

## A Workers World analysis

# What's behind the assassination attempts?



By SAM MARCY  
SEPTEMBER 23—It would be unwise and foolish in the extreme, and a peril to the working class and the progressive movement, to regard the apparent assassination attempts on Ford as soon-to-be-forgotten incidents, or accidental factors, wholly unrelated to the acute inner class antagonisms, tensions, and struggles, both overt and covert, for dominance in the capitalist establishment going on among the financial and industrial oligarchies.

The capitalist media and the government would like nothing better than for the world to believe that the attempts on Ford are nothing but bizarre incidents, the work of obscure individuals, or even small groups of demented people—so-called kooks, or crazies, bent on irrational acts of violence. They would like the world to believe that the actions of these individuals or small groups are totally divorced from the fundamental social and political driving forces in U.S. capitalist society. They never mention the ever-deepening conflict at the summits of American finance and industry over who will exercise the preeminent role in the capitalist establishment and map its domestic and foreign policy.

The alleged would-be assassins may or may not be disturbed or psychotic individuals, driven into the dregs of capitalist society. But this is not the point of cardinal significance. Dwelling on this and this alone is to preoccupy ourselves with the superficial. It leads only into a blind alley.

### ANALYSIS OF INDIVIDUAL ASSASSINS LIMITED

This course of analysis, even under the best of circumstances, can only be one-sided and partial, presenting merely one element of the total reality. Even the most conscientious and dispassionate examination of the assassination attempts is severely limited and restricted by the over-riding fact that only the government and its repressive agencies have or are in a position to fully obtain all the facts. These are not likely to surface except in dribs and drabs

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## Fifty cents for a human life?

# Cop kills man who wouldn't pay higher fare

By SHARON SHELTON  
NEW YORK, Sept. 22—A 48-year-old Black man was shot to death by a transit cop on the deserted platform of a local subway stop in Brooklyn September 19 for refusing to pay the 50-cent fare.

This outrageous killing follows a virtual police occupation of the transit system ordered by the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) and its banker creditors since a fare hike early this month prompted citywide defiance at the subway gates.

Despite repeated calls by Workers World to the Transit Authority Police Headquarters, the police refused to release the victim's name. The only newspaper coverage the incident received was a small news item buried on page 35 of the New York Times. (As we go to press, Workers World has learned from other sources that the murdered man's name is Paul Carlton.)

### UNLIKELY STORY

The cop, Charles Ambrosio, said he had chased the man for not paying and killed him after a struggle in which he drew a serrated steak knife. There were no witnesses.

It's hard to believe Ambrosio had to fire his revolver 5 times to protect himself from an attack by a knife that can hardly cut through clothing. (One shot from a .38-caliber police gun is capable of

knocking a person to the ground.)

It's also hard to believe since it is common knowledge that cops often themselves carry knives to plant on their victims; as Frank Serpico, a former New York City cop who testified to the Knapp Commission on police corruption, wrote in a letter to the Village Voice.

### NO ISOLATED INCIDENT

This killing was not an isolated incident. Earlier, another rider was electrocuted while trying to enter subway yards in East New York rather than pay the exor-

bitant fare.

On September 22, 25 Puerto Rican and Dominican students were arrested for allegedly going through the gates after a demonstration protesting the projected tuition fees for the City University of New York.

In another incident, according to an eyewitness report to this paper, two Black children, both girls, were brutally beaten and arrested in a midtown Manhattan subway station by transit police, despite pleas to stop and offers to pay the fare by shocked passersby.

## Black community turns back racist motorcade in Louisville

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LOUISVILLE, Ky., Sept. 21—Today a police-escorted caravan of from 200 to 300 cars filled with racist whites attempted to enter the Black community in the west end of this city. They had plans to drive through the heart of the Black community to 45th Street, near Shawnee Park.

They never made it.

The cars were dispersed at the intersection of 34th Street and Broadway when Black people, aided by anti-racist whites, turned back the racists with rocks, bottles, and anything else they could

find at hand.

"They yelled all kinds of racist words at us," said one Black man. "They threw rocks at us. But we chased them out. And they were scared. I don't know how they thought they could come here and we'd do nothing."

One very angry Black woman said, "They had their nerve. Being against busing is one thing, but to come into our community is another thing. They surprised us this time but we will be ready for them the next time. We will never let them come into our community again."

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By a Chrysler worker  
DETROIT, Sept. 22—United Auto Workers Local 51 recently announced to the workers at the Chrysler Lynch Road Assembly and the Mound Road Engine Plant that we are eligible to receive cash benefits from the government. Coming from the Trade Readjustment Program, this money is supposed to make up for some of what we lost during the layoffs because of "competition from imports."

While the workers at Lynch Road need and deserve this back pay, the government and the auto companies are denying com-

pensation to hundreds of thousands of other autoworkers who were and are laid off. In a divisive move, they have picked out the workers at just five plants for these benefits.

The UAW is now appealing this decision. At the same time, though, the union is gearing up a phony anti-import campaign.

In the last year, the whole second shift at Lynch Road, about 2,000 workers, was laid off for more than 7 months, as were thousands of Chrysler workers at other plants. Many did not have enough seniority to receive Supplemental Unemployment Bene-

fits. And, after early April, the SUB funds ran out for all the laid-off Chrysler workers. So for several months we lived on just unemployment compensation—as little as \$67 a week.

The UAW filed a suit demanding that all Chrysler workers be paid money through the Trade Recovery Act, because we supposedly lost our jobs due to imported cars. Chrysler doesn't oppose this suit since the UAW now has conceded that our lost SUB benefits do not have to be paid. Gerald Ford's big business government likes the idea behind this suit, too, because it means that a powerful union is blaming the economic crisis and our layoffs on "imports"—that is, on foreign workers, not on the bosses of the giant U.S. auto companies.

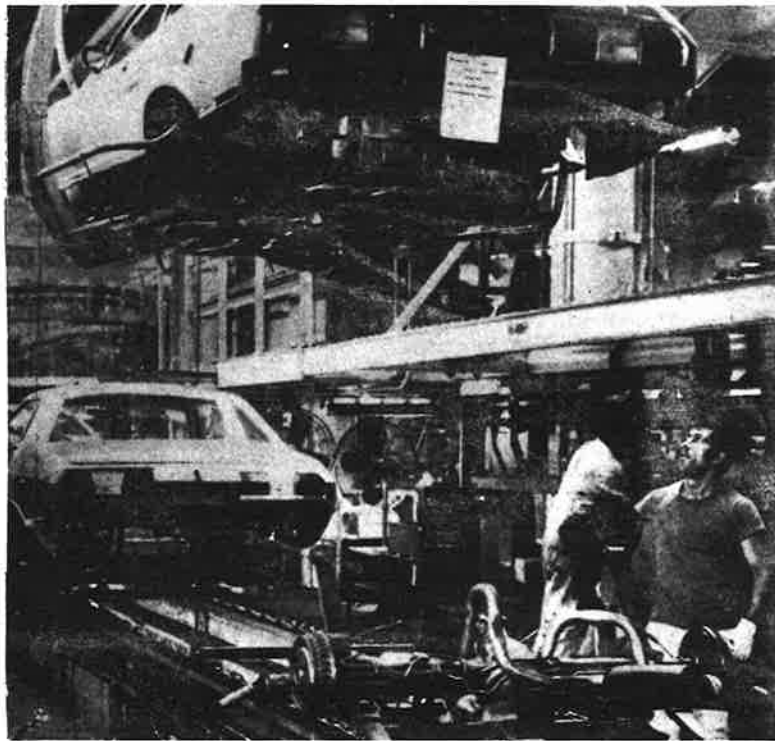
Foreign competition has nothing to do with the layoffs. Every one of the U.S. auto companies has huge operations overseas—from Europe to Japan, from Israel to South Africa—many of them paying starvation wages. Chrysler, for

example, makes extra profits by owning the Dodge Colt operations in Japan and selling them here at inflated prices.

The leadership of the UAW is well aware that Chrysler deliberately worked us overtime to stockpile cars last year before they laid us off. Yet one UAW local has even made a bumper sticker that says "Buy a Foreign Car—Put 10 Americans out of Work."

Such racist, anti-union garbage isn't going to protect our jobs. It's an excuse for the leadership's inaction on the issue of job security.

If the UAW would instead sue the government and the auto companies for violating the 1946 Full Employment Act by laying us off, and then made a real struggle out of it, then every laid-off autoworker could be eligible for back pay, not just a lucky few as it is now. Also, the auto companies would hesitate about laying us off if they were forced to keep paying all of us for as long as we are laid off.

**Chrysler's gift to Detroit: layoff, speedup, spy cameras**

By a worker at  
Mack Stamping Plant

DETROIT, Sept. 22—Chrysler is trying to pull one on its workers by putting money into our front pockets and taking more out of our back pockets.

We're working 10 hours a day, 5 or 6 days a week, but new hires are being brought in through the Chrysler Training Program. And the bosses have already started layoffs at another plant in the local while opening a new building at Mack dedicated to increased exploitation.

The physical plant at Mack has been condemned from the second to the sixth floors for years. There are heavy machinery, hi-los, and piles of stock all over floors with holes and cracks, with no regard for the safety of the workers.

Last week was the official dedication ceremony for a large one-story new building right next to the old plant. Leonard Woodcock, President of the UAW, hailed the opening of the new building as a step forward for job stability for Detroit workers. Mayor Coleman Young said it showed Chrysler was committed to Detroit. The foremen and the union officials have been telling the workers about the new air-conditioned cafeteria.

**The workers have been asking if they built any showers and getting**

silence for a response. Then we asked about the cameras set up all over the work areas, loading docks, and gates to spy on us and to get our pictures should we walk out. It's bad enough seeing your foreman watching you all the time without knowing that he or any other bosses could be watching you when you don't even know it.

We also asked how Leonard Woodcock can say the new building means job stability when the lines have been built to require much fewer workers to run the machines—and the line speeds have been increased in addition? How can Mayor Young praise Chrysler for its so-called "contribution" to Detroit, when he knows that it is getting a fat break on Detroit taxes for this new building?

Last week when we came to work the company had posted five pages of departmental transfers, shift transfers, and classification downgrading. The company claims that if it hadn't done it this way it would have had to lay off some more people—after we've been working 9 and 10 hours a day for weeks!

It's obvious that Chrysler doesn't care about us, but what they don't realize is that we are not going to take this treatment much longer. Watch out. Chrysler, your turn's coming!

**Ex-utility exec, now 'regulator' says, 'I don't see a conflict'**

DETROIT, Sept. 12—Ten staff members of the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC), the state body which supposedly regulates utility rates, are also eligible for pensions from previous employment with those utilities, says a recent Detroit Free Press article.

"It is not readily apparent to me where any conflict would be," says Dan Demlow, newly appointed MPSC chairman. Demlow is following in the footsteps of his predecessor William Rosenberg, who is now being investigated on charges of complicity with Consumers Power in a previous rate hike case. (Rosenberg is awaiting approval for a high position with the Federal Energy Ad-

ministration as his reward.)

MPSC Commissioner Lenton Sculthorp said, "Offhand, it seems a little farfetched to find a conflict . . . maybe it's a conflict if you breathe the same air. We're going to look into it thoroughly." He also said at one Detroit Edison rate hike hearing that the fact Edison was being sued for blatant racist discrimination in its hiring and promotional practices was irrelevant to whether it deserved another record rate hike.

Most working people in Michigan already know that the MPSC is just a rubber stamp for the utilities. One day the producers will take those utilities away from the parasites and provide their necessary services free of charge for all the people.

people' while the camera panned his lush California home and swimming pool."

**FBI AND MAFIA ON THE SAME TEAM?**

The New York Post, Aug. 9:

"A top lieutenant of reputed Chicago racketeer Sam Giancana once tried to cut off FBI surveillance by assuring an agent that 'we're all part of the same team.'"

**THE NY TIMES' SNEAKY SOLUTION**

A New York Times editorial, Aug. 21:

"In urging New Yorkers to refuse to pay the higher subway and bus fare when it becomes effective next month, Representatives Bella S. Abzug and Herman Badillo and other prominent speakers at a downtown rally the other day launched a worthy cause on a dangerously misdirected track. "Their incitement to break the law is a

shocking abrogation of responsibility by elected officials who were elected to help fashion the laws of the land and who are sworn to uphold them.

" . . . The way to roll back the 50-cent fare . . . is to promote through every legitimate channel such alternate sources of revenue as the regional payroll tax. . . . Concurrently, there must be a major effort to reduce wasteful work rules and other excessive transit costs. . . ."

The Times is saying, in other words, that one way to cut costs is to take it out of the hides of the transit workers, and instead of raising the subway fare, which is a highly visible action, workers could be taxed through payroll deductions—something they have become enured to over many years.

Also, the Times fails to mention, in castigating elected officials, that the increased fare was illegally imposed on New Yorkers by non-elected officials of Big MAC.

**DECLINE AND FALL****DOES FORD READ WORKERS WORLD?**

The New York Times, Sept. 14:

"DALLAS, Texas: Following the attack on what he called a 'tidal wave' of social spending fostered by Democrats, Mr. Ford joined former Secretary of the Treasury John B. Connally and 150 other couples who had paid \$1,000 apiece to the Republican Party to attend a barbecue lunch on the sprawling estate of Trammel Crow, a Dallas real estate developer.

" . . . 'Do you want your President to roll over and play dead as Congress passes more and more legislation to strangle free enterprise?' he asked.

" . . . 'I did not take the sacred oath of

office to preside over the decline and fall of America,' he added" (our emphasis).

This speech is reminiscent of one made over a generation ago by Winston Churchill, when he said he wasn't going to preside over the dismemberment of the British Empire. It was dismembered soon after.

**DEFICIT FUNDRAISING**

Free For All, July 31:

"The recent GOP fundraiser 'Republicans Are People Too' produced an overwhelming \$4,600 in pledges, according to party sources. The program cost the Republican Committee \$124,000 to produce a broadcast. One reason for the costly failure might be narrator Chuck Connors, who droned on about the party's concern for the 'little

# Killed since Wounded Knee: 240 S. Dakota Indians

Special to WORKERS WORLD  
NEW YORK, Sept. 12—"We have called this press conference in desperation," began Jimmy Durham, UN Representative from the International Treaty Council.

There were approximately 40 people assembled today in the Treaty Council's offices here at 777 UN Plaza. Seated with Mr. Durham, and to follow him in speaking were Lewis Badwound, headman of the Oglala Lakota; Yvonne Wanrow; Attorney William Kunstler, who is helping with Ms. Wanrow's legal defense; and Native American activist and singer Floyd Westerman.

Durham spoke bitterly of the establishment press for blacking out the recent struggles of the Native American people after sensationalizing Wounded Knee. He pointed out that while the media headlined the FBI's version of the death of two agents in June, it made no mention of the 240 (U.S. government figures) Native Americans who have died violently in South Dakota since Wounded Knee!

## MURDERS AND BEATINGS

Mr. Durham outlined the following recent events:

Leonard Crowdog, the spiritual leader of the Oglalas, and six other Native Americans were arrested September 5 in a pre-dawn raid carried out by over 100 FBI agents armed with M-16 rifles and escorted by helicopters and jeeps carrying artillery pieces. The FBI crashed through the door of the home of the sleeping Crowdog family, arrested Leonard at gunpoint, and brutalized his wife and 2-year-old son. The six others were similarly arrested in nearby houses.

The FBI used the brutal beating of Frank Running by Tribal Chairman Dick Wilson's goons, and the fact that they were driven off in a subsequent attack, as its excuse for invading the Rosebud Reservation that morning. The victim of the beating, Frank Running, was himself arrested in the September 5 raid!

All bails were set at \$5,000 with the exception of Crowdog's, which was set at \$15,000. He faces immediate imprisonment for 11 years from a conviction in the Wounded Knee trials if his probation is revoked.

Durham discussed the stomping and beating death of Jimmy Little at the hands of Dick Wilson's "goon squad." (Wilson is the corrupt head of the tribal government at Pine Ridge.) Little was found alive, but was denied medical attention and an ambulance by Wilson's henchmen.

Durham also detailed the explosion of a car near Wichita, Kansas, carrying seven Native Americans, all of whom were hospitalized as a consequence. The FBI, he said, planted false stories with the news wire services in the name of the Treaty Council explaining the event.

## INTERNATIONAL CONCERN

Lewis Badwound, headman of the Oglalas, discussed the international effort of 97 different tribes pledged to fight for the freedom of Native Americans. Badwound told how they are trying to make the U.S. government live up to the 1868 Ft. Laramie Treaty. Native American leaders are now in Washington attempting to meet with the President, a legal procedure negotiated under the treaty.

Badwound also reported that the Black Caucus in Congress has

pledged its support to the Native Americans' efforts. In answering questions Mr. Durham and Mr. Badwound stated that the U.S. government seeks to maintain the privilege of the white ranchers and the oil companies on the reservation through corrupt tribal governments.

Durham called the Wilson government "a puppet government just like, until recently, in Saigon—the same setup."

Responding to a question about international support, Mr. Durham noted that Vernon Bellecourt, a leader of the American Indian Movement, received a standing ovation at the Cuban Conference on the Decolonization of Puerto Rico, and that statements of support and international solidarity have come from the Puerto Rican Socialist Party, the Zimbabwe African National Union, and the Palestine Liberation Organization, among others.

Attorney William Kunstler described the events in South

Oglala Sioux confront BIA officials in Washington, D.C. on Sept. 3, demanding an end to the continuing murders and harassment of Native Americans.  
Photo: LNS

Dakota as an "undeclared war" against the Native American people, and said that the effect will be an armed response. He called for sympathetic white people to take up arms and go to the defense of the Native American people in South Dakota.



Yvonne Wanrow, a Native American woman from Spokane, Wash., who is visiting New York seeking national support in her struggle to remain free, explained in moving words why she shot and killed a white man who was a known child molester and rapist

when he broke into her home and assaulted her and her children. She also detailed the abuses and illegalities in the court which railroaded her to a possible 25 years in jail. (There will be more coverage on Yvonne Wanrow's struggle in this paper next week.)

# Woodcutters organize against 'modern slavery'

By TOM GARDNER

ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 18—The greed for profit of the Masonite Corporation in Laurel, Miss., other pulpwood buyers, and the big banks behind them all has forced the woodcutters to organize for their own protection. They have formed and are working to strengthen the Gulfcoast Pulpwood Association (GPA) to unite woodcutters and their families in Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, Florida, and other southern states.

The woodcutters are the people who drive their run-down hauling trucks into the woods, hack their way through thorns, marshes, snakes, and bees, cut the wood with dangerous power chain saws, and then haul and sell the cut lumber to a dealer or buyer for one of the big paper and pulpwood companies.

The dealer they sell the wood to might best be compared to a wood tick—a bloodsucking parasite common to the forests. He and the companies and banks behind him

often secure high-interest loans for the truck and equipment "owned" by the cutter. In exchange, the cutter has to sell his wood to that dealer only. When the dealer gets through deducting the interest owed him by the indebted cutter from the price he pays for the wood, the cutter is often lucky to get enough to cover his expenses and maybe put some food on his table.

## "MODERN-DAY SLAVERY"

The system resembles the slave-like relationship of the sharecropper to the landowner, "Mr. Charley." But, as a cutter in Mississippi put it, "It's worse than sharecropping. A sharecropper could at least get a mess of greens or a piece of meat from his 'Man,' but a woodcutter can't get nothing in a woodyard—not even a drink of water."

Fred Walters, President of the Gulfcoast Pulpwood Association,

compares the cutters' situation to an even older system of exploitation. "This is modern-day slavery, plain and simple," he says. "They have taken people out of the cotton patch, but they placed them in these small factory sweat shops and in these woods."

## WOODCUTTERS STRIKE AND WIN

At a recent conference in Eastabuchie, Miss., called by the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Fred Walters told the 200 participants about the GPA's first strike in 1971.

At that time, Masonite Corporation, one of the world's largest pulp and paper producers, was maneuvering around the so-called "price freeze" by trying to cut the price paid to the cutters for their wood. The company changed the method of measuring the wood from "cords," which measures quantity, to weight. The change meant that a cutter would have to

haul in almost a ton of extra wood per day to make the same amount of money. The effect was to cut the haulers' pay by 20 to 25 percent.

Walters was one of the first to haul his wood in on the day of the change. He recounted, "I just pulled my truck over in the parking lot and waited for the other cutters to come in. In a few hours, there were over 200 wood haulers there. . . . We talked about how we just couldn't make it with that pay cut . . . and the next morning we threw up our first picket line."

The strikers in Mississippi joined forces with other wood cutters organizing in Alabama, Louisiana, and northwest Florida, and after a hard 3½-month strike, involving thousands of Black and white woodcutters, the company gave in, the pay cut was defeated, and some raises won.

## GPA: "THE PEOPLE NEED IT"

Now, in response to new attempts to chisel the woodcutters out of their hard-won and meager earnings, the Gulfcoast Pulpwood Association is reviving its old locals and reaching out to build new locals uniting Black and white woodcutters and their families in the struggle against their common enemies, the companies.

Willie Pulliam, a white Mississippi woodcutter active in the GPA, told Workers World, "Poor people have had all they can take. We've have enough of the companies and the KKK trying to split us up. Black and white working people have got to work together against the man that's making the money off all of us—that's the only way things will get better."

And Herbert Jones, a Black woodcutter from Alabama and Vice-President of the GPA, said, "You've always got problems in getting folks to work together, but we are going to solve those problems, and we are going to build the GPA stronger than it's ever been. We'll do it, alright, because the people need it, and they're going to have it."

(The GPA badly needs gas money to travel over the many miles of countryside that the woodcutters live and work in, in order to organize the cutters. Contributions can be sent to Gulfcoast Pulpwood Association, P.O. Box 53, Eastabuchie, Miss.)

## Crusade for Justice leaders arrested

# Chicanos under police seige

By ANDY STAPP

DENVER, Colo., Sept. 21—In 3 days of vicious, gestapo-type roundups, the Denver police have carried out a series of terror raids in the Chicano community here, arresting prominent leaders and activists of the Crusade for Justice and framing them on phony conspiracy charges.

Denver cops, acting under the direction of four notorious detectives of the local intelligence squad and eight federal agents, seized John Haro, one of the Crusade founders and the 1971 Denver mayoralty candidate of the Crusade-allied La Raza Unida Party. Also arrested were Anthony Quintana, Mrs. Clorinda Nuñez, and an unidentified 17-year-old youth, all of them Crusade activists. The cops announced that they are also seeking the arrest of John Maetas and possibly others who they claim were involved in a plot to attack a police station.

## JOHN HARO BEATEN

Charges range from possession and distribution of illegal ex-

plosives to attempted murder. Bail on various defendants is being placed as high as \$250,000. John Haro was so badly beaten by the racist cops who arrested him that even the judge at his arraignment, noting his injuries, declared that there was a "clear and present danger to Haro's bodily rights."

The cops began their attacks against the Crusade members only 3 days after 5,000 Chicanos had marched through Denver in a massive and militant display of national pride.

Denouncing the arrests, Crusade leader Corky Gonzales told a packed press conference on September 20, "We have to fight the whole establishment." Calling the jailed Chicanos "victims of harassment," he declared that the Crusade's solidarity with Puerto Rican liberation, the Mexican guerrillas, the American Indian Movement, and others had made it an object of hatred by "the multinational corporations that control Ford."

"Because of the stands we have

taken, including our fight against the war in Indochina, the government considers us enemies of this system," Gonzales added.

"Kissinger, a war criminal, is called a great man, Watergate criminals go free, but our people get sent to Canyon City prison, where they are murdered," Gonzales continued.

Asked by a hostile reporter from the capitalist press about 6,000 rounds of ammunition allegedly found in one of the arrested Chicano's homes, Corky Gonzales replied angrily, "I'll match those 6,000 rounds and a few guns to any right-wing mother's house in this city, or to any policemen who have openly bragged that they are packing and they are loading their stuff in their houses for when revolution comes."

Contributions to help the Denver Chicano community, which Gonzales described as "under a state of seige," should be sent to: Crusade for Justice, P.O. Box 18347, 1567 Downing St., Denver, Colo. 80218.

# Cops rampage through Norfolk Black community

**Special to Workers World**  
**NORFOLK, Sept. 16**—On September 4 in Norfolk, the police responded to a routine call about a "drunk in the street." However, this call was for Church Street, the heart of the Black community. Five white cops and one dog answered the call to take care of an old man singing and dancing in the street.

The old man was led away by two Black bystanders. The cops then turned their attention to the nearby Black Community News Service, an organization that has been active in opposing the frequent police murders of Black people in the Tidewater area. The cops accused one unidentified man of "making comments" and arrested him for disorderly conduct. Then they arrested a young Black woman, Akua Lumumba (s.n. Veronica Waller), on the same charge.

When a white man, Phil Wilayto, objected to the rough manner in which the cops were handling the 20-year-old woman, he was

grabbed, pushed to the ground, and arrested.

The first man allegedly broke loose from the cops and ran into the News Service. He was chased by the dog and two cops with guns drawn. A barrage of gunfire broke loose. When the smoke cleared, one cop (by the name of Rockefeller) was wounded, and Alonzo Boone, a Black man who happened to walk by at the wrong time, was lying on the ground with three bullets in his leg. He too was arrested as he lay there bleeding.

Cops started coming in from everywhere—all of them white. Helicopters and dogs were brought in for a massive manhunt. An hour later, Kamau Kamari (s.n. Wayne Credle), a clerk at the News Service, walked into the office and asked the cops what they were doing. He was arrested and later charged with "intent to murder" Rockefeller.

It is not clear how Rockefeller was shot. The cops claim someone pulled out a gun and shot at them. But it is equally possible that he

shot himself in the commotion, or one of the other cops might have shot him in their frenzy to capture the "escapee." What is clear is that a cop got shot and they want revenge.

The trial is set for October 30. The four defendants (Boone, Kamari, Lumumba, and Wilayto) are now out on bail. Because of police hatred of the News Service,

and the fact that some of the defendants have been politically active in Tidewater for a number of years, the trial will be intense and heated.

Police murders in the Black communities in Tidewater have increased. Recently, Black Liberation Army member Safiya Bukhari was sentenced to 30 years in jail for arming herself in self-

defense. Only the pressure of an aroused community, both Black and white, can free these people and end the police murders. Everyone who can make it is encouraged to attend the trial on October 30 in Norfolk.

The Black Legal Defense Fund, Box 6289, Norfolk, Va. 23508 is handling the cases and has appealed to the public for funds.

## What's 'new' about racist Wallace: electrocutions replacing lynchings

**Special to WORKERS WORLD**  
**MONTGOMERY, Ala., Sept. 19**—Alabama Governor George Wallace has once again shocked the civilized world with statements made last week as he signed Alabama's new death penalty bill into law. According to the UPI, Wallace said, "There are a lot of bad white folks, and a lot of bad

black folks who ought to be electrocuted. . . I hope we'll see some electrocutions in this state."

What the UPI failed to mention is that Wallace has been carrying out executions in the Alabama prison system for years. Just in the past 18 months, Wallace's thugs in the Alabama penal system have systematically murdered three Black prisoners.

On January 18, 1974, Chagina (s.n. George Dobbins) was murdered by or in the presence of prison guards while on the way to a hospital after he had been superficially wounded by a shotgun blast in an Attica-style assault ordered by the Atmore prison warden. Prison officials said Chagina died from gunshot wounds, but autopsy photos and a toxicologist's report proved that he died from five or six stab wounds to the head received just before he arrived at the Mobile hospital.

Almost 2 months later, on March 12, 1974, Yukeena (s.n. Tommy Dotson) was taken out of his cell, stripped, handcuffed, and led toward the shower. He was beaten by two teams of four or five guards with baseball bats, pick-ax handles, and clubs until his face and head were mutilated beyond recognition and his skull cracked to pieces like a broken eggshell. State Attorney General Bill Baxley said there was "no criminal negligence" in the beating murder of Yukeena.

And on April 25, 1975, Frank X (Moore), a young Black prisoner from Birmingham who had finished his time, was "found" dead, hanged in his cell in the Escambia County jail where he was awaiting trial on charges arising from a prisoner protest in Atmore over a year ago. His autopsy photos clearly indicated a struggle and put the lie to the "suicide" story advanced by the jailers.

**PRISONER-ACTIVISTS ON "DEATH LIST"**  
 These three men, all murdered

by Alabama prison and jail officials, had more in common than their brutal and violent executions. They were all leading and active members in an organization, the Inmates for Action, formed by Alabama prisoners to expose and correct the barbaric conditions of Alabama's prisons, conditions which even the courts have recently been forced to recognize.

They were also said to be on a "death list" found by a trustee on a warden's desk which named Inmates for Action leaders and marked them for murder.

Although frame-up charges have led to convictions against other prisoners and IFA members for the death of a guard in the Attica-style assault on the Atmore prisoners, no one has even been indicted for the murder of Chagina. Another frame-up attempt against Holman prisoners for the death of a weak-hearted, old guard during the beating of Yukeena ended in acquittal of the prisoners, yet no one has been charged with the killing of Yukeena. And needless to say, no charges have been brought in the supposed "suicide" hanging of Frank X.

**WALLACE UNMASKED**  
 Wallace has indeed encouraged political murder in Alabama since the killings of Blacks and civil rights workers here in the 1960s. But Wallace's call for more executions is not empty rhetoric or the harmless ravings of a mad man (mad though he is). He represents the fascist policies of the most virulently racist and reactionary segments of the ruling class.

The political executions he has sanctioned in Alabama point to the repression that he and his ilk would unleash against the struggles and organizations of all workers and oppressed if they had the chance.

All workers must unite to smash Wallace, stop his assassinations of Alabama prisoners, and put an end to the poisonous race hatred which has kept him and his class of bankers and bosses in power.

## Mideast U.S. 'technicians'—same as Vietnam 'advisors'?

**RICHMOND, Va., Sept. 16**—Fifty Arab and American people picketed the Federal Building in Richmond today and marched through rush-hour traffic with the obvious approval of many store clerks and workers waiting at bus stops. They chanted "No Vietnam in the Mideast, no 'technicians' to Sinai." The spirited marchers called on workers who could hear them to demand that congressional representatives vote against sending any U.S. "technicians" or troops to the Sinai or anywhere else in the Middle East.

The demonstration was sponsored by the Arab American Community of Richmond and Youth Against War & Fascism. Their representatives stressed the similarity of the U.S. buildup in Vietnam to the Sinai agreement, which increases military aid to Israel and sends U.S. technicians to the Sinai as a so-called "peace-keeping force." They said that



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**The Arab-American community and YAWF demonstrate in Richmond against the U.S. buildup in the Middle East.**

sending technicians would lead to sending troops because the agreement itself ignored the basic question in the Middle East, the role of Palestinian people fighting to regain their homeland.

Kissinger and Ford continue to deny any similarity between the

U.S. role in Vietnam and present plans to send "technicians" to the Sinai. The Richmond action shows that people do see that similarity and know that Kissinger is lying about "peace-keeping" in the Mideast, just as his predecessors lied about U.S. intentions in Vietnam.

## When Moshe Dayan comes to Knoxville

### Greeting to be 'Free Palestine!'

**Special to Workers World**  
**NORFOLK, Va., Sept. 20**—When former Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan speaks at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville on October 1, he will be welcomed by a strong Southwide demonstration in support of the Palestinian struggle. The demonstration, called by the Organization of Arab Students and the Knoxville Friends of Palestine, is expected to draw participants from Atlanta, Louisville, and Virginia, as well as from the Knoxville area.

In calling for the demonstration, the Organization of Arab Students declared, "We feel it is now the time for people in the southern United States who recognize the exclusivist, colonial nature of Zionism to show their support for the Palestinian people, and all those who struggle against Zionism, by demonstrating together."

"We believe that it is important to

make ourselves heard on this issue," said the Knoxville Friends of Palestine, "and not to let Moshe Dayan appear in Knoxville without significant visible opposition. This, to us, seems particularly important as the forces of American imperialism and Zionism and Arab reaction all are working diligently to crush the Palestinian people in their struggle to return to their homeland and to gain their right of self-determination."

The demonstration will be the second time in recent months that Dayan has been confronted by demonstrators while speaking in the South. In Richmond, Va., last April more than 200 demonstrators organized by Youth Against War & Fascism and the Palestinian community picketed a Dayan speech.

The demonstration will assemble at the Cumberland Ave. plaza of the University Student Center at

6:30 p.m. on October 1. For more information, please contact the Organization of Arab Students, P.O. Box 8761, Knoxville, Tenn. 37916, or the Knoxville Friends of Palestine at (615) 546-1493.

**Special to WORKERS WORLD**  
**CHARLOTTEVILLE, Va., Sept. 18**—Nguyen Cao Ky, ex-Vietnam puppet for the U.S. ruling class, has begun his first U.S. speaking tour of "the now quiet" U.S. college campuses. "By the time it was over he looked like a beaten man" was how one daily paper described Ky's reaction to the mood of the audience he addressed at the University of Virginia last night.

Ky hustled \$2,500 of Virginia taxpayers' money trying to ob-

scure his role and the role of U.S. imperialism in the Vietnam war.

More than 30 pickets were on hand to greet those attending the speech with banners and signs calling Ky a U.S. puppet, dictator, murderer, and opium dealer. The pickets urged people not to pay to hear Ky speak but to give to a collection for Indochina Medical Relief.

The demonstration was called by the Charlottesville Resistance and supported by Youth Against War & Fascism. Picket signs also urged

repatriation of Vietnam refugees who desire to return to Vietnam, and called for no Vietnam in the Middle East.

After being picketed and answering a series of "skeptical or hostile questions" from the relatively conservative Virginians, Ky's agent cancelled a speech in Boston the following night when faced with a larger, more militant demonstration there.

Right on to students and workers who won't accept his fascist lies! Victory to the Vietnamese and to all oppressed people!

## Cao Ky's U.S. tour a total flop

Secret police agency used cyanide, cobra venom, and germs

# Are they going to abolish the CIA?



paratus at a time when there has been no independent working class action or bold initiative of measurable significance where the workers utilize the crisis of the ruling class for their own class aims. . . .

"The crisis in the ruling class has ushered in phase one (the Watergate revelations) and now phase two (the CIA revelations) of efforts to salvage the system, repair the damage, and prepare new positions for assaults on the global arena. But they will have the effect of deepening the crisis and eventually opening the flood gates of independent mass action of the working class and oppressed in their very own interests."

By P. MEISNER

NEW YORK, Sept. 21—The latest exposures of the CIA monster, more criminal and gory than ever, may have evoked some horror from a few liberal bourgeois columnists, but have they brought on any serious call to abolish the super-repressive secret police apparatus wielded by the U.S.?

The no answer to the above question has its roots in the inherently repressive character of the diseased U.S. social and economic system, which infects every and all of its apologists. And while dissident factions within the capitalist ruling class may want to cut down some of the CIA's more obvious excesses, or exert more control over the agency, none of them are willing to abandon it entirely. What unites all the factions is their common desire for a CIA which strikes "successfully" for U.S. imperialism, and what disunites them is the CIA's blun-

ders and defeats.

Where were the liberal outcries against the CIA when the latter instigated assassinations and coups in Iran, Guatemala, the Congo (now Zaire), Brazil, and Indonesia? These were, of course, "successful" CIA operations (or rather, genocidal crimes) which were carried out in periods of U.S. imperialist expansion.

But with U.S. imperialism now in decline, the CIA's operations haven't been so "successful" and more and more of them are becoming outright disasters. Consequently, the recent investigations into the CIA have resulted in some ruling class factions blaming others (usually between the liberal and more right-wing factions) for past CIA debacles. For example, the right wing has blamed John Kennedy for ordering assassination attempts against Fidel Castro, while the liberals maintain that middle-level

CIA officials, and not Kennedy, issued those orders.

And now with the revelations on the macabre CIA experiments with LSD, cyanide, cobra venom, and shellfish toxin, all ruling class factions and their stooge politicians are disclaiming all connections with the CIA. The Ford-Rockefeller-Kissinger government is presently trying to clean up the tarnished image of the CIA, and the congressional liberals currently investigating the CIA are doing the same by not nailing high CIA or White House officials for their responsibility in setting CIA policy.

## DISMANTLE ALL THE POLITICAL POLICE!

It is not surprising then, that no leading capitalist leader has come forward to demand the abolition of all the secret police organizations (CIA, FBI, local police "red

squads," etc.), since neither the bourgeois liberals nor the rightists are ready to surrender the repressive apparatus that maintains the grip on U.S. capitalism's vast global empire. In fact, the Ford administration has even expanded some of the repressive Nixon policies (for example, the S-1 bill now before Congress and the move to restore the death penalty).

As Sam Marcy, chairman of Workers World Party, wrote in this newspaper on June 20:

"The effort of the ruling class at 'self-reform,' of 'purging' the state security organs of 'excesses,' has ended up precisely in the opposite direction. It affords an extraordinary example of the capability and limitations of the ruling class, in the epoch of imperialist decline, to carry through internal reform of its state ap-

## CIA assassinations

# This paper told it like it was!

If you want to know what's happening, do you pick up your local establishment newspaper, turn on your TV set, or read Workers World? If you answered either of the first two, you're in for a shock.

Let's put it this way. When Diem was assassinated in South Vietnam, did the bourgeois media tell you the U.S. was behind it? No, not one. But Workers World did. When General Rene Schneider of Chile was killed, Workers World understood right away that this was part of a campaign by Washington to undermine and destabilize the new Allende government.

The recent revelations about CIA assassinations and planned assassinations have finally made some of this public knowledge—but only after years of deception and cover-up. The time when the workers and oppressed people need to know the truth about history is when it's happening.

Here are some quotes from Workers World to show that what the big business press covered up, we told the truth about, when it was happening.

WW, December 9, 1960 (just a month before Lumumba's assassination): "Patrice Lumumba, the legally elected and illegally deposed nationalist premier of the Congo, has been beaten and tortured along with his anti-imperialist supporters. The blame for this lies squarely on U.S. imperialism and its military instrument in the Congo, the 'UN forces.'"

WW, October 30, 1970: "The assassination of General Schneider Cherau was a death warning to Allende from Washington. The CIA and the Pentagon want to add Allende's name to the list of

Mossadegh in Iran, Arbenz in Guatemala, Lumumba in the Congo, Goulart in Brazil, Nkrumah in Ghana, and Sukarno in Indonesia, all of whom were overthrown by the U.S. in the post-WWII period."

WW, November 8, 1963: "With a cynicism and crudeness surpassed only by its hypocrisy, the U.S. ruling class has installed a new puppet regime on the blood-soaked soil of South Vietnam. Why did Washington risk the overthrow of the Ngo Diem clique, which it had taken such great pains to cultivate, develop and control? . . .

"The more Diem subordinated himself and his clique to the needs of U.S. war aims, the more widespread and bitter became the enmity of ever larger and larger sections of the Vietnamese people. His replacement became an urgent necessity if Washington was to retain even the facade of a government before the masses might overthrow the Diem clique in a popular uprising."

Marxism isn't something to be locked away in books. It's a tool to help the working class to understand what is happening so it can fight in its own interests and not be led to the slaughter by ruling class militarists. We think the record of Workers World newspaper over the past 16 years proves this beyond a doubt.

There are many, many more intrigues and deceptions being carried out by the ruling class right now, and there are many that have happened in recent years that have not yet been officially exposed . . . and may never be. But you'll read the truth about them in the pages of this paper.



Patrice Lumumba after capture by Tshombe's troops, 1960.



1964: YAWF protests U.S. intervention in the Congo. Liberals have never condemned such successful CIA plots, but only those which proved embarrassing as failures. WW photo

# U.S. Public Health Service hid murder poisons for the CIA

By SHARON SHELTON

NEW YORK, Sept. 20—Did you think the U.S. Public Health Service existed to "protect public health"?

According to a member of the Senate Committee on Intelligence quoted in the September 16 New York Times, the Public Health Service has been "deeply involved" in providing the raw shellfish toxin illegally stored by the CIA—an activity hardly within the realm of health protection.

Testimony from members of the CIA before the intelligence committee earlier this summer revealed that the CIA has been storing 10,972 grams of the deadly poison illegally. This poison, according to Senator Frank Church, head of the committee, could be lethal to "hundreds of thousands" of people.

The production of biochemical weapons was ostensibly stopped and existing stockpiles destroyed by Presidential order 6 years ago in response to international law prohibiting their use. However, the hidden CIA poison cache plus disclosures the Army is holding a

supply large enough to kill 5,000 people (the Army had permission to hold small quantities for "research") indicate the order from Richard Nixon in 1969 wasn't exactly followed in the best of faith.

## POISONS LABELLED "U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE"

A member of the Senate intelligence committee at the hearings on covert activities of the CIA described the cans containing the deadly shellfish toxins as bearing tags reading "Taft Center, Cincinnati, Ohio, U.S. Public Health Service" and "Northeast Regional Shell Fish Sanitation Station, Narragansett, R.I." (The Rhode Island station is also a Public Health facility.)

A spokesperson for the Public Health Service, John Blamphin, admitted in testimony before the committee that the health agency had handed over raw toxin to the Army, which also has been involved in preparing the poison for the CIA.

Dr. Murdock Richie, a scientist

with a background of researching shellfish toxin, said the shellfish had been flown to the health service from Alaska and that personnel in the "milk and food research group" had isolated the poison, the Times reported.

## "DIDN'T KNOW"

In earlier testimony before the committee, former CIA director Richard Helms and former head of the CIA "dirty tricks" department, Thomas J. Karamessines, predictably protested ignorance about the deadly CIA stockpiles.

Helms, who was CIA chief under Nixon and responsible for massive illegal surveillance against U.S. citizens, claimed to have issued an oral order to destroy the stockpiles. Asked why he hadn't issued a written order, the long-time CIA career officer said his oral commands to the CIA were "orders written in blood" and therefore didn't require being written out.

However, another CIA employee, Dr. Nathan Gordon, who testified he was the one who had stored the poisons, said he received no such orders from Helms.

# NYC layoffs hurt all working people

By T. MITCHELL.  
NEW YORK, Sept. 21—With the tentative settlement of this city's teachers' strike, every division of municipal employees has been forced to accept massive layoffs and a pay freeze in the wake of the bankers' financial crisis attack. More than 50,000 workers who provided essential social services have been thrown overboard like so much dead weight on the bankers' orders, and the point of attack has now shifted to the remaining job holders.

In department after department, from sanitation and fire to schools, to hospitals, to welfare and food stamps, the work of the absent bodies is being put upon those who remain, in an aggressive campaign of speedup and harassment.

In New York City, which has suffered especially high unemployment from the severe economic decline, the bosses are piling on the extra work and making it stick with the constant reminder: "You can be replaced. Submit and show gratitude you still have a job." The bosses are using the sharp competition—of workers for jobs—to extract greater productivity.

Teachers and school workers returning to their jobs have found appalling conditions of overcrowding and understaffing, while unemployed teachers with 15 years' experience desperately seek any opening. During the strike the media prominently reported calls from some quarters to fire all the striking teachers and replace them with all new faces from the street.

But the harassment and speedup of the remaining city workers has not and will not be able to pick up the extra work left by the layoffs simply because it is a physical impossibility. Angry protests from the communities most affected by the cutbacks have been echoed in the media with a twisted attack on the city workers as slackers.

The attack on city workers that hit primarily at those who have been laid off is now being used in a secondary attack as a wedge between the remaining city workers and the residents of the city, who are suffering from overwork on the one hand and underservicing on the other hand.

**UNITE JOBLESS AND UNEMPLOYED**  
Both are feeling the effects of the

bankers' economic war on New York in general, and the banker-directed layoffs in particular. Both must combine their forces with the ranks of the unemployed and unite as one strong voice to restore all jobs and services slashed by MAC.

Otherwise, the new Emergency Financial Control Board may be emboldened to test its special power to nullify existing contracts altogether. Because, while working people are shocked by how much has been lost so quickly, the bankers' greed knows no bounds and even now they are caucusing in the boardrooms and scheming to take still more—more jobs, more pay, more work, and more services. That is the thrust of all the slanders against city workers.

The pressure being put on New York City workers is by no means restricted to municipal workers here or municipal workers alone. The heavy unemployment throughout the U.S.—and the entire capitalist world, for that matter—is being used as the cutting edge of a widespread anti-labor offensive.

The bosses, who have dealt all the blows in reaction to the capitalist crisis, have held the upper hand so far, by virtue of the fact that they sign the paychecks.

The army of the unemployed, which has been growing larger and larger in parallel with inflation, has always been one of the products of the capitalist system, along with its other crimes against humanity. But in a period when unemployment is growing rapidly and the economy is stagnating, the direct link between the level of unemployment and working conditions and pay is made much clearer.

The unemployed have no stake in a system that throws them to the wolves, but they lack the resources to mobilize at this time.

Those who still hold jobs will make or break the situation according to how they perceive their interests. In the current period, the stake that the employed have in getting the unemployed rehired is much more readily apparent, and that is the material basis on which unity must be built to mobilize all labor to demand jobs now!



## To 'see if it could be done' CIA 'gass

By JOHN C. OTTO  
NEW YORK, Sept. 21—Two CIA agents secretly broke a lightbulb-like apparatus on the subway tracks at 14th Street in Manhattan. The gas it contained rapidly spread to 58th Street in the wake of an uptown express.

According to recent CIA admissions, this test was made to see if "enemy agents" could poison the New York population through the subways.

We much-abused subway riders and transit workers know the smog-laden subway air is already poisoning us slowly. We shrugged off the news of this new abuse and rode on. But we remain skeptical of the CIA's intent: after hearing of shellfish poisons, dart guns, and LSD experiments, no plot remains unbelievable.

This feeling is reinforced by the campaign being waged against New York's workers these days. We're charged with "living beyond our means" by the millionaire bankers and their media hirelings; charged with "harboring welfare chiselers" by the friends of Lockheed Aircraft; charged with being "sin city" by the self-righteous upholders of Hollywood's hypocritical morality.

In this atmosphere, it's not that hard to imagine some racist and anti-Semitic CIA mind planning a scenario for a "final solution" to the New York City problem. In this



As the lines of the unemployed grow longer, remaining workers are being told they must face speed-ups and wage cuts or else.

## 3,000 C.U.N.Y. students protest huge state education cutbacks

By MOLLY CHARBONEAU  
NEW YORK, Sept. 20—Buses filled with students from the various City University of New York (CUNY) campuses began rolling up to Governor Carey's office here this morning. Some buses even came from upstate universities. By noon on September 18, over 1,000 students and college instructors filled the sidewalk outside Carey's office chanting, "They say cut-back, we say FIGHT BACK."

The crowd of militant demonstrators, called together by the Student Senate of CUNY and the Professional Staff Congress (the CUNY instructors' union) showed their firm opposition to the \$87-million budget cut for CUNY passed last July.

This drastic budget cutback, a result of the vicious onslaught by the big banks against city workers, oppressed communities, school personnel, and students at all levels, and social services generally, will greatly diminish the quality of education in the CUNY system if allowed to remain in effect. The many student and faculty demonstrators last Thursday made it clear that these cutbacks will not be taken lying down.

### STUDENTS, TEACHERS FIGHT BACK

After picketing Carey's office at 55th Street, the growing number of Black, Latin, Asian, and white demonstrators marched toward 42nd Street and Bryant Park, their ranks swelling to nearly 3,000 as they carried their message of protest through the streets of New York, reaching many workers on

their lunch hour.

Rallies were held at Carey's office and in the park where speakers from numerous student organizations spoke against the cutbacks, which especially victimized students from the oppressed communities who depend on programs such as SEEK, which is being drastically cut back.

Prior to this demonstration, students had protested budget cuts on a number of CUNY cam-

puses including Queens College, where 2,000 students rallied on September 16 during noon hour.

In their struggle against the bankers' assault, students and college staff have many natural allies among city workers and in the oppressed communities which are also facing cutbacks. United effort, in the militant spirit of last Thursday's demonstration, is the key to grinding the bankers' cutbacks to a halt.

By NAOMI COHEN  
NEW YORK, Sept. 22—Last July, 1,434 New York City sanitation workers were laid off, leaving barely 8,000 workers to tackle the enormous amount of garbage generated in this city every day. This drastic reduction in sanitation services has resulted in a dangerous buildup of trash in the streets, particularly in high-population, that is, poor areas, where garbage collection was never sufficient to begin with.

There never seems to be a problem of collection in the swanky shopping areas and wealthy residential sections of the city, which have always gotten the priority for pickups. But in the oppressed and poorer sections of the city, many streets are literally overflowing with uncollected trash, as a direct result of the cutbacks, which in some areas of the city have reduced the collec-

tions by half.

### CITY MAKES SANITMEN SCAPEGOATS

To cover over this criminal reduction in one of the most basic services to the people, the city government has launched a smear campaign against the sanitation workers, implying that the filth in the streets is due to slouching on the job. To add drama to this campaign, Mayor Beame dropped in on a Sanitation Department garage last week to "oversee" the workings of the department. (Earlier in the week he had handed an ultimatum to the Sanitation Commissioner to clean up the city in 10 days, again implying that the problem was poor work and management, rather than the layoffs and insufficient workers to do the job.)

After "inspecting" the garage, Beame told the press that he had found "over half the workers had

quit 30 minutes early." In fact, some of the workers were washing up 10 minutes early, and at the admission of one supervisor, they were encouraged to do so to stagger the number of workers who have to wash up at the end of the day. (That supervisor was suspended for one day to give the appearance that the city was cracking down on all levels.)

In an attempt to make the public feel that somehow we are being cheated by the sanitation workers (when in fact we are being cheated of their services by the city), Beame told the press, "I insist that the city get a full day's work for a full day's pay." (When was the last time that Beame dropped in on some of his \$50,000-a-year administrators to find out what they're doing from 9 to 5?)

### MAKE THE RICH PAY!

Sanitation workers have, according to statistics, one of the

most dangerous jobs in the United States. The accident rate on the job, both from the machinery and from being hit by passing cars, is very high. With the cutbacks, the job becomes increasingly dangerous. Instead of publicizing these facts, the city administration, no doubt at the behest of the banks that forced the layoffs in the first place, is orchestrating a campaign against the sanitation workers.

This latest campaign is nothing but a vicious form of speedup and harassment on the job. It is in the interest of all New York City residents to support the sanitation workers against these attacks and to demand that more of them be hired to deal with the mounting garbage in this city. In this great financial center, plenty of money for essential services can be found by taxing the rich, their corporations, and their swollen profits.



New York City subway riders just got hit with an intolerable fare increase. Now they find out they've been used as CIA guinea pigs for testing biological warfare.

## done' bosses' subway riders

century, capitalist reality has often surpassed our worst nightmare.

### SUBWAY CLASS STRUGGLE

While the CIA plays at mass murder (they've done it for real in Indonesia and Chile), the New York City government has been demonstrating its servility to the banks and its hatred of the workers.

At most subway stops, all but one exit gate is chained shut, creating passenger bottlenecks. Why? Simply to prevent individual or mass protest of the new 50-cent fare. A sign on the one unlocked gate says: "Avoid arrest. Pay the fare."

Staring stonily at us at the busier stops are transit police. Supposedly put on to protect the passengers, they watch us put in our tokens, collecting the fares for their banker bosses.

West side passengers saw a group of ten unlucky riders

rounded up for the paddy wagon for "theft of service." In Brooklyn, a more serious tragedy occurred. One transit cop killed a Black man who jumped the turnstiles, shooting him five times.

With this the current state of the subways, we wonder who the CIA considers the "enemy." Many of us would prefer they test their poison gases elsewhere, say the subway under Capitol Hill. Or maybe they could chart the air currents in the halls of the Pentagon.

We subway riders say: "CIA out of IRT! And BMT. And IND."

# 35 years of interest payment: how the banks took subways for a ride

By CONNIE HARRIS

NEW YORK, Sept. 20—On Tuesday, September 2, millions of New York City inhabitants awoke to the prospect of digging up 50 cents instead of 35 cents for a subway token. Subways in this city are a necessity for all who must work or look for work, and equally necessary as transportation for the shrinking amount of recreation workers can afford to enjoy. No one asked the people if they would mind paying 50 cents for a subway token, just as no one asked them how they felt about paying more for food, gas, electricity, and other necessities.

It was the banks who made this decision, supposedly to give out-of-town investors confidence in MAC bonds, but actually to wrest every possible penny from the already overburdened workers of this city. This is not a new development. The banks have always been involved in the finances of the subway system.

The construction of the IRT line, in 1904, was financed jointly by the city and by several major banks. A mass transit system was recognized as a necessary component in the growth of the city. Without cheap, rapid transportation to carry the workers from their homes to industrial and commercial locations so that they could earn and spend their pay, how could the bosses and the banks rake in their enormous profits?

At first, the subways were very profitable. The investors in the stocks and bonds of the IRT, which was later joined by the BMT, were paid large dividends. But during the depression of the 1930s, both the IRT and the BMT went bankrupt. In 1940, at a time when the subway system was badly run down, the city took it over, issuing \$380 million in bonds to compensate the companies' owners. It had to borrow this money from the banks, as it also had to do in order to build the Independent line, established in the early 1930s.

### CITY STILL PAYING INTEREST!

For 35 years, the city has been paying interest on these loans. (This year alone the interest payment amounted to \$143 million, or 40 percent of the original loan for the takeover of the IRT and BMT lines.) And for 35 years the banks have moved closer and closer to a state of complete control over how the subways are run.

The banks, concerned about the flow of interest payments, demanded a fare increase after the Korean War. But the city, fearing the protests of the people, was forced to create an agency—"someone else to blame"—to make that decision. Thus, the New York Transit Authority, which as given the power to issue bonds and raise the fare, was created.

The power to run the subways was moved even further away from the people and closer to the banks when the state took them over in 1965. Then-governor Rockefeller, whose ties to First National City Bank and Chase Manhattan Bank are obvious, created the Metropolitan Transit Authority and chose a reliable director for it in the person of his own secretary, William Ronan.

It needed only the creation of the Municipal Assistance Corporation, this year, to make the coup complete.

The result of all this has been that, as fares have risen to 10 times the original 5-cent fare, service has greatly deteriorated. Aside from the few, over-proclaimed air-conditioned cars added to the IND lines, virtually no improvements have been made in the quality of subway riding.

But the banks don't care if the hearing of the straphanger is permanently damaged by the unbearable noise level, if we are inconvenienced by the cutbacks in service, or if our lives are endangered by fires in the tunnels or other accidents caused by the insufficient number of MTA workers to maintain the subways.

It is the riders of the subways, mostly working class people, who care, who place people above profit, and who are the ones who must demand that the subways be free and safe.

## Who's been living too high too long?

Special to WORKERS WORLD

NEW YORK, Sept. 20—The wealthy ruling class says that the poor and working people have been acting very irresponsibly over the past few decades—living far beyond their means and not working hard enough to justify what they receive.

Because of struggles to organize for better working and living conditions, for basic education, for some measure of public health care, for some security against the bosses' arbitrary firings and layoffs with the subsequent loss of wages, the working class is alleged to have driven the various levels of government to the verge of bankruptcy and to be somehow responsible for the decline of the American economy.

Those who own almost nothing are accused by the representatives and mouthpieces of those who have almost everything of having brought on the depression.

### NELSON ROCKEFELLER—LIVE LIKE HIM?

Nelson Rockefeller, one of the world's wealthiest men and President-elect Ford's boss, has been one of the most noisy critics of New York City's working population, rejecting all appeals by Mayor (Bankers' Bookkeeper) Beame for federal funds to bail out the city's debt to the banks.

Rockefeller has also recently taken up official Vice Presidential residence in the Admiral's House, a mansion located on the grounds of the Naval Observatory near Washington, D.C. This "official residence"—the first such for a Vice President in the country's history—has been made habitable for Rockefeller and family to the tune of \$315,000 from Congress—this in a period when virtually every piece of social legislation has

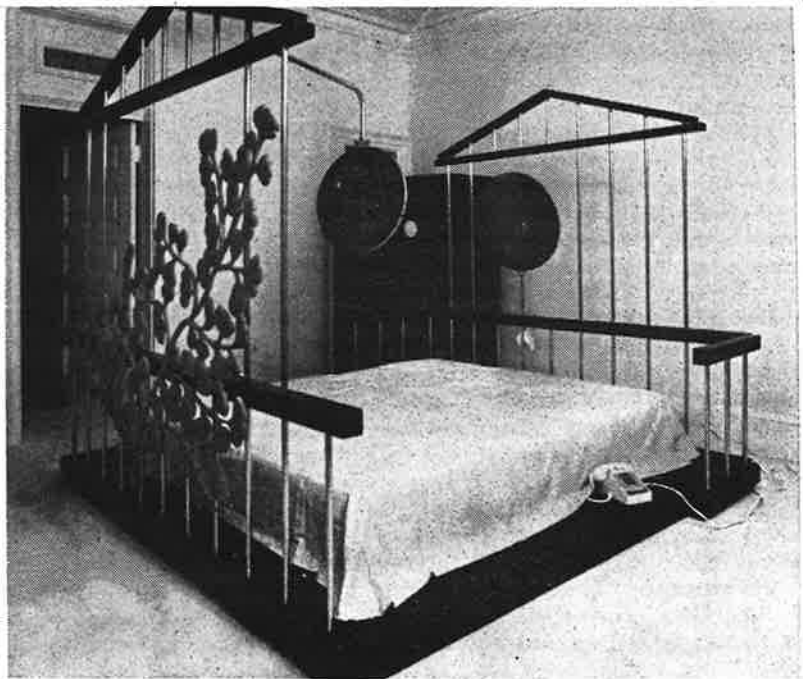
been vetoed as inflationary.

Rockefeller himself will spend around \$100,000 for a series of nine "house-warming" parties for this house, in which he admits he will spend little time since he already owns a mansion in Washington, along with four other estates scattered from Maine to Venezuela. In addition, \$170,000 has yet to be spent on the installation of the central heating system for Admiral's House.

In addition to the many costly art objects tastefully arranged throughout the house, the guests were aquiver to view the floor-level, mink-covered bed—"Caged Bed With Screen"—designed by surrealist artist Max Ernst for a mere \$35,000. No plywood on cinder blocks or John's Second-hand Furniture for Rockefeller!

For the past week, the New York Post, casting aside its pseudo-liberal facade for the duration of the economic crisis, has been running a series of "exposés" on the "laziness" of the sanitation workers in New York City. Acting as the bosses' labor police, the Post's reporters have followed sanitation trucks and crews, photographing sanitmen sitting on their breaks—well-deserved breaks considering the increased work loads imposed on them by massive layoffs in that department—or snapping pictures of the outside of bars where, it is alleged, sanitmen are drinking their lunch.

How many of us would need a mid-day brew to clear the stench of garbage from our nostrils were we in the sanitmen's shoes? When was the last time that a Post reporter followed the bankers and corporation executives around during their "work" day, catching them at their ease in their air-conditioned, wall-to-wall carpeted, panel-lined offices or snapping



This new bed in Rockefeller's sixth home cost \$35,000. Yet Rockefeller has the nerve to tell workers they're "living beyond their means."

pictures of the outsides of the expensive restaurants where the well-known 2- to 3-hour bankers' and executives' lunch is drunk?

### BROTHER DAVID

David Rockefeller, Nelson's brother, chairman of the board of Chase Manhattan Bank, and one of the prime movers to seize direct control of the City of New York, gives as his rationale for the layoffs of workers and cutbacks of services that the workers have not been working hard enough nor producing near enough to warrant the amount spent on fire protection, social welfare services, education, and health. This is the same David Rockefeller who has not had to work up a sweat for his bread at any point in his life. He started his anti-worker career

many years ago when he acted as the liaison between the recently victorious Allied invaders of North Africa and the recently conquered pro-Nazi Vichy French military command who had been reinstated in their authority and who were waging a campaign of retribution, torture, and murder against the pro-Allied underground of workers who had made the Allied invasion's success a possibility.

In a sense, we workers have not been working hard enough and have been living beyond what we can afford. We definitely cannot afford the whole layer of wealthy ruling class which robs and exploits us, insulting us into the bargain. We definitely must work harder to organize ourselves to get rid of them.

## The way it oughta be

If you have to ride to work on the rotten, old, overcrowded mass transit systems of cities like Chicago, Philadelphia, or New York, just remember: it could be worse. Most U.S. cities don't have any mass transit to speak of, like L.A. and Houston.

But have you ever wondered to yourself while you're crammed in a subway car like a sardine why, in the most technologically advanced country in the world, there can't be a better system?

One reason, besides the obvious one that those in power don't care about the workers and poor who use the subways, is that there's no planning of anything under capitalism. Cities grow and grow until they just can't function without some sort of mass transit. Then the politicians come up with a half-way solution to a crisis situation.

If cities and towns were planned, things could be arranged for you to be able to work, shop, and go to school within walking distances.

Subways built in socialist countries like the German Democratic Republic, People's Korea, Hungary, and the Soviet Union are world famous for their beauty and comfort.

Isn't this the way it oughta be?



# —Assassination attempts

(Continued from page 1) and over many years.

Where fundamental material interests are concerned, those vital to the life of one or several of the antagonistic dynastic financial and industrial oligarchies, truth is a first casualty. This is especially so where there is danger to the entire capitalist establishment. And it is all the more understandable when one considers the magnitude and ferocity of the character of the undercover struggle.

The attempts on Ford's life can only be understood in the chain of evolution which ushered in a whole series of political assassinations, social disturbances, and political struggles which had had no precedent in the U.S. in the first half of this century. The assassinations of President Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, and the attempted Wallace assassination are links in the chain of evolution and characterize the contemporary phase and desperate situation of American capitalism.

All or most of the assassins fit the same type as van der Lubbe, the man charged by the Hitler regime with setting the Reichstag fire. That event served as the cover for Hitler's assumption of power by terror, the crushing of the working class movement, and the institution of a fascist regime.

Oswald was a variation of the same pattern, as is James Earl Ray, the assassin of Rev. Martin Luther King, Sirhan Sirhan, the assassin of Robert Kennedy (notwithstanding efforts to establish him in some quarters as an early version of an urban Arab guerrilla or freedom-fighter), Arthur Bremer, Wallace's would-be assassin, and the assassins of Malcolm X.

## GOVERNMENT "INVESTIGATIONS"

So-called government "inquiries" and "investigations" that deliberately focus exclusively on the individual assassins or the purely immediate events surrounding the assassination in reality serve to obscure the fundamental issue.

The bourgeoisie as a whole would like nothing better than that this line of "investigation" be pursued exclusively, for it has the great merit for them that it takes them and the capitalist state completely off the hook. It wittingly or unwittingly, consciously or unconsciously, helps to mask the magnitude and ferocity of the internecine struggle within the bourgeoisie and its effort to stabilize and revive its sinking fortunes.

Such "investigations" are aimed at stunting and paralyzing the efforts of independent and dispassionate forces to focus on the real causes—which stem from the crisis of the system itself and which can only be rooted out through working class, Marxist analysis.

For the Movement to shrug off these potentially explosive "incidents" is to reduce its assessment of the assassination attempts to the proportions set in advance by the capitalist class, and to help them in their effort to

deceive the people and lull them into a state of passivity.

It would also help the ruling class achieve one of its principal foreign policy objectives: to convince the world, its allies, satellites, and clients, that the behemoth of world finance-capital is still as stable as ever, that it is still the rock of Gibraltar in the bourgeois world; that its military and economic prowess have not been irretrievably damaged by its Vietnam catastrophe; that its deep and profound inner conflicts over fundamental policy are not tearing it asunder; that the Nixon ouster was an exercise in democracy, a triumph of the class over its errant leader; and that the acute economic crisis has not exacerbated in the extreme the subterranean economic and political warfare of the financial and industrial dynasties—but that, on the contrary, the ruling class is riding out the storm and stress of the period and is happily proceeding to "recapture" (to use Kissinger's phrase) the world standing it once held.

That is what the trustees and guardians of the bourgeois order in this country would like the world to believe and see—a picture of the U.S. capitalist establishment as engaging in polite debates—not going beyond the limits of bourgeois legality.

It is a giant public relations effort calculated to lull world public opinion, which is growing more tired and restless and more suspect of American dominion with each passing day.

## HOW CAN PRESS IGNORE THE CIA CONNECTION?

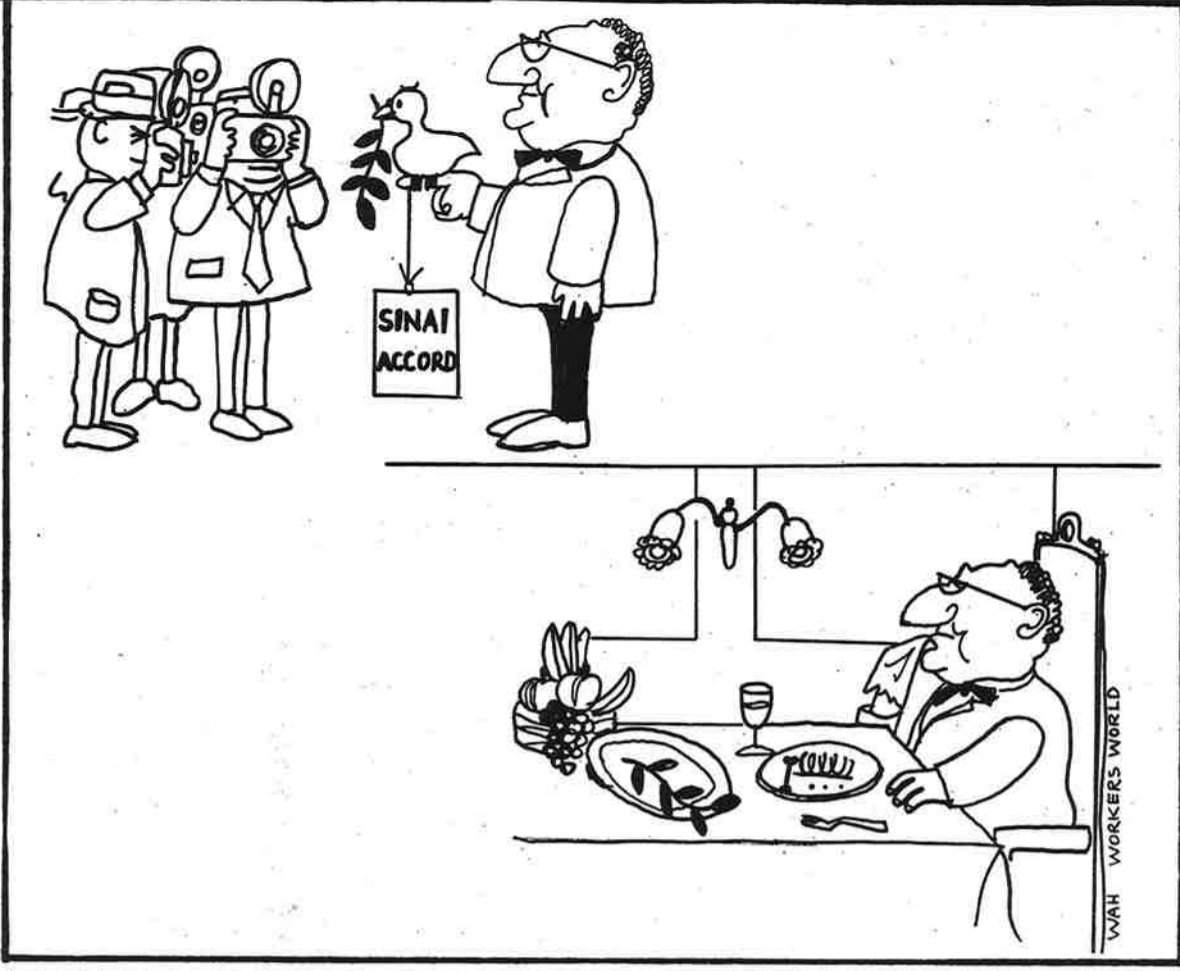
Only a press that is truly muzzled and beholden to the financiers and bankers themselves could fail to sharply point out that the assassination attempts come precisely at a moment when the CIA investigations have literally numbed the nation through a series of horrible revelations of murders, poisoning, and what have you. The press and electronic media do not put them side by side with the alleged attempts on Ford's life. Nor do they put them side by side with the effort of some elements of the ruling class who are trying to blow open the Kennedy assassination—a keg of dynamite in itself and a sea of trouble for the whole establishment.

The press and TV are mum on who the other elements of the ruling class are who have tried to counter the opening of the Kennedy assassination case by introducing the CIA attempts to assassinate Fidel Castro and Trujillo during the Kennedy administration.

The public is given only fleeting glimpses of the real meaning of such enforced self-exposures of the ruling class, of "washing their dirty linen" in the view of a horrified public. But this is only one part of a larger, now open, now clandestine, struggle in the upper echelons of the ruling class.

## FORD'S EVOLUTION

Take the political evolution of Gerald Ford himself and his role in the conflict. He is an ultra-rightist by conviction, a middle-level politician undistinguished by even a trace of independent political



# The Kissinger-Simon 'survival' kit

By ELIZABETH ROSS  
NEW YORK, Sept. 22—On September 1, Daniel P. Moynihan presented to the UN General Assembly a proposal concocted by Henry Kissinger and Secretary of the Treasury William E. Simon. (Leonard Silk of the New York Times likened this to the marriage of a mongoose and a snake—though it was not clear which of the latter two statesmen should be cast in the role of the serpent.)

The document is singularly contradictory, not only reflecting the divergent aims of the State Department and the Treasury, but revealing some inner contradictions of the capitalist class, itself.

Lurking behind its cautious-phraseology is the gnawing fear that the poorer countries, if they are not given substantial financial aid and a better deal in the marketplace, could be ripe for revolution, desert the "free" market altogether, and join the socialist world.

However, the Kissinger-Simon text also reflects that other fear haunting capitalists in every land—the horror of lending money without a firm guarantee that it will be returned at a high rate of interest, or even losing it entirely.

Their investment capital is faced with a double dilemma: it must expand or die; or it might possibly expand and die!

## BIG PROMISES, STINGY COMMITMENTS

This ambivalence shows through in grandiose promises on one hand—international agencies for world food production and grain storage, scientific and

initiative during his entire tenure in Congress. He is a capitalist politician given to taking orders, not giving them, a politician solidly in the orbit of the conservative, anti-Rockefeller right-wing of the Republican Party.

How and when did he get into the orbit of the Rockefeller grouping? This is not what the capitalist press dwells on.

technological organizations to serve the poor as well as the rich countries—and in stingy commitments to the "developing countries" (of which there are at least 100) on the other.

Loans from the International Monetary Fund are to be issued "up to \$2.5 billion, and possibly more, in a single year." In light of the fact that the U.S. has aided Israel alone to the tune of \$2.5 billion in a single year, this commitment does not seem to be very generous.

The plan calls for very little U.S. government financing; it would rely heavily on sharing the cost with the rest of the industrialized (capitalist) world, and on investments by private capital, although William E. Gibson, a vice president of the Chase Manhattan Bank, commented, "I'm very pessimistic about the likelihood of private capital flows meeting the requirements of poor nations."

The proposal firmly refrains from promising the one solution all "developing nations" want. That is, to increase their earnings in the world market through an international price-support mechanism. The United States will agree only to "talk about each commodity separately on a case-by-case basis."

## AID TIED TO POLICY

Financial aid would not go to just any poorer country asking for it. "Assistance would be available to all developing countries which need to finance shortfalls in export earnings unless the shortfalls are caused by their own acts of policy" (our emphasis).

This last phrase is considered by

became more or less clear that Agnew's fortunes had been eclipsed and that Nixon himself was on the way out. Ford's going over, or "being captured" by the Rockefeller forces (as an ultra-rightist would put it) is regarded by the ultra-right as a monstrous betrayal of their cause. When one considers the openly venomous and unremitting struggle between the

most commentators to be a warning to the oil-producing countries to discontinue their joint actions in raising the price of their own commodity to meet the higher prices they must pay for food and manufactured products they import.

But could it not also be a warning to such countries as Vietnam and Cambodia not to expect help from the capitalist world because their socialist policies are even more unacceptable than those of OPEC? And could it not be a warning to those in countries—such as Portugal—who contemplate taking the socialist road?

Some have likened this proposal to the Marshall Plan of 1947. At that time the U.S. poured money into Europe to "save" it from communism, and succeeded, temporarily.

## ANOTHER "ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS"?

Actually, there is a much closer analogy to the Alliance for Progress than to the Marshall Plan. The Alliance for Progress, initiated in the Kennedy era, was a gigantic hoax upon the poor and working people of Latin America.

This is what Philip Agee wrote about in his book CIA Diary: "The Alliance for Progress has been, in effect, a subsidy program for U.S. exporters and private investors—in many cases the same firms. For Latin America this has meant a deficit in the external sector of about 6 billion dollars that limited the importation of equipment and technology needed for faster economic growth—the deficit compensated by new indebtedness.

"For the United States this has meant a return to private investors of about five dollars for every dollar sent from the U.S. to Latin America during the period, plus a favorable trade balance, plus billions of dollars in loans that are earning interest and will some day be repaid. In other words, Latin America through the Alliance for Progress has contributed to the development of the United States and gone into debt to do it. No wonder we prop up these governments and put down the revolutionaries."

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# —Analysis of assassination attempts

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Rockefeller grouping and the ultra-right conservative faction, one can get a good measure of the depth of the struggle that goes on clandestinely.

Ford has been compelled to move back and forth on the Rockefeller issue, but this has mostly been based on whether the latter would be continued as Vice President in 1976 or whether Ford would resign before then in Rockefeller's favor.

## THE ENERGY ISSUE

What is the meaning of Ford coming out suddenly, on the very day of the second attempted assassination, for Rockefeller's bitterly contested \$100-billion energy project?

Even those most naive and uninitiated in the wiles of capitalist political maneuvering and deception can see in this project a shamelessly undisguised multi-billion giveaway to the energy companies. How this giant giveaway would affect the broad masses is not at all the issue between the capitalists. But how would the giveaway of this fabulous sum of money affect the redistribution of wealth and power among the competing factional groupings in the ruling class? That is the issue. Is it not worthy of an explanation?

How did it happen that a hitherto obscure economist, Alan Greenspan, the Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors to President Ford, could take it upon himself to characterize the project as "corrupt"?

Can a mere underling in the Administration characterize both Rockefeller and Ford as "corrupt" with impunity? Or is it that Greenspan (and Secretary of the Treasury Simon) is also the spokesman for a combination of financial and industrial cliques who feel threatened by the Rockefeller colossus?

Why were Reagan and Ford in such mad and demonstrative competition in the recent New Hampshire senatorial race, when obviously the outcome would at best (for the Republicans) be close? Why did they stake their prestige on Wyman's reelection unless blind, fanatical, undercover struggles of a momentous character were driving them?

The ultra-right regard Ford as a deserter, a renegade from their camp. Should not this be at least one of the elements that a "free press and media" should have immediately given to reporters in one of those well-known background stories, and splashed across the papers and TV? Could it be that the assassination attempts—obviously "poor shots," as de Gaulle, who had experience with them, would say—were merely warnings to Ford? And would Rockefeller, who has no love for Ford either, considering his waverings, stand by for his own reasons?

## ROCKEFELLER VS. THE "ULTRA-RIGHT"

The struggles between the Rockefeller political machine and the ultra-right do not reflect ideological differences between liberal and conservative doctrine, an explanation the capitalist press passes off for good coin. Of course, that may on occasion be important, insofar as mass support enters as

an issue. But that is not the real question.

The real issue is a naked power struggle between the Rockefeller dynasty and all the other smaller dynastic cliques and oligarchies for the inevitable redistribution of power, wealth, and resources under the impetus of a devastating economic crisis.

The economic crisis has exacerbated the internecine struggle in the ruling class. An economic crisis always weakens some economic groupings and strengthens others at the former's expense. Some could be completely swallowed up. Others may be forced into uncomfortable and disadvantageous alliances.

The political struggle at the top is merely the reflection of the desperate economic struggle underneath. Politics is merely concentrated economics, as Lenin said. The political struggle is merely a generalized form of the struggle of economic interests, presented in a masked manner to deceive the masses:

Is it possible that these struggles on the domestic front can be resolved peacefully when, since the Second World War, not a single fundamental political problem has been solved through diplomacy, only by force?

This is what has to be examined in order to put the Ford assassination attempts in their proper historical perspective. Only in this way can they be understood. And only in this way can one understand why one day Kissinger, Ford, and Rockefeller can come out for the U.S. deployment of so-called technicians pursuant to the Sinai Agreement, and then on the next day the official spokesman for the Pentagon, Defense Secretary Schlesinger, can virtually denounce it, only to later retract his words, as he did last Sunday in his CBS telecast.

But was it really a retraction? Does this not express fears and conflicts over another Vietnam in the Middle East and the blind struggle of the ruling class heading irresistibly for war in spite of Kissinger's step-by-step fraudulent "peace" diplomacy?

## NO "NORMAL" PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION SINCE WWII

To put the assassination attempts in broad historical perspective, it is important to take into account that there has been no truly normal bourgeois democratic—or, to put in legal terms, constitutional—continuity in the succession to the Presidency since the Second World War. The Truman election of 1948, which is counted by bourgeois liberal historians as orderly, took place under a violent witch-hunting struggle at home and global U.S. imperialist aggression abroad.

General MacArthur came within an ace of humbling Truman and putting him in the role of a subordinate civilian. Truman's subsequent ouster of MacArthur, a singularly significant event in the Korean struggle, was not the brave assertion of civilian authority over the military it has falsely been built up to be. What is carefully obscured or left out of this episode is the fact that Truman first polled all the leading military men in the Pentagon, including Eisenhower, who was then abroad in his NATO capacity, before he discharged MacArthur, not after.

Getting the approval of the

military before removing one of their leaders is not an assertion of civilian authority over the military but the reverse. The fact that Eisenhower succeeded Truman was a further enlargement of the authority of the military over the shrinking civilian rule, and enhanced the bloated role of the military-industrial complex in the structure of the capitalist economy.

The election of Kennedy seemed to restore a measure of civilian rule, but only if one forgets that the author of Profiles in Courage lacked the political fortitude to cast a ballot for censure in the crucial vote against Joseph McCarthy in the Senate. Nevertheless, his assassination was the first full-scale coup since the Lincoln assassination. (Some fools in the literary and political



"... Since the Second World War, not a single fundamental political problem has been solved through diplomacy, only by force." Here, Goldwater examines CIA-designed poison dart assassination gun.

world are still debating whether there were conspiracies in Lincoln's case, even after a hundred years!)

The John Kennedy assassination and, just as significant, the assassination of Robert Kennedy, constitute two of the most formidable breaches in the so-called "constitutional and democratic processes" in the succession struggle to the Presidency, nor have they been repaired by later events.

## AND THEN WATERGATE

Nixon's Watergate episode must be regarded in the light of the entire preceding historical sequence, which began with Truman's capitulation to the military, the elevation of Eisenhower, the two Kennedy assassinations, and the flagrant murders of Martin Luther King and Malcolm X—all domestic sequels to international brigandage and piracy.

Three years after Watergate, what has it really demonstrated?

Even those who were most vociferous and boisterous in their claims that Nixon's ouster marked a lofty achievement in the revival of the democratic process have now sunk into deep pessimism. If Nixon's Watergate episode may be regarded as an attempt at a masked fascist coup, his ouster is in the nature of a counter-coup, masked by so-called democratic processes. No wonder that the only real change at the top of the governmental apparatus was the elevation of Rockefeller and his cohorts in the Domestic Council.

American public relations sold the Nixon ouster to the European

bourgeoisie as a slide toward a more genuine, "parliamentary" regime—to put it in terms the European parliamentary politicians would understand. But it is hard to believe that anyone could still believe this, given the Mayaguez military diplomacy and the new, more aggressive U.S. posture in the UN as brutally expressed by Kissinger's stand-in there, Patrick Moynihan.

## FOREIGN POLICY FROM TRUMAN TO NIXON

The evolving temper of the ruling class and its political leaders can be seen in the successive shifts in foreign policy pronouncements made by each President beginning with Truman. The ruling class hailed him as representative of a break with the Rooseveltian policy; his accession signaled a sharp turn to the right, particularly in his embrace of the "containment of communism" policy of the Pentagon.

Truman, however, was soon so violently attacked for not carrying his anti-communist crusade further that he abandoned running for

Also as "Operation Candor" (translated "lies"). It is needless to say that it was dissatisfaction with Kennedy's Cuban, Vietnam, and domestic policies which brought the anti-Kennedy coup and put Johnson in power.

Nixon pulled out all the stops in his violent racist campaign and in his attacks on Johnson's supposed "softness" and "no-win policy" in Vietnam.

Could anything but an outbreak of force and violence be the next sequel in this chain of unbridled demagoguery and militant saber rattling? Could detente possibly be practiced under these conditions?

## NO FOUNDATIONS FOR BOURGEOIS DEMOCRACY

There simply is no basis for a sustained, genuine bourgeois democracy in this period for the U.S. The original materialist basis for a stable bourgeois democracy was capitalist economic competition. When this became transformed into capitalist monopoly, the basis for bourgeois democracy shrank and shrivelled. In the poorer capitalist countries dominated by the giant conglomerates and multinational corporations that span whole continents, it could not survive at all.

Today political opposition to economic domination by the U.S. can be found in every nook and corner where the U.S. bourgeoisie has vested interests. Imperialist democracy cannot be sustained where imperialist plunder is endangered. The extraction of surplus value on the basis of the super-exploitation of the oppressed peoples has in many places been sharply curtailed, and in others, such as Cuba, Vietnam, Cambodia, and other socialist countries, it has been eliminated.

These are the social roots of the alleged attempts on Ford's life. To isolate the assassination incidents from them is to brutally disregard the historical process which has dominated American politics and economics since the Second World War, and is to bury class truth.

The progressive and working class movement has every reason to dispassionately examine the Ford assassination attempts in the light of these realities and not in the fairyland dreamed up by the bourgeois press and TV. Nothing less than the security of the movement and the destiny of the American working class for the foreseeable future is involved.

## Portugal supporters march on NATO headquarters

By LARRY MURDOCK

NORFOLK, Va., Sept. 20—Today there was a demonstration here in support of the progressive struggles in Portugal and Angola. The demonstration started at the Armed Forces Staff College on Terminal Boulevard and picketed for over a half-hour. The people then marched up the boulevard to NATO headquarters.

Chants of "U.S.-CIA, hands off Portugal," "U.S.-Portugal out of Angola, victory to the MPLA," (the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola) and "U.S. hands off Portugal, power to the workers," filled the air as 15 people demonstrated in front of the NATO headquarters for over an hour.

At one point the picketers went right up to the gate. The security police were so fearful that the demonstrators would enter the headquarters that they called in reinforcements to try to intimidate the picketers. When this didn't work, the NATO security chief was

sent to harass the demonstrators by telling them they were trespassing on government property and would be arrested if they didn't move on. Only then did the pickets move to the edge of "government property" and continue with the demonstration. Motorists passing by expressed their support for the demonstration with clenched fists and right-ons.

At a short rally at the conclusion of the demonstration, Bill Cecil, a member of Youth Against War & Fascism (YAWF), said, "We here today, poor and working people, support the Portuguese workers in their progressive struggle against U.S. imperialism and the CIA."

The action was called by YAWF and Workers World Party. It was part of a series of events that will be happening in opposition to U.S.-CIA involvement in Portugal and Angola and in solidarity with the struggles of the workers in Portugal and the MPLA (Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola).

# A glimpse of the class struggle in Portugal

By B. LAPIDES  
NEW YORK, Sept. 23—Stunned not once but twice, visitors to Portugal this summer often suffered the effects of whiplash. The first, exhilarating shock was that prospects for revolution were much brighter and leftist sentiment much, much more general than the Western capitalist press reported. (See WW, Sept. 12.) The bewildering, second shock was that inside Portugal widespread popular optimism in the face of fairly obvious realities was dangerously unwarranted.

Although the situation now has changed, in August there were disturbingly few political expressions of working class anger—that is, away from local work-places where confrontations continued to develop. There is a great deal in that impoverished country to be angry about, but because the last government, dominated by the Armed Forces Movement (MFA) and supported by the Communist Party, (PCP), had become identified with the socialist future, there was on the part of the working class much less inclination for angry mobilization than for waiting. A mood of passivity, encouraged by the PCP's line of reliance on the MFA, was pervasive.

The two angriest demonstrations

I witnessed occurred August 8, on the same avenue and within minutes of each other. The first, a silent, grim parade of 150 returning whites from Angola, took the form of working class demands for jobs and for "rights." Beyond these apparently progressive slogans, however, were the clearly fascist aspects of the march: an old conquistador flag (under which much of Africa was enslaved), a Portuguese flag with a black mourning stripe across it, and the mean, blank-eyed looks of hate, familiar to American cop-watchers. (By the time they have all returned from Angola, these out-of-work white settlers will amount to 5 percent of the population.)

Of equal size, the second march was made up entirely of middle class people—professional journalists and members of the anti-left Socialist Party and of the Maoist MRPP—protesting the apparent intention of the government to regulate the press. They were extremely forceful in their chants denouncing the PCP as "fascist," although earlier, when the real fascists had marched through their ranks, they had no response to make. (A half-month later, the white settlers, emboldened and more numerous, would again march, physically attacking the literature table of the

MRPP, who would be unable to defend themselves.)

In contrast, an impressively spirited, 30,000-strong, MFA-sponsored rally on August 10 on behalf of migrant workers, despite its serious class consciousness and the appeals to fight for communism, lacked a focus more immediate and a thrust more active than solidarity with the MFA. A PCP rally on August 14 was considerably more militant. Gathered were 7 thousand working class, unemployed, and some middle class people, but mostly poor and shabbily dressed men and women of all ages and in various states of health, many of whom had worked secretly with the PCP through the long, barren years of fascism, and all of whom seemed passionately loyal to the struggle and to their party. Long before Alvaro Cunhal, the party leader and a powerful speaker, rose to address his comrades, the mood was electric with militancy.

But the focus of the rally was defense of the Goncalves government, and the fighting mood of the crowd was channeled into a call for unity with the armed forces. This "unity" with an institution predominantly bourgeois has since largely unraveled in a decided setback for the Portuguese workers and the PCP.

# Taft-Hartley used to suppress labor unions in Puerto Rico

By JULIO GHIGLIOTTY  
NEW YORK, Sept. 20—The National Workers Union (UNT) is gathering support among Puerto Rico's unions and labor organizations to fight a ruling by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) in Washington virtually outlawing the union on the island for supposedly violating the Taft-Hartley Act.

Under the order, backed by the U.S. Court of Appeals in Boston, under whose jurisdiction federal courts in Puerto Rico fall, the union will not only be barred from seeking to represent workers anywhere; it can no longer represent workers at places where they have won elections to do so.

The Carborundum plant in Mayaguez, a major city in the southwestern part of the island, was such a plant. During negotiations for a contract, the company filed charges with the NLRB against the UNT for "illicit

practices" because Arturo Grant, the union's president, allegedly threatened the company's representative with violence. The UNT filed countercharges against the company for refusing to negotiate a contract. The NLRB in Puerto Rico ruled that the UNT president should not represent the union in the negotiations anymore, but the company was ordered to continue the negotiations. The union decided to appeal the ruling against Arturo Grant at the NLRB in Washington.

The National Board overruled the decision of the local board of Puerto Rico; but not in favor of the union. In fact, the board disregarded all charges filed by the union against the company, and included every previous act where the union supposedly engaged in acts of violence in labor struggles.

The broad order emitted by the NLRB, which has no precedent in

the history of the Taft-Hartley Act, decertifies the UNT as the representative of the Carborundum workers and prohibits the use of violent acts against any boss in Puerto Rico. The order covers any "agent" of the UNT—which could be any person or worker who acts in favor of the union anywhere on the island. The order has no time limit.

### UNT TEST CASE

A total of five alleged instances where the union is supposed to have used violence against companies in a labor struggle have been filed against the UNT leadership. They face imprisonment of up to 25 years if convicted.

In a letter sent to union leaders across the island, the UNT asks them to send telegrams to Raymond Compton, director of the NLRB in Puerto Rico, protesting

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Workers World Party and Youth Against War & Fascism are organizing and responsible for many of the struggles you read about in the pages of this paper. These groups are made up of women and men, Black, white, Latin, Asian, and Native American, young and old, straight and gay, working, students, and unemployed, who fight on all the issues that face the working class and oppressed

peoples in this capitalist society. If you would like to find out more about Workers World and YAWF, or if you would like to join them in their struggles, contact the branch nearest you from the list below.

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the decision against the union. The union points out that "if the labor movement allows this attack, all unions, in the U.S. as well as in the island, shall be exposed to the same tactic." (WW translation.)

This tactic in fact is part of the general strategy of repression unleashed against the growing labor movement in Puerto Rico. The repression directed against the UNT shows an escalation of the attacks against the labor movement from the repression of individual leaders, such as Federico Cintron, executive secretary of the MOU, to the repression of unionism as a whole through the use of the Taft-Hartley Act.

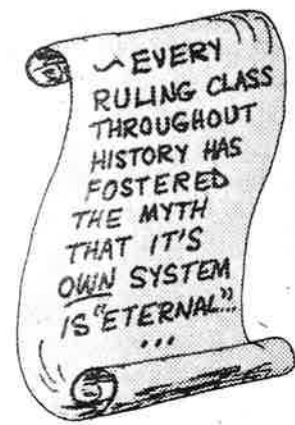
This of course does not diminish the importance of defending Cintron and other labor leaders on the front line of the class struggle;

but it does bring out in stark relief just how closely the labor movement and the liberation struggle in Puerto Rico are connected with the labor movement in the U.S. The repression in Puerto Rico is directed against the most militant sectors of the labor movement whose leadership is generally for the independence of Puerto Rico and usually socialist.

The connection with the interests of the U.S. labor movement becomes vividly clear when the Taft-Hartley Act is used to legalize that repression. To fight for the defense of Puerto Rico's labor leaders and against the repression of its labor movement is to fight against the use of a similar strategy against labor here in the belly of the beast.

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# POLITICAL PRISONERS



## CAM BISHOP CONVICTED OF SABOTAGE

By ANDY STAPP

DENVER, Colo., Sept. 20—Cameron Bishop was convicted today on three trumped-up charges of sabotage stemming from his role as a leader of the anti-war movement in the 1960s.

Bishop was framed up January 1969 on charges of bombing electrical transmission towers. One of these high-voltage towers supplied electricity to a major Colorado war industry, Coors Porcelain, which manufactured the bulk of the armor plates used by helicopters in Vietnam as well as missile nose cones. The Coors family, which profited so heavily off the war, is well known in Colorado as full of notorious John Birchers and fascists with a record of racism and union-busting second to none.

Besides being a prominent anti-war organizer, Cameron Bishop had earlier been a highly successful trade union organizer. Bishop spent 6 years on the FBI's "most wanted list" until his arrest on March 12 this year in Rhode Island.

### A NEO-NAZI LAW

The "national emergency" statute Brother Bishop was convicted under is a clearly fascist law. Recently even Senator Frank Church, a staunch defender of the capitalist system, warned that under emergency powers the President "may institute martial law, seize and control all transportation and communication, seize property, restrict travel, and in a plethora of particular ways, control the lives of all American citizens."

It was obvious at the trial that Cameron Bishop was being tried for his socialist revolutionary views, and the bombing charges were a pure fabrication. In demanding a conviction, prosecutor Arthur Bosworth ranted that "Bishop wanted to bring a revolution to this country. He didn't want to end the Vietnam war, he wanted to bring the war back home and almost succeeded."

### PAID STOOL PIGEONS

Throughout the court proceedings the government relied heavily on the testimony of paid informants like military intelligence agent Lawrence Lane. Naturally these stool pigeons will say anything the government wants, since that's what they are paid to do.

In railroading Cameron Bishop the state also utilized the monstrous practice of forcing testimony against the defendant by holding "witnesses" in prison until they agreed to testify against the accused. This use of the grand jury system as an instrument of torment is legal in the "democratic" United States.

Nor was the government above planting evidence to get the proof they needed. An FBI agent testifying for the state inad-

vertently let slip information that made it clear that a fingerprint had been lifted and then planted, a newly developed technique euphemistically known as "scientific crime detection"!

Throughout the trial Judge Alfred Arraj showed his prejudice against the defendant, a major factor that clearly helped sway the conservative and gullible jury.

### SUPPORT FROM THE MOST OPPRESSED

Most of Bishop's support came from Denver's Chicano community, which itself is the object of a vicious police witch-hunt that includes exactly the same frame-up tactics used against Cameron.

Bishop's \$277,500 bail has been continued for 3 weeks, when sentencing will take place. He faces 90 years in prison.

His lawyer, Mike Tigar, has announced the verdict will be appealed.

Funds are desperately needed and should be sent to the Cameron Bishop Defense, P.O. Box 3071, Denver, Colorado 80201.

confessed to the gas station murders in 1966.

Those directly responsible for the pardon of Pitts and Lee are the people who fought on their behalf. A large portion of the defense effort was organized by the African People's Socialist Party, which had scheduled a demonstration demanding their release at the governor's conference held this month in Florida. Florida Governor Askew pardoned Pitts and Lee the day before the demonstration was to occur.

## LEE OTIS JOHNSON

By JOANNE GAVIN

HOUSTON, Sept. 18—Serious concern for the safety of Lee Otis Johnson has been expressed by family and friends here this week. Illegal maneuvers around Johnson's location and prisoner classification began when racist Judge Garth Bates had Lee Otis moved from the Harris County Jail to the state prison complex at Huntsville. This was illegal because there were legal moves pending in the case. (Lee Otis was



Pitts and Lee are free at last!

## PITTS AND LEE FREED

Two Black men who spent 12 years in prison, 8 of them on Death Row, for a pair of murders a white man confessed to 9 years ago, have finally been freed.

Freddie Pitts, 31, and Wilbert Lee, 40, maintained their innocence for the entire 12 years they spent at Florida State Prison. The Black men were twice convicted by all-white juries in Port St. Joe and Marianna of the July 31, 1963, murders of two service station attendants in Port St. Joe.

A white convict, Curtis Adams, serving a life term for a similar-style murder,

sentenced to 17 years in prison on a trumped-up burglary charge in April; the case is on appeal. Several other fake charges have yet to be tried.)

This was on August 26, and Lee Otis was sent to the "diagnostic" unit of the Texas Department of Corrections. Prisoners normally remain there for 30 days, but Lee Otis was sent after only 2 weeks to TDC's Ellis unit, a notorious, high-security installation. He had been classified as a high-risk prisoner and assigned to heavy work. There is no justification for the former, and the latter is in violation of what the authorities know about the state of his health.

Additional fears for Johnson's safety were raised when it was learned that he had been assigned to work in the cotton fields. Not only is this work too hard for his

physical condition (he has had stomach surgery several times and has a heart murmur) but so-called "high-risk" prisoners are not usually sent into the fields, because of the greater opportunity for escape, since guards are few there and not always in sight of the prisoners and vice-versa. This makes for an ideal set-up for shooting down a prisoner and then reporting that he was attempting to escape. Threats to his life seem to be common knowledge in the TDC system.

Upon his release from prison in 1972 Lee Otis exposed the conditions in Texas prisons in media interviews. The threats against him seem to date from that time. He had at that time served 4 years of a 30-year sentence on a trumped-up charge of giving one marijuana cigarette to an undercover agent and was released by a nationwide defense effort. His real "crime" was to have been a Black leader of the civil rights struggle of the 1960s, and an outspoken critic of local authorities. Since his release, the harassment of Johnson by the Houston Police Department has not ceased.

The Defense Committee here is urging letters be sent to TDC director W.J. Estelle. The committee itself sent a Mailgram to Estelle which demands that Lee Otis be reclassified and that he not be sent out on "labor crews in the fields to be a sitting duck for racist trigger-happy guards." The message concludes that "the friends, family and supporters of Lee Otis Johnson have their eyes on you and your wardens. We hope the appropriate changes will be made immediately."

Letters should be addressed to W.J. Estelle, Dir., Texas Dept. of Corrections, Huntsville, Texas 77340. Contributions and copies of letters may be sent to Lee Otis Johnson Defense Committee, P.O. Box 52115, Houston, Texas 77052.

## SHOSHANA'S TRIAL STARTS

NEW YORK, Sept. 22—As we go to press, the trial of Shoshana (Pat Swinton) has opened at Foley Square Federal Court building here today in a spirit of continued struggle against U.S. government repression. A picket line of 100 supporters and friends marched in front of the court building most of the day to demand her freedom. The demonstration included many people from the Vermont community where Shoshana lived before she was arrested by the FBI in March of this year.

Shoshana is being charged with conspiracy to bomb government buildings in 1969. However, as she herself pointed out at a rally today, "It is an enormous irony that I am on trial for conspiracy, for bombing and violence, but it seems clear to me that the real mad bombers sit in that government building. They should be on trial—and maybe someday they will be."

The proceedings began this morning with some pretrial motions and jury selection. Further details on the trial will appear in next week's issue of Workers World.

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240 Indians have been killed in So. Dakota since the Wounded Knee occupation in 1973, but Native American resistance to government terror has not been stamped out. Page 3.

## Strike ends in victory

# Chicago teachers win raise, stop 1,525 layoffs

By PATTIE BREY

CHICAGO, Sept. 18—Chicago's public school teachers ended an 11-day strike in victory today. The union won a 7.1 percent pay increase, smaller class sizes, free dental insurance, and retained the jobs of 1,525 teachers who were to have been laid off.

Now as throughout the strike, the media are focusing attention on the money that is supposedly not available, crying that these gains will break the board's treasury. This is an attempt to pass over the key issue of the strike, which was a resistance to the nationwide assault on public services, unions, and all poor people.

Many politicians got into the act during the strike denouncing the

teachers as greedy people not concerned about the welfare of the "general public."

During the first few days of the strike, Mayor Richard Daley put on a pro-labor face and fooled many into believing he was behind the teachers. The union leadership fell for this act and pushed for Daley to intervene in negotiations. He soon revealed his true face, however, publicly demanding that the teachers return to work. Daley pushed for the state to come up with money for pay increases.

At the same time, Governor Dan Walker maintained that the state could not afford more money for education and Daley should find the money in the city budget. In squabbling back and forth, both

politicians claimed to be siding with "the people" by refusing to raise taxes; without mentioning that taxes on the rich would benefit the schools, which serve the poor.

### CONDITIONS IN SCHOOLS FROM BAD TO WORSE

The plight of the children was overlooked by all forces. Chicago public schools are so bad that only parents who can't afford the outrageous cost of private schools send their children to them. In an atmosphere more like jail than an institute for learning, children are forced to sit in delapidated buildings, sometimes without heat, or in crowded trailers that take the place of classrooms.

For example, the southside Bradwell Elementary School was

placed on probation last year because it stifled learning. The school, 98 percent of whose students are Black, lacked essential equipment such as toilet paper, soap, rulers, and chalk. It suffered from understaffing and overcrowding. Only after united efforts by parents, including a student boycott, were changes begun. The union hasn't taken up this type of issue. Only parent-teacher unity could bring about changes that would most benefit teachers and students.

Another source of strength and unity the union could have drawn from is the substitute teachers, who have not received a pay raise since 1969. Because of the union's lack of concern for substitutes,

only 57 out of more than 2,000 are union members.

Despite the weaknesses of the leadership, the teachers remained strong, with 95 percent staying out even under the threat of injunctions. Although the teachers have scored a partial victory, many questions remain unresolved.

The Board of Education may attempt to cut back crucial programs such as bilingual and special education classes under the guise of needing this money to pay the teachers. Also, if the state legislature does not appropriate more money for Chicago schools, in 5 months the struggle may erupt again; and the parents and students have not been heard from, yet.

## Union president of Chicago college teachers jailed

# Despite jail, fines, college teachers victorious

By MIKE SORIANO

CHICAGO, Sept. 16—Despite fines totaling over \$15,000 and the jailing of their union president, teachers at Chicago's city colleges have scored a partial victory against attempts to erase gains won in previous struggles.

This summer, before the opening of school City Colleges Chancellor

Oscar Shabat had announced proposed cuts in teachers' longevity pay (progressive pay raises based on seniority), layoffs of teachers with 5-month contracts, no cost of living increase, and larger class sizes and a longer teaching day.

Responding to this, 1,400 members of the Cook County College Teachers Union (CCCTU)

went on strike and set up picket lines at eight city colleges on August 25.

The "city that works" is being put out of order as the federal government eliminates the Head Start programs and Illinois governor Dan Walker slashes appropriations for schools and public aid. Students and teachers of the city colleges

had become expendable in the face of the general crisis enveloping the big cities.

### MEDIA, COURT ATTACK ON TEACHERS

By challenging the attacks on the schools, the college teachers earned the wrath of the entire local establishment. The assault on the teachers was not limited to contemptuous articles and editorials in the mass media, but included the use of the courts and jails. Judge Sheldon Brown issued a restraining order against the strike following the first day of picketing. But this did not stop the teachers from picketing.

On September 9 this same judge found Norman Swenson, president of the CCCTU, in contempt of court and sentenced him to 5 months in the County Jail. The union was fined \$1,000 a day for each day on the picket lines. Editorials praising this assault on labor were not enough to demoralize the picketers as the Chicago Teachers Union and others rallied to the support of the

CCCTU. With the college teachers refusing to budge, it was charged that Swenson was not being punished enough, that he was staying in jail as a hoax.

Negotiations between Shabat and the teachers resumed only after Swenson was put on a work release program—a strong testimony to the teachers' strength after such a vicious attack.

On September 15 a 2-year contract was won by the teachers that defeats virtually all the proposed cutbacks. While losing the cost of living increase, raises of between \$1,050 and \$1,500 are guaranteed in the second year of the contract.

Having kept intact limits in class size, the teachers must be especially watchful of administration attempts to cut back on services to the students, from books and other educational materials to cafeteria programs and extra-curricular activities.

The teachers' union continues its battle to get Swenson released from County Jail and keep its other officers out.

## Mayor Daley aims new blow at city workers

CHICAGO, Sept. 15—Mayor Richard Daley has moved to suspend the Chicago civil service system and place the power over all city workers in the hands of a five-man board appointed by the mayor. In a city long notorious for its corrupt political machine, this would put the hundreds of thousands of votes this machine turns out in the control of Daley "loyalists"—to secure his legacy when Daley leaves office.

Where does this leave the city workers? For those in favor with the faction in power, the new system would allow above-board

transfers and "rewards." But the future of politically unaligned workers would be up in the air, since any semblance of job security under the civil service code would be wiped out.

Also, this amounts to a direct assault on the Black and other oppressed communities. Under civil service, anyone who passed the test at least had to be considered and Black workers had made inroads in the struggle for fair hiring practices. With the new "merit" system, hiring would be up to the whim of the ward bosses.

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Despite fines and jailings, Chicago city college teachers have won a halt to attempted cutbacks in their contract after a militant strike.