in the country are not blind to this either. Should these committees at long last be set up and begin functioning on a mass basis, they will contain the very same soldiers, workers, and neighborhood people in the various communities who were responsible in the main for warding off the counter-revolutionary fascist attempts of last September and March. These were organized by the Portuguese CP, its allies and mass organizations.

One so-called radical weekly here, the *Militant*, organ of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP), has denounced the committees and dismissed them out of hand as being mere minions of the CP and the military. Their choice instead? The Constituent Assembly. Of course—the same choice as the bourgeoisie. This is the most scoundrelly embellishment of a phony bourgeois parliament that a working class organization can make.

It is one thing for Marxists to seek participation even in the most reactionary bourgeois parliament. But it is another thing to actually prefer this phony bourgeois parliament to working class, broad-based committees which in truth and in fact have proven their mettle by twice defeating the counter-revolution—last September and again in March. The *Militant* takes advantage of the fact that the CP paper here, the *Daily World*, does not adequately or correctly defend these committees. But that's another matter. The SWP's defense of the Constituent Assembly is a vulgarized space-age version of Kautsky's defense of the Constituent Assembly when the Bolsheviks dismissed it in Russia.

Cunhal understands perfectly well what the Constituent Assembly means. His problem is how and by what means to conduct the struggle.

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POLITICAL PRISONERS



INMATE SUIT AGAINST TRANSFERS

BUFFALO, June 30—Continuing his legal struggle against nondisciplinary prison transfers, Rodney Haymes, currently serving at Greenhaven, won the right today to a hearing on the issue before the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1972, Haymes was transferred from Attica to Dannemora within 48 hours after a petition he prepared on the lack of proper legal aid was confiscated. Last year, he was again moved out of Attica to Greenhaven for his work with other Attica Brothers to

establish a prisoners' union there.

The Second Circuit Court of Appeals previously ruled that, while not all transfers are subject to hearings, an inmate should have a chance to learn if a transfer is punitive and to show why he should not be moved. A victory for Rodney Haymes at the Supreme Court hearing would be a victory for all prisoners, but the fight will continue not only to protect the rights of our imprisoned sisters and brothers, but to tear down the walls that enslave them.

CLEMENCY APPEAL FOR AGRON

This is a letter of solicitation; a letter asking for your support in the case of Salvador Agron.

Salvador Agron, No. 16486, is presently an inmate of Greenhaven Correctional Facility in New York State. He has been in prison since the age of 16, a sentence which began in 1959. This year Salvador will be submitting a petition for executive clemency to Governor Carey.

Sixteen years ago Salvador, along with several other youths, was sent to jail for participation in a gang fight in which two youths lost their lives in a dark playground in New York City. He was placed on Death Row, but then given life imprisonment. Today, at 32, Salvador is the only one of the young men involved in the crime who is still in jail. The others have served their time, or have been granted parole.

It seems that the only cure for poor people who are convicted of crimes is incarceration for life, while the rich, with their ability to solicit expensive legal counsel, go free. To

take a child and put him away with adults, after he has experienced the horror of waiting to die on Death Row, and then to keep this boy in a prison environment for many long years—as has been done with Salvador Agron—is more than enough in terms of punishment and suffering. It is a criminal act on the part of the prison system.

We must write to Governor Carey asking that Agron be released from prison so that he may lay claim to the remainder of his life—as a free man.

Please send your letters to: CLEMENCY BOARD, OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, Hon. Hugh Carey, Governor, New York State, State Capitol, Albany, New York.

Please send a copy of your letter to the sponsors of this appeal, The Concerned Boricua Committee, Box 721, Peter Cooper Station, New York 10003. If you can, send your letters by certified mail. They will have greater impact.

SONS SUE TO OPEN ROSENBERG FILES

NEW YORK, July 9—"We don't want any more Rosenberg files 'pulped'; we've seen enough FBI and CIA files shredded," assert Michael and Robert Meeropol, sons of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, who went to their deaths 22 years ago affirming their innocence of conspiracy to commit espionage. The Meeropols will file a suit under the Freedom of Information Act in the U.S. Court House in Washington, D.C. on Monday July 14 calling for the release of all Rosenberg-Sobell records, and for the court to take custody of all the records to ensure that they be available and intact.

The Meeropols point to what happened in New Mexico as the reason for their concern. In response to their February 20 request to 18 government agencies for the files, the U.S. Attorney's Office in New Mexico claimed that their file on David Greenglass, a key government witness against the Rosenbergs, was "pulped" and that they had no copy of the order to destroy it. Responses from other agencies have been

"government foot-dragging," according to the Meeropols.

The suit is leveled against seven government agencies: the FBI, the CIA, and ERDA (formerly the Atomic Energy Commission), the Departments of Justice and the Army, and the U.S. Attorney's Offices for New Mexico and the Southern District of New York.

Material released thus far under the Freedom of Information Act has raised questions of possible collusion. In a nationally syndicated article by David Gelman in the May 25 issue of Newsday, he maintains that these papers "provide the first documentary evidence of an apparent agreement among high government officials to manipulate the testimony against the Rosenbergs in the interest of making a 'big case' ... and securing a death sentence."

(Thanks to the National Committee to Reopen the Rosenberg Case for this information.)

JOHN GIBBS IN WALLA WALLA PEN.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., July 1—I am sending you a report on latest events here at Walla Walla in that a built-up racial riot is evident within a few weeks, after much violence and deaths—the every-day scene here.

Most rights, even yard exercise and proper medical care, have been cut off here in the Segregation Unit, and assaults, harassment by guards of low-minded quality rule the roost here.

Severe pressures of mental, physical endurance exist and cause suicides and attempts. Visits are being taken away and for no charge, plus the theft of legal material. The severe punishment and living in a cold dark hole is a regular item, and we are attempting to get legal action but officials keep blocking all mail that isn't registered.

A real revolutionary stand is needed here

and unity of all people involved inside the hole and in population.

As a Federal inmate I was placed in a transfer which came about as a real kidnapping event from Federal custody, due that I had several petitions and legal papers filed, in which I have done the same here, and have been appointed Counsel in Eastern District of Washington on a \$500,000 suit.

As an organizer and standing up for my rights as well as others the treatment is evident after 2 years of transfers. A set-up by the Feds is also very evident and I am well aware of the old tactics being wrought on me. I ask that anyone interested in liberation of the brothers here in Walla Walla (Blood Bath Alley) contact B.J. Rhay, Warden of Walla Walla, Washington 99362.

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Who killed Kennedy? A group of 15 Americans and anti-Castro Cubans, according to an Italian newspaper which broke the story last week of an American mercenary's confession. Page 10.

Chicago drivers outraged at companies' scheme

Union busting behind cab lease plan

By a Member of DUOC Local 777
CHICAGO, July 12—By a unanimous vote, the membership of Democratic Union Organizing Committee (DUOC) Local 777 on Wednesday, July 9, authorized the union leadership to "take whatever economic action necessary to protect the interests of the membership." This vaguely worded strike vote was in response to the firing of thousands of union cabbies here over the last 6 months as the two major companies have put into effect a union-busting taxi "leasing" program.

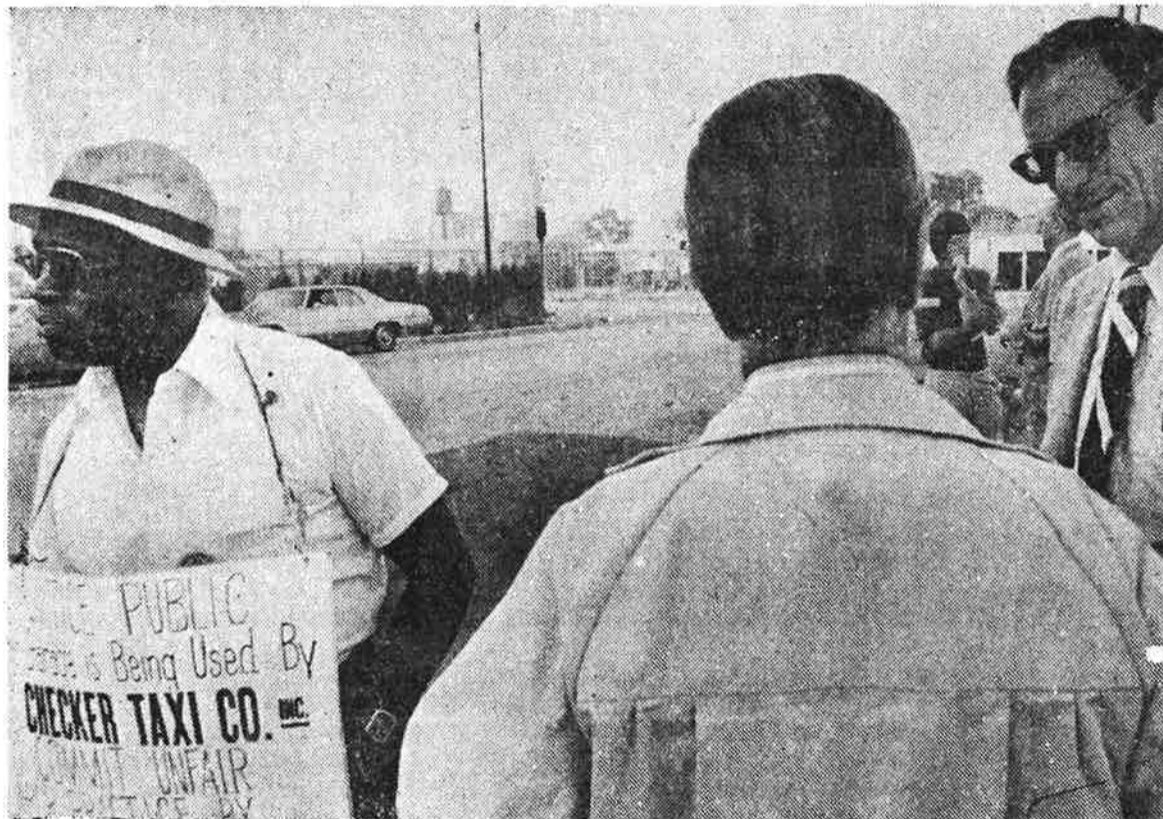
While the vote represented the militant mood of the cabbies and their desire for more and stronger union action, it was made virtually ineffective for now, since no date or time was set for the strike. Instead, the strike resolution authorized union president Everett Clark to arrange a meeting with Mayor Daley for the purpose of getting his support behind a bill to be brought before the City Council barring Checker and Yellow taxi companies from leasing cabs.

Spencer Austin of the DUOC Executive Board outlined the union's current strategy at the special union meeting. He suggested that "not only are we going to stop the leasing of cabs by Checker and Yellow, but we will do it without losing any money through lost workdays."

UNION STRATEGY

Spencer insisted that this was a "new" strategy. It is, however, the same strategy the union leaders have followed for over 6 months. They have sought the "aid" of Mayor Daley and Co. more than once. It was 3 months ago that Daley promised support and insisted that no cabs would be leased. But at the same time, his supporting aldermen prevented a bill from being raised in the City Council that would have prohibited leasing.

Workdays and income are already being lost by the drivers. Any one of the 800 Checker and Yellow drivers fired in the month



Chicago taxi drivers, members of DUOC Local 777, picket Checker Taxi Co. garage in an attempt to stop a union-busting leasing plan, as company president Jerry Feldman [far right] tries to sell his scheme.

of June can testify to that.

Part of the union response also includes charges of unfair labor practices filed with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB). A hearing scheduled for July 14 stems from company violations of the contract in the early part of the year, and may have no bearing on the most current and flagrant violations involving leasing. How long will the drivers have to wait for the next hearing?

Of course, all cab drivers and working people generally would like to see laws passed in their behalf. They would also like to see governmental agencies work in their behalf. It is entirely correct to open all doors in this fight to protect the workers' interests. The leadership of DUOC has taken important strides in this area.

But the truth is that Mayor Daley, the City Council, and even

the NLRB have been bought and paid for by money interests and not by the unions.

RANK-AND-FILE ACTIONS

Checker and Yellow definitely have more clout with Vito Marzullo and his transportation committee than has the DUOC. When laws are passed and concessions made to the workers, it reflects the long and hard struggles of the workers, not

reaching some politician's heart. Many cabbies are thinking about this, and asking whether all of Chicago's politicians, along with Checker president Jerry Feldman and Yellow Cab president Robert Samuels, wouldn't think twice about the lease plan if a dozen or so taxis were found in the river?

This would mean a change in union strategy. But haven't both companies changed their strategy

from threats and schemes to actually putting the lease cabs on the street, along with increased harassment at all garages? While the union deals with aldermen and files more charges with the NLRB, Checker Taxi Company has been wasting no time. Last week Checker had 25 cabs available for leasing, this week it made 35 more available.

Swift, strong, and bold action already authorized by the DUOC membership would show both companies that the drivers mean business.

In addition to prominently displaying union buttons and "Union Driver" stickers, drivers can give their support to around-the-clock picketing at Checker 4 and Yellow Unit 3.

Rank-and-file union activists already are in action. More than once lease cabs have been forced off the downtown cab stands, several union militants being sufficient for this type of action. Other activists have immobilized the lease cabs by cutting tires and electrical wiring.

Already support for DUOC is growing. Today members of the United Auto Workers, the Teamsters, and supporters of People United to Save Humanity (PUSH) joined the picket line at 55th and Cicero (Yellow No. 3), while members of the Center for United Labor Action helped bolster the line at 1004 N. Elston (Checker No. 4).

There is growing sentiment among the drivers that a stronger union response is necessary to put an end to the contract-breaking, union-busting lease plan.

Harassment of workers becomes unbearable

Company fires 5,373 drivers

CHICAGO, July 10—Checker Motor Co., which owns 49 percent of Yellow Cab Co. and also operates the 1,500 Checker Taxi medallion cabs, accounts for over 3,600 of the city's 4,600 cabs, giving Yellow and Checker a virtual monopoly in the industry.

Claiming financial hardship, the company has unleashed a campaign of harassment against the drivers while scheming to change its mode of operation. In the first 6 months of 1975, Yellow and Checker fired 5,373 drivers. At the individual garages, pressure is felt from the garage managers and dispatchers who demand high revenue per mile, conservation of gas, and daily receipts totaling \$55 or more (bookings).

So-called "underproductive" drivers are further harassed by being assigned the oldest cabs, which are at best uncomfortable, rattly, and slow. But more often they are outright death traps with bald tires, nonfunctional brakes, and defective power steering.

NEW "SUBSIDIARIES"

Drivers at Yellow and Checker

currently work on a commission basis. New drivers receive 42 percent of the bookings and old timers receive up to 50 percent (after 10 years). The rates of commission are standard and covered by the union contract. Since February, Checker and Yellow have been attempting to change over to leasing.

First they tried to charge drivers of steady cabs a fee for taking the cabs home. The union put an immediate end to this. Next the companies closed down several garages and attempted to set up dummy corporations for the leasing operation. "Bell" and "Comet" cab companies suffered a still-birth as even the Chicago Federation of Labor was compelled to join in the outcry against the Checker and Yellow bosses.

The latest scheme, which got under way early this week, involves leasing Checker and Yellow cabs to new drivers at the rate of \$20 for 12 hours plus gas and any major repair jobs, or \$29 for 24 hours. These drivers are non-union in

direct violation of the contract. Under this operation, drivers, not the company, have to pay for the gas used—13 cents per mile after 101 miles at Checker; 10 cents per mile at Yellow. There are absolutely no health or insurance benefits and no guarantees against breakdowns.

Already over 900 Chicago cabs are operated on a lease basis by the smaller cab companies. Those drivers must often work 12 or more hours a day to make a decent living.

The companies claim financial difficulty, but refuse to show their books. In fact, the federal government has been trying for the past 5 years to get its hands on them. The books of Yellow and Checker Cab Companies should be opened to the public. So should all their other books that list their connections with the gasoline companies and with their other subsidiaries, such as the Continental Air Transport Bus Company, which operates between O'Hare Airport and the Loop.

—Portugal

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maintains that the SP is just as bad as the CP, it is nevertheless a thousand times more for a corrupt, imperialist-controlled social democracy than for the CP. Jerry Foley, writing in a previous installment in the Militant, considered the electoral victory of the SP as a real opening for "socialism."

But that election also opened wide the gates for the counter-revolution. That is the lesson of bourgeois parliamentarism. It does not negate the necessity of working class parties to utilize elections when necessary and appropriate, but they must never become captives of parliamentary

cretinism, prisoners of bourgeois democratic illusions.

ON WITH THE REVOLUTION!

While we have consistently criticized the CP for its policies in Portugal, and in no way share the position on the military held by the CP, in the crucial battle that is unfolding we are completely with them and with all the other working class organizations that are sure to take the brunt of the bourgeois counter-revolutionary assault once it is unleashed. We only hope that this time the counter-revolution will not only be thrust back, but that the CP and its allies will break out of the limitations imposed by their alliance with the military and will push through, along with other working class organizations, a full-scale proletarian revolution and end slavery to monopoly capitalism once and for all.