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Liberties Union to defend E. Boston anti-racists

BOSTON, Nov. 6—The Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts has agreed to defend six East Boston anti-racists sentenced on October 8 to 6 months in prison in a mockery of a trial characterized by racism and total prejudice against the defense. The six were sentenced for "loud and abusive language" even though they had no previous police record. They were arrested while sitting peacefully with a Black resident of the Maverick and Sumner St. Housing Project in East Boston whose home was under attack by racist gangs.

John Rheinstein and Matthew Feinberg, attorneys for the Civil Liberties Union, will be representing the defendants. Mr. Rheinstein has represented more than 500 clients on various disorderly-person charges and has stated that he has never seen such a severe sentencing.

Public support for the East Boston anti-racists is growing. As the Civil Liberties Union offers legal aid to the case, outraged citizens, recognizing the blatant injustice of both the arrests and the prison sentences, are writing the Attorney General at the State House and the District Attorney at the New Court House Building to demand all charges against the East Boston anti-racist defendants be dropped immediately!

The case was heard in East Boston District Court by Judge James J. Mellen of Charlestown. The outrageous sentences were imposed on what is usually a minor charge even though the Supreme Judicial Court has ruled that criminal convictions for "loud and abusive language" are unconstitutional. Also, none of the defendants had a prior criminal record, and the police could not identify a single defendant or cite a single thing the defendants supposedly said.

On August 26 one of the Black residents of the Sumner and Maverick St. Housing Projects, and herself a defendant, had called on friends for assistance and support because racist gangs had been attacking the homes of the Black families in the projects throughout the night. Although under a court order to provide protection for the Black residents of these projects, the police ignored all appeals for help.

Later that evening, when they finally did arrive, it was not to take any action against the racist gangs, not to arrest the attackers, not to take away their tire irons, bricks, chains, and bats, but to trespass against, physically assault, and arrest the victims. At

least 30 police, without a warrant and without permission, broke into the home where this woman and her friends were gathered. They arrested seven, including the woman herself, leaving her home and her children unprotected during the severest attacks of the night. All were charged with "loud and abusive language" and one was charged with assault.

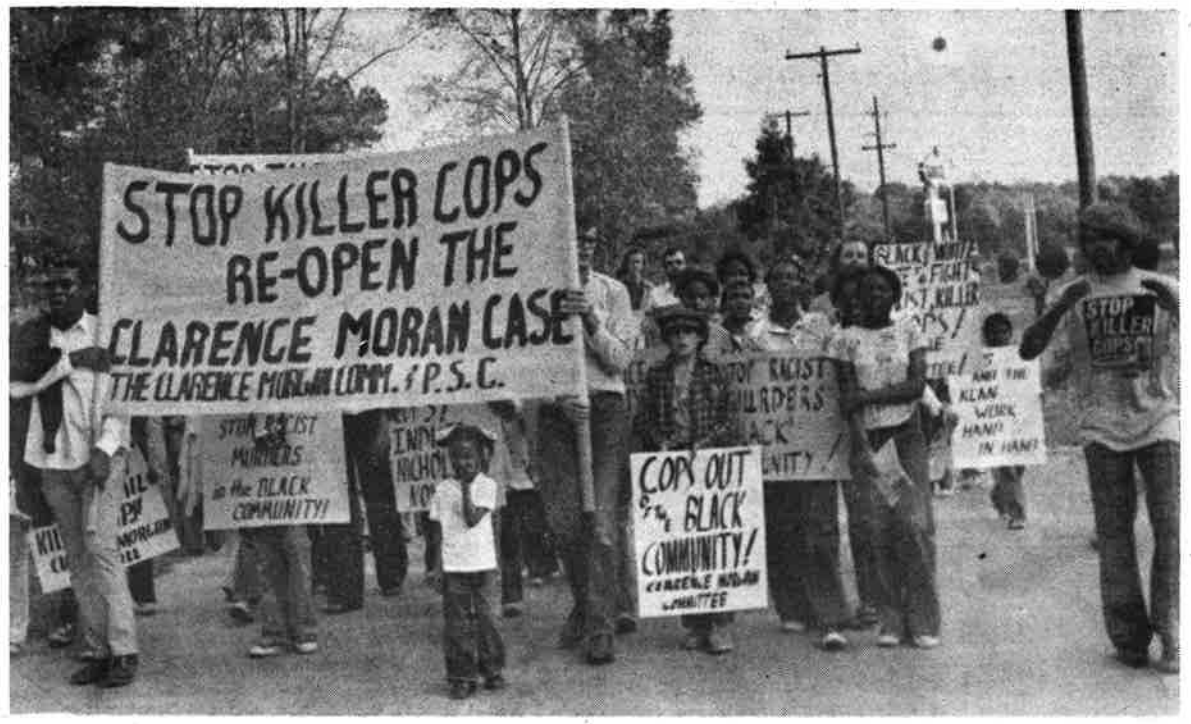
They carried signs, banners, and raised chants with slogans like "Stop the war against Black America," and "Clarence Morgan was our friend, we will fight until the end." Many signs demanded that Nicholson be tried for murder.

At the rally afterward, chaired by James Nimmo, a member of both the Clarence Morgan Committee and the PSC, speaker after speaker from both committees and from the Burton neighborhood summed up the feelings of rage and sadness of the audience,

fails to provide for the dispossessed Palestinian nation.

Many demonstrators had travelled from Richmond and New York. Represented on the picket line were Palestinians, Iranians, Ethiopians, Eritreans, other Arab peoples, and North Americans.

Banners and signs on the picket line had slogans such as "Victory to Palestine," "Total liberation, not surrender," "Jews yes, Zionism no!" "Sadat, speak for yourself," and several expressed support for the liberation struggles



In Virginia Beach, Va., relatives and neighbors demand an investigation into the death of Clarence Morgan, murdered in his own backyard by a white cop. WW photo: Larry

Black community cries out: 'Avenge Clarence Morgan'

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va., Nov. 8—"The cops and the Klan work hand-in-hand, and we must stop it."

Mrs. Isabel Zabriskie's words rang clear and true at a rally here today in the Burton Recreation Field, as she denounced the police murder of her nephew, Clarence Morgan, Jr., a Black longshoreman. He was shot to death on March 1 in his backyard in the Burton Station Section of Virginia Beach by D.W. Nicholson, a white plainclothes cop. Mrs. Zabriskie, a school teacher and member of the Clarence Morgan Committee, is a leader in the campaign to reopen an investigation of the killing, which was white-washed by Commonwealth's Attorney Andre Evans in a report last April. That report found cop Nicholson innocent of any wrongdoing.

Today some 125 residents of the Burton Station Section, together with members of the Clarence Morgan Committee and the Prisoners Solidarity Committee, held a militant "walkathon" and rally in the Burton Community.

composed in large part of Clarence Morgan's lifelong friends, neighbors, and relatives. Morgan's mother-in-law, Mrs. Gladiola Stith, and two friends from his youth, Jesse Nimmo and Bernard Greene, told moving stories about Morgan's life in Burton.

The rally ended with a call for supporters to pack the next meeting of the Virginia Beach City Council, on Monday, November 24, to demand an immediate reopening of the investigation.

Stop killer cops! Reopen the Clarence Morgan case!

D.C. protesters demand, 'U.S. out of Mideast!'

WASHINGTON, D.C., Oct. 27—About 175 demonstrators picketed the White House today where Egyptian President Anwar Sadat was talking with President Ford. The purpose of the demonstration was to protest the Sinai agreement between the United States and Egypt which would send U.S. "technicians" to the Sinai.

These so-called technicians would be the opening wedge for future U.S. military aggression. And further, the Sinai Agreement

in Oman and Eritrea.

The demonstration was called by the Iranian Students Association (U.S.) and the Organization of Arab Students of the U.S. and Canada.

Solidarity with Portuguese revolution!

BOSTON, Nov. 1—The Boston branch of Workers World Party joined with the Portuguese Committee for Democratic Action in a march through the Portuguese neighborhoods of East Cambridge and Somerville today. The demonstrators, about 100 strong, were greeted by many fists and shouts of "Rumo a socialismo" (Up with socialism). The Workers World contingent carried a banner in Portuguese: "U.S. out of Angola and the Azores," and one in English reading "Long live the Portuguese Revolution—Power to the workers."

The rally was addressed by a spokesperson from the United Revolutionary Front in Lisbon, who expressed the spirit and determination of his comrades now struggling to consolidate a real workers' victory in Portugal.

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DECLINE AND FALL

SWISS STAKE

Moneysworth, Nov. 10: "If you want to handle illegal money, and also want to stay out of the slammer, you will probably get away with it if you settle for nothing less than the best hiding place on earth—a respectable Swiss bank.

"Why? Because the American authorities have almost no chance of ever gaining access to it.

"This is due to the famous Swiss bank secrecy laws. For instance, say you are an

executive of a large American corporation and you wanted to do the following: trade in the stock of your own company as an outsider without reporting it to the SEC; pay no taxes on the capital gains arising out of your trading; hide the money from your wife.

"Any respectable Swiss bank will handle all that for you, no questions asked. For a fee, of course."

NO, NEVER!

Richmond Times-Dispatch, June 25: "A bill to increase the federal debt to a

record \$577 billion was passed by the House Tuesday.

"If Congress allowed the debt ceiling to drop to \$400 billion, the government would have to suspend salary, interest, contract and other payments. Congress has never allowed that to happen."

Hell, no! They'd suspend the 4th of July before they'd suspend their own salaries.

VIDAL'S DREAM

Newsweek, Nov. 11: "If writer Gore Vidal had a sudden windfall of \$10 million, he confesses, he would bribe his fellow scribes to stop covering the 'doings and expenditures' of 'Madame' Jackie Onassis.

"'Never to read about her again,' fantasized Vidal, 'would not only be socially beneficial but would, I am sure, stem the

rising tide of world Communism.'"

THE ARROGANCE OF THE LAW

New York Post, Oct. 2: "Thomas Zarcone said his trouble began brewing when he sold two cups of coffee to Sheriff James Windsor from his truck parked outside a traffic court.

"He charged that two plainclothes police officers came to the truck ten minutes later and handcuffed him, explaining only that Judge Perry wanted to see him in his chambers.

"Zarcone said Judge Perry forced him to stand in handcuffs for more than a half-hour while the judge shouted and screamed that the coffee was terrible... watered down. Zarcone also said Perry threatened to have his license revoked unless he promised to make better coffee."

Harsh use of N.Y. State Taylor Law

Despite jail sentences, teachers continue strike

By a Buffalo teacher
BUFFALO, Nov. 7—At a public meeting last night in Orchard Park, a Buffalo suburb, striking members of the Orchard Park Teachers' Association attempted to explain the importance of their current struggle to a huge meeting of over 1,000 people. The teachers have been on strike for nearly a month, and have suffered arrests and fines for their militant stand.

Both the local School Board and the teachers had been called together by the Public Employees Relations Board after the School Board refused to negotiate unless the teachers went back to the classrooms. Last night's meeting was conducted in a hostile and anti-union atmosphere created by the School Board officials.

Citing New York State's anti-labor Taylor Law, a School Board member stated that "law-breakers" would not be condoned, and that the board would not agree to guarantees of no reprisals against striking teachers after the strike is settled.

The meeting widened the gap between teachers, parents, and students—only serving the interests of Orchard Park's wealthy conservatives. As of this morning, negotiations were under way, but no information about the discussion was released.

MOST HARSH USE OF TAYLOR LAW

The Orchard Park teachers have been subjected to the most severe and oppressive use of the Taylor Law, that prohibits strikes by public employees. On October 30, after 16 days on the picket line, eight leaders of the Orchard Park Teachers' Association were sentenced to 30-day jail terms for contempt of court by State Supreme Court Justice Norman A. Stiller. The lawyer for the teachers' association called the sentences completely out of line with the issues of the strike.

In addition to the jail terms, three officials of the Orchard Park Teachers' Association were fined \$250 each. The union itself has been fined \$5,000 and an additional \$1,000 for each day the strike continues. These contempt penalties do not include fines to be imposed under the Taylor Law!

As in many other cities across the country, the teachers of Orchard Park are fighting to keep the gains they have made in the past through struggle against the School District, the cops, and the courts. The issues that are of critical importance to the teachers are transfer policy, job security for nontenured teachers, and salary.

BUFFALO TEACHERS SUPPORT STRIKE

At a noontime rally on October 30 in downtown Buffalo, the Orchard Park 8 spoke to an angry crowd of 250 teachers. The president of the teachers' association said that while the School Board had expected the strike to collapse after jailing the leaders, "this strike action is just as strong as it ever was." Another one of the teachers said that he did what he did not only for the teachers in Orchard Park, but all the teachers throughout the state.

The association officials told the crowd that in addition to being the

harsh sentences ever handed out in New York State, their contempt sentences were the first in the Western New York area. At the rally, the head of the Buffalo Teachers' Federation, whose members will face the same situation as the Orchard Park teachers this summer when the present Buffalo contract expires, denounced the jail terms as an attempt to destroy the strike and

called on Buffalo teachers to help in a fund-raising drive to support their striking sisters and brothers.

ANTI-LABOR OFFENSIVE

The outrageous fines, injunctions, and jail terms against the teachers amount to an all-out anti-labor offensive being conducted through the courts. "Justice" Stiller consistently ruled in favor of the School Board, even

though negotiations broke down because the Board was unwilling to give the teachers what they, as workers, deserve. Stiller also decided that someone had to show the teachers and other public employees that "they cannot take the law into their own hands." Defending his stiff sentencing, Stiller said, "That is the sentence. I will not change it now. I will not change it after the strike is settled.

I will not change it anytime."

TEACHERS NEED PARENT AND LABOR SUPPORT

On the eve of the 19th day of the strike, the teachers remain strong and united, but they need to be supported by their natural allies—the parents. They also need and deserve the support of all the unions and progressives in upstate New York.

After every promise broken

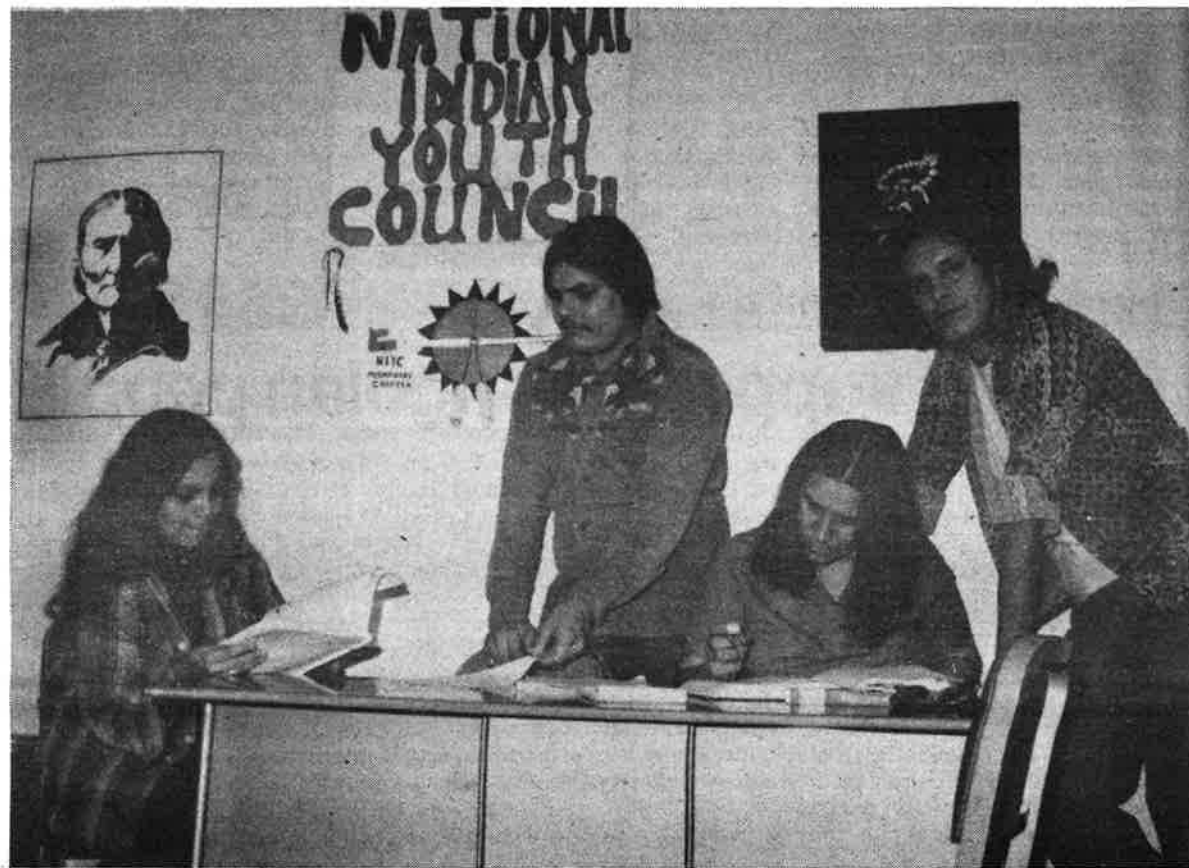
Native American students seize offices

By STEVE GEDEN
MILWAUKEE, Nov. 6—Today in an unexpected development, members of the National Indian Youth Council-MATC chapter took over a vacant office in the Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC). The reason for this sit-in was made very clear in a talk this reporter had with Paul Smith, spokesperson for the National Indian Youth Council Chapter at MATC.

Mr. Smith stated that "the administration of this school made promises to us over 2 years ago agreeing to our recommendations requesting better educational opportunities for Native American students. But this administration has lied to us, and has broken just about every promise it made to the students, just as the United States government has broken every treaty with our people."

Mr. Smith told Workers World that the promises made by the administration included an adequate meeting room for the Native American students; a Native American Studies Program; an immediate review of books and material used in teaching American history, with the removal of all false and derogatory material about Native Americans; and emergency funding for new enrollees.

"For the past several weeks I have been meeting almost daily with school officials, trying to persuade them to live up to the promises they made to the Native American students," Smith said. "But they have refused. It was in response to their attitude of doing nothing that we took over this



At the Milwaukee Area Technical College, Paul Smith [standing], representative of the Native American students, outlines the college's history of broken promises leading to a sit-in protest.

WW photo: Steve G.

office, in order to use it as a center to help the Native American students."

Some of the problems faced by Indian students at MATC are the following: financial hardship (at times Smith and other students have been forced to live at a rescue mission or in churches in order to continue their studies); a 40 percent turnover rate among Native American students; and a general

insensitivity by the administration towards the Native American students.

Paul Smith said that while so far there have been no visible threats or harassment from the Milwaukee Police Department, the administration threatened violence if the students did not leave the vacant office immediately. The students responded to this threat with the decision to occupy the

office overnight. "We have gotten a friendly response from the rest of the student body and we are planning to distribute leaflets to ask for their support."

As this reporter left the premises of the technical school, he could sense the determination of these Native American students not to leave until their demands were met. As one student said, "We will win—we talk, you listen."

Hundreds join picketline in Milwaukee

By JIM BREY
MILWAUKEE, Nov. 7—After 9 months, the Milwaukee meatcutters' strike still remains strong.

On October 24, over 100 meatcutters and supporters marched from their union hall to join hundreds more on the picket line. Officials from industrial and craft unions joined Local 248 Amalgamated Meatcutters, along with a large turnout from the community. The march and rally were cosponsored by Local 248 and the Milwaukee County Labor Council. A massive postering and leafleting campaign was so successful that the packinghouse scabs scurried home hours before the rally!

The Milwaukee Packinghouse Association forced this strike by demanding wage cuts and restrictions on the union. Weeks

before the strike vote, the companies advertised nationally for strike-breakers. Days before the vote a scab employment office was set up in a Milwaukee hotel room. Not only were scabs recruited, but the company's law firm headed by Patrick Brigden is registered as a professional strike-breaking agency with the U.S. Department of Labor.

Last year Brigden's union-busting attempts resulted in a strike wave of over 25,000 workers, who gave his methods a sound defeat. However, Brigden was able to defeat meatcutter organizing campaigns in northern Wisconsin. Now he is attempting to root out the established local in the Milwaukee packinghouses.

The packinghouse owners have unleashed the most vicious

campaign in Wisconsin since the 30-year Koehler strike. After using professional strike breakers, company thugs, and organized police harassment, the bosses turned around and got a National Labor Relations Board injunction against the union—for violence! Now Brigden is calling for a decertification election to take away Local 248's bargaining rights.

BOYCOTTS, SUPPORT ACTIONS

The rank-and-file of Local 248 responded with unity and militancy. A boycott of scab meat outlets was initiated against McDonald's, Sentry food stores, and Klement's sausages.

The majority of the meatcutters are Black and Latin. These

strikers have organized support in their communities. Also, two busloads of strikers attended last April's national rally for jobs in Washington, D.C., showing their support for the unemployed.

The local also showed that the state unemployment office has been illegally forcing workers on compensation to scab. Temporary help agencies were then stopped from sending workers across picket lines. After many mobilizations, culminating in three large actions, two of the eight companies went out of business.

This union-busting campaign is putting the Milwaukee labor movement to the acid test. More actions like the October 24 rally in support of the courage and determination of the meatcutters are on the order of the day.

Solidarity strengthens Meatcutter strike

Long live the People's Republic of Angola!

By SHARON SHELTON
NEW YORK, Nov. 12—After more than a decade of armed struggle against Portuguese colonialism and its U.S. imperialist and NATO backers, the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA), representing the masses of Angolan people, announced yesterday the formation of the People's Republic of Angola.

Thousands of joyous Angolans gathered in Luanda to celebrate independence after 500 years of Portuguese colonial rule. Dr. Agostinho Neto, a founder of the MPLA, is now President of the new People's Republic, which was immediately recognized by 14 countries, including the Soviet Union and Cuba.

Dr. Neto spoke under the newly raised red, black, and yellow Angolan flag, which features a machete crossed with a semicircular gear. The Angolan leader told the enthusiastic crowd that the first priority of the new govern-

ment would be to drive back "the mercenaries from Zaire, South Africa, and the Portuguese fascists fighting with them" and to unite the whole of Angola, from the Province of Cuando in the south to the oil-rich Province of Cabinda in the north.

U.S. BEHIND INVASIONS

The invasions from Zaire and South Africa are the result of U.S. scheming to keep Angola under imperialist domination. The U.S. has openly admitted funnelling millions of dollars and equipment through Zaire to two phony "movements"—the National Front for the Liberation of Angola (FNLA) and the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA).

The U.S. is also behind the so-called Front for the Liberation of the Enclave of Cabinda (FLEC), which in reality represents the interests of Gulf Oil in the province; where the new

revolutionary government is firmly in control.

Hailing the momentous achievement of independence by the Angolan people, Workers World Party sent the following telegram of solidarity to the People's Republic of Angola:

"Today on the occasion of Angola's independence, we of Workers World Party salute the newly formed People's Republic of Angola and the MPLA for bringing independence and freedom to the Angolan people after 500 years of oppression and exploitation under Portuguese colonialism.

"We join the world outcry against the U.S.-orchestrated invasion from South Africa and Zaire into Angola.

"A revolutionary government in Luanda led by the MPLA is a tremendous social achievement for workers all over the world, black, yellow, brown, and white.

"Long live the People's Republic of Angola!"

AVANTE, POVO [FORWARD, THE PEOPLE]

National Hymn of the People's Republic of Angola

The people, heroic and noble—

Our liberated country has been raised up

With the heroic blood of your children.

For you we struggle until victory.

Soldiers, workers, and peasants—

With work we'll build the new humanity

In our land, our united country

With complete and total national sovereignty.

Forward, people; forward, people, forward, people—

Toward victory you'll march;

From your past will emerge a single future

And in history you will live.

Beloved Angola, you will fulfill your destiny

To be free, independent, and of the people;

Solidified with the oppressed peoples,

Revolution will triumph.

Avante, povo; avante, povo; avante, povo—

Para a vitoria marcharas;

Do teu passado surgira um so futuro

E na Historia viveras.

[WW translation from the Portuguese]

Revolutionary internationalism

Cuba's support of Angolan people

By G. SCHMIDT
NEW YORK, Nov. 11—During a critical period in the struggle to gain real independence for Angola, when the progressive, anti-capitalist forces of the newly independent People's Republic of Angola face invading mercenaries from South Africa and Zaire, 200 Cuban volunteers are lending their assistance in the transformation of the 30,000-strong Angolan force of small guerrilla-type units into a conventionally organized army.

On November 7, forces of the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA), which has since formed the new government, seized control of the airport and harbor facilities of the capital city Luanda from Portuguese troops, allowing the unloading of ships which had been docked there for over a year. Some of the cargo, rocket launchers of the Soviet Katyusha type and anti-aircraft batteries, were trucked immediately southward to resupply MPLA forces in the southern part of Angola which are opposing the advancing 500-strong invasion force originating from South African-controlled South-west Africa.

There are about 150 white men in the force—mostly Portuguese mercenaries who belong to the right-wing Portuguese Liberation Army which seeks to restore fascist rule in Portugal. The armored personnel carriers, made in France, were bought by wealthy Portuguese landowners who have hopes of reclaiming their holdings in Angola.

The MPLA reportedly lost control of the twin port and railhead cities of Benguela and Lobito to the invading mercenaries. These cities provide the principal access to the interior of Angola for the exploitation of the immense mineral wealth there.

Two days after the announcement from Kinshasa, Zaire, on November 5 that the U.S.-backed FNLA and UNITA were forming a joint military and political command, forces of the FNLA launched an attack against MPLA defensive positions northeast of Luanda and penetrated

part way into the lines before an MPLA counter-attack routed the invaders. The MPLA then began its own advance, driving the FNLA out of the previously contested towns of Quibaxi, Piri, and Ucuva, which are all situated on the strategic route known as the "coffee road" leading to Carmona, the nominal headquarters of the FNLA. The MPLA was able to inflict heavy losses and to capture a great amount of war materiel in

the counter-offensive.

Cuban assistance to the People's Republic in conversion to conventional military tactics can be of vital importance at this stage of the struggle, along with the introduction of large amounts of the heavier Soviet weapons the Portuguese had kept impounded in Luanda harbor. The Cubans have set an example of revolutionary, international solidarity that will inspire all progressive people.

In wake of Renascenca bombing

Portuguese struggle at critical stage

By B. LAPIDES
NEW YORK, Nov. 1—Last week the class struggle in Portugal reached a moment of decision as the government blew up the transmitter of Radio Renascenca in the sharpest challenge to the left since the April 1974 anti-fascist coup. (Notably absent are any protests from the Western capitalist media over this violent assault on "freedom of the press," in comparison to the orchestrated furor when the workers took over this same station last spring.)

Only since the formation 2 months ago of the Sixth Provisional Government, under the leadership of the anti-communist Socialist Party (SP), have the opposing lines been clearly drawn between the capitalist class and the government on one side, and the workers and peasants on the other—between the increasingly right-wing bourgeois state and the growing revolutionary movement.

The left has been organizing the soldiers and sailors under the banner of democracy, leading land seizures under the banner of agrarian reform, defending the takeover of the mass media under the banner of the April revolution; the right has been insisting on the state's legal authority over the military, over the economy, and over the offices of the civil government.

It was in the last area that opposing claims of legitimacy

sparked the most openly political confrontation of this regime. At the beginning of the week, there were sit-ins at the Lisbon offices of the Ministry of Labor and the Ministry of Social Communication by leftist ministry workers opposed to the Sixth Government's newly appointed ministers. At the latter office, workers accused the Secretary of State for Information, a former advisor to President Costa Gomes, of having been close to the old fascist secret police, and barred his entry to the building.

National guardsmen and police—not troops—cleared a path with clubs and guns. The workers called for reinforcements, and all day Radio Renascenca broadcast appeals for support. A crowd of 6,000 civilians and soldiers laid siege to the building for almost 2 days, shouting "Information for the people, not for capital."

On Thursday, November 6, in an unusual joint session of the ruling military Revolutionary Council and its appointed civilian cabinet, the government discussed the increasing challenge to its decreasing authority. On its orders, at 5 o'clock the next morning, Renascenca was bombed off the air because of its "provocations to public tranquility and order."

The move was remarkable in a number of ways. First, it reiterated that the government had been otherwise powerless to deal with the station, the focus of a struggle ever since it was taken



Angolans wave their machetes in celebration of their independence from Portugal, while preparing to drive out the fascists and mercenaries and unit their country under the new revolutionary government.

over in the name of the working masses from the extraordinarily right-wing Catholic Church. The government could not resort to its legal machinery, because it has lacked the power to operate such machinery in the face of determined opposition from the left.

TROOPS REPUDIATE BOMBING

Second, it underscored the government's anxiety about relying on its troops. (Six weeks ago, troops sent in to occupy Renascenca and other stations ended up fraternizing instead with the leftist workers!) Following the bombing, the 60 paratroopers involved in the raid repudiated the action, saying they had been told they were to protect the station and that it was their officers who set off the bomb after the building was evacuated.

Third, it completely exposed the hypocrisy of the SP and their allies, the right-wing Popular Democrats and self-styled "Maoist" MRPP—who together had been "horrified" when the Goncalves, leftist-oriented Fifth Government refused to interfere with workers takeovers in the mass media. In fact, these three parties were the only groups short of the fascists who did not condemn the Renascenca bombing.

But most important, the move (coming after a long strategy session, in which potential consequences must have been weighed) was a serious, direct, and

open challenge to the left. It was followed immediately by unofficial bombing of the Oporto studios of leftist Radio Clube. And on Saturday, at a large Lisbon rally, Prime Minister Azevedo attacked the whole thrust of the left—"impossible" wage demands, wildcat strikes, seizures of farmlands, leftist-dominated army units—and he had the arrogance to condemn "political violence." Disdaining the question of legitimacy, the regime has pointedly challenged the strength of the working class organizations.

Different elements on the left responded with a number of grenade attacks on police stations, with calls for demonstrations, with published expressions of outrage from the Communist Party-dominated Intersyndical, from the member parties of the United Revolutionary Front, from Maoist groups, from unions, from the military police, and from 30 workers on the SP-dominated paper Jornal Novo.

The Portuguese Communist Party (PCP), however, continues to call for an alliance with the SP against the far right, and has even offered to insure the civil peace in exchange for a fuller role in the government. It is now extremely critical that the PCP completely repudiate the government, especially the SP which—despite its continued socialist rhetoric—is moving farther and farther rightward.

Why ERA was defeated in NY, NJ

By DOROTHY BALLAN

NEW YORK, Nov. 9—The defeat of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) in New York and also in New Jersey came as a shock and a deep disappointment to the women's movement, as well as to all progressives. It had been taken for granted that the ERA, particularly in New York with its liberal tradition, would ride in on its previous momentum.

This notion was strengthened by support from a wide spectrum of political organizations. Unfortunately, the support from some of the politicians and organizations, including that from the AFL-CIO, was only nominal and perfunctory.

An avalanche of soul-searching and self-examination has descended on the women's movement from many of its leaders. However, it largely takes the form of apologetics and is not a real effort to get to the bottom of what is admittedly a great setback.

CAMPAIGN BY THE ULTRA-RIGHT

The vicious and slanderous attacks mounted against the ERA by the ultra-right were of course the most visible immediate cause of the setback. Chief among them was the crude, bigoted, and false appeal made to women that the ERA would destroy the family.

For example, a widely distributed leaflet was quoted in the New York Times and many other papers as follows:

"Did you know that a vote for ERA is a vote against the family? *The whole thrust of the militant women's groups is aimed at changing the family structure,*" the leaflet continued. "They are constantly trying to downgrade the role of mother and homemaker..."

Such a campaign of fear unquestionably had an impact, and played a large role in the defeat of the ERA.

However, it is not unusual for the reactionary right to subject a progressive democratic issue such as ERA to venomous, malicious, and unfounded attacks, or to demagogically pretend to be the defenders of the poor and oppressed.

ANTI-DIVORCE CAMPAIGN IN ITALY . . .

For instance, the Catholic hierarchy mounted a high-powered and well-heeled campaign to invalidate the divorce law in Italy. The appeal by the ecclesiastical reaction and the ultra-right did not really vary substantially from the malicious appeals made by the opponents of ERA here.

If anything, there were more grounds for believing that Italian rightists would be successful in their struggle against the right of divorce in Italy, especially in the light of the array of clerical reaction and right-wing forces there. And Italy is of course the very home of the Vatican itself. Nonetheless, the anti-divorce coalition, which nominally was led by the Christian Democrats, was soundly defeated.

. . . AND REASONS FOR ITS DEFEAT

The reason for this lies in the fact that in Italy the mass organizations of the working class led principally by the CP (Communist Party), quickly recognized that much more than the divorce law and the rights of women were

involved. They dealt with the issue as a broad political and economic offensive of the right against the mass of the working people as a whole.

Whatever criticism we may have of the CP on other fundamental issues, there is no denying that it was principally their organizational and political counter-attack that brought a resounding defeat to the forces of the right in this struggle. The CP and other organizations of the left linked up the anti-divorce campaign with the overall political and economic struggle, and therefore left less room open for confusion.

It was quite different here. The long list of organizations supporting the Equal Rights Amendment, beginning with NOW (National Organization for Women), the AFL-CIO, Common Cause, and many others, failed completely to take into account the new economic situation prevailing today, and the political maneuvers of the right based on this.

They completely overlooked the fact that the Conservative Party, the Catholic hierarchy, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, and all the other ultra-right organizations had banded together and were organizing far and wide.

RIGHT MADE AN ECONOMIC APPEAL

In addition to spewing out lies about the destruction of the family,

the ultra-right made an appeal on an economic basis, instilling fear in many women that their husbands would lose their jobs to women and that they themselves would lose much economically by the amendment.

They pushed the idea that the ERA would deprive women of protective legislation. They never pointed out, of course that what legislation exists has been won in struggle over many years by working women and the trade union movement, and is not at all endangered merely by passage of the ERA.

It didn't really appear to be a fear of loss of alimony or loss of custody of children that the right-wing concentrated on. But these questions did go largely unanswered as against the high-powered, well-financed, and strongly organized attacks made by the reactionary opposition.

In contrast to this, the "Glorious Coalition," as one of the NOW leaders called it, relied mainly on the past achievements of the women's movement, and displayed an incredible loss of contact, if indeed they ever had it, with the broad mass of working women (as well as working men).

FEEBLE CALL FOR GENERAL STRIKE

This could be clearly seen a short time ago, when the NOW convention passed an absolutely unbelievable resolution calling for a

general strike of women (except for New York and New Jersey, where presumably all attention would be focused on the struggle for the ERA.)

This resolution was not merely the product of lightmindedness and arrogance, but indicated how terribly removed NOW is from the mass of the people. The Schafly's and the Buckley's, leaders of the right-wing opposition, had themselves a ball with such a howling blunder in the light of NOW's almost total lack of influence on working women.

What a contrast with Iceland, where recently a general strike of women got a phenomenal 95 percent response!

The very day before the election I witnessed what had been billed as the "largest rally ever" for women—addressed by Governor Carey and other politicians. I have never seen anything so pitifully small and pathetic as this "giant rally" of well under 100 people.

By no stretch of the imagination should this be interpreted to mean that women (and men—this should not be forgotten) could not have been mobilized to beat back the ultra-right thrust. But this required not only a broad and active coalition, but a living political struggle.

The NOW people not only do not understand this, but in general are hostile to a broad militant struggle. However, it was the militant character of the early women's

movement and its struggles which created the climate favorable to passage of the federal ERA in so many states.

Along with the decline of the militant political struggles of the sixties and early seventies, the militancy of the women's movement has also eroded, much to the delight of the more moderate women's leaders who rode roughshod over it and were propelled into the limelight on its back.

A living mass movement can not be turned off and on like a faucet and become a legislative vehicle for progressive democratic reform at the mere command of self-appointed bourgeois leaders.

PROSPECT FOR RESURGENCE OF WOMEN'S MOVEMENT

The women's movement, while it has been unquestionably hurt by the ERA defeat, will surely regain its militancy and advance further. But not necessarily by the exclusive use of judicial and legislative processes.

The women's movement is inextricably wedded to the class struggle. The increasing deterioration of the economic crisis will inevitably lead to renewed struggles which will reinvigorate the women's movement as they surely will the working class movement as a whole.

Poor demand emergency heat fund

By IRENE ZVAIGNITIS
MILWAUKEE, Oct. 27—At a public hearing called by the Milwaukee County Boards Finance Committee held here this evening on the proposed 1976 budget, welfare people, unemployed, and employed workers demanded that an emergency fund be set up to pay the heating bills this winter of all people on welfare. Organized by Women United for Action (WUA) and the Center for United Labor Action, people carried posters to the hearing that said: "Our families need heat," "We need emergency funds so we won't freeze," and "Flat grant means cutback."

This year the State Legislature has instituted so-called "flat grants" in the Wisconsin welfare system. This means that all special supplements for emergencies, winter clothing, excess fuel bills, and other vital needs have been cut out for the tens of thousands of people on welfare in the state.

Women United for Action initiated the fight against the flat-grant system, and along with the Center for United Labor Action is leafletting and petitioning for emergency funds to be set up to prevent gas and electric cutoffs. Representing the WUA, Sue Breitenbach explained at the hearing that "Increased food stamp payments, increased utility bills, and increased rents have all but eaten up the so-called increase in welfare payments and have left people on welfare in worse shape than ever before."

The most dramatic statements came from welfare people themselves. One welfare mother said, "We don't need any more shutoffs in the middle of the winter by the greedy utility companies. We do not want to see any more people freezing to death like Mr.

Harold Radtke in northern Wisconsin. We want our families to be warm this winter."

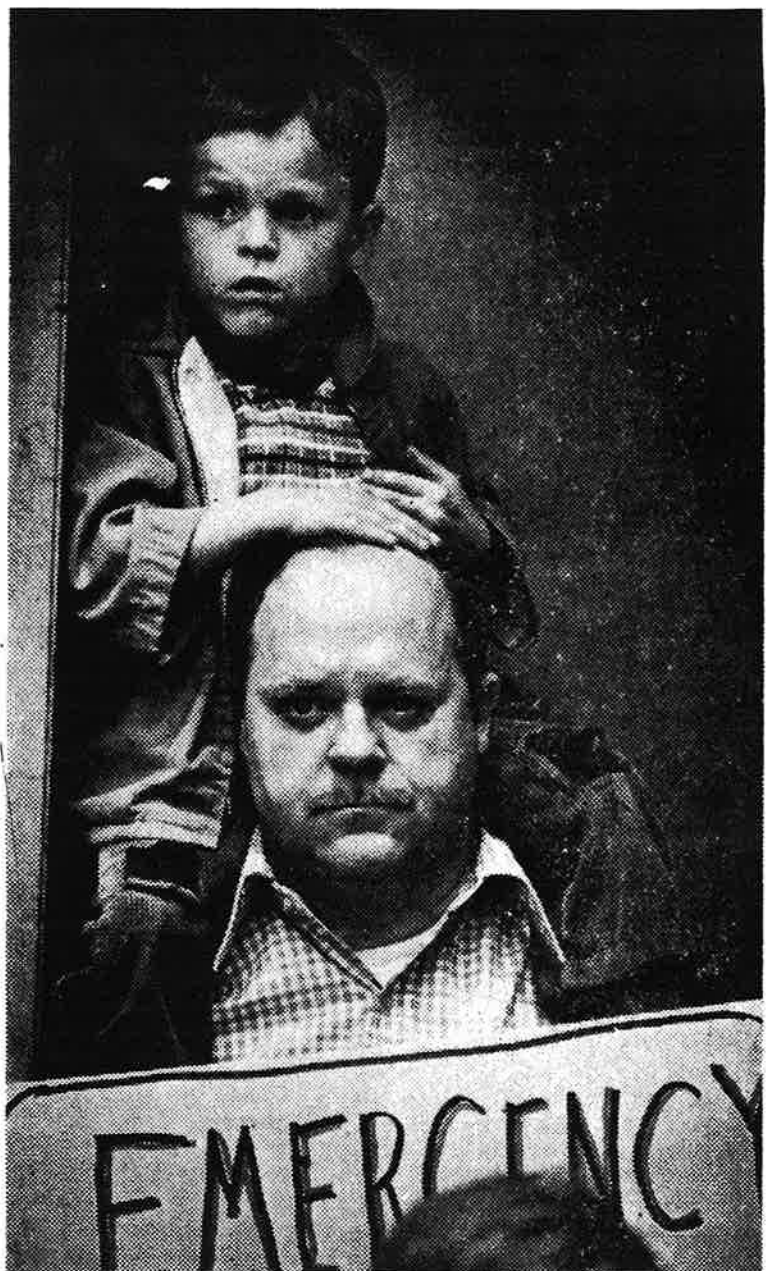
"YOU SLEEP IN BRICK HOMES"

Another mother of seven children told the insensitive county supervisors, "You supervisors sit and sleep in well-built homes, built of brick and insulated, but our heat goes out the windows and walls of wooden, rundown houses which landlords do not fix, and some of your supervisors are those landlords of those dilapidated houses which you keep only for raking in profits from poor working people."

Union member Dan Pryzbyla of AFSCME (American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees) expressed solidarity between employed workers and welfare people and support for the demands of welfare people for an emergency heating fund bill. He denounced the efforts of the bosses to divide employed workers and welfare people. "The attack on welfare people's standard of living," he stated, "is an attack on all working people, employed and unemployed. Therefore our struggle is for a budget that places people's needs before corporate greed."

A spokeswoman for the County Welfare Department tried to insult the people on welfare at the meeting, but she was drowned out by the protests from the more than 100 people there. "You've got a job," one man called out. The hearing had to be adjourned.

The Women United for Action and Center for United Labor Action vowed to continue to fight to abolish the flat-grant system, as well as all other cutbacks in the living standards of poor and working people.



A member of the Center for United Labor Action, with son perched on his shoulders, participates in protest by welfare recipients in Milwaukee against the proposed "flat grant" system that would eliminate emergency funds.

THE STRUGGLE IN BRIEF

Cleveland women hit Ford's anti-poor people policies

CLEVELAND, Oct. 26—A demonstration against Ford's anti-poor people policies was held here today by the Women's Caucus of Youth Against War & Fascism at an International Women's Year Congress. During a speech by Betty Ford, the YAWF Women unfurled a 14-foot-long banner that read: "Stop Ford's cutbacks of food stamps, social services. Women demand: jobs, roll back prices, end military spending!" After resisting the Secret Service for more than 10 minutes and having made their point, the women left the hall chanting their demands.

The demonstration attracted the attention of many poor and working women because it dramatically expressed their feelings.

The United Nations has declared 1975 International Women's Year, and the largest U.S. commemoration has been here in Cleveland. At the 3-day conference, however, Betty Ford tried to derail the women's movement from the struggle course, so that it would become ineffective. She wants to see a movement confined to talk, not action by poor and working women. Her attempts failed miserably.

YAWF Women again demonstrated during the conference when they resisted attacks on the gains of women made by an anti-abortion panel. The women displayed a banner which read: "The real murderers are starvation and poverty. Women demand free abortion, no forced sterilization, decent living conditions for ourselves and our children." YAWF Women not only denounced the panel, but made it clear that a woman's right to control her own body must be extended to all poor and oppressed women.

Ford 'greeted' with angry picket line in Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 30—President Ford was forced to sneak through the back door of the Performing Arts Center here tonight, while a militant demonstration occupied the entire area in front of the building exposing the lies he had come to tell.

At 8:00 p.m., members of Workers World Party and Youth Against War & Fascism unfurled a huge red banner reading "Jobs at home, not wars abroad" and formed a picket line outside the main entrance of the PAC. Chants of "Jobs at home, not wars abroad" and "Anti-busing means Ford and the Klan work hand in hand" rang out loudly enough to be heard for blocks as the demonstration gained momentum and onlookers joined the line.

The militancy of the action took another leap as large contingents from the Center for United Labor Action (CULA) and Women United for Action (WUA) poured onto the scene, banners streaming in the chill October air. The heavy police guard at the PAC entrance visibly stiffened as dozens more onlookers and passersby joined the line when CULA and Women United arrived.

By the time Ford arrived at 9:00 the demonstration covered nearly an entire city block, and observers reported that the demonstrators' chants reached Ford clearly as he entered. Undoubtedly they were still ringing in his ears as he rose to

speak his vile racist lies to the \$250-a-plate Republican fund-raiser.

Workers World Party and YAWF have been the only organizations since security around Ford doubled because of the assassination attempts, to take the initiative against Ford and his policies of rabid racism and repression.

The Women United contingent led a chant, "Ford says cut back (in welfare benefits), we say fight back," which became particularly spirited. Tonight, on the streets of Milwaukee, Ford and his big business cronies saw only the beginning of what we mean by fight back!

Nursing home workers strike in Ohio

Special to Workers World NORTH OLMSTED, Ohio, Nov. 1—About 75 nursing home strikers and their supporters marched in this Cleveland suburb today to garner support for their long strike and to expose the wretched conditions at the nursing home. Chanting "Olmsted Manor is unfair! Strike for better patient care!" they filed past the nursing home showing that the strike was for the patients as well as for the workers.

The strikers, members of Service, Hospital, Nursing Home and Public Employees Union, Local 47, have been out for 7 weeks for the most elementary demand of an average wage of \$2.50 an hour. Present wages run around the \$2.15 minimum wage level.

The conditions at the Olmsted Manor Nursing Home are deplorable, even by the lowest standards. Rather than being a medical care facility, it serves more as a warehouse for old, sick people. The home is understaffed, with jobs given to those not properly trained. There is inadequate patient nutrition (workers must sneak in snacks), and a lack of clean linens. These are only a

strikers were Blacks and women who are struggling to survive. Rev. Dave Koehler, speaking for the United Farm Workers, labeled the strike "our strike," be it in "Salinas, Delano, Harlan County, or North Olmsted."

The chairman of AFL-CIO Region 3, Russ Schroeder, called the conditions at the nursing home "unbelievable" and pledged continued support until a decent contract is won. The president of the Communications Workers, Local 4309, explained that what many workers take for granted, these workers must still fight for.

Other labor support came from the United Auto Workers, United Steel Workers and a gas workers' local.

SENIOR CITIZENS PLEDGE SUPPORT

Speaking for the Senior Citizens Coalition, retired steel worker Ted Dostal mentioned that senior citizens are particularly interested in nursing homes because many are in them. They know that better working conditions and a union shop will result in better care for the patients. To vigorous applause, Mr. Dostal called for the "control of nursing homes to be taken out of the hands of the profiteers and put under the control of the workers and patients." He concluded that the entire labor movement should be mobilized to win this important strike.

Boston protesters score Ford on support for racists

BOSTON, Nov. 7—Protesting President Ford's support for the racist mobilization here, 500 demonstrators picketed the President's appearance at a \$500-a-plate Republican party fundraising dinner this evening. The demonstration, organized by ten political and community groups, in addition to protesting Ford's anti-busing statements, also attacked the



Striking nursing home workers rally to protest their incredibly low wages and the miserable conditions both for the workers and patients. WW photo: Al

few of the complaints of the workers and patients.

WHAT WORKERS ARE FIGHTING FOR

The director of the home shuts her eyes to this inhumanity and refuses to negotiate such simple workers' demands as a pay increase, two paid sick days a year, paid vacations, job safety, an end to harassment and intimidation, and recognition of a union shop.

Following the march, a rally was held inside a nearby church to display trade union support for the strikers. Alyson Valenza of the Coalition of Labor Union Women pointed out that most of the

cutbacks in social services, judicial harassment and police repression against Native Americans, and U.S. imperialism.

Kim Heller, one of the East Boston "anti-racist 6" (see article page 2), addressed the demonstration on the continuing efforts to overturn the Kangaroo Court convictions the six received in District Court last month.

John Iverson, representing the Native American Support Committee, told the protesters of the brave resistance of American Indians to FBI and BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs) repression, and of the almost total news blackout of their struggles.



While Betty Ford speaks in Cleveland about her view of women's equality, YAWF women hold up a banner expressing the real needs of working women and poor women. WW photo: Al

Five Black youths framed in Detroit

By P. JENNINGS

DETROIT, Nov. 6—Five young Black men have been charged with first-degree murder in connection with the death of Marion Pyszko during the Livernois-Fenkell rebellion in Detroit on July 28. James Henderson, Raymond Peoples, and Ronald Jordan are now on trial, facing life sentences if convicted, and two juveniles will be tried at a later date on the same charges.

Pyszko, a white man, was killed during the rebellion that was sparked by the racist slaying of Obie Wynn, a young Black man. The five were picked from over 100 Blacks arrested during the police occupation of the Black community at the time of the rebellion. Their only "crime" is being Black and poor in a racist system.

Immediate rage over the slaying of Obie Wynn by Andrew Chinarian, a white bar owner, was shown when the Black community, realizing that this was just another racist murder, took to the streets and engaged the police in 2 days of battle. The community demanded that Chinarian and his bar, which is located in the center of the Black ghetto, be turned over to them.

But police hastily smuggled Chinarian away from his bar. Chinarian shot the unarmed 18-year-old in the back of the head with absolutely no provocation, other than Obie's presence in his parking lot. Yet Chinarian is charged only with second-degree murder and is currently free on bail. Moreover, he is seeking a change of venue, saying that he cannot get a "fair trial" in a city that is more than 50 percent Black.

The 54-year-old Marion Pyszko was allegedly pulled from his car at the corner of Fenkell and Quincy

(a few blocks from the bar). According to police reports, he was hit on the head with a brick and knocked unconscious. He died 3 days later in the hospital.

In telling contrast to Chinarian's situation, Peoples, Henderson, and Jordan are currently being held without bail. The two juveniles were released on \$1,000 bail only because of their age. The prosecution, working in collaboration with the state courts, is using all kinds of rotten techniques to make sure that these five Black men are railroaded to prison.

So far, no witness produced by the prosecution has been able to place the defendants at the scene of the killing. (They were not arrested at the scene). One prosecution witness has retracted a previous statement claiming that he had seen Peoples hit Pyszko in the head with a brick.

The use of police pressure and intimidation against the prosecution witnesses has been clearly brought out in court. One witness alone was approached by the police five times with regard to his testimony. Several of the witnesses are juveniles. One is only about 13, and another juvenile witness was unable under cross-examination to accurately describe Pyszko's car.

Support for the Livernois Five is growing rapidly. A Livernois Five Defense Committee has been formed and a public rally is set for Saturday, November 15 at 1 p.m.

The real criminal is the social system with its justice for the privileged and wealthy. That is what should be on trial, and will eventually be tried by the poor and oppressed people in this country. Free the Livernois Five!

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Throwing holy water on reaction

Neanderthal wins man award

By ELIZABETH ROSS

The "Family of Man Award" is a phrase with a noble ring. You'd think that only the most self-sacrificing, the purest, highest-minded individuals on the face of the earth would be offered such an accolade.

Who would be a likely candidate? A man or woman spending his or her life, without thought of monetary reward, to banish cancer from the human race, perhaps? Or someone who gave away a fortune, was exiled from his native land, lived in poverty in London, ruined his eyes working at the British Museum to perfect a plan to end poverty in the world, and organized people to bring that plan to fruition?

Would anyone of lesser caliber be worthy of the "Family of Man" award?

Evidently the Council of Churches of the City of New York is not so choosy in the right person for their yearly presentation as you or I would be.

Last year they gave it to John deButts of AT&T—a man, and a corporation, hardly distinguished for any contribution to humanity's betterment; Nelson Rockefeller

won it the year he ordered the massacre of prisoners at Attica; and this year it went to Gerald Ford, who, in the words of the Council's spokesman, is "the father of the United States branch of the whole family of man."

Could anyone be found who would less fit the description of "self-sacrificing, pure, and high-minded" than Ford? The man who, when in the House, always voted on the reactionary side of any bill; who swears by the Warren report, which he, of course helped to prepare; whose first act as President was to grant full pardon to the crook, Nixon; who has vetoed every socially useful recommendation from Congress; who has turned a stony face to the poor of America's largest city in a time of great need; who always backs the conservative call for more and more armaments; whose greatest efforts are now strained to "out-Reagan Reagan"—in other words, to capture the Republican nomination by appealing to the most backward, the most conservative, the most racist, the most anti-working class elements in America.

Has Gerald Ford ever shown by

a single act in his political career that he was not prompted by thought of monetary reward? Is there anything in his records to indicate that he has ever made one sacrifice for the betterment of the human race?

To crown the irony, Ford himself advertised his contempt for the "Family of Man" award by sending his wife Betty to represent him in New York. Or was it the fear of the poor and working people of that city which kept him away?



Another "family" member. Nelson Rockefeller won the "Family of Man" award in 1971, the year he ordered the massacre of 43 prisoners and hostages at Attica prison. Will the Manson "family" get it next year?

White House fears secret memos implicate CIA in Dallas assassination of JFK

By P. MEISNER

NEW YORK, Nov. 9—The FBI, CIA, and the Warren Commission still have 144 documents and transcripts under lock and key in the National Archives that relate to the assassination of John Kennedy. Moreover, these do not include material and evidence either destroyed or never submitted to the Warren Commission.

One memorandum kept hidden

all these years by the CIA is dated "22 November 1963" and is still classified as "secret." However, the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (led by Idaho Senator Frank Church) obtained a copy of the memorandum and now wants to publish it as part of its 500-page report on the committee's investigation of CIA involvement in foreign assassination plots.

The memorandum and other CIA documents appear to be so damaging to the CIA, and especially relating to its role in the JFK assassination, that President Ford (himself a member of the Warren Commission) sent a threatening letter to the Senate Committee "urging" the latter not to publish many of the CIA documents it has in its possession.

The CIA also opposes the publication of another of its communications dated October 11,

1963, which relates Lee Harvey Oswald's alleged presence in Mexico City that year. The CIA years ago published a photograph taken in Mexico City of a man identified by the CIA as Oswald but who bore no resemblance to Oswald whatsoever. (See Workers World, Nov. 7, 1975, p. 9.)

The deep factional struggle taking place today within the U.S. ruling class is forcing new evidence on the plot to murder Kennedy to surface and points more and more to the CIA as a prime instrument in the assassination. And while several liberal politicians in Congress are timidly calling for more disclosure of secret FBI and CIA documents, only the intervention of the mass organizations of the workers and oppressed can expose the whole truth of the conspiracy in Dallas on November 22, 1963.

NY State Police committed espionage since 1917

Cops spied on 500,000 people

By LESLIE FEINBERG

NEW YORK, Nov. 6—A New York State Legislative Committee has revealed that New York State Police have kept political dossiers on more than half a million citizens. The committee stated yesterday that the policy of keeping files on anyone who dissents was begun as early as 1917 (!), but the majority of spying was done while "liberal" Nelson Rockefeller was governor.

ENEMIES LIST

Rockefeller was lucky enough to avoid embarrassing questions about the report, since over the years he has repeatedly denied that the files are for political harassment or that the Division of State Police, which is answerable to the governor, has been used for illegal espionage against innocent people.

William Haddad, heading a token investigative unit, stated in today's New York Post, "It is clear

that these files are political in origin, political in content, political in intent." His report further stated that files were kept on people who had done nothing more "subversive" than sign a progressive petition.

William E. Kirwan, who served as State Police Superintendent from 1967 to 1975, said it was standard procedure among police departments across the country to compile such information.

The only result of the legislative committee's finding is that special counsel Terry Lenzner, who was also a special counsel to the Senate Watergate Committee, proposes not to abolish these files but to make sure that legal authorization has to be obtained to use them. This would be similar to the much-abused policy on wiretaps and warrants which must be approved for "relevance to police matters." This doesn't at all challenge the

assumption that the police are justified in going after anyone progressive, any one on the side of the poor and oppressed and against the rich corporations.

ITT, RCA linked to spy agency crimes

Ford covers up NSA bugging

"Compared to the NSA, the CIA is as open as a New Hampshire town meeting," wrote Time magazine on November 10. It was commenting on recent disclosures of the massive illegal spy structure set up by the National Security Agency.

The super-secret NSA, with the cooperation of RCA Global Communications, ITT World Communications, Western Union, and American Cable and Radio Corp., has over the years

monitored millions of telephone and cable communications sent in and out of the country by countless peoples who ever suspected that the secret police were bugging them.

BIGGER THAN CIA

Like the CIA, the NSA has a budget that is secret, but by one estimate it spends \$1.2 billion a year and employs 25,000 people, compared to some estimates of CIA spending of \$750 million and

16,500 employees. Unlike any other federal agency, it is totally and officially exempt from the Freedom of Information Act. Yet the NSA is the ultimate in bugging of communications, foreign and domestic!

FEEL SECURE?

In recent weeks, the White House has put pressure on investigative committees not to hold hearings on the NSA. Right-wing Texas Senator John Tower said, "I do believe the people's right to know should be subordinated to the people's right to be secure."

The results of this tip-of-the-iceberg investigation and exposure are reminiscent of investigations of Watergate and CIA illegal operations. Rather than abolish the apparatus, the Justice Department has announced that a number of its top officials are now going to try to devise legislation to make NSA spying legal!

—L.F.

It cost you \$20,000 to find out

Why do children fall off trikes?

By BEVERLY SLAPIN

NEW YORK, Nov. 10—When Ford recently vetoed the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) food supplement bill, he explained his move as one to prevent "irresponsible" spending by the government. In fact, that has been Congress' explanation for mass layoffs of government workers, as well as cutbacks in food programs, welfare, hospital, sanitation, and mass transit services. It would seem that there just isn't enough money to go around.

Not exactly. The government takes billions in tax money from us—it's just that the money is needed for more important things than social and public services.

Like government studies that will enrich our lives.

government spent \$113,417 to answer the question, "Do Mothers Prefer Clothing That Needs No Ironing?" The answer: Yes.

Other projects included a \$375,000 research enterprise on the Frisbee; a \$159,000 project aimed at teaching mothers how best to play with their babies; a \$20,324 appropriation for research into the mating calls of Central American toads; and a \$121,000 look-see into the reasons why some of us say "ain't." Then there was a \$20,000 study of "Why Children Fall Off Tricycles." The finding: "They lose their sense of balance or collide with an object." Another of the study's profound observations is that children get longer legs as they grow older.

Government bureaucrats were so thrilled at the prospect of im-

proving the quality of life for all of us (and especially for themselves) that they went full speed ahead this year. The National Science Foundation (NSF) spent \$147,000 to find out how many people would like a windmill in their back yard. They also wanted to know, "What is the number of spiders per square yard relative to the number of insects for them to prey on?" The answer to this question cost us \$40,000.

And while the NSF was out counting spiders, the Federal Aviation Administration was busy checking the measurements of airline hostesses at a cost of \$57,800; and the National Endowment for the Arts was handing over \$46,000 for a film documentary on the history of the toilet.

So the next time you are horror-

stricken by the chunk taken out of your paycheck, rest assured that it is, being spent on worthwhile causes, and not "irresponsibly" squandered on food programs for the poor.

The Honorable Elliot L. Richardson
Attorney General
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

For some years, the FBI and the Secret Service have been asking us to provide, and we have been providing to them, copies of any messages contained in the foreign communications we intercept that bear on named individuals or organizations. These compilations of names are commonly referred to as "Watch Lists." No communications

Sincerely,

Lev Allen, Jr.
Lev Allen, Jr.
Lieutenant General, USAF
Director

Excerpt of confidential NSA memo

Closing the door on 8000 workers

REA Express goes bankrupt

By a UPS driver
NEW YORK, Nov. 7.—REA Express, Inc., and the jobs of 8,000 freight handlers ceased to exist today at the order of a Federal Bankruptcy Court to sell all assets. The end came after bank creditors refused a union offer to purchase the company.

REA never recovered from its losses in the 1969 recession and its collapse today in the midst of the deep recession of 1975 rebuts official government optimism on the economy.

The final demise of this corporation came as no surprise to the remaining workers, who have an average age of 53 and an average seniority of 31 years at REA after surviving repeated layoffs since 1969, when the company was sold after losing \$43 million on operations for the year.

A decade ago, REA was the largest carrier of surface shipments in the U.S., handling 67 million individual shipments

through the combined efforts of over 40,000 workers. By February 18 of this year, the payroll was down to 11,000 workers who moved 14 million shipments in 1974, and REA management decided to start legal bankruptcy proceedings both to hold off debt obligations and also to nullify its contract with the Brotherhood of Railway and Airline Clerks (BRAC).

In addition to further layoffs of 10 percent, REA ordered a 10 percent pay cut and payless holidays and vacations. A wildcat strike against the cutbacks erupted at the Long Island City terminal adjacent to New York and spread to terminals in other major cities, including Chicago and Atlanta, but the strike was broken when REA closed down the Long Island City operations.

WHO WILL DO THEIR WORK?

These last workers to be cut from the payroll have travelled a hard road, watching the layoffs overtake them in seniority before they

made it to retirement. They have hoped against hope, knowing only too well the grim reality of corporate and finance control that dates from the heyday of the railroads and has run the REA system into the ground along with the trains.

There is no reason, no need for these much abused workers to be cast aside after their long years of labor, because the work will still be there to be done by someone. But the bank officers stood in the way of the BRAC union plan to buy the company and continue operation.

The REA workers are on the scrap heap because there is more quick money for the banks to be gotten from cashing in the REA real estate and equipment than from the union's \$8-million offer.

Much of the REA business amounting to \$270 million in revenue will be absorbed by United Parcel Service, now the largest trucking company in the U.S., and UPS will undoubtedly hire on

additional workers.

But these are not new jobs—they are REA jobs moved into another freight corporation—and the jobs should be opened up to former REA workers.

In its parting shot, the REA management blamed the "blindly militant" wildcat strikers of last June for the final liquidation, and other bosses will point the finger at REA as they press on for more and more work. But it was the REA management that step-by-step eliminated every job, going bankrupt only after seeing to it that the workers paid the full price.

These workers deserve the support and solidarity of all workers in the industry who can unite and see to it that job security lives on even if REA does not—just as, in a larger sense, it is only the workers in all occupations who can combine to guarantee employment and job security for all when the profit-hungry corporations are dead and gone.

Making the poor poorer

More cuts to 'punish' New Yorkers

By ANDY STAPP
NEW YORK, Nov. 11—Breaking a solemn promise he made to New York city workers last summer, when he persuaded their leaders to accept a wage freeze and 35,887 layoffs, Mayor Abraham Beame announced today that another 22,000 municipal employees will be joining the ranks of the jobless over the next few months.

"I do not relish the idea of seeing centers for day care and the elderly shut down, or employees thrown out of work," said the mayor with mock sadness. "However, this critical fiscal emergency leaves us no other choice but to move ahead with these cutbacks."

NO CHOICE?

"Leaves us no choice" seems to be the favorite phrase of the various New York City and state politicians these days. Mayor Beame has "no choice" but to fire 3,135 more hospital workers, 495 more teachers, and additional thousands from the departments of environment, parks, transportation, and housing. "No choice" but to close 28 day care centers, shut down much needed nursing schools, cut fuel and clothing allocations to the city prisons, and abolish municipal health clinics in poor neighborhoods.

Mayor Beame is even supporting a bill now pending in Congress to turn over all his financial power to a board headed by Treasury Secretary William Simon that would sport Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board Arthur Burns, Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare David Matthews, and Chairman of the Security and Exchange Commission Roderick Hills.

Aptly characterized by a Texas Congressman as "the most reactionary group of officials that could be gathered together to consider the needs of any municipality," this board would be given dictatorial powers to cut wages, gut pensions, and do just about anything it wanted to "punish" (in the words of Simon) the poor and working people of New York City.

RENT CONTROL THREATENED

"If this board said that rent control would have to go, it would have to go," said a spokesman for the mayor's office on November 10. The abolition of rent control, as millions of New Yorkers living in already overpriced apartments know, would literally drive thousands of families into the streets.

And yet Beame and Carey claim to have "no choice," saying that

the Congress has made this sort of measure a condition for "aid" to prevent default.

What is this default that Beame and Carey are so eager to sacrifice our none-too-high standard of living in order to avoid? It's nothing more than the failure to pay out money owed to the banks and big investors. Banks alone hold about \$5 billion in city securities, for which they get extortionate, tax-free interest. These interest payments fall due again in the beginning of December and the city will not be able to meet payment (that is, it will default) if money can't be obtained by wiping out city jobs, passing new sales taxes, and getting a guarantee from Congress of financial backing.

Default is not just failure to pay the workers or provide necessary social services. That's OK with Ford, Beame, and Carey. Driving down the people's standard of living is one thing they are all united on. Ford just feels that Beame and Carey have not been vigorous enough at it, a charge they hotly deny.

CORPORATIONS AND BANKS HAVE IT—TAX THEM!

It should be kept in mind that the city would not be so greatly in debt to the banks right now if it had won the power to get some real taxes

out of Wall Street and the big firms that do business here. If wealthy companies had been taxed at just a fraction of their assets, the municipal government would not have had to borrow from Chase Manhattan and the other banks.

But of course the corporations didn't want to be taxed and they got their political stooges in the State Legislature to block all attempts to make them pay their fair share. And the banks were happy enough to be raking off billions in city bonds and notes.

But when the crunch finally came last March, when the debt had finally become so huge that the bankers began to fear that the city couldn't make it good, they stopped loaning money. And this of course is the immediate cause of New York's lack of funds. The refusal of the bankers to buy city bonds is bringing about the very bankruptcy they feared. Such is the irrational nature of capitalism, a system in which a city has to be run at a profit as if it were some kind of business instead of a place for people to live.

And precisely because New York City is the center of world capitalism, a massive dislocation in their "money market" could bring even worse misery to the people. If the city defaults, officials say, Medicaid will collapse, welfare checks won't be sent out, workers will be furloughed or have their pay cut. Beame and Carey are even demanding that unions invest their pension funds in bonds that rich banks won't buy! Why? So the banks can get paid off and "chaos" avoided.

Every worker should know that this is nothing but blackmail, a crude attempt by a rich and greedy minority to steal funds intended for people's retirement after a lifetime of work.

The answer of the working class must be clear. No, you can't have any more of our money. And as for payless paydays and more layoffs, no again. You have plenty of cash, billions in fact, to keep every worker on the job and rehire everyone you have fired this year. We don't care if the funds come from Wall Street or from Washington, but we know you've got it and we need it to live!



Maybe profits are recovering, but or underpaid, especially in the depression economy is still the real

If this is a recession what's a depression?

By ANDY STAPP
NEW YORK, Nov. 9—The long-promised economic "recovery" that Ford has spoken about so often appears to be sputtering to a halt before it ever gets going. Statistics released by the Department of Labor for the month of October show that unemployment had risen by 200,000 and now stands "officially" at more than 8 million.

More bad news for the poor and working people is another leap upward in the wholesale price index, which showed the largest monthly upturn in a year.

These grim figures did not seem to phase the Ford administration much.

"The evidence shows that the economic recovery continued in October," said Julius Shiskin, head of the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics. White House mouthpiece Ron Nessen stated that before the President reached any conclusions, he would like to "see evidence over a somewhat longer period of time."

How much time does the government need? We've been in the worst depression since the 1930s and Ford and Congress, unable to halt the sickening plunge of the capitalist economy, and equally unwilling to do anything to aid the victims suffering from the irrational downward lurch of this decaying system, can only plead for "more time."

BILLIONS FOR THE WAR MACHINE

Ford seem to have plenty of money to spend on the Pentagon—for instance, \$1 billion for a single nuclear destroyer! But when it



Plotting the layoffs of thousands more workers and the curtailment of even more services for New Yorkers are MAC official Ellinghaus [also head of N.Y. Telephone Co.], State Comptroller Levitt, Legal advisor Marrero, and Governor Carey.

Former worker tells**Layoffs, speedups didn't stop Grant closings**

Several weeks ago, Workers World ran an article analyzing the bankruptcy of the large retail chain W.T. Grant, and what this would mean for the workers. We have just received the following letter from a woman in Buffalo, N.Y., who had worked for the company.

As a former employee of W.T. Grant Co., and the daughter of a Grant employee with over 13 years of service, I am not surprised at the flood of layoffs. It is only an intensification of this company's long-time policy of saving its profits at the expense of its employees. Many of the new stores that Grant's opened in recent years had centralized check-out areas that eliminated the need for clerks in each department, and were coupled with curtailment of workers at the older stores. These "expansions" became an excuse to lay off older workers by refusing transfer requests to the older women, who wanted to get away from stocking and cleaning counters at the same time they were expected to wait on customers. The layoffs of the workers with higher seniority meant that Grant's could avoid paying more in retirement benefits.

The chain has a policy that at least 15 years of work are necessary in order to collect any part of your pension before the age of 62 (65 for men), but very few employees ever made it that far. In my mother's case, long hours on her feet on concrete floors for 13½ years and constant harassment from supervision led to an "early" retirement, as well as a poor heart condition. Shortly before her retirement, management cut her hours in half, without any prior warning, further cutting back the amount of pension she could have received.

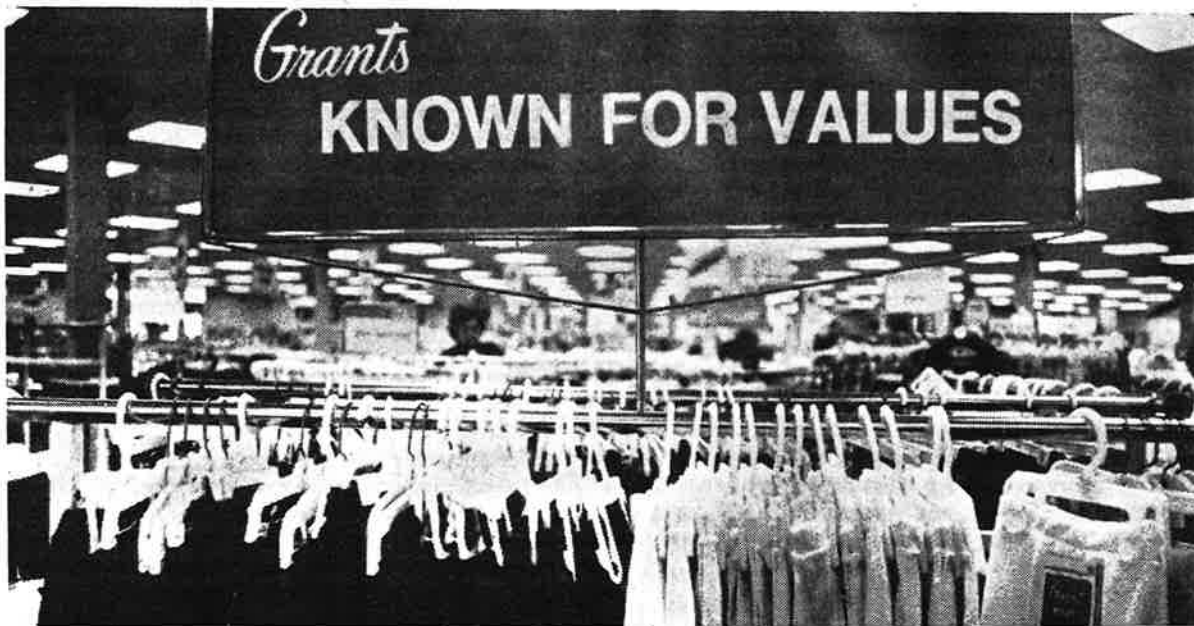
Even after many long years of working at W.T. Grant Co., my mother earned just over the minimum wage, taking home under \$60.00 a week.

The general decline in the already bad treatment of workers at the store prompted her to compare work for W.T. Grant's to being in the army. The conclusion she drew from years of experience there was that the workers sorely needed a union, which is as true today as when she last worked there a few years ago.

Whatever the vehicle, the workers at W.T. Grant's need to unite against this giant company that denies them a decent living and put the burden of these closings right back into the lap of W.T. where it belongs.

Once again with Sam Marcy's article on the bankruptcy of the W.T. Grant Co., Workers World has demonstrated its ability to provide a clear analysis of the events of the crisis in capitalism where all others fail. The New York Times and other papers tried to cover over the real reasons for the failure of this giant chain store, picturing the massive layoffs and closings of W.T. Grant stores as just more meaningless statistics.

WW, however, not only put the bankruptcy of Grant's in clear perspective in light of the overall capitalistic decline, but went further to point out that the real victims in this situation once again are the laid-off workers and their families.



When Grant's filed bankruptcy, many of its stores closed. What happened to the workers left jobless after long years of hard, loyal work at the lowest legal wage?

In NYC crisis**Latest toll: 50 health clinics**

By SHARON SHELTON
NEW YORK, Nov. 9—As part of the continuing budget cuts that are destroying New York City's health care, last week alone the Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC) coldly announced new slashes that will close down 50 health care clinics across the city December 1.

IMPORTANT SERVICES ELIMINATED

The clinics to be shut down have provided well-baby care (including checkups and inoculations), podiatry, family planning, dental care, and treatment for venereal disease, serving an estimated 400,000 people annually. The closings will mean that no city hospital will offer these services.

The closings of the venereal disease clinics alone could result in an increase of 25 percent in venereal disease in the city, resulting in a "medical crisis," according to the November 6 New York Daily News.

The News quoted Dr. Leonard Heimoff, chairman of the Committee on Public Health of the New York Academy of Medicine, as predicting a rise by 15 to 25 percent

in gonorrhea, a rise in syphilis by 10 percent and upwards, and dangerous increases in other venereal diseases.

Although a HHC spokesperson claims poor people can get the same services at the New York City Health Department centers, the Health Department itself has announced its own cuts and says more will follow.

NURSES WALK OUT

Fed up with deteriorating health care, nurses at three city hospitals walked off their jobs last week to protest increased work loads due to budget cuts and a policy of attrition which has drastically cut nursing staffs.

The walkout began last Thursday when 187 out of Bellevue Hospital's 215 registered nurses on the day shift called in sick. They were joined by 97 of 104 nurses assigned to the night shift.

"At this time the hospital census is almost at capacity. The number of nursing practitioners has decreased to approximately one half its needs to meet the minimal nursing care standards as set up by the Health and Hospital Corporation," said Valeri Foster, a

spokeswoman for the striking Bellevue nurses.

ACTIONS SPREAD

Although the Bellevue nurses went back to work Friday afternoon, nearly two-thirds of the nursing staff at Bronx Municipal Hospital and 80 percent of the nurses at the City Hospital Center in Elmhurst, Queens, staged a similar protest. This work stoppage, also in protest of cuts and the attrition policy, ended Saturday.

Under pressure of the nurses' actions, the HHC agreed at a special meeting to halt at least temporarily an attrition and layoff program of nurses that has been in effect since last January. A spokesperson for the HHC told the New York Daily News that it would very soon come up with a plan to raise the current number of city nurses from 5,800 to "an acceptable figure."

NURSES SHOW THE WAY

Gerald Ford and the bankers who are bleeding New York City dry do not care whether poor people here live or die. The strike of these nurses is an example of the only way New York City's health care can be defended.

In Milwaukee**Another U.S. bank folds**

By STEVE GEDEN
MILWAUKEE, Nov. 9—Despite massive infusions of loans from the Federal Reserve, the American City Bank collapsed here on October 21. The collapse was the largest of 1975 and the fourth largest since 1935.

According to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., the bankruptcy of American City ranks only behind the \$1.44-billion Franklin National Bank in 1974, the \$931.95-million United States National Bank of San Diego in 1973, and the \$112.7-million American Bank & Trust Co. of Orangeburg, S.C., in 1974.

As in the ten previous bank failures this year, and in preceding years, "analysts" have attempted to picture the collapse as an isolated case caused by the caprice and poor judgment of a few of-

ficials. One example used was the "misappropriation" of nearly \$2 million in American City funds by the president of another Milwaukee bank, apparently with the help of American City officers.

In reality, the collapse is a direct result of the growing economic crisis. American City Bank had poured \$11.5 million into construction of apartment buildings which could not be rented in a city where unemployment has hovered around 12 percent. Other housing projects and investments which depended directly on purchase of goods or services by working people, whose purchasing power has been drastically cut back, also contributed to the bankruptcy.

By closing day, American City Bank had borrowed \$32.5 million from the Federal Reserve Bank to

try to cover losses on "bad" loans. The bank also held almost \$1 million in New York City bonds and was losing many of its government deposits, registering a net loss of assets of over \$15 million in 1974 alone.

What is most clearly evident in the failure of the American City Bank is not the stupidity of a few bankers, but the basic contradiction of capitalism—workers are not paid enough to buy back the goods they produce. In a period where this contradiction is being intensified, and where U.S. imperialism is still reeling from the loss of Vietnam and other foreign markets for its surplus goods, even the wildest manipulations by the bankers are only a mild palliative to the basic problem. Capitalism must expand or die.

out for the millions of unemployed the oppressed community, a reality. Photo: LNS

Recovery, depression?

comes to the needs of people, that's another story. Workers are told to "sacrifice" and give up any thought of pay increases. But how can people live when prices are going up at an annual rate of 13.5 percent if they don't get a commensurate raise in pay? Goods that sold for \$100 in October 1967 now cost \$178.90. Has your pay gone up the same amount?

Even more absurd is for Ford to tell people to "work harder" at the very moment jobs are being eliminated. For example, 730,000 construction jobs have been abolished since 1974.

FIGURES CAN'T LIE BUT LIARS CAN FIGURE

But the government has an answer. You see, the figures just released by the Department of Labor are not really so bad as they appear. "Seasonally adjusted," Ron Nessen tells us, prices and joblessness didn't climb so much.

In other words, if you just got laid off, don't worry, you've only been "seasonally adjusted." And if you feel that food prices have shot up so high you'll soon have to put eating on your "non-essentials" list, remember "seasonally adjusted" prices probably didn't rise much at all.

Anyway, don't be a killjoy. Not everybody is suffering like you are. Why, the oil companies are slated to get \$100 billion from the federal government over the next couple of years to promote "Project Independence." For Ford and his corporate friends, every cloud has a silver lining.

Of course, there are other views. Some might even say, "If this is a recovery, what's a depression?"



Profit feast

The current economic depression (which Ford delicately calls a "recession") has blighted the lives of countless people. It has swollen the unemployment lines by millions, hitting the Black, Latin, Chicano, and other super-oppressed peoples with that particularly cruel ferocity reserved by the capitalist system for its poorest victims.

The depression has brought hunger to little children and near-bankruptcy to the country's largest city. It has been the cause of acute misery, or growing fear of financial ruin, to almost everyone.

Almost everyone, that is, except the rich businessmen. For them life is mostly a golden rain of profits, as shown by their latest quarterly stockholder reports. Among the petroleum giants, Rockefeller's Exxon led this obscene contest with a third-quarter after-tax profit of \$800 million, followed by two other Rockefeller companies, Mobile and Standard of Indiana, which raked in \$296 million and \$80 million, respectively.

Over the same time period, the IBM monopoly showed a \$477 million profit, General Electric \$145 million, Dow Chemical \$234 million, Union Carbide \$155 million, and duPont \$119 million.

The government calculates that after-tax corporate profits will hit \$85 billion for 1975.

We are always being told that "the American way of life works better than any other system in the world."

Maybe. But for whom?

UN Zionism vote

The UN resolution condemning Zionism as a form of racism was a resounding defeat for the U.S. and all its imperialist allies. Such a resolution would have been unthinkable a decade ago and would not have passed even 5 years ago.

Still, the passage of the resolution even today would scarcely be possible without the support and existence of the socialist countries, especially the USSR and China. It is only because of the presence of the socialist countries in the UN that such a resolution could be introduced.

But it is the tremendous upsurge of the Arab liberation struggle, and in particular the heroic struggle of the Palestinian people that has brought about the great change. Too little credit is given to the long years of struggle by the Palestinian people; much more attention is usually focused on the limited sovereignty achieved by some of the oil-producing countries in the Middle East.

Although the resolution has far-reaching importance in mobilizing world public opinion to achieve the goal of restoring the Palestinian people to their homeland, its significance could be exaggerated. Moreover, if matters were to be left as is, some elementary concepts of Marxism regarding the relationship of imperialism to the oppressed peoples could be easily shoved aside to the detriment of the Palestinian liberation struggle. The cardinal principle to bear in mind in the Palestinian freedom struggle and in the Middle East situation as a whole is the key and central role of U.S. imperialism.

IMPERIALISM CENTRAL TO THE ISSUE

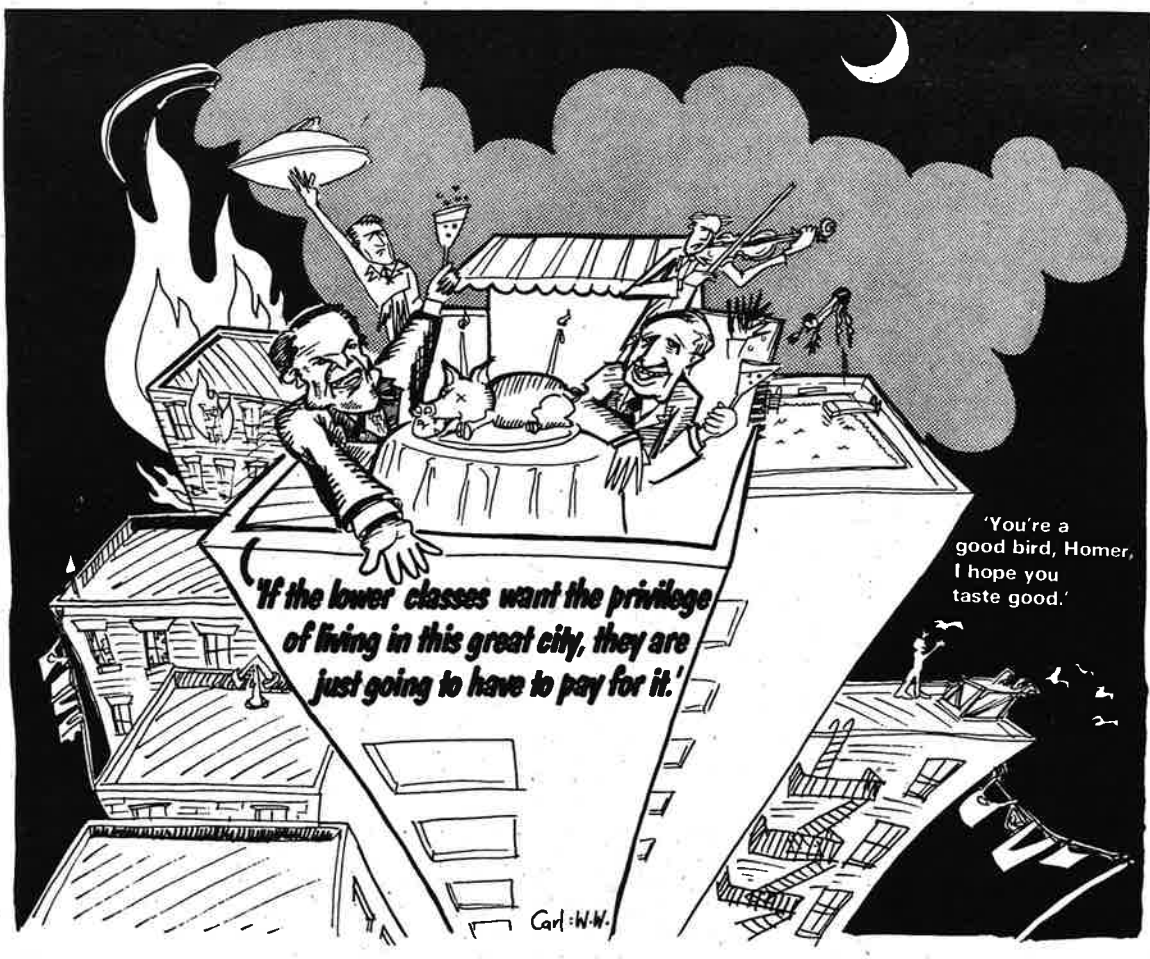
It is imperialism which created the artificial state of Israel. It is imperialism which has cultivated Israel, protected it, secured it, armed it to the teeth, and made it into the puppet state it is today. It has no more autonomy today than south Korea or Chile. This relationship of puppet to imperialist master is what is at the bottom of the ideological figleaf created to confuse the mass of the people.

Imperialism cultivated the ideology of Zionism as it has cultivated anti-Semitism. Both are products of the imperialist strategy of divide and conquer. Both are used in the struggle to retain the special privileged position of imperialism over all the oppressed. For all his braggadocio, U.S. delegate Daniel P. Moynihan exaggerated the position of U.S. imperialism when he said, "The U.S. rises to declare... before the world that it does not acknowledge, will not abide by, and will never acquiesce in this infamous act." (passage of the anti-Zionism resolution).

The fact of the matter is that the U.S. ruling class is not at all irrevocably wedded to the defense of Zionism. The U.S. is at the moment committed to the defense of Israel only because it is the most reliable puppet in the Middle East and the most pliable tool in the struggle against the Arab people. What is at stake is not an ideology but the retention of U.S. imperialist interests in the vast oil resources of the Middle East and the strategic significance of the Mediterranean in the sphere of military politics.

The undeviating line of U.S. diplomacy in the Middle East was

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LETTERS

Religion in the Mideast

To the editor:

As a Lebanese Christian, I wish to protest a generalization that derives from a misunderstanding, not only of your newspaper, but from all that I have read, about the present conflict in Lebanon.

As a Christian, if I were in Lebanon now, I would volunteer to fight with the Moslems. I have a cousin there who-not only is a Christian but also had a very good income. I know he must have been one of the first to volunteer to fight with the Moslems, for he always expressed his solidarity with the political principles of Palestinians, Moslems, and Marxists. For he is a good man, and he believes in the teaching of Jesus Christ that a true Christian must "sell all of his possessions and give to the poor, for it is as hard for a rich man to enter into Paradise as for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle."

There are many Christians in Lebanon like him. In short, not all Christians are Phalangists.

Jesus Christ, the first Christian is not on the side of the Phalange. He is on the side of the Marxists, Moslems, and true Christians. Any fascist who acts in His name will suffer the same fate as General Franco, for as was foretold in the Book of Jeremiah, all who rob the poor will be cast into Hell.

Laurice Nassif

Editor's note: It is unfortunate if our coverage of the struggle in Lebanon has in any way given the impression that the antagonism there is based on religious differences, and we thank Ms. Nassif for bringing this to our attention. Our position should be clear (and is restated this issue on page 13): it is the question of imperialist exploitation, not religion, that is at the bottom of all the armed conflicts in the Middle East, and progressive peoples from all religions and nationalities are

exhibiting great solidarity with one another in their struggle to liberate their lands and peoples from foreign domination and plunder.

The bourgeois press constantly used the terms "Christian" and "Moslem" to characterize the right and left in Lebanon. To the extent that we sometimes quote from these news sources in order to show the thinking of U.S. imperialist observers, these terms may have slipped into our paper unchallenged.

It is of course true that historically class and national oppression has tended to foster religious division as well. This is often a direct tactic of the ruling class and is designed to reinforce their claim to earthly privileges. However, it is not religious dogma that creates these divisions; it only serves as a cover for the real antagonisms. Thus, while the rightist Phalange in Lebanon may contain many more Christians than Moslems or Jews, this derives from the privileged social position of a part (not all) of the Christian community, and has nothing to do with Christian teachings versus the Moslem religion.

It is extremely important and encouraging to all who believe in social justice that progressive Christians like Ms. Nassif are active supporters of the Palestinian struggle, and augurs well for a future socialist solution throughout the Middle East in which people of diverse cultural backgrounds will be able to unite in a cooperative society.

Illegal arrest

I was arrested on the second day of August, 1975 by the federal authorities of the United States in Puerto Rico, a land occupied by a foreign power.

I question the legality of such an arrest as it was perpetrated on soil foreign to that of the United States. Puerto Rico is not a "state." Further, U.S. "legality" in Puerto Rico is in question at the United Nations. The U.S. federal authorities (occupation) in Puerto Rico had expressed that not to accept transfer to the United States (the occupying power)

would signify but a small delay in the transfer of my person. As you can judge, there was no need in showing this fact to the said "authorities" as such would only be an act of foolish ignorance. Therefore, I must take this to "whom it may concern."

The whole U.S. legality in relation to my country, my people, and my person is in question. This leads me to say that the transfer of my person to the United States of

America is as "legal" as the taking of the aircraft of the said nation that was diverted to the Republic of Cuba on Nov. 24, 1968. As a person born under foreign domination—in a colony—on January 16, 1941 in Barceloneta, Puerto Rico, I have a right to rebel against the foreign occupation of my country.

As a colonized person, I am not dictated the means by which I must rebel by any organization, institution, regime, or political system of any country but only upon the dictates of love of country and by this alone.

The taking of the aircraft was done with the same efficiency which the United States showed in its occupation of our country, but—unlike the U.S.—with respect and consideration of human life.

As a people of a different language and culture colonized by the power of a country (with a different culture, habits, and language) that has taken the power to decide our destiny which we ourselves should decide, we did as we did. We have nothing to regret.

Our country shall be free,
Jose Rafael Rios Cruz

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Schlesinger's dismissal and SALT

'The night of the long knives'

By SAM MARCY

NEW YORK, Nov. 7—The night of the "long knives," in which Schlesinger and Colby were dismissed and Rockefeller withdrew, continues to haunt all sections of the ruling class. It was only a beginning—more is sure to follow.

In the meantime, endless confusion and deception are bound to affect all sections of the working class—in particular the propaganda that the dismissal of Schlesinger is a victory for detente and the "peace forces."

Although probably not intended, the U.S. ruling class has as a result of the wholesale dismissals realized a highly desirable (for them) effect: a heightening of the tensions between the USSR and People's China. Because Schlesinger's dismissal was immediately passed off as a favorable augury for detente with the USSR, it aroused the suspicions of the People's Republic of China.

Predictably, the Daily World here, paper of the revisionist CPUSA, pulled out all stops in declaring Schlesinger's ouster a great victory for detente. But the Soviet press itself, after a few days of reflection, and after hearing Ford's speech in Boston in which he resorted to his old line of jingoist and militarist rhetoric, pulled back and took a much more cautious approach. Brezhnev's visit to the United States seems all but off now and the SALT talks delayed.

LONG HISTORY OF THE ARMS RACE

A few facts from recent history should put into perspective the present speculation and misinformation on the meaning of Schlesinger's dismissal.

In 1963 the United States and the Soviet Union signed a nuclear test-ban treaty, prohibiting nuclear testing in the atmosphere. At that time a great hue and cry was raised by all sorts of rightist elements. Were the U.S. to commit itself to signing the treaty, they said, nothing less than surrender to Khrushchev and the Soviet Union would follow. Needless to say, the Goldwater right-wing and the Pentagon opposed the treaty.

However, no sooner was it signed than it became clear that the opposition had really been of a formal and perfunctory character. By the

time Goldwater got the GOP nomination for President (barely a year later in 1964), the test-ban treaty issue was as dead as a doornail.

NO NEED TO CONTINUE ATOM TESTS

It has remained so ever since. The reasons which motivated the U.S. to sign the treaty had nothing to do with such lofty sentiments as peace. It was a simple expedient based on the conclusion that there was no longer any need for nuclear testing in the atmosphere.

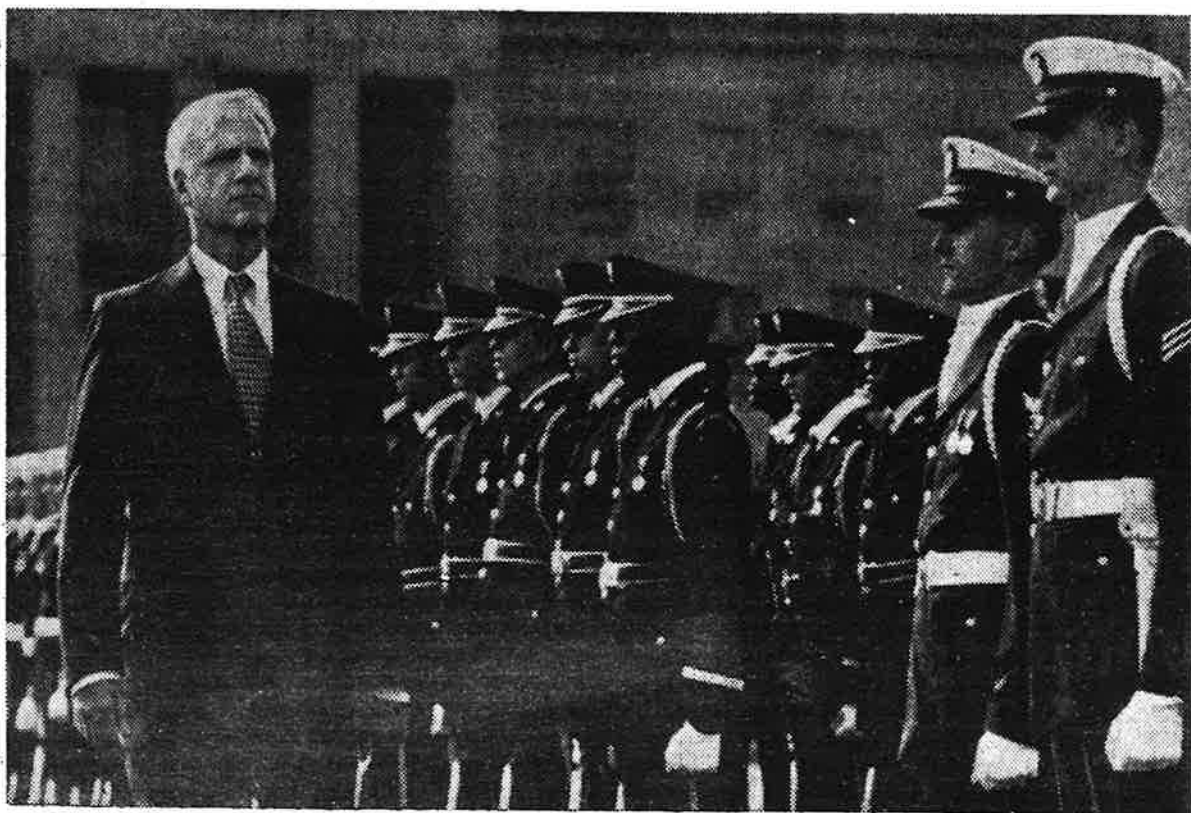
Both the Soviet Union and the U.S. had arrived at a certain balance or parity with regard to atmospheric testing. Economically and militarily it was no longer useful. There was not a shred of concern for humanity involved in this decision on the part of Washington. It was a hard-headed military appraisal.

The nuclear arms race, of course, continued to proceed through other avenues, alongside the development at an ever more rapid rate of conventional weapons systems. The arms budget in virtually all countries, and most particularly in the U.S. and other imperialist countries, has continued to soar.

(It should be interjected here that ever since the Bolshevik Revolution, the Soviet Union has pursued a defensive military strategy. This has been true, despite grave political shifts, from Lenin's time, to the very oppressive period of Stalin, Khrushchev's day, and up to the present. This flows from the social character of the Soviet Union as a workers' state, which is not driven organically to expand in the interest of profits.)

The effort to paint up the signing of the test-ban treaty as a peaceful effort by the U.S. was a fraud. The "ban the bomb" movement of the 1950s was based on an unfortunate pacifist illusion and served only to screen U.S. militarism. Underground nuclear testing continues to this day, not because it is not dangerous, but because the U.S. and the USSR have not reached parity on underground testing. They have not reached a point where each feels as well prepared as the other.

Military arms agreements have existed side by side with military



Schlesinger leaving the Department of "Defense." "Secretaries of Defense and State come and go. But the weapons systems remain, grow larger and larger, become more expensive and more threatening."

war preparations all during the imperialist epoch.

In the late 1920s a naval arms agreement was a subject for continuous discussion among the imperialist powers for several years. Washington proposed a naval agreement between the U.S., Britain, and Japan where each could possess capital ships in the ratio of 5:5:3. This gave parity to the U.S. and Britain and left Japan at a disadvantage. Japan rejected the agreement for substantially the same reason that France has rejected the test-ban treaty: because it left them in a subordinate position.

In the years prior to the Second World War, both the Axis powers and the Allies fully prepared for the use of poison gas. But because they felt that the advantages in using poison gas would be cancelled out and self-destructive, poison gas was not resorted to during that great holocaust which took so many millions of lives.

NO LESSENING OF U.S. AGGRESSIVENESS

These historical precedents, one would think, ought to demonstrate

that military-technological agreements are in no way to be regarded as steps toward peace on behalf of the military powers. If the U.S. and the USSR agreed on the first stage of SALT (the Strategic Arms Limitation Agreement), it is because they found it mutually advantageous both on economic and military grounds, and not because the U.S. is seeking to promote peace in the world or is lessening its military aggressiveness.

If and when the SALT agreement is signed it will be because both the U.S. and the USSR have found it to be beneficial for each on military and economic grounds. The long delay in signing the Vladivostok agreement (which was an agreement to agree on strategic arms limitation) lies in the difficulty for the U.S. in ascertaining whether it would indeed be beneficial from an imperialist military point of view, and whether it would indeed strengthen the U.S. military establishment. It has nothing to do with promoting peace.

To believe that the disagreement between Ford and Schlesinger is based on anything but narrow military technological estimates and evaluations regarding SALT is illusion, and will result in the crassest sort of deception of the masses.

FALSE OPTIMISM DISARMS THE MASSES

The jubilant response of the Daily World to Schlesinger's dismissal as a victory for the peace forces is the kind of revisionist propaganda which does nothing but disarm the masses in the face of the growing armament of the military establishment.

The New York Times' belated discovery (November 7) that "Mr. Schlesinger believes that this country needed the option of actually fighting a limited nuclear war" is hardly exciting. Indeed Schlesinger believes that. But he's not the only one. Who among the Pentagon brass does not? Schlesinger was only their spokesman.

But that's not why Schlesinger was dismissed. He was dismissed for saying it out loud, too often, and

at an inconvenient time for the Ford administration—an election year. The Times earlier seemed to be deaf to all Schlesinger's nuclear sabre-rattling and its ratification by Ford (in more moderate terms).

The Times prefers Mr. Kissinger, who "seems to harbor growing doubts that limited war could be a viable option. He favors development of sophisticated new weapons systems mainly as a bargaining chip to help in his negotiations in new arms limitations agreements."

So there you have it. The difference between Schlesinger and Kissinger is this: both favor development of the same horrendous sophisticated new weapons systems. But, says the Times, Kissinger wants to use them only "as bargaining chips."

KISSINGER'S ROLE

This should tax the credibility of even the most naive observers of Kissinger in his long tenure as Secretary of State. His credibility gap is as wide as an ocean, and at least as deep. The truth of the matter is that the classic relation between the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense, as established since the Second World War, calls for tough talk by the Defense Secretary to facilitate the soft-spoken, adroit diplomacy of the Secretary of State.

Schlesinger went somewhat beyond the limits, and found that he was not indispensable. Moreover, Ford needed at least one top-ranking cabinet member who was solidly in his own (anti-Rockefeller) faction. And Schlesinger decidedly was not, having been a neutral, although in the general camp of the right-wing.

Secretaries of Defense and State come and go. But the weapons systems remain, grow larger and larger, become more expensive and more threatening. This is the point that has to be kept in mind.

The differences between Kissinger and Schlesinger are not of a fundamental, but more of a fictional character, and putting one in the role of a mere bargainer and the other of a warmonger serves merely to disarm and confuse the masses.

Crisis at the top— ferment from below

A tremendous struggle is taking place at the top of the U.S. ruling class. And there is a great effort to conceal what is really happening from the people.

New York City is heading for financial catastrophe. What does this mean? Will other cities follow? Is the New York crisis only the beginning?

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Trudeau attacks Canadian workers

By BOB DOBROW
NEW YORK, Nov. 9—A full-scale, government assault against the Canadian working class is currently in progress. "A despot's delight" was how Conservative leaders greeted the imposition of wage and price controls in Canada by "liberal" Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau on October 13. Trudeau was elected to office last year specifically on a "no wage control" platform. His economic measures are the toughest imposed on Canadians for 30 years.

Wage and price controls in capitalist countries have universally been a thinly disguised vehicle for freezing wages, with every boss a willing enforcer, while prices are virtually impossible to control in thousands of capitalist enterprises.

Canada's 3 year plan affects workers in the 1,500 largest companies, all government employees, and all construction workers in firms employing 20 or more—close to 5 million workers. It calls for restricting the combined values of wage increases, cost-of-living increases, and fringe benefits to within 8 percent for the first year, 6 percent for the second, and 4 percent for the third. The yearly cost of living increase in Canada today is over 11 percent.

As far as prices go, Trudeau has announced that controls will not apply to oil prices. The head of the Anti-Inflation Review Board, charged with monitoring the program, has admitted that as far as controlling prices, "If people don't want it to work there are 111 ways of getting around it."

Canada's economic woes are part and parcel of the general world capitalist economic crisis. It faces an unemployment rate of 7 percent, an inflation rate of 11 percent (which jumped to 14 percent over the summer), and a trade deficit of \$1 billion. The government sees no other solution than to try and make up its losses by squeezing every last ounce it can from the hides of the working people.

GROWING WORKER MILITANCY

Adding to the government's problems has been the growing working-class upsurge in Canada. Last year set a record for time lost due to strikes and the pace of activity in 1975 is even higher. In the front lines in the fight against the recent measures are the 22,000 postal workers, who launched a cross-country strike on October 21. The strike has been so effective that already the government has been forced to give "special considerations" and offer a wage above the guidelines. This, however, is still unacceptable to the postal workers, who remain firm. The Canadian Chamber of Commerce stated yesterday that many companies have been so seriously affected by the loss of mail that some may go out of business if the strike lasts much longer.

After a speech in Toronto 2 weeks ago, Trudeau was met by 2,000 angry demonstrators from the Canadian Union of Public Employees, who said their 210,000 members were being used as "cannon fodder." The Manchester Guardian of November 2 reports that some of the protesters tried to hit the Prime Minister. Trudeau

retorted, "You wanted leadership and you've got it. And you're going to be stuck with controls for a little while—maybe three years..."

IMPORTANCE FOR U.S. WORKERS

The situation in Canada is very relevant for U.S. workers. The bosses here are gleefully eyeing Trudeau's measures. A lead editorial in the October 24 New York Times remarked that "If the tough but flexible Canadian approach works, it could serve as a model for a program in this country..."

Labor solidarity between U.S. and Canadian workers can play a crucial role in the struggle, too. Sixty percent of Canadian workers belong to international unions. The United Auto Workers and the United Steel Workers, with 120,000 and 180,000 Canadian members, respectively, have both publicly stated that they will challenge the wage controls.

Critical to U.S. war plans

Pentagon plots to keep Azores bases

By PETE PERKINS
NEW YORK, Nov. 11—In addition to all the obvious political and economic reasons U.S. Imperialism has for wanting to prevent a revolutionary victory of the Portuguese workers, it has a military strategic one as well: the Portuguese Azores.

These islands lie in the Atlantic two-thirds of the way from New York to Gibraltar and are seen by the Pentagon as vital in its plans to dominate the seas and threaten the world with atomic annihilation. They were used during the 1973 Mideast war as a refueling base for military air shipments to Israel. This was done with the permission of the fascist Caetano regime in Lisbon at the time. Now a question mark hangs over both the air and naval facilities used by the U.S. military in the Azores.

Earlier this year at the high-level European Security Con-



Striking Canadian postal workers in front of Ottawa's main post office. Postal workers have refused to shoulder Canada's economic crisis by submitting to wage controls.

ference in Helsinki, the eyes of the NATO generals and heads of state gathered there were turned on Portugal and the struggle of the workers and peasants. Ford's team spokesman Melvin Laird told the press as the President was boarding for Helsinki that he wished the conference could be postponed until the situation in Portugal was "resolved."

It's not hard to guess what that "resolution" would be in Washington's eyes: a fascist counter-revolution that would turn back the clock in Portugal to the dictatorship of Marshal Caetano.

STRATEGIC AZORES

The use of the Azores air fields during the 1973 war underscored the strategic importance of these islands to U.S. imperialism as a base of operations against Europe and the Middle East. But equally important now are the U.S. naval

bases in the area known as the Azores Fixed Acoustics Range (AFAR).

As Donald Rumsfeld moves into Schlesinger's shoes as the new Secretary of Aggression, his eyes will focus automatically on Portugal. One of his top priorities will be to get a new lease on the Azores naval bases.

Just how important are these bases to U.S. imperialism? In the words of William Middendorf, Secretary of the Navy, "There is nothing in the world that compares to the strategic importance of the Azores Fixed Acoustics Range." Here a series of underwater surveillance sonobuoys monitor the sound "signatures" of Soviet submarines within a thousand-mile radius.

"MOVE TO THE SEA"

The big guns of the Pentagon are its nuclear missile facilities, chief

among which are the \$2-billion Trident nuclear submarines. These subs are constantly moving through the ocean depths carrying missiles that could destroy the earth. The Pentagon's little-heralded "move to the sea" of its nuclear weapons began as a pet project of Melvin Laird, Nixon's first Secretary of Aggression and the same Mel Laird who is now so outspoken on the issue of Portugal.

This "move to the sea" will go on under Rumsfeld as it did under Schlesinger, as it did under Laird. So will the Pentagon's and the CIA's attempts to engineer a fascist coup in Portugal. But Rumsfeld inherits a situation of marked decline in the fortunes of U.S. imperialism and he may be in for yet another big disappointment in his efforts to suppress the Portuguese revolution and hold onto his underwater spy base in the Azores.

Bitter war rips Portuguese Asian colony

E. Timor fights Indonesian invasion

By DEIRDRE GRISWOLD
NEW YORK, Nov. 11—A virtual news blackout in this country has kept most Americans ignorant of the fierce struggle going on in East Timor between the popular masses, mobilized behind the Revolutionary Front for an Independent East Timor (FRETILIN), and an invasion force of mercenaries and troops from Indonesia.

This week, however, an act of international solidarity finally propelled the Timor situation into the press. Australian dock workers refused to load or unload the Indonesian cargo ship Garsa Dua until they are given information from the Indonesian government on the fate of five Australian reporters believed murdered in the town of Balibo in East Timor. This prompted a statement on November 8 from the Communications Minister of Indonesia, Emil Salim, that his government is suspending all shipping to Australia.

East Timor, a Portuguese colony the size of Guinea-Bissau, shares an island with Indonesia and is located about 400 miles due northwest of Australia's northernmost city of Darwin. After 400 years of Portuguese colonial rule, it has inherited extreme poverty although the island is rich with natural resources.

With the dissolution of the Portuguese colonial empire after the April 1974 coup in Lisbon, a struggle broke out in Timor between the independence forces, led by FRETILIN, and the former collaborators with fascism—colonial administrators, village chiefs, and the few local businessmen—who have now turned to the Indonesian fascist generals for support. Two right-wing groups, the Timor Democratic Union (UDT) and APODETI, are now fronting for what is virtually an Indonesian invasion of the territory.

Also behind the Indonesian

generals are U.S. and Australian capital, who both fear a possible Cuba in the area and see prospects for exploiting the oil, natural gas, gold, and other mineral resources of East Timor.

FRETILIN has mobilized the vast majority of the people behind it. It has set up schools that for the first time teach in the local language, Tetum, people's health centers, and village militias. It has attacked the illiteracy rate (90 percent) and infant mortality (50 percent). Its young militants were inspired by the PAIGC in Guinea-Bissau and FRELIMO in Mozambique.

In August, the UDT staged a coup, seizing police barracks in the two main towns of Dili and Baucau with the aid of the Portuguese police chief. They arrested and killed those FRETILIN leaders they could capture.

But within a month, the UDT has been completely beaten back and FRETILIN was in control of the

whole country, with the exception of a few towns on the Indonesian border. The politics of the rightists suddenly changed from declaring "independence" to calling for integration with Indonesia, which has been under the iron heel of a fascist military dictatorship since 1965.

For the last few weeks, an invasion from Indonesia, with the tacit support of Western imperialism, has been taking place. The people of East Timor have been engaged in a valiant struggle, the details of which can only be pieced together from scanty fragments in the capitalist press.

(More information on the Timor struggle can be obtained from the Australian Campaign for Independent East Timor, 232 Castlereagh St., Sydney, NSW 2000, Australia. The very informative booklet *Timor: Freedom Caught Between the Powers* is available for \$1.75 from Bertrand Russell House, Gamble St., Nottingham NG7 4ET, England.)

Repression on West Bank

Racist Israeli occupation exposed

By MAI WONG

NEW YORK, Nov. 10—At a recent informal meeting here, Abdul Jawad Salih, a member of the Central Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization, told listeners of the current situation in the Middle East.

Mr. Salih, who is in New York because he was deported from his native town in the West Bank, recounted his experiences as mayor of that town since the Israeli occupation. He told of the way in which the occupation was undermining traditional life and customs and how his people were being intimidated, mistreated, and in many instances brutalized by the Zionist troops.

People are jailed for opposing the occupation and all "leftist" or Marxist literature is outlawed. Living conditions—housing, medical care, etc.—are deteriorating for the Arab people. Almost any progressive and outspoken community leader is subject to deportation (as happened to Mr. Salih), so that they can no longer influence and lead their people. The Israelis have also sacked and plundered all the rich archeological findings in the area—in many cases stealing centuries-old artifacts which rightfully belong to the Arab people.

Abdul Salih also mentioned how Zionism was becoming a true racist ideology, mimicking in

many ways the Nazi philosophy of a chosen or "superior" people. This is the reason the PLO is supporting the motion before the UN to brand Zionism as another form of racism which is used to justify the oppression of the Arab people. A case in point is the fact that Oriental (Arab) Jews and Black Jews are grossly discriminated against in jobs, education, and housing both in Israel and in the occupied zones. It is only the European Jews, Mr. Salih said, who share in the benefits of the U.S.-backed Zionist state.

UNDERGROUND RESISTANCE

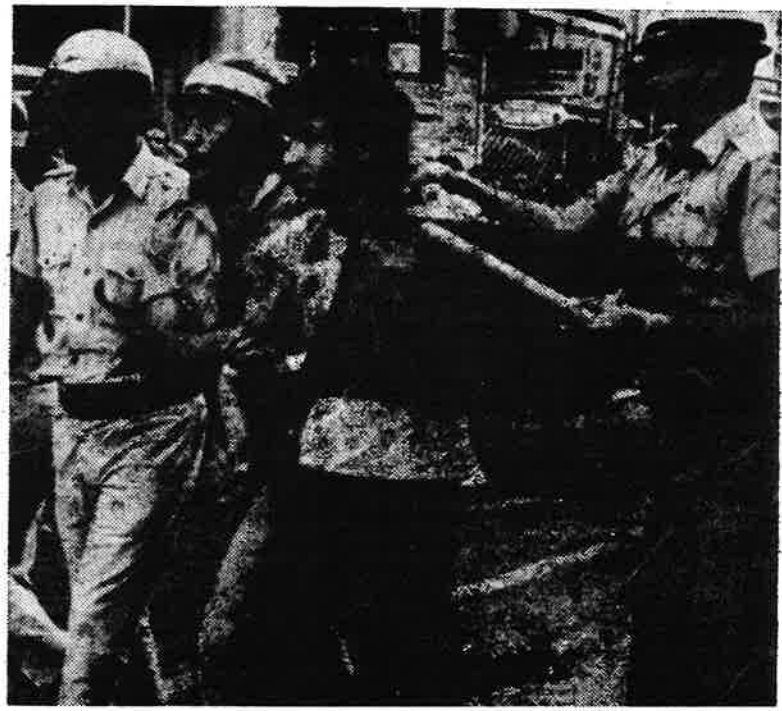
Toward the end of his talk, Salih said that the spirit of the Arab people, especially the Palestinians, had not been crushed by the occupation. An underground resistance movement exists in the West Bank which consists of both men and women. The women play a particularly prominent role in the liberation struggle through the underground Women's Federation. Progressive literature is clandestinely disseminated among the people and helps build strength and unity.

Also serving as an inspiration to the Arab people are the victories in Mozambique, Angola, Cambodia, and Vietnam. And there is no doubt that the newly ablaze class struggle in Lebanon between the

reactionary Phalangists and the Lebanese left will have a profound effect on the Palestinian struggle.

Of course, the battle for Palestinian liberation is far from over and there is always the possibility of renewed U.S. aggression in the Middle East. However, U.S. imperialism and its puppets are getting weaker while the oppressed of the world are getting stronger.

Abdul Salih closed his talk by saying, "People have asked me if I really think the Palestinians are going to win, and I always answer the same: If I did not feel that we would win, I would commit suicide by banging my head against these four walls. But I am here talking to you, building our cause because I am positive we will win—and one day soon!"



The racism of political Zionism is felt by Jews as well as Arabs. Here Israeli police arrest a member of the Black Panthers in Jerusalem, an organization of non-European Jews opposed to the racial discrimination which oppresses them.

Religion not the main issue

Mideast struggle: rich vs. poor

By ANDY STAPP

NEW YORK, Nov. 8—Is the fighting that has gone on in the Middle East over the last 30 years basically religious in character?

The Zionists who drove millions of Palestinian people out of their homes when Israel was created claim it is, saying they have a right to a "Jewish state." In Lebanon the right-wing Phalange party says it is at war "to save Christianity" in Lebanon, which it asserts is threatened by leftist Moslems and Palestinians.

Meanwhile, in Jordan, the upholder of Islamic orthodoxy, King Hussein, has butchered the Palestinians (most of whom are also Moslem) and driven them from the country.

How can we make sense of all this. Is there more involved than just religious bigotry?

There is a great deal more. The struggle in the Middle East fundamentally hinges on this fact: Whoever dominates the Middle East gets two-thirds of the world's proven oil reserves and control of one of the most strategically pivotal areas on the globe.

What do Israel's Rabin, the Christian Phalangists in Lebanon, and the Islamic King Hussein have

in common? Quite a bit.

First of all, they fight in the interests of U.S. imperialism. Take Israel. Gerald Ford, when House minority leader in Congress, put it quite plainly in 1967 when he said that Israel has "done a pretty good job at bailing out U.S. interests in the area." Shortly before Ford made this candid evaluation, Israel had attacked Syria when that country threatened to seize a U.S. oil company's installations.

Then there are the Phalange in Lebanon. They became prominent after the invasion of Lebanon by 14,000 U.S. Marines in 1958. Their fascist leader Pierre Geymal got a cabinet post in the regime placed in power by the Pentagon's troops. The Phalange are, naturally enough, strongly supported by the Zionists in Israel, who supply them weapons despite the embarrassing fact that Geymal was a strong supporter of Hitler whom he visited in Berlin in the 1930s.

At the same time the Marines were occupying Lebanon, English paratroopers poured into Jordan, assigned the task of keeping Hussein on his throne in the face of mass discontent by the people of Jordan. Israel has said it will invade Jordan if progressives over-

throw Hussein.

CHRISTIANS, JEWS, AND MOSLEMS FIGHT ON BOTH SIDES

On the other side of the class barricades, poor and left-wing Christians can be found fighting against the Phalange. Dr. George Habash, for instance, who is the leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and in the forefront of the struggle against the Phalange fascists, was educated as a Christian in his youth. Likewise, not all Jewish people by any means support the Tel Aviv Zionist settler state, and periodic reports come out of Israel concerning Jewish people jailed for expressing support for their Palestinian brothers and sisters.

The Palestinian resistance groups have repeatedly stated that Jews, Christians, and Moslems could all live together in peace and justice once the reactionary theocratic state of Israel is abolished.

And so we find in the Middle East people of all religions fighting on both sides. It is not then, religion, but U.S. imperialism and its vast empire of oil that lies at the root of the conflict.

—Zionism vote

(Continued from page 10)

aptly summed up in Lord Palmerston's famous adage, "We have no permanent allies, we have only permanent interests." Were the U.S. able, let us say, to make Egypt as reliable a prop of imperialism as is Israel (and it is desperately trying to do so with Sadat), the U.S. would have no compunction whatever in reducing the Israeli state to impotence or even in dismantling it altogether.

It is only because it lacks the possibility of cultivating any of the larger states in the Middle East to replace the services rendered by the Israeli puppet state that the U.S. is obligated to continue to support Israel with such stupendous arms expenditures.

The entire Middle East is becoming a cauldron of revolutionary ferment, and this makes a secure, stable, and reliable imperialist ally in the Middle East a virtual impossibility. Hence the support for Israel.

FIGHT ZIONISM AND ANTI-SEMITISM TOO!

Of course, the U.S. ruling class cunningly equates the aspirations of the Jewish people to be free of the virulent disease of anti-Semitism with Zionism. But the record of the U.S. ruling class with regard to anti-Semitism is not one of the glorious pages in American history.

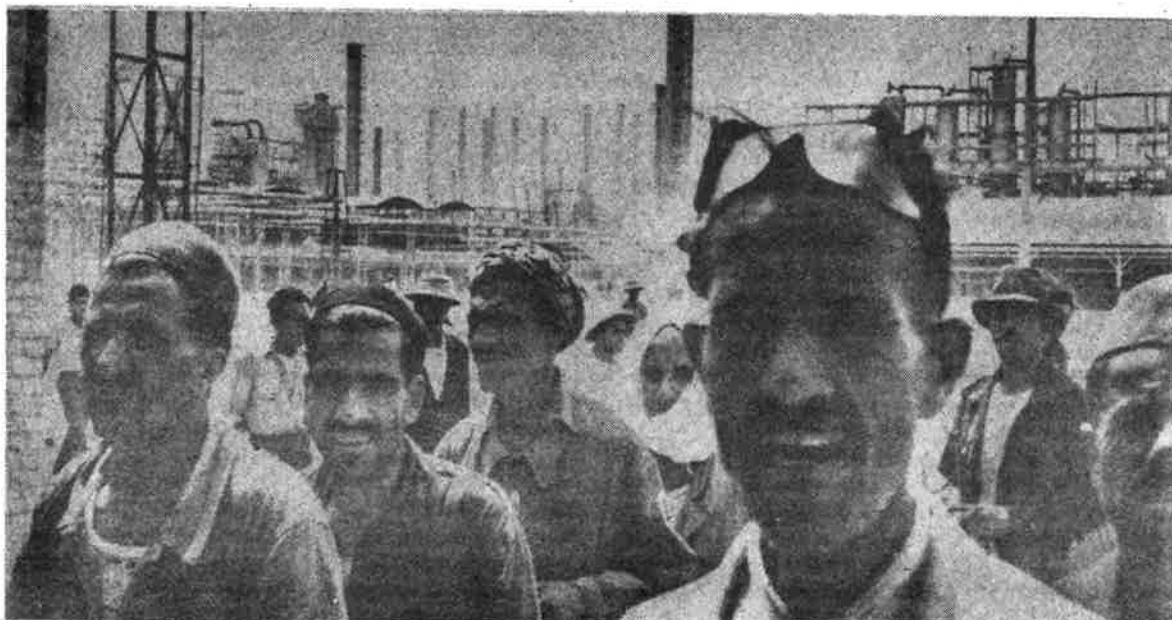
It was not until a decade or so ago that the U.S. finally liberalized the restrictive legislation against immigration from Southern and Eastern Europe (the so-called quota system), which was largely directed against Jewish immigration to this country. The

passage of more liberal immigration laws was to facilitate the entrance of the so-called refugees (anti-communist and counter-revolutionary exiles) from Poland, Hungary, and other East European countries.

Altogether forgotten is the role of American big businessmen, and prominent ones, too, who supported Hitler as a highly preferred alternative to communism in the German pre-war period. Only a couple of months ago George Wallace admitted that in his view the U.S. "fought on the wrong side in the Second World War." There are many in the U.S. capitalist establishment who think the same way, but find it inconvenient to say so under present conditions.

The duty of the American working class and of all progressive people is to support the right of the Palestinian people to be promptly restored to their natural homeland, and to make the presence of the U.S. in the Middle East, and especially the support of the Israeli puppet state, the focus of the struggle.

At the same time, it must be carefully taken into consideration that Zionism is only an ideological tool of imperialism. In the struggle for the liberation of oppressed people it is absolutely essential that we in this country, while giving full and unconditional support to the Palestinians in the struggle for their homeland, must recognize and struggle tirelessly against every vestige and manifestation of anti-Semitism, which is a product of the same divide-and-rule strategy of imperialism that cultivated Zionism and the oppression of the Palestinians.



"The struggle in the Middle East fundamentally hinges on this fact: Whoever dominates the Middle East gets two-thirds of the world's proven oil reserves. . . ." Here, workers leaving refinery in Abadan, Iran.

Movie review

'The Harder They Come'

By PETE PERKINS
As they say, "The harder they come, the harder they fall." Capitalism's grip over the developing world has been a hard reality for the people of the Caribbean, as well as for the peoples of Asia, Africa, and the rest of Latin America.

The movie *The Harder They Come*, starring reggae singing star Jimmy Cliff, is the first and as yet the only feature film to come out of Jamaica or any of the other oppressed nations of the Caribbean. It was made in 1972.

The movie is first of all a dynamite musical, featuring many original compositions by Jimmy Cliff. But it's also a profound

comment on life in oppressed nations.

Early in the movie the camera pans in on the lowered head of a dejected young Black man (Ivan Martin, played by Jimmy Cliff) on the edge of a dump just outside a shantytown in Kingston, Jamaica. Children, men, and women pick through the dump for things cast out by the wealthy of Kingston. The shantytown surrounds Kingston, but it could just as well be Manila, Calcutta, Caracas, Rio, or Djakarta.

Ivan makes a hit record, "The Harder They Come," but he gets paid only \$20 for it. The church he gets directed into gives him nothing but prayers to live on. So after failing to make it

economically, Ivan turns to selling marijuana for a living.

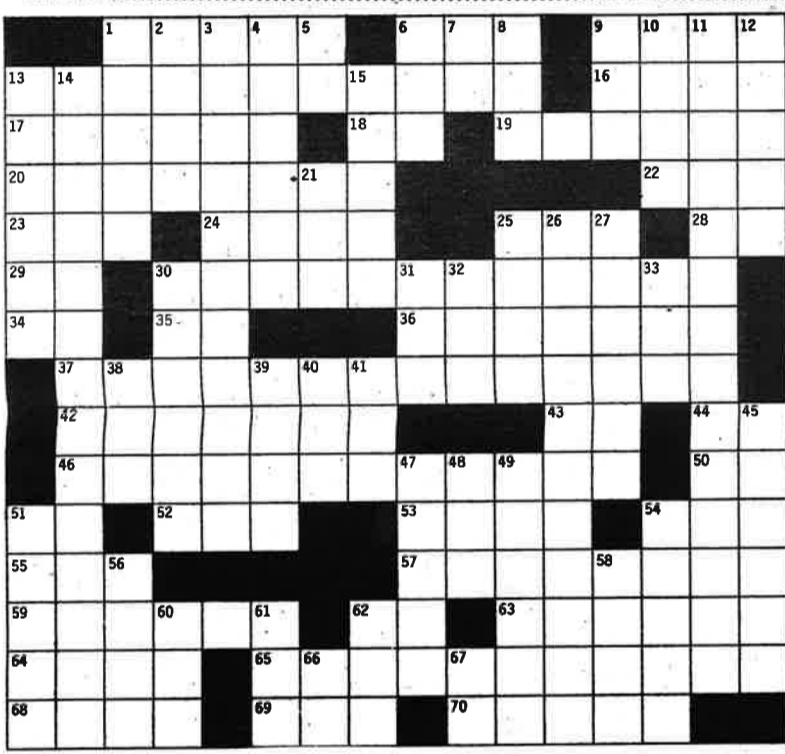
ESCAPE TO CUBA

For his troubles he is hunted and gunned down by the police and army while trying to escape to Cuba. It isn't by accident that Ivan Martin, as one exploited and oppressed Third World person, turns to Cuba as his hope for escape and salvation.

Cuba is part of the Caribbean too. But Cuba is liberated, revolutionary, communist, and independent, something the masses of Jamaica, Haiti, Puerto Rico, and other Caribbean nations yearn to be. Their aspirations will eventually triumph as they did in Cuba and it will be a hard fall for U.S. imperialism when it happens.

workerswords

By B. LAPIDES



4. Scientist: ex-----.
5. Initials of Presidential opponent.
6. Haitian agreement.
7. Initials for 2 Indochinese capitals.
8. Marx biographer, Franz --ring.
9. Upsidedown, abbreviated computer.
10. Prefix for ---bic or ---sol.
11. Children who off the wolf.
12. Type of pigeon.
13. Upsidedown, retired police chiefs.
14. Revolutionists in the Midwest.
15. Make a speech.
21. Large deer.
25. "If they mean to have ---, let it begin here!"
26. How the Vatican may refer to 1975.
27. ---- the Red and others (variant spelling)
30. What ice gets as it disappears.
31. Initials for 3 states northeast of Botswana.
32. You in Berlin.
33. Initials for capitals of Peru, Chile, and Paraguay.
38. German Exclamation.
39. 32 Down in Quebec.
40. Allies of 46 Across. (abbr.)
41. Initials for 3 continents on which Islamic Empire once flourished.
45. Qualitative change.
47. Nearsighted conservative.
48. First: --riginal.
49. Relative of Roi.
51. Red herring.
54. Dye.
56. Icelandic poem.
58. Race (prefix).
60. Title given to knights.
61. Swallowed.
62. NBC parent.
66. See 62 Across.
67. R.N.'s problem, often.

- ACROSS**
1. Orch.
 6. Resistance unit.
 9. Red world.
 13. Little red -----
 16. Vegetable.
 17. Period of time in Naples.
 18. Chicken: -- Red (abbr.)
 19. Braids, for one.
 20. Reunification goal.
 22. Spanish gold.
 23. Initials for 3 countries bordering Austria.
 24. Skin.
 25. Drink.
 28. State (abbr.) where May Day began.
 29. Rome Eleven.
 30. Black and white and red all over.
 34. Printer's measure.
 35. Type of mass transit, for short.
 36. Cuban traitors said: "-----; Habana, no!"
 37. Red from birth.
 42. Seem angry.
 43. Initials for a Soviet head of state.
 44. Move.
 46. Mitrione's judges.
 50. Red Sox RBI.
 51. Barcelona agreement.
 52. Initials for bourgeois candidate for U.S. vice-president, 1972.
 53. A snake.
 54. Old word for wet.
 55. Prefix in prefix.

- DOWN**
1. Film: "The Red ----."
 2. In the War of the Roses, this House was not Red.
 3. Ruling class members.
 57. Red flag occasion: ----- demo.
 59. Factor in Mideast's future.
 62. With 66 Down, the word "radical" pertains to the ---- of things.
 63. Golfer Sam and others.
 64. ----tional.
 65. Where the red road leads.
 68. Extinct Russian animal.
 69. Initials for "the Basque Nation and Freedom."
 70. Hostage for Pythias.

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POLITICAL PRISONERS



IFA TRIALS CONTINUE

By TOM GARDNER

BREWTON, Ala., Nov. 7—The state of Alabama is once again trying to convict one of the leaders of the Inmates for Action (IFA), an Alabama prisoners' organization, on charges arising from a prison protest in January 1974. During that incident a guard died in an Attica-type assault on the prisoners by the warden and guards.

After the protest was put down, Chagina, then IFA Chairman, was murdered in an ambulance on the way to a Mobile hospital and the prisoners were beaten as they were forced to crawl, stripped, through a gauntlet of club-swinging guards.

Gamba Mani, who has already been convicted of two charges out of that incident with sentences totalling 51 years, is now being charged with assault on an inmate-snitch and robbery of the wallet and watch of the guard who died.

To mount a militant defense against this clearcut case of political repression, Gamba asked William Kunstler, a nationally known movement attorney, to represent him. Kunstler agreed but he was barred from trying the case by Alabama Judge Douglass Webb and the Escambia County Alabama Bar Commissioner, who refused to admit Kunstler to the Alabama court. The decision to bar Kunstler and deny Gamba his choice of counsel was upheld by Federal District Judge Varner who refused to issue an order allowing Kunstler to appear.

On Monday, November 3, before the first trial could begin, defense lawyers filed on Gamba's behalf a civil rights action which would move the case to federal court if successful. The motion was denied, and Gamba will now go to trial in the Alabama court which has already railroaded five brothers to two life sentences, one death sentence, and an additional 89 years for their involvement in the Atmore rebellion against inhumane conditions and beatings.

Leonard Weinglass has arrived here from California to aid in Gamba's defense. Weinglass, who is currently defending Bill and Emily Harris of the Symbionese Liberation Army, has also defended Anthony Russo in the Pentagon Papers case, Angela Davis, the Chicago 7, Jane Fonda, and a Mexican-American woman being held prisoner in Argentina, Olga Talamante of California, and the Camp McCoy 3.

On the inside, the prisoners remain firm in their efforts to organize and are working to broaden the base of their activities, in spite of continued persecution from the prison administration and courtroom harassment from the office of Alabama Attorney General William Baxley.

BARBARIC TREATMENT IN N.C. DUNGEON

An open letter from:

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The state of North Carolina not only holds the prisoners as slaves, but confines us in a dungeon they call "Security." I and two other sistas are being held hostage in this dungeon for the purpose of maintaining "control" (scapegoat tactic) of our sistas locked in Dorm C (punishment cottage), and those walking the grounds who are brave enough to call to us.

Three small prisoners (90, 98, 102 lbs.) were selected out of approximately 60 sistas who were calling officials here "pigs, oink, oink," and singing, "We shall overcome," to be carried to Security Isolation. Despite our attempts to walk peacefully, the male guards (totaling 500 lbs.) grabbed us by our arms, jerked them (dislocating a shoulder) and

sprained and burned another sistas' feet by dragging her across a cement walk. Two of us were searched and locked in this dungeon with nothing but a dirty mattress. Our other sista was locked in an isolated area of the infirmary without a mattress too. After five days, our sista was brought to this rat-infested hole with us. We were then given our toothpaste, brush, comb, and a shower.

As of now (Oct. 28, 1975) we have been confined here for 17 days. We have had three showers, no sheets, one blanket, no exercise period, cold food, no warm water in our cells, and a 5-hour period one day with no checks to see if we were all right. Our sista, who was first put in isolation, was subjected to the Superintendent and his assistant pulling out a knife and cutting a piece of her mattress.

These are the desperate actions of the officials to break our love and unity. We remain strong as do our sistas locked in Dorm C. All of us prisoners who are still in lock-up because of our peaceful protest in June will not surrender to frightened officials because we are winning and will risk our lives for justice and equality for all oppressed people.

Sistas Bruthas everywhere, join in our united efforts to break the chains and bars of injustice. If the officials are afraid of three sistas who collectively do not weigh even 300 lbs., the love and unity of all our oppressed repressed people will surely overcome and the oppressors will fall!! Letters of support and additional information may be directed to Brooke Whiting, 1601 Sedgefield St., Apt. E, Durham, N.C. 27705, (919) 286-0538, or contact me. All correspondences are welcomed and will be answered. We struggle and suffer not just for ourselves, but for oppressed people as a whole. Your active participation is essential. Only through mass unity and love can the needed charges be ensured.

TENNESSEE PRISONERS REBEL

By DONNA LAZARUS

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 8—For the second time this year, prisoners at the Tennessee State Penitentiary have rebelled against barbaric conditions and inhuman overcrowding at the 74-year-old facility. This state prison, located just outside Nashville, houses 2,519 inmates but officials say that its capacity is only 1,200.

The rebellion on September 11 was sparked when moldy bologna was served to the majority of prisoners after the kitchen "ran out" of pork chops.

Inmates, in a tremendous show of Black and white unity, took control of one section of the prison and initiated negotiations with the warden and prison authorities to voice long-held grievances. Demands included: that the same food be given to all prisoners; that the warden, Robert V. Morford be fired (he had called for 100 more guards to be hired); that Inmate Action Council elections be held; that the prison newspaper be resumed; that all prisoners have free access to the restricted picnic area; and that work programs be resumed so prisoners could earn good-time towards early release. Concessions promised during negotiations included the suspension of a guard who had attacked inmate Leroy Bracey; elections would be scheduled; improvements would be made in food and the picnic area reopened; and amnesty would be granted to those involved.

On September 15 prisoners rebelled again, the grievances this time stemming from denial of allotted clothing. While a grievance session was in progress, Nashville Metro police occupied the prison, shooting, gassing, beating, and turning dogs loose on inmates.

Governor Ray Blanton ordered the

National Guard stationed outside the prison and in the middle of the night 39 leading prison activists were taken from Tennessee State Penitentiary to the isolated Brushy Mountain Prison 150 miles away in eastern Tennessee. Brushy Mountain, built in the 1890s to exploit prison labor mining coal, was closed 3 years ago. The 39 transferees had no heat, water, or electricity when they arrived.

At Tennessee State Penitentiary 180 prisoners were placed in segregation unit and all prisoners were put on "deadlock," and not allowed to leave their cells except for meals.

Attempts to break the prisoners' solidarity and determination failed, and on September 22 over 2,000 inmates responded with the start of a 3-day hunger strike to demand that the 39 prisoners at Brushy Mountain, whom they feel are being dealt with in an extremely racist manner there, be returned to Tennessee State. Prison officials claim they don't have the power to release those sent to Brushy Mountain, and that only Governor Ray Blanton can order their release.

Governor Blanton, who is being investigated by a federal grand jury and is expected to be indicted any day for campaign violations, has responded by calling for more prisons. Defense lawyers daily encounter more obstacles to communication with prisoners, and have not been informed of charges against many of the prisoners. Supporters and the press have been banned from entering Tennessee State by Warden Morford. Legal motions filed on behalf of the prisoners have not been acted on by Judge L. Clure Morton.

Yet the prisoners continue to keep up their struggle against repression in Tennessee through complaints to the court, letters to the press, and solidarity between the brothers at Brushy Mountain and those in Tennessee State.

Messages of protest to Gov. Ray Blanton, Nashville, Tenn., are necessary to put pressure on the government and prison administration to further the struggle against brutal conditions and the present legal battles confronting the prisoners.

FRAMEUP IN KENTUCKY

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Oct. 28—On December 9, Willie Burnett will stand trial for the second time on charges of raping a white woman—a crime he did not commit.

Burnett, a Black man, was convicted of the charge in June 1974—in the face of overwhelming evidence that he was not the man involved. He was sentenced to "life without parole" and incarcerated at Eddyville State Prison.

Last spring, the Kentucky Court of Appeals overturned his conviction. The ruling said that there was not enough evidence that Burnett was the man involved, and that the trial judge erred in allowing testimony about a previous conviction. A few months later, Burnett was released on bond pending a new trial.

Officials have offered to plea bargain with Burnett. If he will plead guilty to the charge, they have promised to set the sentence at time already served. But Burnett refuses to consider this, even though he has already spent 18 months behind bars on the charge. "I won't say I did something if I didn't do it—even if I

have to go back to Eddyville," he said. He has already passed two lie detector tests, and is asking his attorney to arrange for him to take "truth serum."

At the original trial, Burnett was identified by the woman as the man who attacked her in the restroom of a laundromat. Previously, she had told police that the rapist was quite a bit shorter than her husband. Burnett is taller.

Others who were present at the laundromat at the time of the alleged attack testified that a Black man had strolled out of the washroom a few minutes before the woman did, but that she had made no outcry or comment of any kind. Instead, she continued doing her laundry. All of the witnesses except the woman stated unequivocally that Burnett was not the man who preceded her out of the washroom.

A movement to free Burnett is developing in Louisville. His supporters believe he is innocent, and should not have to stand trial a second time on the same charges. They see this case as part of a general resurgence of the racist use of the rape charge in the South.

They are asking the Commonwealth's Attorney in Louisville to drop the charge against Burnett before it comes to trial in December.

(Thanks to the Kentucky Alliance Against Racist & Political Repression, P.O. Box 1543, Louisville, KY 40201 for this item.)

EXPOSE DEATH MERCHANTS

On Saturday, October 4, in Hartford, Conn., several people connected with a pacifist organization called Whale's Tale were arrested for performing in a theatrical action during which blood was poured in the cockpits of several Pratt and Whitney airplanes, to make explicit their role in the Indochina war.

The action took place at an open house where Pratt and Whitney was celebrating its 50th anniversary. This company is responsible for the B-52, the F-15, the F-111, the F-14A Skyhawk, the A-6 Intruder, and the F-8 Crusader, all used by the military in Indochina.

Two people from Voluntown, Conn., Bruce Martin and Martha Daniels, wore spectre of death costumes to proclaim the true nature of Pratt and Whitney's business. They were arrested almost immediately. Then four teams of five people each, converged on four of the military planes to pour blood into their cockpits and to attempt to paint the word DEATH on the bodies of the planes. They were all arrested by company police and processed at the East Hartford police station. Among those arrested was Philip Berrigan. They were charged with criminal trespassing and disorderly conduct.

According to those arrested: "Connecticut justice, like U.S. justice in general, is tailor-made to the needs of the powerful and the rich. Connecticut is the largest war-production state in the U.S.—26,000 people are employed by Pratt and Whitney alone, over 100,000 by United Technologies (Sikorsky Helicopters, Hamilton Standard, Norden, United Aircraft, on and on)..."



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Atmore Holman Brothers!

An eyewitness report from Brewton, Ala., tells of the upcoming trial of Gamba Mani, a leader of the Inmates for Action undergoing persecution for protesting subhuman conditions at Atmore and Holman prisons. Page 15.

Racist, union busting Norfolk councilman

Black, white demand Staylor ouster

By JESSE LEE

NORFOLK, Va., Nov. 4—Norfolk city councilman Claude J. Staylor has made it clear that he opposes the struggle of Black people for equal rights. He has attacked Black elected officials and the Black community with openly fascist language, and has opposed the right of grossly underpaid city workers to unionize. Staylor is the former Norfolk police chief.

Last week Black Vice-Mayor Joseph Jordan proposed that the city build a Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Community Center. Staylor opposed the memorial. He claimed it would "divide certain sections of the white community just as much as a memorial to the Ku Klux Klan would be an affront to the Black community."

DREDGE UP BIRCHITE LIES

This apology for racism met with an immediate response from leaders in the Black community. Bishop L.E. Willis and attorney Sonnie G. Cuffey condemned Staylor and called for his removal from the council.

Staylor's response to this was to attempt to represent the rather moderate views of Dr. King as a cover for a leftist "conspiracy," presenting literature from the John Birch Society, an extreme right-wing, racist, anti-labor organization as his "proof."

He used the council chambers for this McCarthyite witchhunt, and attacked Dr. King as America's

leading "communist." He went on to say that for Dr. King to have received the Nobel Peace Award was a "joke."

These views are not new for Staylor. While he was the police chief, he had opposed the hiring of Black people for the force. Further, he stated, "I was particularly concerned over the increasing number of violent crimes committed by Blacks against whites in such offenses as murder, assault, rape, robbery, and burglary." Because he saw all crime as being committed by Black people, he "concentrated the larger

proportion of police attention on Black crime."

ANTI-BLACK, ANTI-UNION

Staylor has been the most vocal supporter of the current attempt to add 300 additional cops to the force. He is also the most active council member opposing unionization of the underpaid city workers, claiming that many unions are "communist controlled."

His views have been receiving almost daily coverage on TV and in the daily press. These mouthpieces

of the rich, white business community have been attempting to popularize Staylor's views. While the press admits that many people oppose Staylor's opinions, they make little effort to conceal their support of Staylor.

Staylor's actions are not a coincidence. He has been encouraged by the events in Boston, Louisville, and other cities where racist mobs have attacked Black school children. The John Birch Society, as well as the Ku Klux Klan, and similar organizations have been active in these attacks. Staylor has also been emboldened

by the Gestapo-type rule of Philadelphia Mayor Rizzo, a man who holds similar views.

RESPONSE FROM BLACKS AND WHITES

The response to Staylor's attack on Dr. King and the proposed memorial was immediate and strong. Dr. Milton A. Reid, publisher of the Journal and Guide, a weekly newspaper of the Black community, demanded a recall petition campaign against Staylor. He stated, "Councilman Staylor's inflammatory, misguided, and non-factual statements are bringing a divisiveness in Norfolk heretofore unknown."

At a City Council meeting today, Ms. Veronica Lewis of the Center for United Labor Action spoke in support of the proposed memorial to Dr. King.

"We feel that it is especially fitting that Dr. King be honored at this time when ugly forces of white racism are trying to make a comeback in Boston, Louisville, and other parts of the United States where racist mobs have been attacking Black school children.

"... It is white racism and injustice, as represented by people like Staylor, ROAR, and the Ku Klux Klan, that divides the community, not the just struggle of Black people for their basic human rights," she declared.

Norfolk labor activist fired for anti-racist statement

NORFOLK, Va., Nov. 11—It was revealed here today that Ms. Veronica Lewis, a white woman and a member of the Center for United Labor Action (CULA), has been fired from her job at Norfolk General Hospital for an anti-racist speech at the City Council meeting last week.

Ms. Lewis had condemned Councilman Staylor's attack on Martin Luther King, Jr. She spoke in defense of the principles that Dr. King stood for, and said that Staylor was living proof that the

"forces of white racism are not dead."

Ms. Lewis had been sick for several days before the council meeting that day. In her own words, "I could have been on my death bed and I would have gone to that city council meeting to fight Staylor."

The hospital officials used the fact that she had been absent from work for illness the day of the council meeting as grounds to suspend and then fire her.

Clearly the firing was because of Ms. Lewis' strong and militant defense of Dr. King, her attack on

white racism, and the wide media coverage her statement received. The hospital administration's racism is also revealed by the Board of Directors' efforts to find a way to fire Black workers. Hospital officials have claimed privately that there are "too many of them."

At a press conference held today, a representative of the CULA said, "The real issue behind her suspension is not that she spoke, but what she said. The issue here is clearly racism. We are ready to defend Ms. Lewis and fight Claude Staylor. We say no to racism."

In Florida struggle

Farmworkers victorious over Coca-Cola

By JIM McMAHAN

ATLANTA, Nov. 4—Bowling to strong farm worker pressure, Coca-Cola was forced to sign a 3-year contract today with its orange pickers in Florida. The workers are employed by Minute Maid orange juice, which in turn is owned by the Coca-Cola Corp.

Four Florida farm workers staged a sit-in at Coca-Cola's international headquarters in Atlanta for over 2 weeks before Coke was finally forced to give in. At the same time, the United Farm Workers put Coca-Cola on notice that it would face a nationwide boycott unless it ended almost a year of stalling on a decent contract for the Florida orange pickers.

On the outside, farm workers and farm worker supporters picketed daily in support of the two Black and two Chicano brothers inside. There were several major picket lines which numbered up to 50 people. Workers World Party members were consistent supporters at all of the support actions.

One of the workers, James Logan, fasted during most of the sit-in. The farm workers also posted picket signs on the windows

of the Coke headquarters demanding that the company negotiate. Just before the contract was signed, the police arrested six of the farm workers—three who were staging the sit-in and three workers who were outside.

This sit-in was preceded by an earlier sit-in of six farm workers which lasted 30 hours. It was this determined and militant pressure which forced Coca-Cola, the country's 74th largest corporation, to finally sign on the dotted line.

The workers won all the basic things they were demanding. Many of the Black and Chicano workers who work year-round have been wrongly classified as seasonal workers, making them ineligible for any benefits. The new contract stipulates that any worker who works 175 days will be classified as full-time.

The workers also won the right to a check list, to be inspected daily by a union representative, as a guarantee that they are credited with the number of boxes of oranges they pick. One of Coke's regular practices in the past has been to short-change the workers on the number of boxes they pick. The new contract also provides a medical plan, a pension plan, and



Farm workers sitting-in at Coca-Cola national offices in Atlanta raise fists in solidarity with pickets outside [reflected in window]. Their action helped win a contract between the UFW and Minute Maid, a Coke subsidiary.

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paid vacations.

By the time the contract was announced, over two dozen Black, white, and Chicano farm workers

had arrived in Atlanta to support their brothers who were sitting in. They got the good news soon after they arrived here.

The workers at this Coca-Cola orange grove number about 1,200. This victory over Coca-Cola is a big victory for workers everywhere!