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THE STRUGGLE IN BRIEF

**Edelin lawyer
to defend East
Boston anti-racists**

BOSTON, Nov. 13—Today William P. Homans, Jr., agreed to be part of the legal team defending eight East Boston anti-racists. Mr. Homans was the defense lawyer for Dr. Kenneth Edelin, the Black doctor who was convicted of manslaughter for performing a legal abortion.

The East Boston Anti-Racists are appealing jail terms of 6 months to 1 year for misdemeanor convictions. Seven are charged with "loud and abusive language" for having been present in the home of a Black woman in an East Boston public housing project while her home was being attacked by rock-throwing racists. The Black woman herself was one of those arrested. Black families had called on friends, Black and white, from East Boston and around the city to be with them for their comfort and protection after repeated calls to the police brought no results.

The Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts is organizing the defense. You can get more information on this case from the East Boston Anti-Racist Defense Fund, P.O. Box 8875, Boston, Mass. 02114.

**Norfolk struggle
continues against
racist councilman**

NORFOLK, Va., Nov. 14—The Norfolk Center for United Labor Action (CULA) continued its activities this week in opposition to Claude Staylor, a racist, anti-labor City Councilman. In recent weeks Staylor has made many racist statements against the Black community, Black elected officials, and Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. The remarks against Reverend King came as a response to a proposal by Vice-Mayor Joseph Jordan, a Black man, to build a memorial in the Black community of Norfolk to the late civil rights leader.

A spirited picket line was held by the CULA on Tuesday, November 11, at City Hall protesting Staylor's racist remarks, and supporting the King memorial. The demonstration received wide coverage from TV, radio, and newspapers. The demonstrators chanted slogans like "Anti-labor, anti-Black, racist Staylor must be sacked." The picket signs said, "We say NO to racism—dump racist Staylor" and "Staylor is the enemy of all working people."

The picket line was well received by passersby. The pickets attacked Staylor for his racist remarks

against Black people, as well as his opposition to the right of city workers to unionize.

The CULA also attended a Norfolk City Council meeting on Wednesday and made a statement answering Staylor's continuing attack on the Black community and Reverend King and supporting one of the Center's members, Veronica Lewis, who had been fired from Norfolk General Hospital the day before for calling Staylor a white racist at the previous week's council meeting.

The anti-racist labor organization also launched a mass leafleting campaign against the racist Staylor, supporting the King memorial and defending Ms. Lewis in her fight to get her job back at the hospital. The leaflet said in part, "In other cities like Boston and Louisville the racists have tried to use the issue of busing Black school children to divide. Here in Norfolk the racists are trying to use opposition to the King memorial to divide the people. But the real issue here, as in Boston and Louisville, is racism."

The CULA is also urging a mass turnout at the City Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 25 at 7:30 p.m. so people can directly speak out against Staylor and his racism. A mass rally is being planned for 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 30, at the Norfolk Scope.

**350 Palestine
supporters picket
Sadat in Chicago**

By JOHN LOMBARDO
CHICAGO, Oct. 30—Egypt's President Anwar el-Sadat was treated to a gala reception at the Conrad Hilton here today. Mayor Richard Daley pulled out all the stops to show his endorsement for this "fighter for peace" (Daley's words), demonstrating beyond a shadow of a doubt the current agreement within the ruling class on U.S. policy in the Middle East and on Sadat's temporary usefulness as a pawn in imperialism's latest maneuvers.

However, in spite of heavy police security and the threat of a large Zionist mobilization, 350 supporters of the Palestinian people conducted a militant demonstration across from the hotel. Called by the Organization of Arab Students, the action was attended by the Iranian Students Association, the World Resource Center, Workers World Party, and others. The demonstrators displayed signs and banners denouncing Sadat, the recently concluded Sinai pact between Egypt and Israel, and the predatory role of U.S. imperialism in the Mideast.

A small number of Zionists,

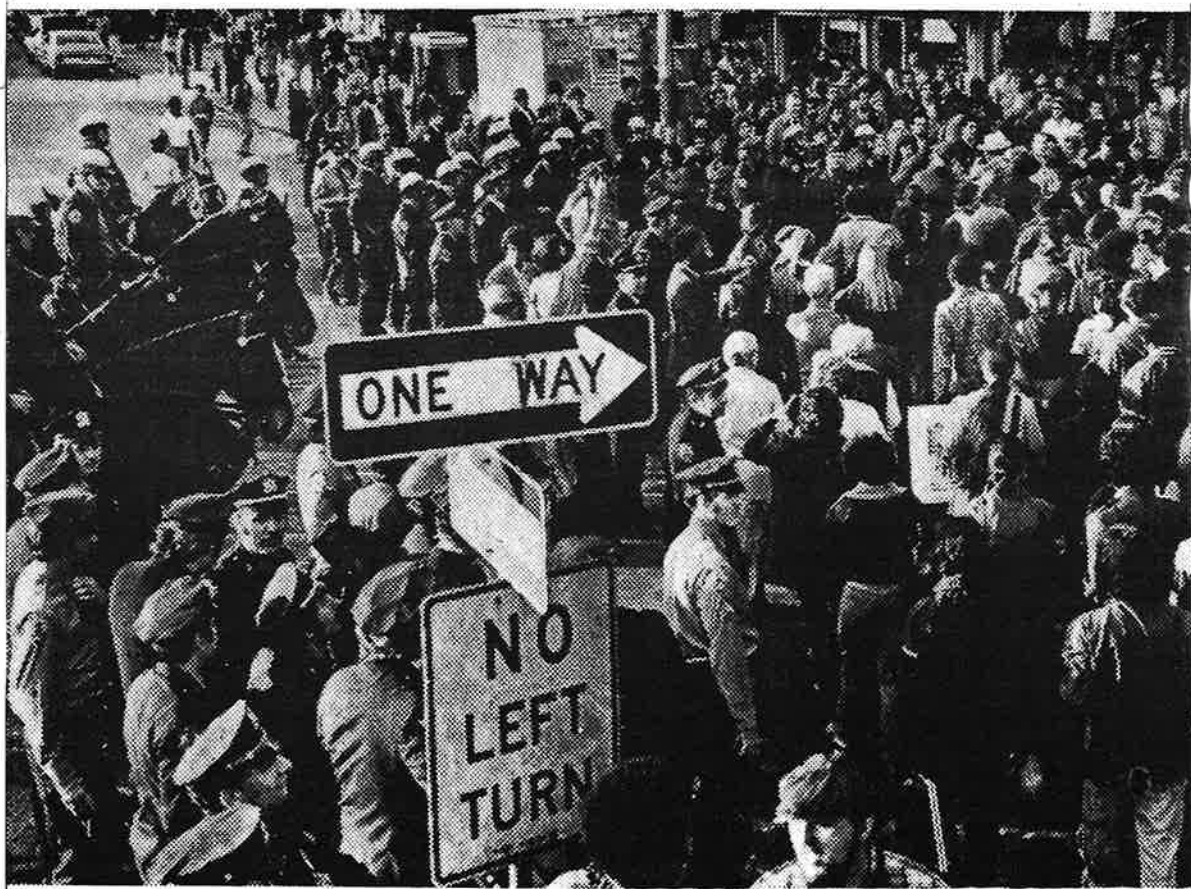
protected by cops and barricades, soon grew demoralized and left after being drowned out and thoroughly outnumbered by the progressive forces. Chants in Arabic and English confronted the Zionists with "Zionism is racism."

Chants of "Traitor Sadat" rained on the Egyptian President like a hailstorm as he exited from his motorcade in front of the hotel and waved to nobody but a handful of reporters and photographers before he hurried inside.

**SUPPORT FOR
PALESTINE GROWING**

While media coverage of the demonstration was extensive, none of the bourgeois commentators and pundits could be expected to point out the significance of such a large pro-Palestinian and anti-imperialist mobilization. It signifies that the movement for support of the right of the people of the Middle East to control their own resources, and for the Palestinians to regain their own homeland, has grown both in numbers and in its determination. It shows that the tide is turning for U.S. imperialism, and that all of the phony "energy crisis," shuttle duplicities, piecemeal pacts, and gala receptions cannot prevent the revolutionary masses of the Middle East, and the globe, from bringing U.S. imperialism to its knees.

Palestine will win! The Middle East will be free!



In New York City this Tuesday morning, thousands of community demonstrators unexpectedly blocked rush hour traffic on bridges and highways to protest the massive cuts in anti-poverty programs in the city's crisis budget.

BETTER WORLD IN BIRTH**INTO THE DUST-BIN
OF HISTORY**

"Dear Abby" column, Nov. 4:

"The man who lied about his job because he didn't want people to know that he was a garbage collector caught my eye because I lie about my job, too.

"I'm a police officer, and when I'm off duty, I tell strangers (when they ask) that I work for the city.

"If they inquire further, I tell them that I'm a garbage collector."

NO DEPRESSION THERE!

The New York Times, Nov. 17:

"Western European industrial output fell

by 10 percent from mid-1974 to mid-75, the United Nations economists found, and at the end of October the economic scene remained 'dominated by recession.'

"This situation sharply contrasts with that of Eastern Europe, including the Soviet Union, where economic growth was put at 6 to 7 percent through 1974 and the first half of 1975."

S. VIETNAM RECONSTRUCTS

The New York Times, Sept. 16:

"My Tho, South Vietnam—Since the war ended the Mekong Delta has apparently become a peaceful land. . . . The visitor is struck by the absence of beggars. . . . There

are schools for teaching reading and writing, but other kinds of schools are aimed at educating the people in 'readjustment.'

"In My Tho, there was a long orderly line of people, women and men, old and young, some wearing the traditional conical hat, marching toward a building where a 5 p.m. class in 'political formation' was being held.

"There was also a group of 30 people, said to be former civil servants and soldiers who had been retrained, farming and cleaning ditches."

. . . While in the U.S., training programs are being junked.

**CHINA WON'T NEED
ROCKEFELLER OIL**

The New York Times, July 23:

"Starting from little over a million tons a year as recently as 1957, China's production

of crude oil rose to 28.5 million tons in 1970 and then soared to a figure estimated at 65 million tons last year. According to the official press agency, it jumped 24 percent more in the first six months of 1975."

**N. VIETNAM ARMED
BY U.S.**

Buffalo Evening News, July 25:

"The Pentagon has calculated that the North Vietnamese got \$2 billion worth of serviceable American-made planes, tanks, artillery pieces, ammunition and other equipment when South Vietnam fell.

. . . the Pentagon sources say the North Vietnamese are forming four new air force regiments in South Vietnam and equipping them with 180 captured U.S. F-5 jet fighters and A-37 light bombers, as well as Russian-made MIG-21s."

Legislation blocked again by corporate giants

No limits on strip mining's destruction

By SHARON SHELTON
NEW YORK, Nov. 15—The powerful oil and coal lobby has once again successfully blocked legislation that would regulate strip mining, a devastating practice which has left vast areas of Appalachia and the western U.S. barren wasteland.

The legislation, voted down by the House Interior Committee Wednesday, was similar to an act vetoed last May by President Ford after a ski holiday in Vail, Colorado, hosted by Richard D. Bass, whose company is involved in mine exploration and production, stood to save \$100 million because of the veto.

FAST PROFITS

Strip mining, or removal of coal from the surface of the land without first building a tunnel, yields enormous, speedy profits for the coal industry. Using drills, bulldozers, and dynamite, strip-mining concerns blast out the land surface and move on, creating erosion, floods, and perilous landslides.

In Appalachia, besides posing constant danger and ruining once beautiful countryside, strip mining has forced many people out of their homes.

When the coal companies originally swept through West Virginia and Kentucky snatching up mineral rights, strip mining hadn't been developed. The people who sold mineral rights to their land never dreamt that someday the transactions would mean the companies had a right to bulldoze everything in sight—including their homes.

In the West, huge oil companies like Exxon are getting in on the quick profits strip mining yields. These companies are busy leasing

strippable federal lands, including Indian reservations, at giveaway prices.

BONANZA FOR OIL COMPANIES

According to a June 18 Liberation News Service release, Exxon now owns 7 billion tons of Western coal and Texaco owns 4 billion. Continental Oil, Shell, Sun, Gulf, and Atlantic-Richfield are also in the act.

By 1985, the Atomic Energy Commission predicts, Western strip-mined coal will comprise 35 percent of the U.S. coal production. Much of this coal will come from Indian lands. The oil companies have obtained mineral rights on several reservations by falsely

promising new jobs or by negotiating with the Bureau of Indian Affairs instead of with the Indian people themselves.

GOVERNMENT OF, BY, AND FOR BIG BUSINESS

Ford has twice vetoed strip-mining bills similar to the legislation voted down last week, despite opposition from Appalachia and the Western states. The continued defeat of even weak strip-mining controls shows the crass lack of concern with which the coal and oil industries and their faithful friends in government regard the people whose lives and homes are ripped apart by this ruinous plunder.

Young, old UAW members demand retiree protection

CLEVELAND, Nov. 12—Rank-and-file United Auto Workers (UAW) members met here recently to demand that there be a cost-of-living escalator clause for all pensions in the next contract that expires in 1976. This demand will undoubtedly begin a big fight in the union because of differing interests between the rank and file and the labor bureaucrats.

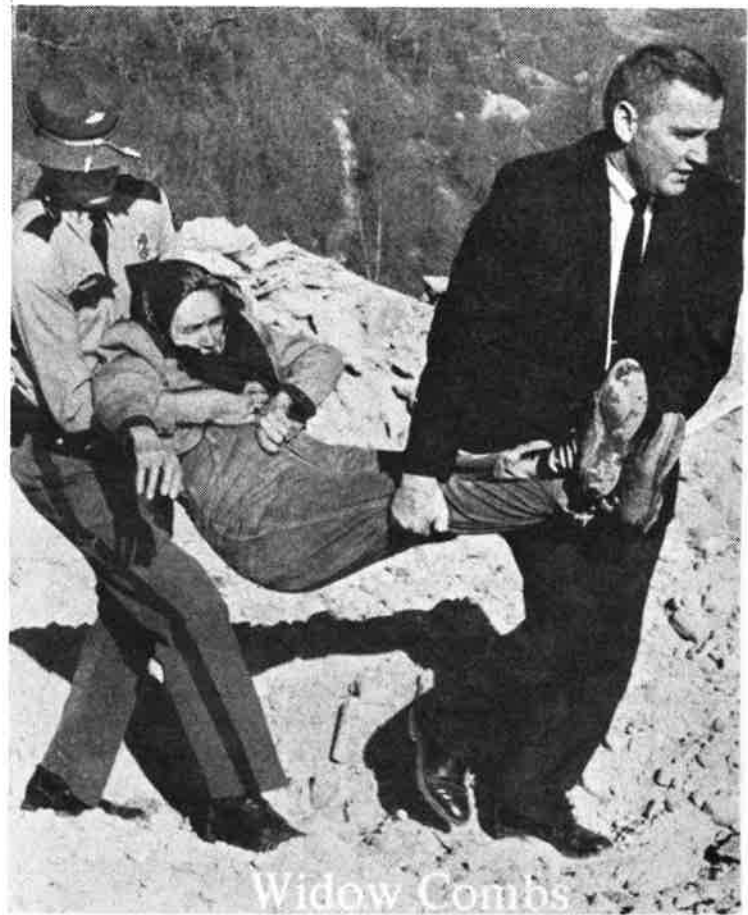
The issue is being raised because many retirees cannot live on their fixed incomes with the cost of living constantly rising. As a result many workers do not want to retire unless their pensions are raised.

In addition, younger workers want the older workers to go on

pension so as to create jobs. But the union officials are most opposed to this because they know that the companies will fight hard against any raises in pensions paid to unproductive workers.

However, this issue is very much alive in the UAW because the pensioners are voting members of the union and vote for officers and delegates to conventions. So the pensioners and would-be pensioners are going to have a big say in the upcoming contract negotiations.

This fight in the UAW will be reflected in other sectors of the workers' movement and will possibly set the tone for other unions.



In November 1965, bulldozers moved into Widow Combs' land to begin strip-mining. She and her five sons lived on Social Security and owned nothing but their land, so the 61-year-old woman sat down in front of the bulldozers and would not move for days. She was eventually arrested, but her case caused such an uproar that Widow Combs' land was not destroyed.

Photo: Appalachian People's History Book

Fed-up with layoffs, Steelworkers stage sit-in

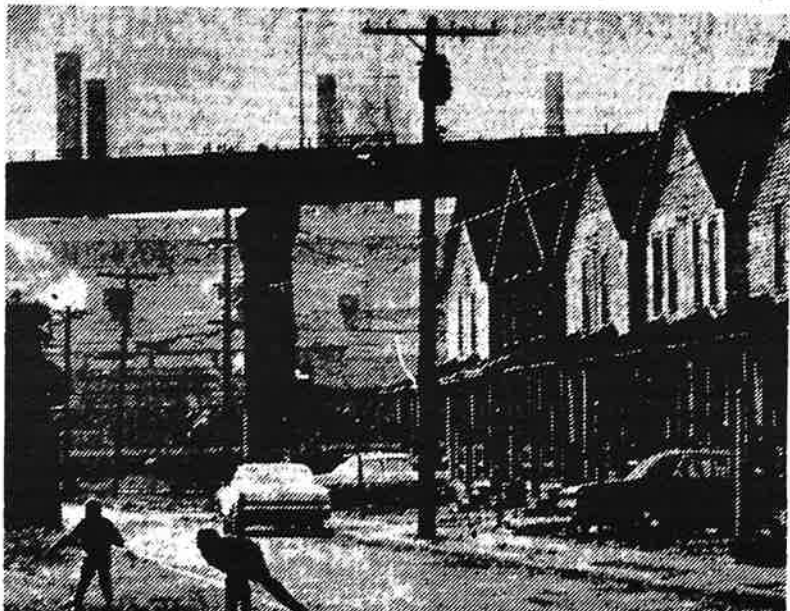
Special to Workers World
BUFFALO, Nov. 14—Over 80 employed and laid-off members of the United Steelworkers of America (USWA) Local 2601 held a sit-in at the main office of the Lackawanna, N.Y. plant of Bethlehem Steel Corp. on Wednesday, November 12.

It was the first direct move taken by the union to back up its demands for action and commitments on an ever-increasing number of unresolved grievances, particularly relating to the unemployment situation. There are now roughly 6,000 workers laid off from the 1971 employment level of 15,000.

It was in 1971 that the Lackawanna Bethlehem plant received a local tax cut in exchange for a guarantee of job security for the workers at the plant. Since then, and most of all in the past year, thousands of

workers have been laid off, job classifications eliminated, and a significant speed-up has been implemented.

Yesterday meetings were held for the officials and grievance men of Locals 2601, 2602, 2603, 2604, 3144, and 4774 which represent the plant workers. It was decided that certain steps had to be taken to prepare to fight for a just settlement for the Bethlehem workers. A decision was reached by the 200 representatives at the meeting to seek an official authorization from the International for a strike vote among the rank and file to authorize the union to strike if necessary to achieve their demands. At this point it appears that a strike, authorized by the International or not, will be the only way to force the company to settle the grievances and recall all the laid-off steelworkers.



Children play in the shadow of Bethlehem Steel plant, where workers held a sit-in meeting this week to demand action on grievances stemming from layoffs and speed-ups.

How Dan Walker creates his 'good image'

Take the money and run

By ALEC HOSTON
CHICAGO, Nov. 4—A funny thing happened on the way to liberal "progress" and "reform" in Illinois.

After successive administrations of Otto Kerner, a machine Democrat (recently paroled from prison), and Richard Ogilvie, a machine Republican, the people of Illinois thought they were voting for a change when they elected Dan Walker governor. Running as an "independent" Democrat, Walker played the part of a "man of the people," hiking and jogging his way across the state while he attacked political machines and big business.

In the intervening 3 years, the poor and working people of Illinois have had ample opportunity to assess Walker's phony "progressive" credentials. He has slashed the budget of virtually every state service and welfare agency, ordered a purge of "welfare cheaters," and distinguished himself by his hostility to Black and labor struggles. Last week he blocked with the Republicans in the State Legislature in an attempt to overturn the gains won by Chicago teachers in their recent strike. (Bill Singer, Walker's Chicago alter ego, explained that the Chicago teachers were "grossly overpaid.")

It has become apparent, however, that Walker has at least

one dubious link to the working people of Illinois: he has appropriated a quarter of a million dollars (and perhaps as much as \$500,000) of their tax money for his personal benefit. The Better Government Association (BGA) revealed last week that Walker had grabbed the funds to operate a modern television studio. Included in the total are at least \$116,196 from the Public Transportation Department, \$83,448 from the Department of Mental Health, \$16,139 from the Conservation Department, and \$10,500 from the state food stamp program.

TOOK FUNDS FROM HOSPITALS, FOOD STAMPS

At first, Walker simply denied the story. The BGA produced receipts, however, so the denial fell a bit flat. Then Walker's press secretary argued that the expenditures were legal because they had been authorized by State Auditor-General Robert Cronson. Cronson said this was a lie. Walker was finally reduced to citing support on the issue from the reactionary Chicago Tribune and swearing that he had not "taken any food from the mouths of hungry children."

Much of the money was spent on media campaigns aimed at whooping it up for Walker programs. At a time when state mental hospitals are deteriorating

and staffs are being cut, for example, Walker chose to spend funds not on hospitals or doctors but on television promotions for "Mental Health Week." Funds from other service programs were used for advertisements for the State Fair.

Most of the money, however, went for personal promotions for Walker and his aides. A favorite tactic was to counter unfavorable coverage in the media by inviting selected friendly reporters for private interviews which were videotaped and offered free to the reporters' station. (Norton Kay, Walker's press spokesman, defended this practice by arguing that many small stations lack the funds for film and/or equipment for such interviews; exactly what these stations generally use instead of film was not explained.)

The exposure of the use of food stamp, mental health, and other funds for Walker media hypes and films of happy people eating popcorn at the State Fair has helped to plummet Walker's popularity to a new low. (A Black worker noted in response to a Chicago television interview that Walker couldn't win reelection against Howdy Doody.) More importantly, the episode has shown again the inherent corruption of capitalist politics and the failure of "reform" politics to meet in even a minimal way the needs of the people.

Ford, Carey tighten thumbscrews on NYC

By ANDY STAPP
NEW YORK, Nov. 18—"The President is a reasonable man, and we have presented a reasonable plan," said New York's Governor Hugh Carey last week as he unveiled his latest scheme to squeeze more millions out of the hides of the poor and working people, under the guise of "heading off default."

His "plan" calls for raising over \$1.2 billion in new taxes, including upping the New York City sales tax, which falls hardest on those who can least afford it, to a mind-boggling 10 percent—the highest in the country.

Another part of the Carey proposal includes forcing the unions to mortgage away \$2.5

billion in their pension funds by buying city bonds of such dubious worth that rich bankers and insurance companies won't touch them with a 10-foot pole.

PENSION RIP-OFFS

Not satisfied with the very possible wiping out in this manner of one third of the total pension

monies set aside for municipal workers' retirement, Carey is also dictating an additional \$85-million increase that city employees must pay into the pension pool every year.

And as if this isn't enough, Carey and New York City Mayor Abraham Beame last week ordered 8,374 more workers fired,

bringing the total to 50,000 canned in 1975. With 400,000 already unable to find work in New York City (500,000 jobs have been lost in the metropolitan area since 1969), these firings can only be viewed as an open slap in the face to a working class already staggering under the blows inflicted on it by 2 years of capitalist economic depression.

Tacked onto Carey's latest proposal, as sort of a brutal afterthought, is a mandated 1-year wage freeze for all state workers, a \$39-million cut from the City University budget, and abolition of subsidized transportation for handicapped students!

CAREY ON "FREE ENTERPRISE"

While Carey is busy taking money away from pensioners and crippled children, he's a little more generous toward the bankers and big businessmen who triggered the crisis in the first place with their budget-busting demands for ever more billions in interest payments.

"Industry and business," said Carey in a recent statement to Fortune magazine, "are the root strength, generator, and forward thrust of our free enterprise system."

"Our state offers business more tax incentives and financial assistance (up to 100 percent) than any other major industrial state. Of thirty-one types of state and local tax incentives and financing assistance programs catalogued by Industrial Development magazine, New York offers twenty-one more than any other state."

"They range from our statewide 2 percent business tax credit for investment in new, expanded, or modernized production and research facilities to eighty-nine local industrial development agencies empowered to build and lease facilities, which can benefit from property tax reductions."

So it is not that Carey and Beame are against handouts.

They, like Ford, are just opposed to what the Wall Street Journal characterized as "unreasonably generous salaries and pension benefits" for municipal workers.

SCARE TACTICS

One of the city officials helping Carey stamp out these "unreasonable" wages (city workers average less than \$10,000 per year) is Deputy Mayor Kenneth S. Axelson. On temporary leave from J.C. Penny, which continues to pay his "reasonable" salary of \$143,000 per year, Axelson threatened on November 15 that if the city defaults, "public schools would be closed indefinitely" along with all daycare centers, facilities for the elderly, libraries, parks, and zoos. Electricity, gas, and steam would also be shut off in all city housing, he added.

Such blackmail is calculated to scare the people of the city into complying with every one of the Ford-Beame-Carey ultimatums, to obey every banker-dictated demand for "more sacrifice."

Ford, in particular, is blaming "big-spending" Democrats for the city crisis. He discretely says nothing about the impending default of Yonkers (which came within minutes last week of going under), since that city has a Republican administration.

Of course, the truth is that the economic collapse is caused by the

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PBA letter on White House meeting

Cops to Ford: 'We'll help crush city workers'

By JULIO GHIgliOTTI
NEW YORK, Nov. 13—New York City's Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (PBA) has been passing itself off for a labor organization. The press—and many left organizations—treat it as if it were just that. Ken McFeeley, the PBA president, sits on the New York Municipal Labor Council as if he represented municipal workers.

As New York City gets closer and closer to default, as thousands of workers are laid off by the city under the direction of the banks, the question of the nature of the police and labor's relation to them becomes more critical.

Are the police workers? Should workers protest the laying off of police? Workers World's answer to both questions is a resounding, definite NO.

PARASITIC INSTITUTION

The police are a parasitic (that is, nonproductive) institution whose only function is to uphold the unjust and cruel division of society into billionaires and paupers. As we've said before, the police are the "strikebreaking force brought into play against the working class whenever those who produce everything challenge...the rule of those who own everything."

But you don't have to take our word for that—Ken McFeeley said it himself. In a letter dated Nov. 1, 1975 and addressed to the PBA membership, McFeeley wrote about his meeting with Ford in Washington along with the Council for Public Safety, which initiated the "Fear City" campaign last

June in order to stop layoffs of cops.

"Basically," McFeeley writes, "what I told President Ford...was this: Forget the fiscal crisis—we can't handle crime in the city right now, because of the severe shortage of manpower in the Department. When you add the threat of still more layoffs, it changes the situation from dangerous to impossible. And if you throw in the possibility of civil unrest or even riots that would follow full-scale default, forget it."

After that meeting with Ford on October 28, the New York Times quoted McFeeley as saying, "We know that he's a strong law-and-

order man and we're asking him to stand by and prove it." Obviously, McFeeley and the PBA know exactly what their role in the system is, and that it is definitely not on the side of the workers.

LAI-D-OFF COPS TERRORIZE CIVILIANS

McFeeley himself has said that as the crisis in the city gets worse and workers begin to challenge the rule of the banks, the police are not going to be marching with labor, but against labor. The cops will be the force that attempts to crush the workers' movement.

Already the cops have shown their reactionary nature. When cops were laid off in the early

summer, they attacked people on the streets and harassed motorists.

In Harlem, a young Black man was beaten up by two white cops who had been laid off. The bourgeois press' reaction to this was that it was "hard to blame the cops" because they had just lost their jobs! Yet, the same press carried on a vicious campaign against the sanitation workers for going on strike to save their jobs.

The police force is necessary for the continuation of the capitalist system of exploitation. And as working people try to smash the rule of the capitalists, they will find they must smash the capitalists' first line of defense—the police.

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November 1, 1975

Fellow Officer:

As you know, I went to Washington last Tuesday with the presidents of the other unions comprising the Council for Public Safety. We had been told that the President could see us for only 15 or 20 minutes; we wound up spending almost an hour with him.

Basically, what I told President Ford (and Senator Buckley, who had helped arrange the meeting) was this: Forget the fiscal crisis—we can't handle crime in the city *right now*, because of the severe shortage of manpower in the Department. When you add the threat of still more layoffs, it changes the situation from dangerous to impossible. And if you throw in the possibility of civil unrest or even riots that would follow a full-scale default, forget it. You might as well evacuate the city, because the Department just won't be able to function at all.

I made the point that we were not the President that we cannot continue in a way to rest on line is this. We don't know how or when all 3,000 jobs will be restored. We at least know that even though we ran into a wall of indifference in the city, we have a friend in the Senate and another in the White House. Time will tell whether that friendship pays off.

Despite the commitment of Senator Buckley and President Ford, we're not out of the woods by a long shot. But at least we know now that someone is listening.

Fraternally

Ken McFeeley
KEN MCFEELEY

Making children bail out the bankers

Beame closes 28 daycare centers

By a daycare worker
NEW YORK, Nov. 12—The parents and staff of 28 daycare centers read in the New York Daily News today that their centers were being closed.

Within 24 hours the centers' bank accounts were frozen. A number of these centers, along with many others, have not yet even received their funds for November from the Agency for Childhood Development (ACD), and the staff haven't received their pay.

ACD has accused the News of "leaking" the list of centers before the closed centers were notified. This maneuver is characteristic of the calculated campaign to immobilize and divide the daycare community—trying to pit center against center and parents against staff. But the daycare community has a tradition of militant unity.

Together with drastic budget cuts for all the daycare centers, ACD recommended new staffing guidelines eliminating job categories and changing others by cutting hours and-or pay. The centers were also told that if they

wished, cuts could be made in other areas, such as substitute teachers and food!

In centers where layoffs seem the only answer, the workers are being pitted against each other for the remaining jobs. An estimated 2,000 jobs will be lost.

5,000 LOSE CHILDCARE

The parents are being attacked from a different direction. About 5,000 children will become ineligible for daycare under state and federal legislation called Title XX. In order to be eligible a family's gross income must fall under 80 percent of the state's median level, or midpoint (a trifle higher for single parents). This will force the children of the majority of working parents out of daycare and consequently, parents out of their jobs. Families on welfare can use the center for only 24 days before enrolling in the WIN (forced work) programs.

To try to blame welfare mothers for this program, allegations have been made that the children of working parents are being kicked

out to make room for children from welfare families. The New York Times on November 15 quoted a more truthful report from ACD which said that Title XX was being used "to shrink" the daycare program.

False reasons were given for closing the centers. The phoniest was under-utilization. Every daycare center has a long list of applicants it doesn't have room for. Technicalities are being discovered in order to close centers, such as the absence of leases or licenses in centers that have existed for decades without them.

CUT THE RENT, NOT CHILDREN

Although some of these centers never have paid rent for their facilities, other remaining centers pay thousands of dollars a month for inadequate facilities. It is a known fact that 15 landlords rent out 68 percent of such centers. The parents and workers are demanding that these rents be cut instead of staff and other necessities.

The parents and workers in a number of the condemned centers have decided to keep them open, even if it means an "illegal," "squatter" status. They are asking for the support of their community and other daycare centers. If you have such a center in your neighborhood, you can help them, even by just bringing a can of food or a box of crayons.

Members of the Daycare Workers Union, District Council 1707, Local 205 are struggling against the budget cuts. The rank and file are telling their union leaders that they must help the condemned centers and that they must support the parents in their struggle against Title XX.

The workers and the parents realize the need to reach out beyond the daycare community, and to make the care of children a demand on the lips of all New York City's workers and oppressed. This was first expressed several weeks ago when a motion to support a general strike received virtual unanimous approval at a general membership union meeting.

—NYC crisis

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irrational capitalist system itself, and not by any particular Republican or Democratic government, no matter how venal and swinish they both may be.

But it is equally true that within the context of this depression, both the pro-capitalist political parties want to dump the burden of "solving" it on the backs of the poor and the workers. Between the Republicans and Democrats it is often only a difference of degree how far each thinks it is proper to go.

"DUMP RENT CONTROL— AND HANG TENANTS"

Carey, for instance, wants to abolish rent control in order to gouge more money for the landlords out of already overburdened tenants.

Ford took this concept one step further by nominating Ben B. Blackburn to head the Federal Home Loan Bank Board. According to the New York Times of November 13, the transcript of testimony that Ford's nominee gave before the House Banking Committee several years ago "quotes Mr. Blackburn as advocating public hanging as an object lesson for public housing tenants behind in their rent."

Another nice guy on Ford's team.

New York City ranks fourth in the number of city employees per capita and fifth among cities in per capita expenditures, contrary to demagogic rhetoric about New York's supposedly reckless spending. Nevertheless, Ford and Carey are completely united on demanding that the people give up their meager social services to prevent bankruptcy. Ford and Carey are using extortion, like vowing to close schools down if the city defaults, to make the 8 million people of New York City so fearful that they will simply surrender and let the bosses turn the clock back to the days before workers had any rights or unions at all.

The people can call their bluff on this. The Federal Reserve Board has admitted that 546 banks across the country have at least a fifth of their capital invested in New York bonds and notes. And 179 banks have invested more than half.

If Ford lets the city default and these banks are badly hit (which they would be), it could easily begin a financial collapse even greater than the 1929 panic. Would Ford do this? Would his banker-bosses let him?

A WORKERS' PLAN IN CASE OF BANKRUPTCY

And, unlikely though it is, if the city did go bankrupt, why couldn't the workers, through their organizations, take New York into receivership and run it? The people who live and labor here could demand that the administration of the city be handed over to them and not to bankers who brought it to insolvency.

Taxes could easily be raised off the rich corporations (122 of the 500 largest companies in the country are based in New York City and pay almost nothing into the municipal treasury) and all services could not only be maintained but expanded with the 50,000 laid-off workers rehired.

Shouldn't we organize in our unions and communities toward this goal? After all, it's far more reasonable than threatening to hang people in public because they cannot scrape up the rent.



Thousands of Portugal's striking construction workers surrounded Lisbon's government headquarters, refusing to allow Premier Azevedo to leave until he agreed to a wage increase.

Portugal rightists weakened as

20,000 workers hold premier captive

By B. LAPIDES
NEW YORK, Nov. 7—Portugal's civil construction workers went on strike last Monday, November 10, demanding from the government (their employer) wage increases up to 44 percent. The day before at a large right-wing rally, Premier Azevedo had denounced such wage demands as impossible. The strike was about 80 percent effective throughout the country.

On Tuesday, Angola became free, and the last Portuguese troops returned home.

On Wednesday, the construction workers marched through downtown Lisbon in the largest labor demonstration ever seen in that city, numbering between 20,000 and 30,000. They surrounded the headquarters of the government, preventing Azevedo and the more than 200 members and employees of the National Constituent Assembly from leaving. Azevedo appeared on a balcony, insisting that a wage agreement had been reached with union leaders and would be published by November 27. But the workers jeered, demanding immediate action. "Nobody gets out," they chanted. Metallurgical workers, farm workers, and large contingents from other industries joined the hard hats.

Barricades were thrown up across central Lisbon streets. The demonstrators were fed hourly by workers trucked in from surrounding areas. "We are used to sleeping in the streets," they said, "and we will stay here until our demands are met. Besides, we have nothing to lose."

On Thursday, when a helicopter attempted to evacuate those inside the surrounded building, about 1,000 workers stormed a high wall to prevent it. At noon, the trapped deputies were let out, through a gamut of jeering workers shouting, "Fascist, fascist!" Only the leftist deputies were cheered. About 100 truckloads of farmers from the south arrived as reinforcements, as the siege continued against the Premier.

Also Thursday, in the first open split in the ruling Revolutionary Council, three of its members, including Gen. Otelo Carvalho, appeared at an anti-government rally south of Lisbon.

President Costa Gomes addressed a special appeal to the armed forces, claiming they had a duty to "defend democratic authority" (meaning his government) and warning them of the risks of "disunity and indiscipline." The armed forces, however, made no move. In fact, following last week's government-ordered bombing of leftist Radio Renascenca, the largest paratroop base in the country surged leftward, as nearly all its non-coms and enlisted men repudiated the move. This development was serious enough that 123 right-wing officers (out of 125) asked to be reassigned. The paratroops now join the military police, the majority of rank-and-file soldiers, most of the navy, and Copcon, the internal security command, in siding with the revolutionary left. Carvalho, the head of Copcon, refused Azevedo's request for troops to free him.

The Labor Ministry, the scene of big protests the week before, was closed down for fear it would be

taken over by the strikers. It was reported Thursday that Azevedo would not negotiate under pressure.

On Friday, he capitulated. After insisting that the government was on the verge of bankruptcy and could not afford to meet the workers' demands, Azevedo agreed to a blanket wage increase of up to 40 percent for the whole construction industry, involving some 300,000 workers and an additional \$400 million a year, beginning November 27. Shouting "Victory! Victory!" the workers lifted the siege.

INDIRECT U.S. THREATS

In the north, right-wingers stepped up their bombings and shootings, and sacked various left-wing offices. The New York Times, in an unusually hysterical editorial, threatened almost openly that if Azevedo could not control the left, "an eventual reversion of Portugal to a right-wing dictatorship cannot be discounted." There was talk of moving the

government north to the more conservative city of Oporto.

On Sunday, a left-wing anti-government rally turned into the largest working class demonstration in Portuguese history, with crowd estimates ranging from more than 100,000 (New York Times) to 300,000 (O Seculo). Portugal's population is 8 million.

The Portuguese Communist Party, the organization with the largest mass following as of now, seems determined to replace the present government with one in which it will play a larger, if not dominant, role. It is not at all clear that the PCP has the will to seize the fullness of the moment and lead a genuinely revolutionary struggle. The more radical left has been campaigning for a "popular power" regime in which decision-making is based on local assemblies of neighborhood and workers' committees. These councils have already been established somewhat on the model of those that emerged before the 1917 Bolshevik revolution.

Is it really a 'N.Y. disease'?

Bankers threaten to foreclose Mass.

By CHRIS MYERS
BOSTON, Nov. 13—This past Saturday the Massachusetts State Legislature and governor agreed on a new budget just in time to meet a default threat set by the First National Bank of Boston. Without a balanced budget, the bank said it couldn't market \$130 million in bonds needed in December to "roll-over" old short-term debt.

The new budget takes increased bites out of workers' pay: the sales tax was increased from 3 percent to 5 percent; a 7 percent surcharge was added to the 5 percent income tax; the 8 percent meals tax will no longer be excluded from meals under \$1; and an additional \$1 for the automobile registration fee.

These taxes will add about \$35 a year to the expenses of a family of four earning \$8,000, or \$67 to a family earning \$14,000.

Even though hurt the most by

the tax increases, poor and working people will receive less in services for the coming year. The Medical Assistance Program was cut by \$70 million, terminating aid to 22,000 persons in nursing homes and another 110,000 generally classified as working poor. The Office for Children has 36 percent less to spend for services to handicapped children, runaways, and others needing immediate help. These cuts are on top of the \$400 million already slashed from the welfare budget, eliminating every "able-bodied" person between 18 and 40 from general relief. (These would affect, for example, workers who have been laid off and have exhausted their unemployment benefits.)

Presumably with an eye on the still worsening crisis in New York, the Boston Globe in relief at avoiding a similar fate here gushed with approval. It praised the

bankers for restoring the business community to its "proper activist role." And it elevated the governor to the status of true statesman for having "wisely extended his nascent detente with the legislature by signing the package exactly as submitted, setting aside some misgivings in a spirit of resignation and compromise that offers an example for the rest of us."

The Globe, of course, dares venture no prediction as to whether the poor and working people so hurt by the budget will submit with such "resignation" to the "detente" with the banks that the State House has foisted on them. The constant march of demonstrations at hearings on this budget may boil over into something more serious as the current provisions take effect and the governor prepares to submit next year's budget in January.

How can the criminal try the victims?

Drop all the Attica brothers' charges!

By BRAD KANE

BUFFALO, N.Y., Nov. 14—Over the past 2 weeks, seven Attica prisoners have had their charges stemming from the 1971 Attica rebellion dismissed. Following the rebellion, 32 inmates and 11 guards were killed, all but two at the hands of State Police ordered to attack by Vice-President (then Governor) Nelson Rockefeller.

On November 10, State Supreme Court Justice Carmen Ball dismissed charges against defendants Ronald Lyons, Alphonso Ross, Raymond Sumpter, and William Ortiz. Each defendant faced 27 counts of kidnaping, unlawful imprisonment, and coercion in the alleged holding of nine guards during the uprising. Both Lyons and Sumpter are now free of any Attica-related charges while Ortiz and Ross still face another phony kidnaping charge.

EVIDENCE LACKING

Judge Ball admitted when the dismissal of charges took place that there was not "sufficient evidence to convict," as has happened in many other Attica

cases that have been dismissed.

Just 3 days later, Ball dismissed murder and kidnaping charges against Brothers Big Black, Herbert X Blyden, and Roger Champen. These three Brothers had been accused of the murder and kidnaping of inmates Kenneth Hess and Barry Schwartz during the rebellion.

In an earlier trial, Shango Bahiti Kakawana was acquitted of similar charges. Jomo Okowale pleaded "no contest" to the same charges and is now serving the 4-year sentence imposed on him concurrently with his prior sentence.

Big Black, currently the national director of Attica Now, faces two more indictments from the rebellion and Champen faces one more. These charges allege that Champen, Black, and nine other Brothers took guards as hostages.

Herbert Blyden is now free of all Attica-related charges. Blyden previously was victorious against New York State when a 77-count indictment resulting from the 1970 Tombs rebellion in New York City was dismissed. During the course

of that trial, Blyden exposed the racist and class nature of the courts.

Another major Attica indictment which has not yet come to trial charges Dalou Asahi with the murder of Michael Privetiera.

COVER-UP OF CRIMES BY STATE

To this date only one state trooper has been charged with any crime, and that is reckless endangerment, a minor charge considering the fact that 31 inmates were murdered in cold blood by the troopers.

The number of defendants facing trial in the wake of America's best-known prison rebellion once totaled 62, but now stands at 27. The only convictions to date are of two American Indian Brothers, Dacajeweah (sentenced to 20 years to life for the alleged murder of guard William Quinn), and Charley Joe Pernalice (sentenced to up to 3 years for attempted assault). Several defendants have pled guilty to lesser charges; six were found

innocent; and charges against many others have been dropped for lack of evidence.

Meanwhile, an official report on a possible cover-up of crimes by state officials remains in the hands of Governor Hugh Carey, who to this date has not made the report available to the public.

For over 3 years the Attica defendants and their supporters have pointed to the cover-up of crimes committed by State Police. The widespread support for the Attica Brothers' initial demand for amnesty has undoubtedly prompted this investigation. This support also played a major role in the dismissal of the indictments.

The fight for the freedom of the Attica Brothers must continue until each and every Brother is free. Any amnesty program must include those Brothers already convicted or those who have pled "guilty".

For more information on how you can assist the Attica Brothers' struggle for freedom, contact Attica Now, 1528 Jefferson Ave., Buffalo, N.Y. Phone: (716) 882-0254.



Herbert X Blyden

Alabama prison leader:

'The slavery we endure must come to an end'

By TOM GARDNER

BREWTON, Ala., Nov. 12—After 4 hours of deliberation here today, an Escambia County jury returned a guilty verdict against Gamba Mani (s.n. Oscar Johnson), a prisoner and member of the Inmates for Action (IFA), on a charge of assault with intent to murder. He was sentenced to an additional 15 years.

This trial was one of many which arose out of a prison rebellion in Atmore Prison's segregation unit on Jan. 18, 1974. The rebellion involved the seizure of two guard-hostages. One of the hostages, as well as a prisoner who was chairman of the IFA, was killed in the guard-assault that followed. Prisoners involved in the protest have received two life sentences, one death sentence, and an additional total of 204 years from that incident. All of the convictions are on appeal.

The original protest was held to demand that certain press, clergy, and public officials come into the prison to view and expose the inhumane conditions and continued beatings of IFA members. But rather than attempt to meet the single demand, Atmore prison warden Marion Harding, pistol-in-hand, led a brutal attack by shotgun-wielding guards, which included the wholesale beating of prisoners who were made to strip and crawl through a gauntlet of club-swinging guards. No officials have been charged for the beatings or the death of the IFA Chairman, Chagina (George Dobbins), who apparently was murdered on his way to the hospital.

"DANGEROUS BECAUSE HE IS A SPOKESMAN"

Gamba Mani told the court after today's conviction, "Even though I am innocent, this verdict comes as no surprise to me." He declared, "I have been found guilty because the leaders of this county and state have put out the word that Oscar Johnson is to be convicted and not

ever let out of prison because he is a leader."

Gamba was referring to statements, attributed to Escambia County sheriff Scotty Byrnes and Asst. Attorney General John Yung by defense lawyers, that Gamba is being prosecuted repeatedly on a vindictive basis for the same incident, and is "dangerous because he is a spokesman."

Today's guilty verdict came at the end of a 3-day trial which saw the state lose on every point of evidence. Gamba's innocence was established clearly to all spectators at the proceedings. The defense team of lawyers and investigators from Birmingham, Atlanta, and New Orleans was skillfully led by movement attorney Leonard Weinglass, and by Gamba, who acted as his own counsel and delivered a stirring portion of the closing argument.

Weinglass had flown from California to enter the case, after both the Alabama and federal courts refused to allow William Kunstler into the trial. Weinglass is currently representing Bill and Emily Harris of the SLA who endorsed Weinglass making the trip in "solidarity with the Atmore-Holman Brothers."

STABBED MAN HATED BY MANY

The trial involved the stabbing of a white inmate-snitch which took place during the January 18 rebellion at Atmore. The snitch, Jewell Thomas, had been a hall attendant in the segregation unit, and had sold water to prisoners who had none in their dungeon-like cells. When the cell doors were opened during the protest, some of the prisoners whom Thomas had taken advantage of went straight for him and nearly stabbed him to death.

One of the prisoners who stabbed Thomas admitted to it and testified yesterday in Gamba's trial. The

prisoner testified, "The others were doing what they wanted to do with the protest and demands, and I did what I wanted." He said that he and a few others had stabbed Jewell Thomas and Oscar Johnson (Gamba) was not even near the cell when it happened.

Jewell Thomas has testified in every trial against the Atmore prisoners charged from the rebellion. In two of the trials, it was revealed that his parole was being held up until after he gave "satisfactory testimony". In this trial, however, Judge Douglass Webb would not allow such evidence to be subpoenaed from the state records. But attorney Weinglass did show in cross-examination that Thomas had not named Gamba as one of his attackers in another trial, and further that he was scheduled to be released from the Alabama prison system immediately at the end of

this trial.

"HE MUST BE GUILTY OF SOMETHING"

So how was Gamba convicted? One juror told this reporter after the trial, "None of us thought that Oscar stabbed Jewell, but we felt he must be guilty of something, because he was a leader in the whole thing."

The state prosecutors gained this and other convictions arising from the incident not on evidence, but on the basis of red-baiting, racism, and Alabama's "conspiracy and aid-and-abet" statutes. The jurors have time after time brought back convictions solely because the defendant was a prisoner, Black, a revolutionary, and was involved in the rebellion.

Today's verdict was Gamba's third conviction before an Escambia County jury from the same incident with combined sentences of 66 years. He faces

another trial on December 8 on totally trumped-up charges of stealing the deceased guard's wallet, which could bring a maximum life sentence.

Gamba told this reporter after the trial "Now it is clear to all that even one of the best lawyers in the country can't do anything with the Alabama railroad-court system."

In his presentence statement, Gamba told the court, "I am not guilty, just as George Dobbins, George Jackson, Frank X Moore, and Ray Robinson were not guilty.... We are living in a revolutionary era, supposedly celebrating the bicentennial, but it will not be celebrated by the many who do not want another 200 years of slavery and hell at the hands of the wealthy few.... The poor and oppressed people are tired and the suffering and slavery which we endure must and will come to an end."

What about U.S. prisoners, Moynihan?

By BOB DOBROW

NEW YORK, Nov. 17—The vote in the UN last week branding Zionism as a form of racism was a stunning defeat for the U.S. In what was explained as an attempt to counter the effects of that vote, U.S. delegate Daniel Moynihan introduced his own resolution the next day calling on all governments "to proclaim an unconditional amnesty by releasing all political prisoners."

A more cynical and hypocritical move is hardly conceivable. There are hundreds of thousands of political prisoners today held by regimes set up and supported by the U.S. government. Would Washington have to go to the UN if it were really concerned about prisoners in Chile, for example, or in Indonesia? The administration has much more direct lines of communication with these dictatorships, and could dictate a

change in policy tomorrow if it wanted to. (Workers World will deal with this question more fully in a future issue.)

But what about right here at home? Are there political prisoners right here in the U.S., or should we take for good coin the government's assurances that in this "democratic" society, the category of "political prisoner" doesn't exist?

OBVIOUS POLITICAL PRISONERS

First of all, there are literally thousands still in jail or exile for their resistance to the war. Many Black liberation fighters are still held captive. And dozens of newsmen have been jailed in the past few years for refusing to "cooperate" with grand jury inquisitions. These are the obvious political prisoners.

But one glance at the prisons in

the U.S. shows these institutions are also put to an extremely political use against the poor and oppressed.

If all the rich corporate heads who have bribed and cheated were in jail, if all the generals were put on death row for war crimes in Vietnam, and all the greedy landlords who don't provide livable housing were locked up, then perhaps the jails could be said to contain the real "criminal" element in society.

But these people aren't in prison. Over half the prisoners are Black, Latin, and Chicano, and 99 percent are poor. And what are their crimes? The FBI statistics report that about 90 percent of all crime is against property! The masses of unemployed, the poorest of the poor, are driven by their poverty to commit crimes of survival. (This does not make muggings,

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George Wallace: ugly face of racism

By T. MITCHELL

NEW YORK, Nov. 12—George Wallace, the man who physically blocked an Alabama schoolhouse door in 1964, barring the entrance of a Black student, today formally announced his desire for the 1976 Presidential nomination of the Democratic Party at its convention here in New York.

This will be the fourth campaign of the man who has sat for term after term in the governor's mansion getting wide publicity for his vile appeal to white racism and reaction while subjecting the Black people of Alabama to a regime rooted in bigotry, inequality, and violent oppression.

The 1976 Wallace campaign fund is far and away the greatest of all the many announced candidates, totalling well over \$4 million. This is not only because the liberals have failed to attract monied support, but because Wallace has been most generously advanced huge loans to finance repeated mass mailings that netted the bulk of the contributions. So much for campaign financing reform, as practiced by a "law and order" demagogue.

A poll taken by U.S. News and World Report found that more than two-thirds of the Democratic Party National Committee declared they would not support a ticket with Wallace on it. But Wallace is expected to arrive at the convention with the largest single block of delegates, picked up in next year's 31 primaries.

COLLAPSE OF LIBERALS

Wallace has become a political

force in part because the Democratic Party liberals have completely crumbled on the issue of racism. The National Committee has been reduced to the pathetic choice of Humphrey. In the 1972 primary elections, Wallace went unanswered by the liberal candidates for his attacks on school desegregation, using the racist code words; "Stop forced busing."

In 1972 Wallace moderated the extreme language of his earlier campaigns succeeding in confusing larger numbers of white workers, before his critical wounding cleared Wallace from contention and opened the way for an overwhelming Nixon victory. But regardless of misunderstandings by some of his white supporters, Wallace's own ambition is to lead a white racist mob on a national scale.

In recent months, noted liberal luminaries including Kennedy and Humphrey, have gone to Alabama courting Wallace's favor, and blessing him with their "respectability" full well knowing that under Wallace's cosmetic mask lie the old twisted features of racial hatred and prejudice.

MURDER IN THE ALABAMA PRISON SYSTEM

The Alabama prison system shows exactly how much Wallace remains his old rotten self. One warden appointed by him holds the qualification of being the chief of police in Montgomery who organized attacks on Black civil rights demonstrators in the 1960s.



The Democratic Party has completely failed to challenge Wallace on the issue of racism, giving his new Presidential campaign a "respectability" it in no way deserves.

Even official state inspections have found conditions at Atmore and Holman prisons to be unfit for humans. And right now the state of Alabama is in the midst of a series of frame-up trials against the leaders of the prisoners' organization Inmates for Action, who have already suffered the brutal murders of four of their comrades at the hands of prison guards.

For all Wallace's appeal to white racism, the preponderantly white

trade union officials have not been taken in by his flattery of their worst impulses—for an obvious reason. Alabama is an anti-union state bar none. Unions are few and weak, wages are at the poverty level in many occupations, and unemployment compensation and all social welfare programs provide wholly inadequate aid.

WALLACE THE ENEMY OF LABOR

But these union officials have

never conducted a thorough educational campaign against the evil character of Wallace's rule in Alabama. They have failed to publicize his record of using racism to divide the working class in order to subject both Black and white to worse conditions. That message is the responsibility of all progressive labor activists to carry boldly among the ranks of the white workers, forging a unity with Black people that will give the strength to overturn both racial and class oppression.

S-1 bill paves way for police state

By BILL DEL VECCHIO

NEW YORK, Nov. 14—Nixon may be gone, but his "reform" bill of the U.S. criminal code, known as S-1, designed to set the legal basis for a police state, quietly continues in Congress, supported by the same liberal Democrats who were so vocal in ousting Nixon and "saving democracy."

Actively supported by Nixon's appointee to the presidency,

Gerald Ford, the bill is presently being discussed in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

S-1 was originally written by John Mitchell and Richard Kleindienst, former attorney generals and now convicted criminals. It was introduced into the Senate by an unholy alliance of Republican leader Hugh Scott, rabid-right-wingers James McClellan and James Eastland, and Democratic "liberals" Mike Mansfield and

Birch Bayh.

PROVISIONS OF BILL

If made into law, the bill would make it possible for local police to ban any type of demonstration and persecute people who belong to or agree with progressive organizations. It would allow the U.S. government to censor media reports dealing with military or "national security matters," allow the use in court of confessions that

were beaten out of prisoners, and make leaks of classified information such as the Pentagon Papers punishable with penalties up to death.

Advocating draft resistance or any kind of obstruction of a war such as what occurred during the Vietnam war would now be a federal felony. News reporters who write reports on battles that contradict the official military version would be committing a

crime under the new laws.

The definition of "crossing state lines to incite a riot" is widely expanded. Using the mail or telephone or interstate travel for the "planning, promotion, management, consummation, or concealment" of a "riot" could be prosecuted. A "riot" is defined by the bill as a public disturbance involving five or more persons which in the police mind creates grave danger to persons or property.

—U.S. prisoners

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assault, or robbery supportable actions, but if every man and woman had a decent job with sufficient pay to meet their needs, there'd be no basis for crimes and all could be productive members of society.)

The mass of prisoners are in effect prisoners of a political and economic system which does not offer them any legal way out. That is why nearly all the prisoners in this country can be considered in reality political prisoners.

There are thousands in jail who haven't been found guilty of anything. They're just too poor to afford bail. They stay in prison for months, only to finally meet unfeeling, court-appointed lawyers, conservative judges, and alien juries.

The life of George Jackson, a Black revolutionary leader murdered at Soledad Prison, was typical of the plight of untold thousands of poor desperate youth. "When I was accused of robbing a gas station of \$70 I accepted a

deal—I agreed to confess and spare the county court costs in return for a light sentence. I confessed, but when time came for sentencing, they tossed me in the penitentiary with one to life. That was in 1960. I was 18." (June 1970 in Soledad Brother).

DUNGEONS FOR THE OPPRESSED

What does it mean when three or four people are stuffed into cages hardly fit for one? When inmates in the South are being held in reconverted warehouses? When people are chained and gagged while in court on trial for their lives (the San Quentin Six)? When guards and wardens are members of the Ku Klux Klan (as has been proven at Napanoch prison in New York State—one of many)? When the authorities prepare "death lists" of prisoners they want killed (Atmore and Holman prisons in Alabama)?

Untold horror stories show that Attica, McAlester, San Quentin—these are not institutions for

"rehabilitation." They are much closer to modern-day Auschwitz, Buchenwalds, and Dachaus—concentration camps for the poor. All the talk in the early 1970s of prison "reform" has quietly been shelved as the prisons become more oppressive. The latest form of "rehabilitation" is behavior modification, which gives a scientific veneer to sadistic violence. It is aimed at the most conscious and rebellious of the prisoners and its methods have included sensory deprivation, drugs, lobotomies, electric shock, and psychosurgery.

As the economic crisis deepens and unemployment and inflation

soar, more and more people will be driven to desperate acts. The bosses' only solution is to come down with an iron heel and try to intimidate any acts of rebellion. Terrorism is the final word in the prison system.

It won't be phony U.S. resolutions in the UN that will free these victims of social injustice. The spirit and solidarity they have displayed in fighting back against all odds shows that the prisons, if they've done nothing else, have been schools of revolutionary experience that transform prisoners of the political system into conscious political prisoners.



MCCARTHYISM REVIVED

S-1 would bring back the McCarthy days with a vengeance. Anyone convicted of having "intent to bring about the forcible overthrow or destruction of the government of the U.S. or any state as speedily as circumstances permit," incites other persons to do the same, or organizes, leads, or recruits members for an organization or group which the government decides advocates the overthrow of the government can be sentenced to 15 years in jail and a \$100,000 fine.

The fact that "liberal" Democrats are willing to back the most extreme repressive legislation that the Nixon regime could produce should serve as a warning. While they make speeches about their "love of democracy" in public, in the back rooms of the Senate they're willing to pave the way for a police state. Only when the people were fighting in the streets against the war in Vietnam did Mansfield and Bayh come out against the war.

Only by fighting S-1 ourselves will it be defeated.



Unconditional support for People's Angola!

The newly born People's Republic of Angola is fighting off invasions from two columns of mercenaries under the command of white imperialist officers. It is the elementary duty of all progressives to offer their unconditional support to the Angolan people in this struggle to control their destiny.

Emerging from centuries of cruel colonial rule, the Angolan liberation fighters, along with their brothers and sisters in Mozambique and Guinea-Bissau, have helped to topple the fascist Portuguese empire only to face another and even more formidable adversary: U.S. imperialism. The U.S., with the participation of some of the European imperialists and the white settler state of South Africa, has created a neocolonialist force of mercenaries posing as rival "liberation" movements. But it would be absolute folly to believe that "liberation" could come to the Black African people of Angola via fascist officers from South Africa and Portugal. It is these imperialist forces, under the cover of the organizations FNLA and UNITA, which are being cheered on right now by the rightist Portuguese General Spinoza, who has lent officers from his fascist "Portuguese Liberation Army" for the invasion of Angola.

The terribly wrong position taken by the People's Republic of China, which for factional reasons deriving from its own split with the Soviet Union is actually supporting the interventionist troops, helps to complicate what should be a simple, easily understood issue.

It is not even the ideology of the MPLA—the movement which ousted the Portuguese and established the people's government—which is decisive. There might be debate over whether the MPLA is or is not Marxist. It may or may not be able to nationalize the rich resources which have been taken over by foreign imperialist interests, especially the oil field in the Cabinda enclave. These questions, however, do not form the criteria for whether or not the new government should be supported.

The Angolan People's Republic should be supported because it is leading a genuine liberation struggle against imperialism. In this struggle it has fortunately been supplied with arms by the Soviet Union. The Leninist position on this question is that an oppressed people have the right to seek material assistance from wherever they can get it, as long as they use that assistance to advance their struggle against their oppressors. This is exactly what the Vietnamese people did, and it would be ridiculous to think that they could have achieved their magnificent victory over the powerful U.S. imperialist forces had they been stripped of their arms.

The Angolan people are using the weapons they received from the Soviet Union to fight off an invasion force organized by the worst oppressors and exploiters of the African people. It is the rankest kind of sectarianism not to recognize this and give them wholehearted support.

Johnson & Johnson's:

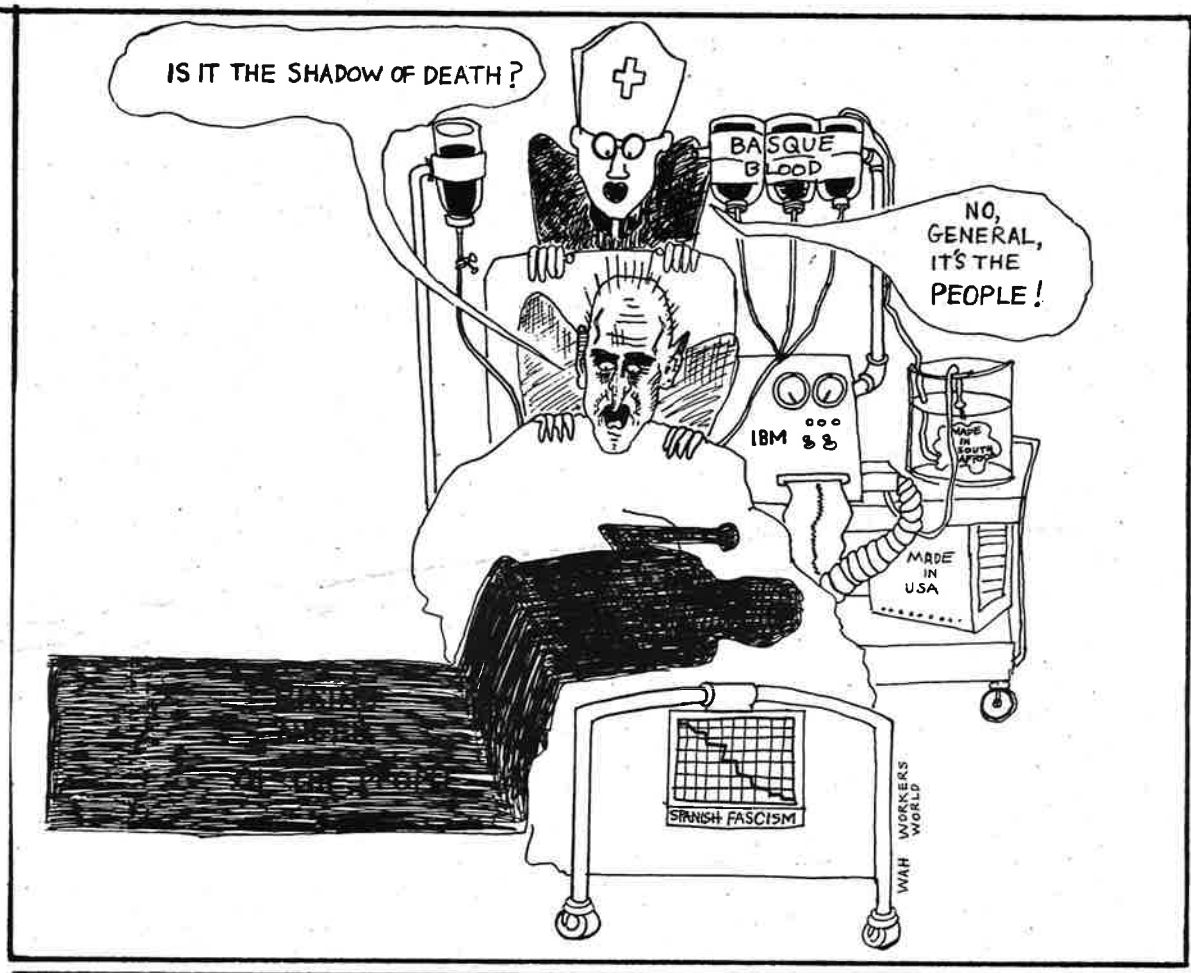
The recent admission by the federal Food and Drug Administration that it covered up evidence of the drug-induced killing of ten elderly patients at a Philadelphia nursing home once again underscores the complicity of the federal government in inhuman and criminal "experiments" carried out by large pharmaceutical companies on the aged, the poor, the sick, and prisoners.

The latest revelation concerns the gigantic Johnson & Johnson Company, a firm that ranks in the top 100 industrial corporations and boasted \$2 billion in sales last year.

With a cruel disregard for human life, this company sponsored a series of revolting tests of the drug Nacton on indigent patients at Colonial Gardens Nursing Home in Philadelphia. Ten of these unfortunate and unsuspecting aged people were first administered injections of Haldol, a drug which causes severe nervous disorders. Then they were given Johnson & Johnson's test product Nacton to find out if it would suppress the violent symptoms caused by the Haldol.

They died from the shock. If all this sounds to the average person something like some lunatic Nazi experiment, it certainly doesn't phase the pharmaceutical firms which conduct such "tests" all the time.

It is quite a commentary on the U.S. health business that rich and prominent doctors will pompously debate in public the various ethical problems raised by the sad case of Karen Quinlan, while in private many of them carry out on behalf of rich drug companies the most monstrous and lethal experiments on old and enfeebled patients entrusted to their care.



Racism and Zionism, Part I

Rise of the Israeli state

By JUDITH STOLL

NEW YORK, Nov. 17—Western imperialist countries have reacted with outrage and threats to the recent UN vote condemning Zionism as racist. The vote has been called "odious," "an act of infamy," "a revival of anti-Semitism." U.S. leaders have threatened withdrawal from the UN, or at least withholding of funds, and have openly promised to "punish" independent countries that voted in favor of the resolution.

The U.S., in particular, has reacted as if it had received a direct political blow from the UN majority. And indeed it has. For Zionism has always been, from its inception, a willing tool of Western imperialism with racist exclusion and colonial conquest as its main weapons. Beyond the moral indignation and the charges of anti-Semitism against the Arab and socialist countries lies the fact that Zionism has created an entire nation of homeless Palestinians and has trapped the Jewish people themselves in an armed camp.

How is it possible that racist practices can be promulgated in the name of a people as oppressed and victimized as the Jewish people have been?

Zionism was never a mass movement among the Jews. A brief look at the history of Zionism will reveal how it has always been a political movement to create a reactionary capitalist state at the expense of the Jewish working class and the indigenous Arab population.

EUROPEAN ANTI-SEMITISM

Among the Jewish people, the desire for a homeland had its roots largely in the centuries of virulent European anti-Semitism. At the end of the 19th century, Theodore Herzl, the founder of Zionism, began his campaign among the heads of the leading imperialist powers by promising to establish a European colony in exchange for the right to a Jewish state. In his 1896 book *Der Judenstaat* (The Jewish State), he explained how he intended to deal with the natives of this projected colony. "We intend to work the poor population across

the frontier surreptitiously by . . . denying them any employment in our own land."

It was finally the British who took up Herzl's proposal and, in 1917, they drafted the Balfour Declaration granting Zionists the right to establish a Jewish homeland in Palestine. The Arab population there had been in revolt for nearly a century against European colonialism, and the British clearly saw the advantages of helping to set up a protectorate in the area, under eternal obligation and with cultural bonds to England. The Jews, in their view, were sufficiently European to represent British interests in the Middle East, while being sufficiently non-European to be dispensable should there be a full-scale Arab rebellion.

"CONQUISTADORS"
David Ben-Gurion, former

Lebanese Jews for PLO

BEIRUT, Nov. 12—The Beirut newspaper *Al Safir* published today the testimony of several Lebanese Jews who expressed their gratitude to the Palestinian Resistance, which took the initiative of sending them provisions during recent fighting here.

The greater part of the Lebanese Jewish community lives in the central section of the city, which was surrounded during the combat. On November 3, the PLO furnished them with food supplies for two weeks.

One of the statements was from the vice-president of the Jewish community, Dr. Salim Al Moghrabi, directing his thanks to Yasser Arafat, president of the PLO, and denouncing Israel's "intentionally confusing Judaism with Zionism." "We refuse the protection of Israel or any foreign protection, as Israel has requested for us," he said in concluding.

The above news story appeared prominently last Thursday in the leftist-oriented, mass-circulation Portuguese paper *O Seculo*. To our knowledge, it has not appeared at all in the United States.

Prime Minister of Israel, once referred to the early Zionist settlers as "a company of conquistadors." They understood their role as guardians of Western imperialism and set about "civilizing" their colony. An early Zionist spokesman, Vladimir Jabotinsky, said, "We have no Arab policy. History teaches us that all colonizations have met with little encouragement from the native on the spot. . . . Palestine should cease being an Arab country. . . a Palestine predominantly Jewish, surrounded on all sides by Arab countries, will in the interests of its own survival always seek to lean upon some powerful Empire. . . ."

With a massive infusion of European capital and the immigration of wealthy Jews, the Zionists began buying up land from Arab landlords, forcing Arab farmers off their land. Entire Arab villages disappeared and British soldiers aided in the eviction. As the displaced peasants began moving into the cities, they found they could get no employment in the growing number of Zionist-owned businesses. The Union of Hebrew Workers expressly forbade the employment of Arab labor and enforced this policy with picket lines.

In 1936, the Arabs of Palestine staged a general strike in protest of British colonialism. The Zionists proved their worth to the British by breaking that strike, both with scabs and by force of arms the British had given them with the express purpose of suppressing this rebellion.

Ironically, it was at about this time that the Zionists themselves began their own bid for independence, but with few exceptions they refused to join the Arab rebels in a joint revolutionary movement. They preferred to wait until they could strike out against both the Arabs and the British. But they clearly saw not only that there could be no Jewish state without independence, but that British world power was diminishing. They saw the political expediency

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What did they talk about at Rambouillet?

A den of thieves under fire

By SAM MARCY

NEW YORK, Nov. 17—This weekend President Ford and the heads of the governments of France, Britain, West Germany, Italy, and Japan met in a beautiful chateau some 35 miles from Paris. The purpose of the meeting, according to the participants, was to formulate a common strategy to solve the deepest economic crisis since the early 1930s. Monetary matters, trade, and energy problems were said to be on the agenda, the details of which were kept secret. Each government leader was supposed to give one of the reports covering the problems posed on the agenda.

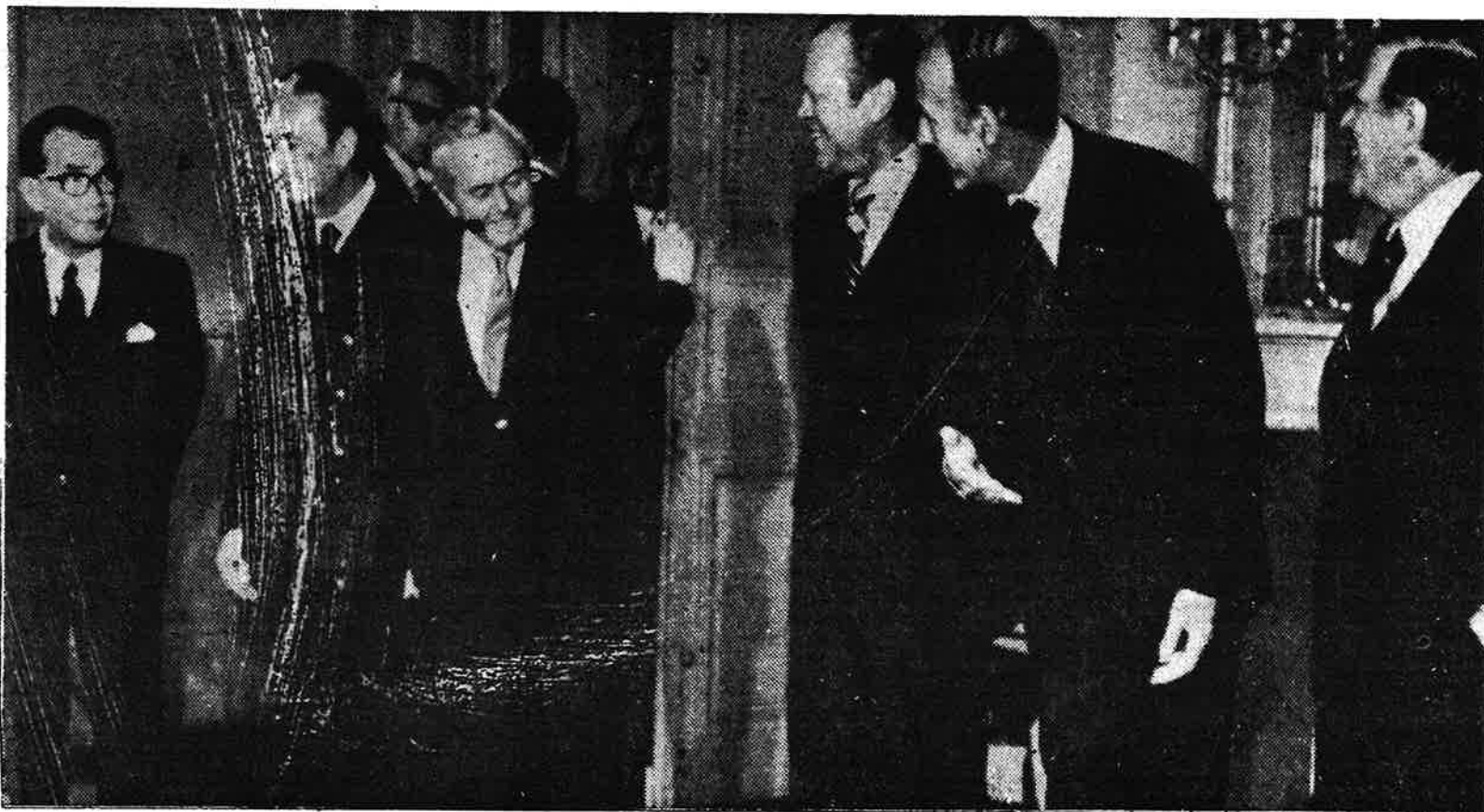
At the conclusion of the meeting, Gerald Ford told the press, "The people of our countries can look forward to more jobs, less inflation, and a greater sense of economic security." The other five imperialist representatives used words to the same effect.

Not a word of this should be believed.

"BACK CHANNELING"

Ford's statement and the official press briefings on what was discussed at the meeting fall into the category of putting out a "cover story" while simultaneously "back channeling"—a term that emerged from the recent CIA hearings to describe a technique used by government officials, particularly the so-called intelligence community. It means the practice whereby, while making one explanation for public consumption, government leaders send private memos through "back channels" to those individuals who need to be informed what the real policy is.

While the conclave at the Chateau de Rambouillet did issue some pronouncements on monetary and economic policies, it would be extremely naive to think that this was the real purpose of such a gathering. The very idea that these six imperialist leaders were meeting in order to find a solution to the devastating economic crisis which has been raging for well over 18 months is the biggest hoax of all. If any one of these leaders,



Capitalist leaders meet in France. "... Despite all their secret plans, wily maneuvers, and desperate gambles for counter-insurgency, this den of thieves is economically bankrupt and politically under fire by the popular masses in each of the countries they presumably represent."

or all of them together, really had a plan to solve the economic crisis, they wouldn't need a secret meeting.

If they had the answer to the question, why would they be afraid to make it public? Are they afraid some smaller country would rob the plan and solve the crisis by itself, starting an economic recovery ahead of time?

The whole idea of a secret meeting to solve such a stupendous problem over a single weekend, without their usual hordes of economists, technicians, and advisors, is ludicrous. If an economic plan to really solve the economic crisis or even seriously to consider it were under discussion, hundreds and perhaps thousands of government economists employed by the imperialists would not have been left

home waiting for a press release from Paris. Surely, some of them would have been apprised of it in advance and it would have been a topic of discussion somewhere publicly.

What would there be to hide, if it was for real?

The truth of the matter is that "solving the economic crisis" is not what the meeting was about. These leaders of the principal imperialist powers headed by Ford are completely bankrupt when it comes to any real ideas for solving the economic crisis and bringing about a recovery.

The agenda which they announced publicly is a "cover story" calculated to take the public and working people off guard.

QUESTION OF PORTUGAL AND ANGOLA

Of course, issues of the deepest significance to the European, American, and Japanese working class were discussed, but they were not on the public agenda. One of the most urgent items undoubtedly covered was how to deal with Portugal and Angola. Ford was there to club the European allies into faster and more coordinated action against the Portuguese and Angolan struggles, under the threat of the U.S. doing the job unilaterally.

Several weeks ago Ford blew the cover on two men who were his colleagues at this conference: the "socialist" heads of state of Britain and West Germany. He did this by planting a story in the New York Times that the CIA was funneling money to the Socialist Party in Portugal through social democratic parties and trade unions in Western Europe to foment subversion in Portugal in the name of fighting communism.

The reason the cover was pulled was to goad them on to use more forceful measures and to warn them that the U.S. would act unilaterally unless they coordinated their activities with the

U.S. and carried through the overturn expeditiously.

Ford arrived in Paris barely one day after the Portuguese workers, in a truly spectacular demonstration of strength and solidarity, held Prime Minister Azevedo virtually a prisoner, only releasing him after he capitulated to the workers on their principal demand. Unquestionably, such a revolutionary demonstration on the part of the workers, which bared the inability of the rightist politicians and military camarilla to do anything about it, was bound to receive the most urgent attention from the conferees.

NATO VS. EUROPEAN WORKERS

All of them, with the exception of Japan, are NATO partners. The issue of the true role of NATO was bound to be discussed and reviewed. The question was not, however, NATO's posture toward the USSR, although it's true enough that NATO was conceived as an imperialist military instrument against the USSR. However, that is not its only function—certainly not now. The problem for the imperialists now is how to convert NATO ever so clandestinely, or if need be openly, into a continental counter-insurgency force to be utilized in the near future against the revolutionary workers in Southern Europe, while not excluding the possibility of social disturbances of a working class character in all of Europe. A discussion on how to meet the threat from the working class was a principal reason for the meeting in France. This explains why Italy was invited to the meeting, although originally opposed by France.

The French had wanted a narrower agenda concentrating on some monetary problems in which the U.S. has continually been putting the squeeze on France and pushing it to the wall.

(It was not without significance that the French announced just the other day that they now regard themselves as the third nuclear

power, having in their view surpassed both Britain and China. The purpose of the announcement on the eve of Ford's coming to the conference was to tell Ford, "Don't push us too hard—we are stronger than you think.")

ITALIAN, FRENCH CP'S SWEAR OFF REVOLUTION

It would have been highly appropriate at the time this den of thieves was meeting for the Western Communist parties to hold a parallel conference to expose the counter-revolutionary machinations of the imperialists and unmask their lies. Unfortunately, the two numerically strongest European CP's, in France and Italy, instead chose precisely this moment to issue a joint statement which, while paying lip service to the struggle against imperialism, pledged to work within the democratic (electoral) system.

Also, under the cover of phrases proclaiming autonomy and independence they in effect disavowed class solidarity with the USSR. This is described as rejecting the "domination of Moscow" by the bourgeois press.

But it is much too late in the day for the Soviet bureaucracy to exert any real domination over the French and Italian CP's. Their real motivation for this statement was to ingratiate themselves with the bourgeoisie, particularly that element which wears the democratic mask.

The Italian CP, it should be noted, has been grovelling at the feet of Wall Street and the Pentagon, hoping they will give a signal to the Christian Democrats to take the CP into the Italian government in what is being called the "historic compromise."

But the contempt with which Washington treats the Italian CP was shown when a leading representative invited to address the Rockefeller-dominated Council on Foreign Relations couldn't even get a visa to enter this country, (Continued on page 10)

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of an alliance with the U.S., whose power was growing.

U.S. BARRED JEWISH IMMIGRATION

Following the terrible slaughter of the Jewish people during World War II, the U.S. refused to let the hundreds of thousands of homeless Jewish survivors immigrate to the U.S. They were left with little choice but to go to Palestine, though a New York Times poll at the time revealed that 80 percent of the so-called Displaced Persons specifically did not want to go to Palestine. These homeless Jewish victims became pawns in the moral arguments for the creation of a Jewish state. The U.S. didn't want them. Where else could they find refuge?

The Zionists finally won their independence in May 1948, but the partition plan drawn up by the UN granted them a territory that had a population nearly 50 percent Arab. A Zionist official was asked by a British aide, John Glubb, whether

this fact would not make the creation of a Jewish state difficult. "Oh no," he said. "That will be fixed. A few calculated massacres will soon get rid of them."

While the Arabs had been disarmed by the British, the Zionists were well armed and engaged in terrorist anti-Arab activities, driving Arab inhabitants from their villages. On the night of April 9, 1948, 254 Arab residents of Deir Yassin were massacred by Zionist terrorists. It was the psychological turning point. Arab villagers fled in panic from their homes at the sight of Zionist soldiers, shouting "Deir Yassin" in their flight. By the end of 1949, the state of Israel had, in this manner, gobbled up 77.4 percent of the land of Palestine, nearly 20 percent more than had been granted them by partition. Jordan grabbed the remainder of the land, and Palestine ceased to exist. Already, 757,000 Palestinians had been made homeless and destitute refugees.

(To be continued.)

After 12 years, people ask why

JFK murderers are still free

By P. MEISNER

NEW YORK, Nov. 16—Exactly 12 years ago, on November 22, U.S. political history recorded an unprecedented internal convulsion within the summits of the capitalist establishment. President John Kennedy, himself from a \$400-million guling class family, was assassinated on that fateful day in Dallas by the largest conspiracy perhaps ever organized.

The ultra-rightist cabal hoped to bring about a fascist coup based on the classical example of the Reichstag fire during the Nazi takeover in Germany. The assassination was to be pinned on Lee Harvey Oswald, the "Communist agent," and create an atmosphere of panic, confusion, and hysterical red-baiting. But as Workers World stated on November 26, 1963, just 4 days after the assassination:

"But the ultra-rightist plot for a governmental takeover proved to be premature.

"Deep as are the antagonisms within the ruling class over questions of policy, they have not yet matured to the extent where the most substantial section of the capitalist class and the banker-generals who rule on their behalf were ready to dispense with the facade of bourgeois democracy and throw in their lot with a totalitarian dictatorship."

But that ruling class majority, instead of exposing and indicting the conspirators, made its peace with them and consequently conceded much to the ultra-right's program, as borne out in the successor, Johnson, Nixon, and Ford administrations. It was this tenuous intra-ruling class peace coupled with the fear of an aroused population informed with the truth that dictated Johnson's formation of the Warren Commission, which eventually issued a report proclaiming the fraudulent "lone assassin" theory as the final verdict on the assassination.

THE WHITEWASH

Immediately after the official publication of the Warren report,

Workers World stated in a front-page article headlined "Whitewash!," on October 1, 1964:

"The Report of the Warren Commission on the Kennedy assassination is the most massive cover-up in the history of the United States. It is replete with contradictions, half-truths, distortions, and outright lies. . . ."

"A reading of the Warren Report unmistakably shows that there has been officially sanctioned for the first time in U.S. history, a murder trial, held in secret, without the right of defense counsel and without the right of cross examination of witnesses."

Since the publication of the Warren Report, poll after poll has shown that fewer and fewer Americans swallow the single assassin version and that at least 72 percent now believe the assassination to be the work of a giant political conspiracy.

WHY THEY DID IT

The question of why the ultra-right wanted to assassinate Kennedy and replace his government baffled many of the radical political organizations in the U.S. at the time of the assassination. But since the Watergate exposures and the recent disclosures about the CIA, liberal critics of the Warren Report have unraveled the political reasons behind the murder plot in Dallas, reasons disclosed in Workers World 12 years ago.

While John Kennedy proved to be an aggressive imperialist leader in his own right, such as in the Berlin crisis of 1961, in the Cuban missile crisis of 1962, and in many other parts of the globe, he apparently had made and was about to make some real (and some not so real) concessions and necessary tactical retreats internationally and also domestically. These included Cuba and the Bay of Pigs invasion, the war in Vietnam, the 1963 test ban treaty with the USSR, and control over the CIA.

Consequently, the extreme right-wing of the ruling class had, rightly or wrongly, neither confidence in

Kennedy nor confidence in being able to force or "pressure" Kennedy to the right. The same forces that killed Kennedy 12 years ago are the ones today that are most vociferous in blocking Nelson Rockefeller from capturing the White House in 1976 (as they have successfully done in every Presidential election since 1960).

Twelve years of cover-up by three administrations (Ford himself was a member of the Warren Commission) have passed and yet more and more people are convinced that a monstrous conspiracy murdered John F. Kennedy. In the last two years, though, the general political and economic crisis plaguing the U.S. imperialist rulers has only deepened the split in their camp, which first erupted so violently in Dallas on November 22, 1963.

RECENT EXPOSURES

The advent of Watergate and the CIA exposures has indeed opened the eyes of even loyal followers and believers in the capitalist system. Various investigations in Congress by highly "esteemed" liberals now smell a conspiracy behind the JFK assassination. (Some rightists, it should be noted, in an attempt to manipulate the rampant skepticism in the country, include as a "possibility" the already discredited theory of a Cuban-backed conspiracy. They cannot explain, however, why the FBI, CIA, Secret Service, Warren Commission, etc., would cover up a left-wing assassination.) But new independent investigations, outside of the government, have also obtained new evidence and disclosures within the last 6 months. These have produced a rash of books and magazine articles, most of which get closer and closer to naming the actual conspiracy.

Original autopsy sketches and transcripts of secret sessions of the Warren Commission now released from the National Archives, and newly-found CIA and FBI communications, have shown the Warren Report to be an utter fraud that deliberately hid the nature of the conspiracy behind the assassination.

But the liberal politicians in Congress investigating the assassination cannot be expected to completely expose and root out this unbridled violence from within the warring factions of the U.S. capitalist dynasties. These politicians' umbilical cords are still connected with the decaying system of capitalism. Only the workers and the oppressed in the U.S. can carry out this historic task.

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peoples in this capitalist society.

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although at the same time an outright fascist from the so-called "Social Movement" was accorded a lavish reception by both the Pentagon and the State Department.

MIDDLE EAST

Also on the agenda must have been the role of the NATO countries in the Middle East. Here they have tremendous contradictions and varying degrees of interest in the event of a Western-coordinated attack on the Middle East. There's

no fundamental disagreement on the need to remold into pliable tools the oil-producing countries with their limited national sovereignty and tremendous potential for revolutionary ferment among the masses. The question is: how this can be done without incurring a dangerous response from the USSR or provoking a monumental revolutionary upsurge?

Also under consideration, but of subordinate significance at this meeting, was how to divide up the booty which these imperialist pirates are conspiring to grab. Such secret agreements to divide or redivide world markets and sources of raw materials are not a

novelty or a departure for them. On the contrary, that's what the conventional diplomacy of the imperialists has always been about.

Ford was bound to take the Japanese Prime Minister to task for consistently driving the U.S. out of lucrative markets in southeast Asia, particularly Thailand.

Also on the agenda, and this further explains the participation of Japan, was how to exploit the growing antagonism between the Soviet Union and China.

FORD "TOUGH GUY"

The meeting of course did not overlook the economic problems,

but they were considered in the light of how to throw the onus of the economic crisis on the shoulders of the working class. Here Ford had to play the role of "tough guy" and brag about his tough handling of the economic crisis in the U.S., with growing cutbacks, layoffs, attrition, and sharp cuts in services.


He would urge a tough course by the ruling classes of Western Europe and Japan against the workers and chide them for their "soft" policies and for "socialist" hangovers on the part of Prime Minister Harold Wilson and Chancellor Helmut Schmidt.

But despite all their secret plans, wily maneuvers and desperate

gambles for counter-insurgency, this den of thieves is economically bankrupt and politically under fire by the popular masses in each of the countries they presumably represent.

Their meeting was not an international gathering responding to the fundamental needs of a significant portion of humanity, but was more in the nature of a conclave of international mobsters.

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POLITICAL PRISONERS



ASSATA SHAKUR TRIAL OPENS

NEW YORK, Nov. 10—The trial of Assata Shakur (Joanne Chesimard) and Ronald Myers began this morning in the State Supreme Court in Brooklyn. The state is prosecuting them on charges of robbery and kidnaping in alleged connection with the Black Liberation Army. Opening statements were made today by both the prosecution and the defense.

The prosecutor's accusations were torn apart as Assata Shakur, acting as co-counsel in her own behalf, delivered a strong and moving political opening statement to the jury and the court.

Speaking in a courtroom so crowded with Black, Latin, and white supporters that they could not all get inside, she told of the bitterness she felt, not just about her own frame-up, but especially about the vicious persecution of her co-defendant, Ronald Myers, who was only 19 years old at the time of his arrest.

He first heard of his supposed involvement in an alleged holdup and kidnaping of a drug pusher in a bar in Brooklyn by reading about it in a newspaper 8 months after the incident supposedly occurred. When he immediately went to the district attorney's office to clear up the "mistake," he was arrested.

The convicted drug dealer, who the state alleges was kidnaped by Myers, could not identify Myers the day after the "kidnaping" in police photographs, yet Ronald Myers was indicted anyway solely on the basis of identification 7 weeks later in a bad, partially obscured photograph.

Assata pointed out that this case was only the latest episode in a continuing series of government frame-ups and assassinations of all those in this country who struggle for justice for the poor and oppressed. "Where was 'justice' for the Rosenbergs?" she asked. "Where was justice for the Native American people? Where was the justice for Fred Hampton, for Clifford Glover, and where was justice for the men at Attica? Where is the justice for the millions who are sentenced to be born in poverty and live like dogs while Nixon stole millions of dollars and killed hundreds of thousands and was fully pardoned?"

She pointed out that throughout this country's history, leaders of the oppressed, such as Angela Davis, Cesar Chavez, and Dr. Martin Luther King, have been repeatedly jailed by the government for leading nonviolent, democratic protest. She asked, "Why has everyone who struggles for justice in this country been framed up, jailed, or worse by the government? It is because they have all spoken up; it is because they have all invoked the preamble to the Constitution of the United States, which grants 'the right of the people to change or abolish' the form of government if that decaying, corrupted government does not serve them. It is because they have said, 'Give me liberty or give me death!'"

WITCH-HUNTS NOT OVER

Assata also went over the war that has been waged against militants since the sixties by the FBI, CIA, and other government agencies. She pointed out that we are only now finding out many of the details of these illegal witch-hunts because of recent investigations into these secret police agencies.

"This government is on a witch-hunt for people it considers militant," she explained. "Why? All you have to ask is who controls this government. One percent of the population of this country controls 70 percent of the entire wealth of the U.S. If you know that, then you know who controls the government and who is going to be the victim of that government."

Turning to the jury, she said, "Most of your knowledge of the Black Liberation Army comes from the New York Times, the New York Post, and the New York Daily News. I have read these newspapers

too, and judging from them, I would have believed that the members of the BLA and all other militant organizations were white-hating, cop-shooting, gun-toting individuals fighting for abstract ideals.

BLACK LIBERATION ARMY

"But these newspapers get most of their information from the very same district attorney's offices and police precincts that are trying to railroad us to jail. These big-business media created a fantastic 'Black Liberation Army' to sensationalize and sell newspapers; they attributed anything and everything to the BLA.

"The Black Liberation Army is not an organization; it is a concept going far beyond any organization. The concept of the Black Liberation Army arose, and stands for, a whole movement, because of the fact that Black people are not equal or free. Ninety percent of the men and women prisoners in this country are Black and Third World. Ten-year-old Black children get shot in the back by white cops.

"Where there is oppression, there will be resistance, and the Black Liberation Army is a part of that resistance. The BLA stands for freedom; and there is no freedom for Black people.

"This trial involves kidnap charges in which the alleged kidnap victim is a convicted heroin pusher who has destroyed countless lives in the bottomless pit of a needle. We will show you that this man is a liar. We will show you that the so-called witnesses against us are friends, lovers, or relatives of this man and that they are liars.

"I've told you that I have no faith in this system of justice and believe me, I don't; if there were any justice I wouldn't be standing here now. I ask you to understand the differences between your own backgrounds and ours. Be fair. Our lives are just as precious as yours. Our lives depend on your justice."

The trial is continuing every Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the State Supreme Court building, 360 Adams St., 9th floor, Part 24, Brooklyn, N.Y. It is expected to last through December 1 or later. Those wishing to support Assata Shakur and Ronald Myers are urged to attend the trial.

Stop the war against Black America!
Free Assata Shakur and Ronald Myers!

VICTIMS OF RACIST HYSTERIA

David Rice and Ed Poindexter are two victims of the hysteria against the Black Panther Party in the late sixties and early seventies. Brothers Rice and Poindexter have been in jail since 1971 after a frame-up conviction on killing an Omaha, Neb., police officer.

Both Ed Poindexter and David Rice came into the Black Panther Party through the National Committee to Combat Fascism (NCCF) in 1968. In August 1970 a suitcase bomb killed Omaha patrolman Larry Minard. Omaha cops came down on the Panthers right away.

YOUTH CONFESSES

A 15-year-old youth, Duane Peak, admitted making and placing the bomb and calling police to the site of the bomb. Peak did this in revenge for the police slaying of 14-year-old Vivian Strong a year earlier.

Omaha police were after bigger game than just a 15-year-old Black youth so they manipulated his fears into testimony against Rice and Poindexter. Peak's testimony was supported by illegally obtained evidence from David Rice's apartment. Duane Peak's whereabouts today are unknown.

RELEASE ON APPEAL

The conviction against David Rice has been overturned by the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, but he remains in jail today. Federal Judge Warren Urbom has ordered David Rice released from prison but the State of Nebraska has submitted a brief to

the Supreme Court that argues that violations of the law by police in seeking evidence should not exclude the use of that evidence in a trial.

The fate of both Ed Poindexter and David Rice will be decided on the basis of how the Supreme Court rules on this issue. Because of concern that vital Fourth Amendment rights are at stake in the case, several organizations have indicated that they will join in amicus briefs supporting David Rice.

These organizations include the American Civil Liberties Union, the National Lawyers Guild, the National Conference of Black Lawyers, and several others. Meanwhile David Rice and Ed Poindexter are still a verdict away from their release.

David Rice has stated, "I have faith in you, the people, that you will be able to see political persecution for what it is—window dressing that public officials go through to silence two outspoken men." Letters of support should be sent to the Committee to Free Rice & Poindexter, 2440 Fontenelle Blvd, Omaha, Neb. 68104. Phone (402) 551-2804.



Ray Mendoza LNS photo

RACIST JUDGE REFUSES NEW TRIAL FOR MENDOZA

MILWAUKEE, Nov. 4—Judge Hugh O'Connell's recent decision denying James Ray Mendoza a new trial is an outrage. Anyone with a sense of decency can, by looking at the court records, see that Mendoza did not receive a fair trial after having been charged in the shooting of a Milwaukee cop, and should therefore be granted a new one.

Only a thoroughly biased and racially prejudiced judge can ignore the fact that Mendoza, a Chicano, was tried not by a jury of his peers, but by an all-white jury. On top of that, the jury was allowed to hear the damning and erroneous testimony of polygraph examiner Robert Anderson.

Even though Anderson admitted out of court that his polygraph readings were in error, the judge refused to allow the jury to hear Anderson's retraction. In one of the thickest briefs ever filed in Circuit Court, defense attorneys James Shellow and Steve Glynn provided these and numerous other legal arguments for the granting of a new trial.

Ray's attorneys have already begun preparations for appealing O'Connell's decision to the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Supporters of Ray Mendoza have vowed to continue fighting for Ray until he is free and on the streets again. A fund-raising benefit dance to help cover the expected legal expenses for the upcoming appeal was held here on November 8.

OVERCROWDED GA. PRISONS

By DONNA LAZARUS

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 13—In a supposed effort to relieve severe prison overcrowding, the Board of Pardons and Paroles of Georgia has issued orders to reduce sentences of some prisoners convicted of crimes against property such as forgery, burglary, and theft in which no

weapon was involved. The orders also affect only those who have 6 months to 1 year left to serve on their sentences. Those with more time, and those convicted of misdemeanors, are not affected by the early release orders.

On October 27, 340 prison inmates were freed, with 1,000 scheduled for release over the next year. This is scant few of the more than 11,800 inmates who remain inside the walls of Georgia's 16 prisons and 37 county work camps. There are 667 inmates now in county jails awaiting transfers to prisons to begin serving their unjust sentences. As prison officials admit, the early release program "will provide relief for the county jails, but it won't do much for the prison system." For example, at Alto State Prison only 37 were released, leaving 1,357 remaining inside the bars there.

Georgia's prison authorities are terrified that inhumanly overcrowded jails and wretched conditions will spark prison rebellions and sitdown strikes such as the one in August at Crisp County work camp, which resulted in its closing. Georgia already has the highest rate of imprisonment in the country with 374 in prison for every 100,000 Georgia citizens. The National Moratorium on Prison Construction reports that Georgia has plans to build 12 new jails, prisons, or juvenile facilities.

As more and more people are forced by rising unemployment and increasing hardships to commit "crimes" of survival, the rich will be increasingly jailing poor people. The early release of some prisoners may be a ploy by the Georgia state government to obtain more federal funds to build more prisons.

But far too few prisoners are actually being released for the program to have any meaning at all. Daily we see more examples of the blatant callousness of officials to the plight of prisoners. Today more than 260 youngsters are waiting in Jackson, Ga., just to begin serving their sentences. They have signed contracts under the Youthful Offender Act to take vocational and rehabilitation courses, after which their time will be served. But they can't begin carrying out these contracts until they are moved out of Jackson to one of the two overcrowded youthful offender institutions. There are no educational or recreational facilities at Jackson, and these youth just sit and wait while the real criminals—the Nixons and the Rockefellers—get richer and fatter off our labor and misery. There is only one solution—free all the prisoners, tear the jails down, and provide jobs for all!

FIGHT BACK 10

By DIANNE MATHIOWETZ

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 12—Ten members of the Atlanta Workers Committee to Fight Back will go on trial here November 17. The case of the Fight Back 10 stems from an incident on April 23 when 13 members and supporters of the committee held a peaceful protest against low unemployment benefits and red-tape delays in qualifying for and receiving compensation. They picketed the office of Sam Caldwell, the State Labor Commissioner.

Caldwell's response to these legitimate complaints about the unemployment compensation program he oversees was to call in Georgia State Troopers. The demonstrators were arrested and several of them badly beaten. Charged with trespass and assault, the members of the Fight Back 10 face up to 3 years each on the frame-up charges.

The prosecutor has said that he intends to use the case to "put some trouble-makers away for a few years." And in an attempt to keep the public unaware of these kangaroo court proceedings, the judge has forbidden any of the defendants or their lawyers to talk to the media about the case.

Since the incident in April, the committee has been building support for the 10 by holding rallies, benefit parties, and most recently, on October 11, there was a march of 300 people demanding freedom for the Fight Back 10.

From its beginning in the 1890s, the Zionist movement has been a willing tool of imperialism at the expense of both Jewish workers and the Arab people. Page 8.

Australian workers battle rightist power grab

By ANDY STAPP

NEW YORK, Nov. 17—The social instability brought on by the current world capitalist depression broke through the surface in Australia last week when the Government of Premier Gough Whitlam collapsed.

What made the fall of Whitlam's Labor government so extraordinary was the way it was ousted.

The scenario of events went like this. The Labor government, which is similar to the liberal, pro-capitalist Labor Party in England, was elected in 1972 and reelected in 1974. It was the first Labor government in Australia in 23 years. Whitlam instituted several reforms, including the abolition of the racist restriction on immigration (the notorious "White Australia" policy). The draft was ended and Australian troops withdrawn from Vietnam.

WAGE FREEZE AND FISCAL STRUGGLE

Under the impact of the deepening economic downslide, however, Whitlam's regime took more and more reactionary measures, such as imposing a wage freeze on the workers. Nevertheless, these steps were not harsh enough to satisfy the bosses, and they began maneuvering to bring down the Labor government. Although the Labor Party holds a majority in the Australian House of Representatives, the right-wing Liberal-National Country Party controls the Senate, which, as in the U.S.A., is supposed to

represent "the states" as opposed to "the people."

This Senate, headed by the millionaire, ultra-conservative Malcolm Fraser, refused to appropriate money for the functioning of the government, a most unusual step since the Senate in Australia was thought to be an organization without any actual power, something like the House of Lords in England.

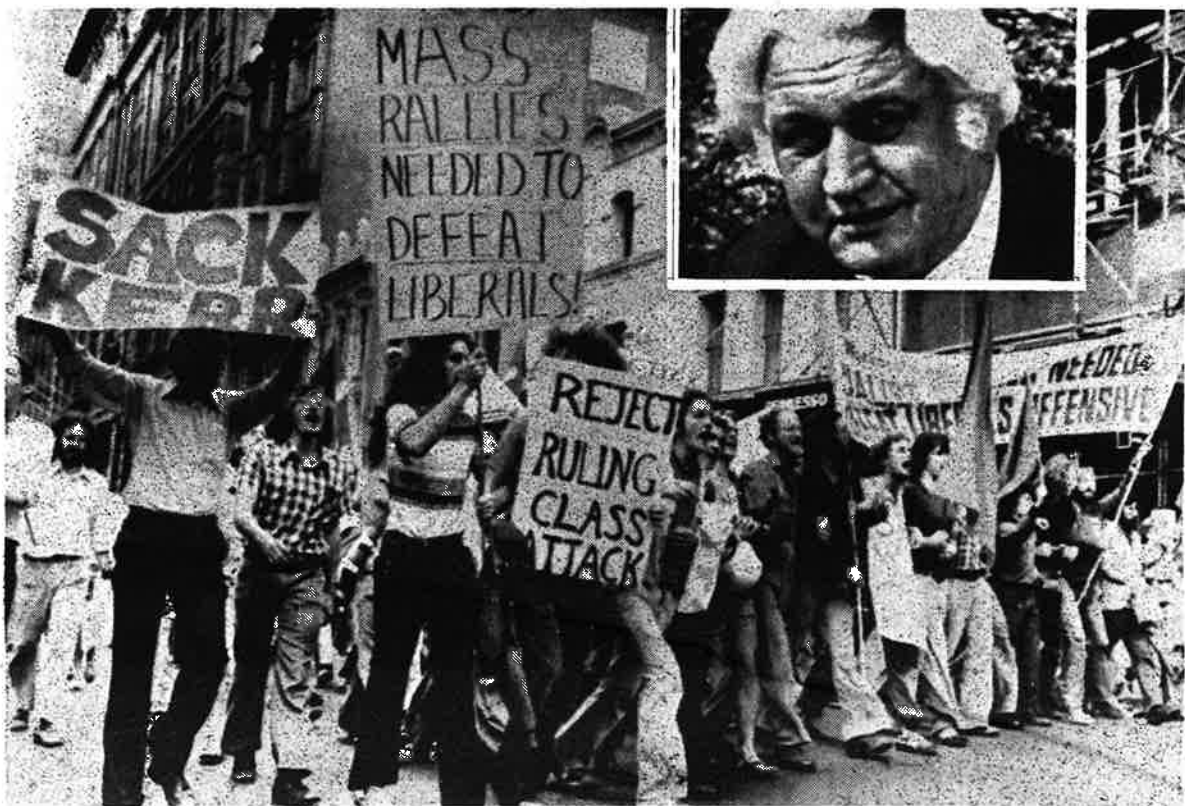
The money deadlock continued for 28 days until an even more extraordinary event occurred. Intoning the words "God save the Queen," Australia's Governor-General, Sir John Kerr, simply dismissed the Labor government and handed power over to Fraser, making him head of state in place of Whitlam.

The Governor-General, who is appointed by the Queen of England, is supposed to hold a completely ceremonial position. His power to oust governments has been considered purely technical, rather like the authority vested in the electoral college in choosing a U.S. president.

The overthrow of the Australian Labor government was the first time a Prime Minister had been dismissed by an agent of the crown since King George III dismissed Lord North 2 centuries ago.

WORKERS' RESPONSE

Fraser, who 2 months ago at a dinner organized by the editor of the newspaper Melbourne Age said, "My class has the right to rule," is undoubtedly quite pleased by this turn of events.



Australian workers responded to the high-handed ouster of the Labor government by going out on strike in the hundreds of thousands.

The working people, however, realizing that the attack on the Labor Party, however conservative that party is, amounts to an attack on themselves, are boiling with anger. While the New York Times reported that, on the day of Whitlam's overthrow, "the stock market scored its biggest gain in a year, and businessmen in Sydney, the nation's largest city, toasted each other with cham-

pagne," the working people poured into the streets to protest this virtual coup. More than 400,000 workers immediately went on strike and the new big-business government had to cancel police leaves as rioting broke out. The Fraser regime had to promise a new election for December 13.

This current crisis can be directly attributed to the strains put on Australian society by both the severe contraction of world capitalism over the past 2 years and the increasing misery and rising militancy of the Australian working class. Over 3,000 Australian businesses have gone bankrupt during the last year, while unemployment has hit 287,666. Employment fell by 21 percent in textiles, 18.3 percent in the clothing industry, and commensurate amounts in metal, food, drink, and other areas. The women's share of the workforce has dropped 16.5 percent.

The workers have been fighting back by striking against these deteriorating conditions, walking off the job in oil refineries, dockyards, mines, and railroads.

U.S. CONNECTION

Australia's economy is dominated by the big U.S. multinationals—GM, Ford, Heinz, Exxon, Mobil, Singer, IBM, ITT, Honeywell, National Cash Register, and others.

Ironically, these huge U.S. monopolies, the most "advanced" institutions of modern capitalism, have turned to that very symbol of medievalism, the "power of the crown," to open their assault on the Australian labor movement.

In all this careful plotting and scheming, however, the bosses seem to have drastically underestimated the ferocity of the political storm they would evoke by stirring the anger of the Australian working class.

British capitalism's 'recovery plan'

Wilson: 'Living standards will fall'

By MOLLY CHARBONEAU

NEW YORK, Nov. 18—As workers and citizens of New York City face layoffs, social service cutbacks, and payless paydays at the hands of rich U.S. banks, a similar specter faces British workers with Prime Minister Harold Wilson's new economic policy which became public on November 5.

Entitled "An Approach to an Industrial Strategy," the new policy clearly puts profits before people, sweeping aside such hard-won benefits as subsidized medical care and subsidized housing, and accepting massive unemployment as a necessary step on the road to "recovery" for British capitalism.

"LABOR" GOVERNMENT?

The new economic policy was announced following a meeting of industrial, government, and labor leaders outside of London. Undoubtedly, the industrial leaders of the capitalist class in England told the labor bureaucrats and the "Labor" government, "We need every last penny of public funds to preserve British capitalism,

regardless of the cost to the workers."

This sounds like the tune the giant U.S. banks have been singing to New York City unions to get them to buckle under. But there is a difference: In England, there is a "Labor" government and the new economic policy—which is a severe blow to British labor—will be administered by the very politicians who are supposed to serve the workers' interests.

NEW POLICY VICTIMIZES BRITISH, IRISH WORKERS

Unemployment in Britain has passed the 1 million mark and could reach 1.5 million this winter. Especially victimized are workers in occupied northern Ireland, whose unemployment rate at 10 percent is twice that of England. Inflation in England is 27.9 percent, the highest of any industrialized capitalist nation. Clearly the English and Irish workers are in dire need of more jobs, more social services.

Yet the new economic policy calls instead for some necessary "shedding of labor" (read layoffs),

"technological improvements in productivity" (read speedups) and "giving high priority to industrial development over consumption or even our social objectives" (read service cutbacks). The funds would then go to 30 chosen industries.

At the same time that British capital was consolidating its onslaught against the workers and poor, the U.S.-owned Chrysler Corporation, which employs 25,000 workers in England, demanded a whopping \$200 million blackmail to keep its British plant in operation. The threat of closing was also aimed at militant auto workers in an effort to get auto unions to accept layoffs to keep the plant in England. The \$200 million demand was turned down this past week.

Harold Wilson has warned that there will be "some very difficult, indeed bleak months ahead, when real living standards will assuredly fall." Yet these coming months will assuredly fuel the anger of the British masses and pave the way for militant struggle which will make the future of British capitalism bleak indeed.

Kidnaped from Vietnam, 2 babies beaten to death

NEW YORK, Nov. 18—"This sort of thing is inconceivable in Vietnamese society," said Nancy Stearns, a lawyer with the Center for Constitutional Rights. She was referring to the deaths of two Vietnamese children after being beaten by their adoptive parents.

The Center for Constitutional Rights unearthed these two incidents, one in Georgia and the other in Minnesota, in arguing the case for reuniting more than 2,000 Vietnamese children, kidnaped during "Operation Babylift" in April, with their parents in Vietnam. The suit, filed in May 1975, is opposed by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) and

seven private adoption agencies involved in the April operation.

The child killed in Minnesota was processed for adoption by the "Friends of the Children of Vietnam," an agency which charged at least one pair of adoptive parents a "reduced fee" of \$800 for the adoption of a Vietnamese child—even though they paid none of the bills for caring for the children.

U.S. imperialism milked "Operation Babylift" for all the propaganda value it was designed to provide. Now the children, innocent victims of imperialist decay, are callously left to suffer the consequences.



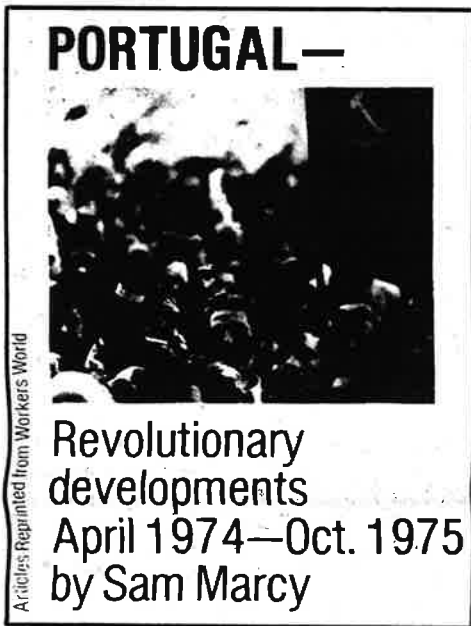
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Books & pamphlets for the struggles ahead

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"At last, at last, the class struggle has broken out in Portugal in the most sensitive and most decisive area of bourgeois society—the military establishment. With almost lightning speed, the rank-and-file soldiers in Portugal are asserting themselves against the officer corps. The demand for what is now called in the armed forces 'internal democracy' is sweeping all the military garrisons and bases in the country—north and south."



On April 25, 1974, the hated Caetano-Salazar regime in Portugal was overthrown after 40 years of brutal repression. Tens of thousands of workers took to the streets and powerful workers' organizations emerged from the shadows of illegality as a social revolution took on momentum and shook not only Portugal, but reverberated throughout NATO and the U.S.-owned financial empire in Africa. The overthrow, spurred on by the development of class consciousness among the troops ordered to suppress the liberation struggles in the Portuguese African colonies, excited not only the African revolution, but left all of Europe in a high state of agitation, causing the U.S. to focus its repressive forces, political, military, economic, and psychological warfare weapons on the peoples of the Iberian peninsula.

Since that time, the course of the Portuguese Revolution has gone through many zig-zags, ebbs and flows, as the working class, once considered passive and dormant, gained the experience and consciousness of a century in a few months' struggle.

This pamphlet carefully scrutinizes every significant development in the course of that struggle. For example, it not only examines the role of the Communist Party, the Socialist Party, and those groupings to the left of the CP, but that of the Armed Forces Movement, "democracy" and "freedom of the press," as well as General Spínola's coup attempt and the forces that stopped him.

Some of the issues that are analyzed are the role of the U.S. in fomenting counter-revolution, the nature of the Constituent Assembly, the seizure of the Republica newspaper by its workers and the popular committees.

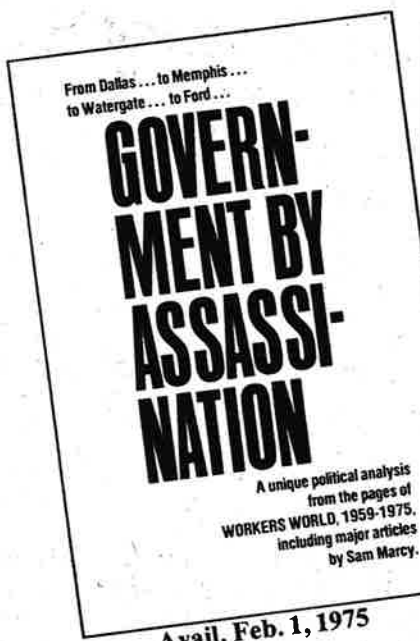
Only in this timely pamphlet, *Portugal: Revolutionary Developments; April 1974-October 1975*, will you discover why today in Portugal there are only two viable paths: backward to fascism or forward to socialism.

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Government by Assassination: From Dallas to Memphis to Watergate to Ford. A unique political analysis from the pages of *Workers World*, 1959-1975, including major articles by Sam Marcy.

"The (recent) attempts on Ford's life can only be understood in the chain of evolution which ushered in a whole series of political assassinations, social disturbances, and political struggles which had no precedent in the U.S. in the first half of the century. The assassinations of President Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, and the attempted Wallace assassination are links in the chain of evolution and characterize the contemporary phase and desperate situation of American capitalism." (From "What's Behind the Assassination Attempts," by Sam Marcy, September 26, 1975.)

Since Dallas, November 22, 1963, every "elected" U.S. president has either been the beneficiary of a political assassination or near assassination. Lyndon Johnson was "elected" in 1964 on the still wet blood stains of his assassinated predecessor, John Kennedy. Richard Nixon was "elected" only after the heavy favorite in the 1968 election, Robert Kennedy, was assassinated. And Richard Nixon was again "elected" in 1972 only after his main threat from the

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presidential race was eliminated in the attempted assassination of George Wallace.

What are the class forces behind this unbridled violence? What is at stake for the American working class?

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What Is Marxism All About? Many of the words and concepts used by Marxists and Communists are not very clearly understood or described in radical literature. This popularly written handbook of Marxist terms for the first time explains many of these words and the ideas behind them: such as capital, exploitation, class solidarity, socialism, revolution, fascism, and dialectical materialism. At the same time it also outlines the Marxist position on such important questions as self-determination of oppressed peoples, gay oppression, the woman question, how the state arose and functions, and the role of the labor bureaucracy.

The articles in this pamphlet, *What Is Marxism All About?*, first appeared in *Workers World* and

The Gay
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A Marxist Appraisal

By Bob McCubbin



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although it does not preempt the traditional Marxist-Leninist literature, it is invaluable to anyone who wishes to know more about Marxism, and can provide an introduction to the terms in such literature.

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The Gay Question: A Marxist Appraisal by Bob McCubbin. The long history of oppression suffered by homosexually inclined women and men is only now, in the wake of a militant gay movement, being given the attention and study it deserves.

Many of the facts about homosexuality and the historical development of anti-homosexual prejudices in class society have only recently become widely available, and many people, gay and straight alike, are still largely unaware of them.

These facts give the lie to many commonly held anti-gay prejudices. They add weight to the materialist view of religion as a major force of repression in class society.

What are the main features of the historic anti-homosexual tradition? What are its roots? How can it be ended? These are the questions that this pamphlet, making use of the tools of Marxist analysis, attempts to answer.

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- **Problems of a City-Wide General Strike**
By Sam Marcy
- **Angola: the Struggle for Liberation**
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Yet in Latin America, vast stretches of arable land are used to grow coffee, a completely non-nutritive crop. In the U.S., huge agribusiness farmers are paid not to grow food. In India, peasants exist in a state of near-starvation on tiny plots of land, while wealthy princes let their vast estates lie fallow.

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The Battle of the Boycott by Kenny Lapides. In late 1973 the Center for United Labor Action in Rochester, New York, was issued an injunction that made it illegal to picket and call for a boycott against Sibley's Department Store. Sibley's sold Farah products made

by scab labor in an attempt to break the militant Farah strike. The strikers asked workers across the country to boycott Farah products, and CULA responded by carrying their demands to the workers of Rochester.

The injunction and a subsequent \$1.2 million dollar lawsuit against CULA and the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America for "unfair labor practices" was more than an attack on these organizations. It was an attempt to disarm labor, as well as civil rights and consumer groups, of one of their most powerful weapons—the right to boycott.

More fundamentally, it was a frontal assault on one of the supposedly most sacred rights of U.S. citizens—the right to free speech. The most important lesson illustrated in *Battle of the Boycott* is that the only rights we have are the ones we fight for.

Postscript: In mid-1975 the National Labor Relations Board found CULA not guilty of all charges.

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Chile: 1970-1973 From Allende's Election to the Fascist Takeover This pamphlet analyzes all the major developments in the tumultuous 3-year period from 1970 to 1973 in Chile—from Allende's election, to the deepening radicalization and militancy of the Chilean workers and peasants, to the role of the U.S. in fomenting and organizing the counter-revolution, and finally to the lessons that can be learned from the events. Composed of articles that appeared in *Workers World* newspaper as the events were

unfolding, the work explains, for example, the fallacy of "peaceful transition" and why the military has never been "neutral."

This pamphlet is essential reading for all who are dedicated to the struggle to revive revolutionary Marxism so that our comrades in Chile will not have died in vain.

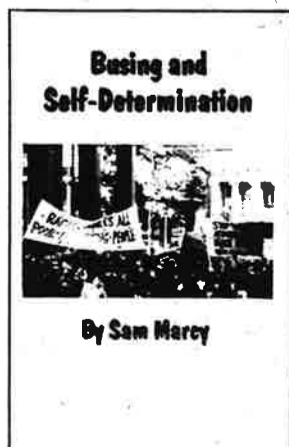
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China: The Struggle Within by Sam Marcy, Deirdre Griswold, Naomi Cohen. This collection of major articles analyzing the political developments in the Chinese People's Republic from 1959 to 1972 was taken unrevised from the pages of *Workers World* newspaper. The first article, "Hail the Communists," comes from the first issue of *Workers World* and is followed by articles on such topics as the Sino-Soviet split, the China-India war, the Cultural Revolution, detente with the U.S., and the ouster of Lin Piao. It shows *Workers World's* unwavering support for the Chinese Revolution—long before it was considered the "in" thing to do—while at the same time maintaining revolutionary independence from the policies of the Chinese leadership when they conflict with the interests of the world's workers and oppressed.

An introduction by Vince Copeland, the editor of *Workers World* during much of this timespan, puts the pamphlet in historic perspective. He explains, for example, what it meant in October 1949 to recognize that the Mao regime was a dictatorship of the proletariat—recognition that no other political tendency shared at the time! *China: The Struggle Within* is must reading for any serious student of the Chinese Revolution and for all who seek to understand the role of People's China in contemporary world affairs.

116 pages \$1.00



Busing and Self-Determination by Sam Marcy. This pamphlet, first published in *Workers World*, was written in response to the boycott by the October League (OL) of the NAACP rally in Boston on May 17, 1975. The rally was organized in the

wake of the racist hysteria around busing. It was to protest the failure to implement desegregation of U.S. schools.

The pamphlet discusses the Marxist-Leninist stand on self-determination and shows why it was correct to participate in a rally protesting racism in Boston. To quote: "What OL did in this instance with its deliberate boycott was to arrogate to itself, a supposedly multi-national organization, the right to determine whether Black people should have an assimilationist or separatist perspective. . . . It did this not-

withstanding that all of Marxism and Leninism speaks volumes on maintaining strict neutrality on this issue until the oppressed nation itself makes a decision, while at the same time fighting for class solidarity and socialist revolution."

It is a clear and concise statement of the position of Workers World Party on the question of self-determination for all oppressed people and is an important contribution to the discussion about the use of busing to achieve a decent education for Black and other oppressed peoples' children. 15 pages 25c

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Indonesia: The Bloodbath that Was by Deirdre Griswold. Indonesia, with 130 million people and tremendous natural resources, is today a veritable treasure trove for U.S. corporations. But before October 1965, the government pursued a militant, anti-imperialist foreign policy while millions belonged to progressive mass organizations.

What happened to turn Indonesia around?

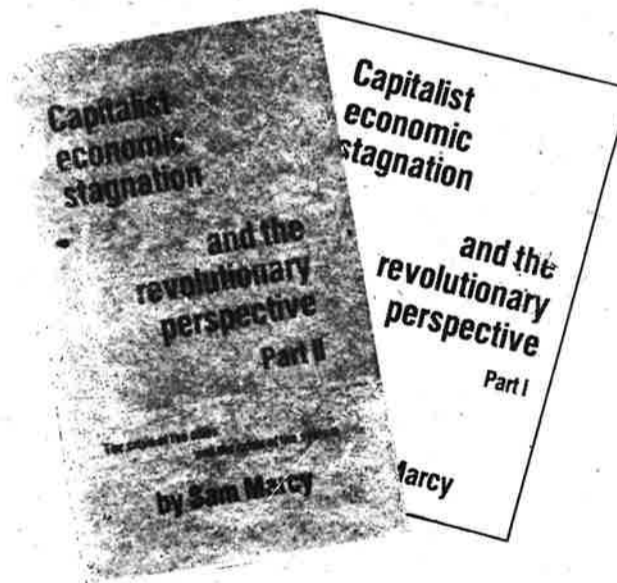
This pamphlet tells of the massacres following the 1965 coup that

decimated the Indonesian left. It focuses on the role of Washington in providing essential clandestine support for the right-wing generals in that bloodbath.

The story is a horrible one. But learning the lessons of Indonesia can help all who want to fight against imperialist domination and domestic repression.

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Capitalist Economic Stagnation and the Revolutionary Perspective Parts I & II by Sam Marcy. Here, for the first time, is the basic economic analysis underlying the political perspective of struggle of Workers World Party—"the country and the capitalist world face a protracted period of economic stagnation fraught with violent political convulsions and fateful class conflicts."

"The very social system that sustains the possessing classes may once again, as in the thirties, be at stake. It already is in many parts of the capitalist world, especially in Southern Europe and most of all in Portugal, Spain, Greece, and Italy."

Although the bosses are talking about signs of "recovery," unemployment and inflation are still rising at an alarming rate. For the capitalist class, the cure for their ever-deepening crisis means a direct assault on the workers—

more lay-offs, speed-ups, a lower standard of living, and more reckless imperialist ventures abroad.

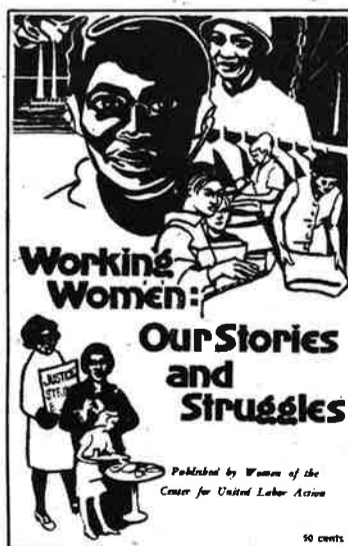
This pamphlet outlines many of the aspects and manifestations of the current period: the significance of the U.S. defeat in Indochina, the collapse of Franklin National Bank, and the crisis in the cities, and concludes, "What imparts particular acuteness to the present economic crisis is that it comes at a time of maturing overall political crisis in all leading imperialist countries. It is to this crisis that we must now address ourselves for the economic crisis will be solved by political means and not by the automatic processes of capitalist development."

This discussion was prepared in August 1975 for the Workers World Party Labor Day Conference, September 1975.

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Working women organizing for better lives



Working Women: Our Stories and Struggles Women have always suffered a special oppression as workers. They are routinely shunted into the lowest-paying jobs, the excuses being that "they won't stay anyway" or that the higher-paying jobs are "too hard for them." Any woman who wants a good job and decent working conditions must do battle against this extra weight of discrimination.

In addition, women workers, because they are often married and have children, must contend with a host of other problems: Is there day care for their children while they're at work? What kind

of an education are they getting? Are they getting the right kind of food at school?

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