

The death of Franco removes one of the world's most hated fascists, but the repressive state machine he built remains, sworn to keep the rebellious Spanish and Basque people in chains. Editorial, page 8.

## Jailed teachers freed, demands won as

# New Haven unions show power of worker solidarity

## 'Hunger hurts,' 800 demonstrators tell Ford in Atlanta

By JOHN MARTIN

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 20—On November 14, almost 800 people, including hundreds of school-age children, protested Ford's cuts in food stamps and school lunches and his aggressive war plans and racist policies while he was speaking at Atlanta's Marriott Hotel.

The children, mostly Black, had come with their mothers under the banner of the Welfare Rights Organization. They chanted and carried signs saying "Hunger hurts" and "Ford must go," while Ford dined with Atlanta's wealthy at a Republican \$100-a-plate dinner.

The demonstration was initially called by the Atlanta branch of Workers World Party. Other groups which participated included the Welfare Rights Organization, whose members and children swelled the picket line to cover an entire city block, and the Atlanta Workers Committee to Fight Back. The National Student Coalition Against Racism also held a picket line, beginning an hour before the main action, protesting Ford's alliance with the racist anti-busing forces around the country. The unified impact of all the forces on the line presented a strong protest against Ford's attacks on all poor and working people.

Signs, banners, and militant chants greeted Ford's rich friends as they were forced to shamefully worm their way around or through the spirited line.

Mrs. Ethel Matthews of the Atlanta Welfare Rights Organization told the picketers, "Ford is in there stuffing his face at \$100 a plate while we don't even have food at home to eat. We will never give up. We will keep on struggling until poor people get justice!"

A solidarity message to the demonstration was sent to Workers World in Atlanta by Jim Grant on behalf of the Charlotte 3, now imprisoned in North Carolina on trumped up political charges. It read as follows:

Comrades,  
From behind the walls of the Ku-Klux-Klan-run Concentration

Camp of the racist state of North Carolina we send our greetings to all of you who are assembled.

Gerald Ford, his lackeys and flunkies, and those who give him his orders, stand for racism and fascism, pure and simple, undiluted and quite obvious. Ford is merely an extension of Nixon—the image is somewhat more polished

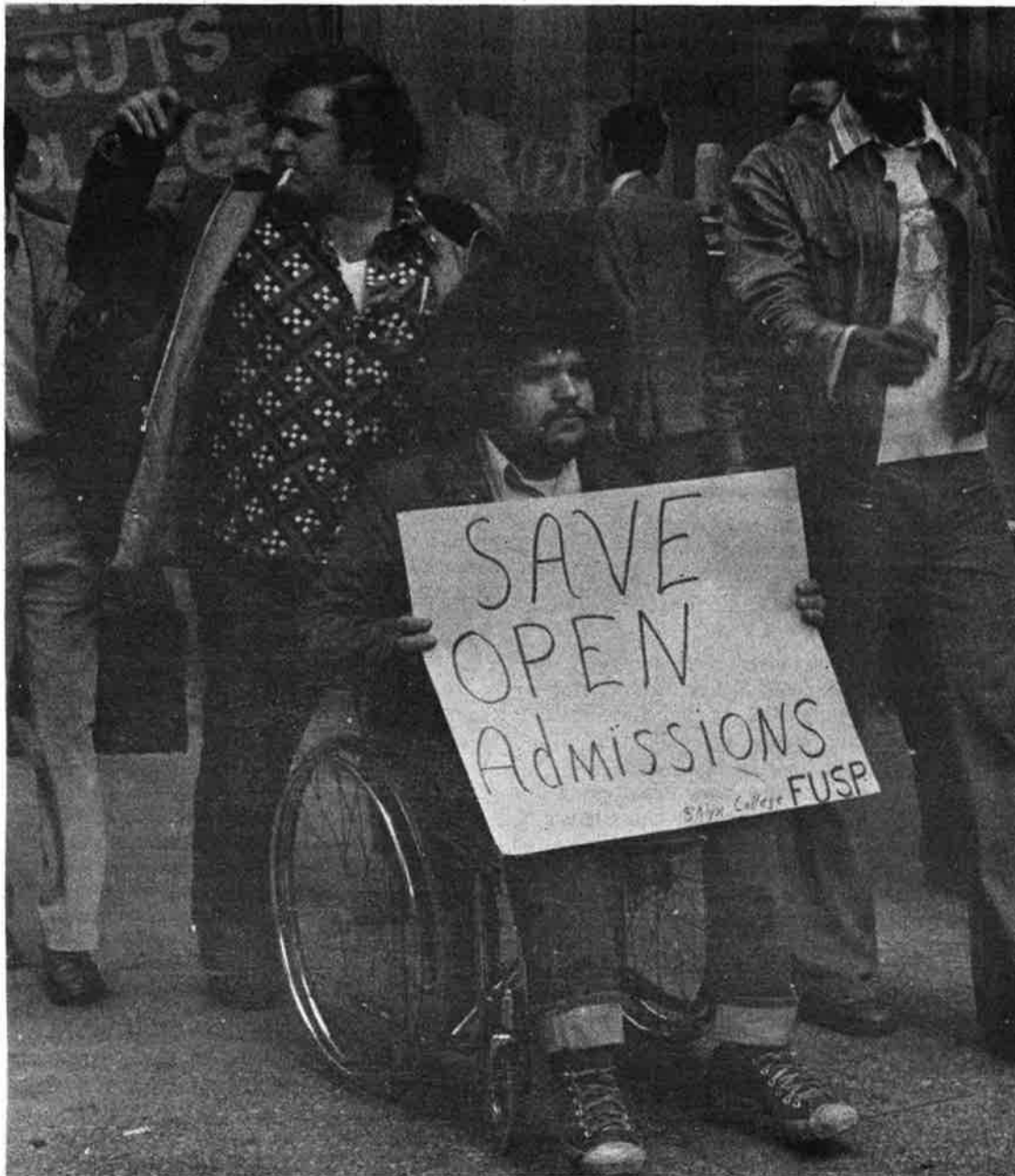
but the program is exactly the same. His callous disregard for the rights of the struggling minorities and the working people that inhabit the big cities is proof that he would carry this country along the same road that Hitler carried Germany.

Wherever it rears its ugly head, fascism and racism must be opposed. Ford must be forced to

realize that he can run, but he can't hide. We must follow him and haunt him like a ghost—the ghosts of the millions of victims of U.S. imperialism—and continue to struggle to bring about an end to this cancerous disease that has infected the earth.

In the Struggle Always,  
Jim Grant for the Charlotte 3

## NYC limits open college admissions—p. 4



BULLETIN, Nov. 24—As we go to press, *Workers World* has learned that, under the threat of a citywide general strike, the New Haven Board of Education has given in to striking teachers' demands for a wage increase and small class sizes.

The determination of the teachers and the widespread support they received also forced the release of 90 jailed strikers.

The Board of Education and the city government had tried in every way possible to break the teachers' union. In 14 months of negotiations, the Board of Education stubbornly refused to come up with a single serious offer. After the teachers, having exhausted all other avenues, went out on the picket line, Judge George Saden outraged workers throughout the city by jailing 12 members of the negotiating committee on November 14.

What finally prompted the Greater New Haven Central Labor Council to call upon all workers to leave their jobs in support of the beleaguered teachers was Judge Saden's jailing of 78 more teachers at an Air Force National Guard Camp 2 days later.

For the entire past year the city government has cried poverty and demanded that the teachers suffer. Yet, due to the militancy of the teachers and the tremendous solidarity of parents, students, and the New Haven working class as a whole, the city government "found" the money—as bosses always do when confronted with workers united in solidarity and prepared to fight for their rights.

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## Rulers' split behind gov't shakeup, says WWP chairman

By BILL DEL VECCHIO  
NEW YORK, Nov. 21—The recent personnel shakeup in the Ford administration reflects an overall political instability resulting from an internal ruling class struggle, but does not represent any fundamental change of policy, Sam Marcy, Chairman of Workers World Party, told a public meeting here today.

"The ruling class press is trying to pass off the shakeup as just another event, almost forgotten, incidental—but this is furthest from the truth of what is really going on within the ruling-class factional struggle," he said in opening his talk to an audience of over 200 people at the Hotel McAlpin.

Untangling the confusion and outright lies surrounding the shakeup, Marcy went into the more immediate reasons for the change of players on Ford's "team."

The ouster of Colby was caused by his being implicated in the CIA exposures. He was destined to be canned, not because of his own objectives and policies, but as a diplomatic gesture, a cosmetic change to create a cleaner image for the CIA, Marcy explained.

### RUMSFELD & SCHLESINGER

The replacement of Schlesinger as Secretary of Defense with Donald Rumsfeld, Marcy pointed out, has nothing to do with pro-detente forces versus anti-detente forces. Both Rumsfeld and Schlesinger have virtually identical reactionary views on the military.

Speaking on Daniel Moynihan's role in the UN, Marcy explained that Moynihan has made the U.S. look even weaker than it is by making threats that cannot be backed with action. Moynihan threatened to quit after receiving pressure from the White House to tone it down, but Ford told him to stay on because it would appear to the pro-Reagan extreme rightists that another "hard-liner" had been thrown out.

"Political struggles develop among ruling class politicians, not necessarily on the basis of the issues involved, but on the basis of factional alliances and loyalties," Marcy told the attentive audience. Although the current removals don't represent any fundamental change, "the ouster of Kissinger from the Ford administration would be a decisive defeat for the

Rockefeller forces," he said.

Despite the faction fight, the ruling class is united on its repression of the working class and oppressed as the only way of "solving" the deepest capitalist depression since the 1930s, Marcy warned.

But he concluded, "We want to raise the slogan of a general strike for the workers of New York City as the only way to reverse the capitalist assault on the workers' living standards."

## Cleveland senior citizens rap Bell rate hike request

By a member of the Cleveland Senior Citizens Coalition  
CLEVELAND, Ohio, Nov. 22—The Cleveland Senior Citizens Coalition led a fight against the rate increase application of the Ohio Bell Telephone Company before the Ohio Public Utilities Commission (PUCO) in Columbus on November 19. The phone company is asking for either a 33 percent hike in the rates of "unlimited" service now in effect, or a 15-call per month limit, after which calls would be charged extra.

Mrs. Mildred Cappatone, vice-chairperson of the coalition, told the PUCO, "A telephone is a necessity and a lifeline for seniors. A limit of 15 calls per month is outrageous. We don't believe in violence or getting rambunctious, but by God, we will if we have to—we'll fight this to the bitter end."

Elizabeth Mudri, president of the coalition, stated that older persons must stay indoors most of the time, and that their only communication with the outside world is the telephone. If the rate increases are granted, their lifeline to the outside world will be severed.

After the testimony before the commission, the Senior Citizens Coalition requested a meeting with the Governor James Rhodes. Surprisingly, he granted it and stated that he was in agreement and that all utility rates should be frozen for senior citizens. Rhodes, "the rich man's governor," undoubtedly is trying to recoup some of the losses he sustained when his pet "help the rich" bond issues were overwhelmingly defeated on election day.

On November 21, a delegation of the coalition, including this writer, picketed the business offices of the phone company in Cleveland. We insisted on meeting with someone in authority. Finally, we met with the president of the company. As we expected, he defended the

company's request for more money and stated that if the old people could not afford the phone, then that was too bad. He showed himself to be the calloused spokesman of big business.

The struggle against the rate increase will continue. When a member of the PUCO stated that the commission cannot give favors to any special group (he meant the seniors), he proved that a fight is necessary if we are to stop the increases. And the Senior Citizens Coalition is organizing for that.

## Black community mobilizes against killings by cops

ROCHESTER, N.Y., Nov. 22—On November 11, a young Black woman, Denise Hawkins, was shot down by a cop in a continuing campaign of police violence against the Black community.

More than 11 years after the Rochester Black community rebelled against the super-oppression delivered by the local ruling class, not much has really changed. In fact, conditions have worsened and resulted in a stepped-up campaign to terrorize the Black community. With "blank check" authority the cops roam like an occupation army harassing, beating, and killing Black people. The murder of Denise Hawkins is the sixth shooting this year by the Rochester cops, and five of the six people shot have been Black.

As Denise was leaving her apartment, she was confronted by four cops with guns drawn who were responding to a "family trouble" call. Denise, carrying a knife for protection, was then viciously gunned down by Officer Michael Leach who claimed that Denise charged at him with the knife.

On November 14, nearly 300 people packed a small church to demand the immediate dismissal and indictment of Leach. On November 18, about 100 Black women marched to city hall demanding justice for Denise Hawkins and an end to the terror. On November 21, over 1,000 people attended another public meeting to consider further action.

Rev. Raymond Scott, leader of the Black community organization FIGHT, said that plans were under way with the Justice Department to file suit against Leach and his bosses charging that Denise's civil rights had been violated. He also said that demands would be submitted to the City Council on Tuesday and that if those demands were not dealt with seriously, other actions would then be considered.

The forces of racism and reaction in Rochester, using the cops to speak for them, are already warning city hall that they will not allow a small minority of "hot heads" (read the Black community and its supporters) to dictate police policy. But they will soon learn that it is the poor and working people who will not stand idly by while our brothers and sisters are under attack.

Stop the war against Black America!

## Chicago meetings declare support for People's Angola

By BILL MASSEY  
CHICAGO, Nov. 15—Two meetings held in Chicago this weekend pledged solidarity with the newly created government of the People's Republic of Angola and its leadership, the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola.

The first meeting, held on November 14, was sponsored by Workers World Party and Youth Against War & Fascism. Sixty-five people heard Workers World staff writer Nick de Freitas talk on the historical and political developments involved in the current events going on in Angola. De Freitas called for support for the MPLA against the forces of U.S. and West European imperialism and their puppets in the U.S.-funded movements of the FNLA of Holden Roberto and the UNITA of Jonas Savimbi.

De Freitas pointed out that these phony movements for "liberation" are in league with the racist government of South Africa and the neocolonialist regime of Zaire headed by Joseph Mobutu, the U.S.-backed assassin of Patrice Lumumba. De Freitas' report that Cuban revolutionaries had joined with the MPLA in fighting the reactionary forces drew loud applause from the audience, which also cheered the report of military aid to the MPLA from the Soviet Union.

The second meeting, held on November 15 at the YMCA Junior College, was called a "Day of solidarity in support of the peoples' struggles in Portugal and Spain, and for the victory of the MPLA in Angola." The meeting was sponsored by the Chicago Committee for the Liberation of Angola, Mozambique, and Guinea-Bissau; the Abraham Lincoln Brigade; the Union of Radical Political Economists; the Communist Party of Illinois; the Workers World Party; Youth Against War & Fascism; and the Chicago Solidarity Committee with Portugal and Spain. One hundred people attended.

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# DECLINE AND FALL

## THE SPECTRE OF COMMUNISM

New York Post, Oct. 24:  
"Europeans are perplexed and deeply disturbed," Undersecretary of State George W. Ball said (to a banking subcommittee) yesterday, "and some are even expressing suspicions that it is perhaps not only New York City that is in trouble . . . particularly since the federal deficit this year may run as high as \$100 billion."

"Ball said Communists can be expected to exploit these fears 'at a time when Moscow is preoccupied with what the Soviets regard as the current crisis of capitalism—the fulfillment of Marx's prophecy that capitalism would collapse from its own inner contradictions.'

"The spectre of Communism did nothing

to persuade one conservative member of the panel, Rep. Richard Kelley (R-Fla.) whose opposition to a bail-out led Gov. Carey earlier this week to call him 'the Congressman from Disney World.'

"Bailing out New York is not going to save us in our fight against Communism," Kelly told Ball.

"The Congressman added he thinks 'We should build a wall around New York and let it collapse. I don't think the rest of us will go down the tubes.'

We agree with Rep. Kelly in one particular. Bailing out New York is not going to help them in their fight against Communism.

**HELP FOR HUNGRY MICE**  
Free For All, Nov.:  
"The Smithsonian Institute has offered an interesting insight into the world's hunger

problem. It has invited Wisconsin to make a replica of the Liberty Bell in cheese for display in D.C."

**WHERE DO THEY GO FROM THERE?**  
Associated Press, Oct. 25:  
"Connecticut's Social Services Dept. saved nearly \$3 million last year by paying the transportation costs of 867 welfare families who wanted to leave the state, a department official said.

"Vincent Capuano, director of eligibility services, said, 'This is strictly voluntary on the part of the families. And they have to present a letter showing that a family or friend is willing to take care of them until they get on their feet.' He said most recipients go to Puerto Rico and the Carolinas."

The old game is called "passing the buck."

**GROCCERS' JUSTICE**  
The Modern Grocer, Sept. 18:  
"A tough decision every food retailer must make is whether to arrest and

prosecute an employee caught with his hand in the till. Edward Beaufort Cutner, director of security for Kings Supermarket, firmly recommended it in almost every instance. 'Believe me, arrest is a deterrent,' he said. 'And there should be no dollar limit—we've arrested people for pilfering as little as 30 cents.'"

**CAN'T AFFORD LIFE**  
Scientific American, November 1975:  
"There is every reason to believe that the abolition of cigarette smoking would largely eliminate lung cancer, the commonest of all forms of death from cancer. So far, however, there is no sign that smoking will be abolished. The professional classes smoke less than they once did, but the poor smoke more. It could even be argued that few Western societies could afford to abolish a habit that creates a large secondary industry, generates considerable revenue and kills mostly the older members of the population, who otherwise would draw on government welfare and social security benefits."

In solidarity with jailed teachers

# New Haven labor threatens general strike

By JULIO GHIGLIOTTY  
and SHARON SHELTON

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Nov. 21—The Greater New Haven Central Labor Council voted unanimously tonight to hold a one-day general strike action Tuesday if 90 jailed striking public school teachers here are not released.

New Haven teachers, whose contract expired last June, have been out since November 10 after 14 long months of negotiations with the New Haven Board of Education. The board has refused to come up with a single viable offer.

On November 14, Judge George Saden jailed 12 members of the negotiating committee for refusing to order the teachers back to work. They were released for the weekend for negotiations, then rejailed Monday. The following day, November 18, Judge Saden subpoenaed 200 teachers, 78 of whom he ordered locked up at an Air Force National Guard camp at Windsor Locks—an act widely criticized as “gestapo tactics” by teachers, parents, and students alike.

Also angering teachers and their supporters was a ruling that the jailed teachers had to pay for their own incarceration—to the tune of an outrageous \$23 a day each from union funds. Clearly, Judge Saden and the Board of Education are trying to break the union, both physically and financially.



Vincent Sirabella

WW photo: Julio



In New Haven, Vincent Sirabella [left], president of the Central Labor Council announces plans for a one-day general strike in that city if striking teachers are not released from jail. At right, teachers greet supporters from Air Force National Guard camp where they were incarcerated.

## ‘NO CONTRACT, NO WORK’

“All the federation wants,” a teachers’ union officer told *Workers World*, “is a fair contract, something equal to surrounding towns. Now we’re the lowest paid of surrounding towns.”

In an interview at the offices of the New Haven Federation of Teachers, Dr. Ray Pugliese, a member of the union’s general board, explained to *Workers World* the issues of the strike. He said the main issues in negotiation are class size and salaries.

“Base pay is \$8,850,” he pointed out, “and maximum with a bachelor’s degree is \$14,150—and that’s after 14 years.”

Dr. Pugliese said that maximum class size is presently 32, but that the teachers want it lowered. He emphasized that the spirits of the jailed teachers remained high, and that the union’s position remains “no contract, no work.”

Among other grievances of the teachers is a lack of supplies, which hampers their ability to teach. According to a federation release, New Haven is second from the bottom in the percentage of its tax money spent on education out of 169 Connecticut cities and towns. New Haven teachers also suffer from the lowest teachers’ salaries of any major city in the state.

## SOLIDARITY EXPRESSED THROUGHOUT STATE

Since the teachers were jailed, support for the strike has snowballed. On November 19, nearly 1,000 custodial, cafeteria, and other school workers joined the strike, forcing the school board to totally shut the schools down Thursday and Friday.

On Thursday, November 20, over 2,000 teachers gathered at the State Capitol in Hartford to express solidarity with the teachers and demand a change in Connecticut’s no-strike law for public employees. From the rally, many teachers immediately left for Windsor

Locks to picket outside the barracks. The following night there were rallies in Bridgeport, Niantic, and elsewhere.

## STUDENT BACKING

High school students have also backed the striking teachers. A citywide student organization is being formed to support the teachers and explain the strike. Stephanie Van Dine, a student at Wilbur Cross High School and member of the organization, described the situation in the schools before they were officially shut down.

She heard directions over the loudspeaker advising the few scabbing teachers to “herd your students to classes.” “Right then I decided I wasn’t going to stay,” she said. Ms. Van Dine then went out and joined the picket line. She also pointed out that, after the jailings, only eight teachers in the

entire school crossed the picket line.

Another student at Wilbur Cross and member of the committee, Jordan Pollack, read a statement drafted by the students at a community meeting on education Thursday night. Participants in the meeting included the NAACP, the New Haven PTA Council, the Black Coalition, the Teachers’ Center, and other community organizations.

“We support the New Haven teachers,” Mr. Pollack told the meeting, “in their efforts to better the quality of education in New Haven. We support their demands for smaller class size, more supplies, and increased custodial services. We also support their demands for decent wage increases, which are needed because of the soaring cost of living, on the grounds that better working

conditions produce better teaching.”

Another member of the group, Carmen Roundtree, a Black student at High School in the Community (HSC), told *Workers World*: “The strike law for teachers should definitely be changed. Just because someone works for the city, there’s no reason they can’t strike. Especially if that’s the only way they can express—and get—what they rightfully deserve.”

## HISTORIC VOTE

“I don’t think this action has taken place more than half a dozen times in the entire history of the country,” Vincent J. Sirabella, president of the Central Labor Council, told a press conference tonight after the general strike vote.

The 146 people at the Friday night Central Labor Council meeting voted unanimously to hold

a mass demonstration next Tuesday, November 25, on the New Haven Green if the jailed teachers aren’t released. Those voting, delegates of 92 unions representing over 30,000 workers, agreed to hold the demonstration even if a contract is negotiated.

Sirabella told the press that the work stoppage would continue indefinitely if there were any retaliation against any worker attending the Tuesday demonstration. Sirabella also explained that the demonstration was only the first action, that it was “not inconceivable” that the citywide protest would expand.

“The city is trying to break the back of their union by mass jailings,” said John Wilhelm, a member of the labor council, before the meeting. “The people are so disgusted, so outraged by the jailings, they’re ready for a general strike.”

## School Board caves in as

# Striking teachers defy Taylor Law

Special to WORKERS WORLD  
BUFFALO, Nov. 11—A 21-day strike by teachers in the suburb of Orchard Park ended in victory today after fines and jail sentences failed to break the strikers’ determination. Throughout the strike, the teachers had to fight not only the Orchard Park School Board for a decent contract, but also the cops and the courts.

## STRIKE-BREAKING METHODS

The Orchard Park teachers had been subjected to the harshest enforcement of New York State’s Taylor Law, which prohibits strikes by public employees. When the teachers were served with an injunction ordering them back to work, they remained unified and militant. Throughout the strike,

the rank-and-file position remained unchanged and they continued the strike, despite the court order, until a fair contract was won.

The courts went one step further in an attempt to break the unity of the teachers and the strike itself. Thirty-day jail terms were ordered for the eight members of the union negotiating team including local officers.

Over 250 teachers rallied in front of the courthouse on the day the sentences were to begin and declared once again that their strike would continue, stronger than ever. Later, the eight were released pending appeal, and negotiations were scheduled to begin. The school board, however, refused to hold negotiations until the teachers returned to the

classrooms. In response, the picket lines swelled in numbers.

## OTHER UNIONS SHOW SUPPORT

At another rally to support the striking teachers, heads of the national and state teachers unions were present along with many rank-and-file teachers. The possibility of challenging the legality of the Taylor law was discussed and financial and legal aid from the AFL-CIO were promised. This in turn forced the school board back to the negotiating table.

Today a tentative agreement was reached. A 2-year contract includes economic increases of about 22 percent and a major medical plan. The most important

section of the contract deals with dismissals, stating that the school board must have just cause in order to dismiss teachers and must follow a procedure which includes arbitration.

This is a tremendous victory for the teachers, for it provides not only job security but also guarantees that there will be no reprisals on the part of the school board as a result of the actions striking teachers were forced to take.

The Orchard Park teachers’ strike will undoubtedly serve as a tremendous inspiration, not only to other teachers, but to other public employees as well. Their unshakable unity against the anti-labor Taylor law is indeed an example that workers should take notice of in future battles.

New Haven victory shows the way

# Save NYC for people, not banks

By ANDY STAPP  
NEW YORK, Nov. 25—You'll be paying a lot more and getting much less, was the message Governor Hugh Carey gave to the people of New York City and State last week. Implementing the "further concrete actions" publicly demanded by Ford as the price for federal action to stave off bankruptcy, Carey is aiming to cut \$500 million deeper into the bone of our battered social services.

In these cutbacks as well as in his vow to raise taxes an additional \$200 million, Carey has the full support of New York City Mayor Abraham Beame who had promised labor leaders only last August that there would be no further tax hikes if they would accept a wage freeze for their members.

"Let them say these are Carey taxes," said the governor candidly about the back-breaking new levies which even his own aides called "a laundry list of every tax that's ever been tried and rejected."

And if the Ford-Beame-Carey team get their way, there will be more taken away from us 5 months from now when an additional \$330 million city tax increase will go into effect.

Naturally Ford has stated he is "gratified" by these new oppressive measures ordered by Beame and Carey and "impressed with the seriousness of their intentions." For they are carrying out his plan to "punish" New York City (which sends \$22 billion in taxes to Washington every year, mostly for the Pentagon). As a reactionary politician he has no sympathy for either the 50,000 workers laid off during the crisis or with those most affected by the abolition of city services—that is, the poor, the elderly, the sick, and the children. Ford is, after all, the man who vetoed a bill aimed at getting some nutritional food to pregnant women whose unborn children face brain deformation from malnutrition!

## "HOLD NEW YORK'S FEET TO THE FIRE"

As one state politician put it, Ford has decided to "hold New York's feet to the fire" a little longer, using default as blackmail to extort the maximum of concessions out of the poor and working people and from the trade unions in particular.

"Our so-called tough position has so far been helpful in achieving results that most people thought were impossible," bragged Ford economic advisor William Seidman on November 20. While Seidman, who was chief accountant of the gigantic Equity Funding Company when it went bankrupt in 1973, is no fiscal genius, it is true that since last spring the concerted ruling class assault has forced New York City's 8 million people to give considerable ground, surrendering many desperately needed reforms and benefits they had fought for decades to win for themselves and their children.

Challenged all over the world and having lost the struggle in Indochina, the rich of this country are determined to recoup their losses by squeezing ever more out of the people in the U.S.—New York City being sort of a dry run for the rest of the country.

This has been done in large part by muscling aside the elected city and state officials and ruling the

nation's largest city through an illegal emergency control board administered by and for the large Wall Street banks. This was admitted openly by the New York Post only last Monday when it wrote, "The seven-member board, which now virtually runs the city from behind closed doors, is controlled by Carey (an oil millionaire) and three businessmen he appointed."

## RICH FINGERS IN THE WORKERS' TILL

Right now these big businessmen have maneuvered the situation to the absurd and dangerous point where the municipal workers are literally drawing their salaries out of their own pension funds!

Last Friday, paychecks were actually held up for sanitation workers until the Teachers' Retirement System gave up \$100 million to cover them. Why should the city that hosts the richest parasites in the world, including the Rockefellers, have to take money intended for retired teachers in order to pay sanitationmen?

This is outright theft and its end result will be to bleed the pension funds dry. Already the municipal workers' pensions have been seriously depleted through many such rip-off tricks engineered by city officials. In fact, the New York Times of November 20 admits (back on page 47) that "The City Actuary has determined, and the state board has agreed, that the pension system's 'unfunded accrued liability'—the projected sum needed to cover benefits already earned for employees not yet retired—exceeds the assets by \$6.1 billion." (Our emphasis, WW.)

But Beame and Carey are not



Day care parents and workers protest in New York's Bryant Park against the further cuts in social services that threaten to close many child-care centers. WW photo: Gregory

worried about where they will find these billions owed to city workers. Oh no. They are scurrying around trying to invent new ways to make the workers cough up enough money to pay the banks! These immensely rich financial in-

stitutions are insisting that for December alone the city must pay them \$821 million (more than the entire month's payroll for all municipal workers!) on various bonds and notes they hold, and have even gone to court to force a

"first claim" on all municipal revenues.

## "SAVE" NEW YORK FOR WHOM?

In this way, say the bankers and their bought politicians in City Hall, Albany, and Washington, New York will be "saved." Saved for them, maybe, but what about the majority of the people who will have lost jobs, fire protection, hospital care, community centers, daycare, welfare necessities, clean streets, and the few other benefits they struggled so hard for over many long years to make everyone's life a little more decent and bearable?

For the ordinary people, the bankers' "solution" is a nightmare, but like a bad dream it can be stopped by waking up. In New Haven the working people met the bosses' attack (see article on page 3) by all standing together and threatening a general strike. They won.

The New Haven victory should be a beacon light to the poor and working people here, showing the way to turn the tables on the rich and their stooges in government. Victor Gotbaum of the municipal employees' union and the other labor leaders here are not fundamentally different from their counterparts in New Haven. They only need a little more "encouragement" from the people, a little help getting off their knees and into the struggle where they belong. Then they can begin earning a part of their salaries and we can begin getting back our jobs and all those other things Ford and the others have stolen from us. For in the final analysis, "saving the city" must mean saving it for the people who work and live here, not for the banks.

## CUNY students, teachers vow to stop cuts

# Fighting students: 'We shall not be beat!'

NEW YORK, Nov. 25—The open admissions policy, which has made it possible for 100,000 working class and oppressed students to attend college, has been ordered curbed by the Board of Higher Education at a meeting held last night. Outside the meeting over 2,000 angry pickets filled the entire block of E. 80th St., vowing to fight any attempt to take away their right to an education.

By a CUNY student  
NEW YORK, Nov. 24—In answer to the demand by the bankers that the City University of New York be closed to the thousands of Black, Latin, Asian-American, and white working class students who now receive a tuition-free education, a fighting movement is building throughout the CUNY system. Just last week, three militant demonstrations were held against the budget cuts, each one drawing well over a thousand participants.

The Board of Higher Education (BHE), which administers the 275,000-student CUNY system, is presently arguing how to carry out the cuts. The banker-dominated Emergency Financial Control Board, to which the city has yielded its fiscal authority, has ordered a \$55 million cut immediately, with more cuts yet to come.

One plan under consideration

calls for the outright closing of six community college campuses. This will force the community college students onto the already overcrowded campuses that remain open. Another plan calls for imposing a \$650 tuition fee per semester. Still another plan being discussed calls for a 25 percent across-the-board cut in expenditures throughout the entire college system.

While the administrators publicly debate which of these plans would be the "fairest," the students, teachers, and CUNY workers know that refusing to let the banks take away the money for our education is the only fair way.

## BLACK AND WHITE IN SOLIDARITY

The student governments, the teachers' union, and the Professional Staff Council have initiated a number of protests and demonstrations. On November 17, about 1,000 students marched through the Wall Street area, demanding from the bankers that no more cuts be made. Solidarity in struggle between Black, Latin, Asian-American, and white students was shown in this and the following protests.

One hundred buses, chartered by the Student Government Association and the Professional Staff Congress, took students to

Washington to demand federal aid for CUNY. Despite a lack of publicity, about 5,000 CUNY students joined the protest.

On November 20, about 1,200 students marched across the Brooklyn Bridge into Manhattan, joining another thousand students at City Hall for a march on Wall Street. Chanting "We shall not be beat" and "They say cut back, we say fight back!," the action was the most militant and determined so far.

## The Carey family knows

# Oil's thicker than water

NEW YORK, Nov. 25—Just so New Yorkers don't get the idea that the federal government has a heart of stone, it was revealed last week that the Federal Energy Administration (FEA) turned over \$18.5 million to the New England Petroleum Company. And just in time for Christmas!

And as a further boost to hard-pressed New Yorkers, the New England Petroleum Co. (NEPCO) wants us to remember that its owner, Edward Carey, is the brother of our very own Hugh Carey, governor of New York. NEPCO Vice President Jack

McGregor asserted that the FEA was so generous because the Carey-owned oil company was able "to prove a serious financial hardship."

So take heart New Yorkers! Having a brother in the governor's mansion and owning an oil company is no obstacle to federal relief.

(P.S.: NEPCO received the more than \$18 million through exemptions to federal price controls. New Englanders will be paying higher oil prices to help the millionaire Carey brothers make it through the winter.)

**Report on CIA, 'They didn't really kill anybody'****Making Murder, Inc. look like Boy Scouts**

By P. MEISNER

NEW YORK, Nov. 23—While the public release of the report on CIA assassination plots is a blow to the Ford administration and the rightist factions within the capitalist ruling class, it is a mere slap on the wrist for the murderous CIA.

And no amount of apologetic editorials filled with hypocritical moralizing by the big bourgeois liberal press can hide the fact that the CIA report was also intended to let the past four administrations and all their high officials off the hook.

Rather than abolish the criminal agency altogether, the liberal politicians, led by Idaho Senator Frank Church, are pleading for "reforms" of the CIA. After Church's Senate Select Committee on Intelligence revealed the numerous CIA murder plots against foreign leaders, the report's conclusion that the CIA could not be blamed for actually pulling the triggers was a virtual reversal of its findings.

**PRESIDENTS WHITEWASHED.**

The report went even further in saying that none of the Presidents in office at the time of the assassination plots ever backed or ordered any of them.

This is inconceivable. As all the recent books shedding light on the CIA's activities have pointed out, it is not an autonomous body but a clandestine arm of the government that allows the top executives to order operations they will disavow publicly. All evidence points to Eisenhower as the person ultimately responsible for Patrice Lumumba's murder in 1960; to Kennedy as having okayed the plots on Trujillo (Dominican Republic), Duvalier (Haiti), and Diem (South Vietnam); and to Nixon as having authorized the assassination plots against General Rene Schneider and Salvador Allende of Chile. And all four presidents (including Lyndon Johnson) backed assassination attempts on Fidel Castro.

Church not only let four administrations off without any blame, but he went out of his way to praise the CIA for its "valuable functions," saying that the agency has "no policy ax to grind." Church went on to say:

"We need a CIA that can resist all the partisan pressures which may be brought to bear by various groups inside and outside government."

But despite the liberals' unwillingness to root out the secret U.S. police establishment, the subterranean factional war between the billionaire capitalist groupings continues unabated. One casualty of this blind struggle appears to be the infamous Warren Commission report on the JFK assassination.

**ANOTHER WARREN COMMISSION?**

On November 22, just 2 days after the issuance of the CIA report and exactly 12 years since the murder of John Kennedy, David Belin, perhaps the staunchest defender of the Warren report, called for a new inquiry into the assassination based on the CIA exposures. The purpose of such an "inquiry," of course, would be to dispel all doubts over the "correct" conclusions reached by

the Warren Commission. However, even this startling concession is an acknowledgment that the large majority of Americans, including many within ruling class circles, do not accept the "lone assassin" version of the Warren Report, believing that the conspirators are still at large.

Belin was a staff lawyer for the Warren Commission and executive director of the Rockefeller Commission that "investigated" the CIA's illegal domestic activities. The Iowa lawyer had until now resisted every attempt at reopening the JFK assassination inquiry. Belin now reasons that trust in the government is at an all-time low and that a new inquiry

would be the only way to "restore" confidence.

The CIA's ugly tentacles have now been fully exposed as having massacred or assassinated untold numbers of progressive persons around the world. It has also disposed of colonial puppets considered to be liabilities for continued U.S. imperialist rule. And it is increasingly suspected of a role in the assassination of leaders of its own ruling class, such as John F. Kennedy.

It is a monster created by the capitalists themselves which must be destroyed, not merely exposed. This is a job that will take the organized might of the workers and oppressed.

**As revolution advances in Portugal****Azevedo government unable to govern**

By B. LAPIDES

NEW YORK, Nov. 25—Two weeks ago, more than 20,000 angry civil construction workers trapped Portuguese Premier Azevedo in his official residence. When Azevedo called on Gen. Otelo Carvalho, the commander of the Lisbon Military Region, to provide troops to break the siege, Carvalho refused—and Azevedo finally capitulated to the workers' demands for significant wage increases.

This was a profound setback for the government, dominated by the anti-communist Socialist Party (SP)—for it had become dramatically obvious that Azevedo was running a state with virtually no state power. (This was what his desperate order to bomb Radio Renascenca off the air had suggested on November 7.)

Following the siege, Azevedo hoped to mobilize a massive right-wing demonstration to counter the increasing strength of an increasingly leftist working class. However, on Sunday, November 16, a conservative rally in Oporto called by the SP and its ally to the right, the Popular Democrats, fizzled. That day in Lisbon, roughly 200,000 people joined in the largest working class demonstration in Portuguese history.

Hoping to pull the Portuguese Communist Party (PCP), the party with the largest mass following as of now, into class collaboration and away from a class struggle which seems more and more likely to lead to a revolutionary struggle, SP leader Mario Soares had a surprise to announce on Tuesday. Invitations he had sent out last month for a joint conference to be held in Lisbon by the eight SP and CP leaders of France, Italy, Spain, and Portugal were accepted by all the parties (the French CP, conditionally) except the PCP. The other parties have all expressed willingness to collaborate with the bourgeoisie against their own working class; obviously they have no compunctions about betraying the Portuguese workers.

But the timing of Soares' announcement suggests that he was hoping to get a little mileage out of a move that had already failed. However, it added to the prestige of the PCP among the Portuguese workers, whose opposition to the bourgeois state is stronger than ever before.

**GOV'T SUSPENSION FAILS TO RALLY MILITARY**

The government's remaining

alternative was to persuade the ruling military group, the so-called Revolutionary Council, to use the armed forces in behalf of the civil administration. With this in mind, the government announced Thursday it was suspending all its operations until it was guaranteed full military backing.

The Workers' Committee of the Lisbon region reacted with an angry denunciation of the move and called a general strike. Tens of thousands of workers massed outside President Costa Gomes's residence, demanding he fire the Premier and replace him with a revolutionary regime. They shouted, "No to blackmail!" and "Azevedo out on the street!"

Copcon, the military's internal security command, a leftist-oriented unit headed by Carvalho, occupied Lisbon's radio and TV studios—an indication of why the Revolutionary Council cannot guarantee full military support to the anti-left government, no matter how much it would like to. (A significant part of the military—possibly a solid majority of the rank-and-file troops—identifies itself with the revolutionary left.)

On Friday, the council came up with a compromise. Hoping to appease the left, it rebuked Azevedo's cabinet for its suspension of duties and agreed to dissolve the rightist Military Intervention Group, an elite military force organized 2 months ago to circumvent Copcon. Further, it agreed to enlarge certain of Carvalho's responsibilities and to revive the leftist-dominated Fifth Division of the armed forces general staff, which was suspended in August at the time of the removal of Premier Goncalves. The Fifth Division had worked at politically organizing people at the grassroots level in a program called Cultural Mobilization.

On the other hand, the council's nod to the left was greatly outweighed by its decision to remove Carvalho from his post as commander of the Lisbon Military Region, replacing him with a pro-government officer. However, the revolutionary left denounced the move bitterly, and the 18 units in the Lisbon command rejected the council's decision, insisting that Carvalho continue as commander. The government, lacking the power to enforce its will, backed down—giving the left another victory.

(It was reported Thursday that

Former CIA director Richard Helms [1966-1973] was already high up in the CIA's clandestine operations section in 1961. Soon after John F. Kennedy's inauguration, Helms tried to carry out orders to assassinate Fidel Castro, orders "apparently" untraceable to any of his superiors. Helms' testimony this year before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence convincingly identifies the source of his assassination plans:

"I believe it was the policy at the time to get rid of Castro and if killing him was one of the things to be done . . . that was within what was expected.

"We were enormously anxious to try and be successful . . . to earn our spurs with the new President."

rightist ex-premier General Antonio de Spínola had addressed the Rockefeller-dominated Council on Foreign Relations in New York and was making a tour of the U.S. and Canada, seeking support for an invasion of Portugal. Spínola is known to have CIA connections through Brazilian contacts.)

**"FOR THE VICTORY OF THE SOCIALIST REVOLUTION!"**

Revolutionary officers connected with Copcon issued the following manifesto on Friday: "In the face of the acts of desperation and piracy by the government and by the right in general, which can lead the country to civil war or to foreign intervention on behalf of imperialism, the workers, the soldiers, and the revolutionary militants have embarked on their

own road for the taking of power. And this road has to be the autonomous organizations of the workers of the factories and of the fields for the construction and strengthening of Popular Power."

And Friday, 670 soldier-recruits at an artillery regiment gave the oaths to the flag with clenched fists outstretched: "We, soldiers, swear to be loyal to the country and to struggle for liberty and independence. We swear to be always, always on the side of the people, in the service of the working class, the peasants and the laborers. We swear to struggle with all our capacities, with voluntary acceptance of revolutionary discipline, against fascism and against imperialism, for democracy and Power for the People, for the victory of the Socialist Revolution."



Rank-and-file Portuguese soldiers take oath last Friday: "We swear to struggle with all our capacities . . . against fascism and against imperialism, for democracy and Power for the People, for the victory of the Socialist Revolution." Oath was administered by a member of the Workers' Commissions.

**Moynihan's UN demagoguery exposed**

# Torture, murder reign in U.S. puppets' prisons

By CONNIE HARRIS  
NEW YORK, Nov. 23—On November 12, U.S. delegate Daniel Patrick Moynihan, with a great deal of bombast, introduced a resolution in the United Nations calling on all countries to grant an amnesty to political prisoners who had expressed their dissent "peacefully." Then on November 21, Moynihan withdrew the resolution with the excuse that amendments offered by some of the socialist countries had made it "a travesty."

It seems apparent that Moynihan's decision to raise this question was immediately considered a clumsy error by many of his colleagues in the U.S. imperialist political establishment. For in trying to accuse the socialist and progressive anti-imperialist countries of political persecution, all that Moynihan really accomplished was to focus international attention on the literally hundreds of thousands of political prisoners held by U.S.-client states in the most abominable conditions.

**REMEMBER ATTICA, MR. MOYNIHAN?**

Also immediately brought into question was the direct role of the U.S. government itself in persecuting its opponents. The very next day the Cuban delegate had taken the floor to remind Mr. Moynihan (who under President Johnson had coined the phrase "benign neglect" to justify refusing poverty funds to the Black people) of the Watts rebellion, the Attica uprising, and the innumerable attempts by U.S. agents on the life of Cuban Premier Fidel Castro.

In last week's issue of *Workers World*, this paper reviewed the many types of political prisoners in the U.S. and explained why we also view all poor and oppressed persons who have been jailed for so-called economic crimes as in fact victims of the monopoly capitalist system. This week we will say a few words about the truly horrendous political persecution against progressives in dozens of countries where repression is literally made in the U.S.A.

In his remarks introducing the short-lived U.S. resolution, Moynihan had attacked two other UN resolutions, which call for the release of political prisoners in South Africa and Chile, as "selective morality." Since both these regimes exist with the blessing and backing of U.S. imperialism, it is easy to see why Moynihan was upset.

The fascist dictatorship of Chile, which received U.S. aid in overthrowing the progressive government of Salvador Allende, is responsible for the execution of more than 20,000 people. Imprisoned right now are an estimated 10,000 (an indefinite and probably low figure). Numerous instances of torture and murder in prison have been verified. No political activity against the government is allowed.

In South Africa, where Black people have no political rights, any dissenter against the government may be imprisoned without trial or stated reason. Critical political speech is called "terrorism" and is punishable by death. Strikes or other forms of resistance by Black workers are banned; they get the lowest wage of any industrialized country. As a result, U.S. companies in South Africa can profit highly off a labor force held under

what amounts to military discipline.

**SOUTH KOREA AND INDONESIA**

Another notorious police state under U.S. protection is south Korea. A Seoul newspaper has admitted there are 55,000 political prisoners, but even this figure is considered low by Korean progressives. Prisoners are tried before special military tribunals—if they receive any trial at all. Torture and intimidation against

families and lawyers of prisoners has been documented by Amnesty International. The targets of government repression include labor leaders, students, clergy, intellectuals; even the national poet, Kim Chi Ha, currently faces execution.

Another infamous example is Indonesia where in 1965 the CIA covertly aided a right-wing military takeover which resulted in the slaughter of between 300,000 and 1 million people. There are

currently at least 100,000 political prisoners there, perhaps the largest number of any country in the world. (See interview with Carmel Budiardjo, this page.)

But what has meant untold suffering for the Indonesian people has meant profit for the U.S. ruling class. In return for massive financial and military aid to the generals who rule the country, its vast natural resources have been made available for plunder.

Many, many more examples

could be mentioned of countries whose cruel and repressive regimes are supported by U.S. military and economic aid in order that much larger sums can be drained out in corporate profits. Brazil, Taiwan, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Spain, Iran, Rhodesia... it's impossible here to describe them all.

It is small wonder that Mr. Moynihan's great "initiative" ended up only as another embarrassment for U.S. imperialism.

**Interview with Carmel Budiardjo**

## A story of misery in Indonesian jails

(Carmel Budiardjo was a political prisoner in Indonesia for 3 years. Her husband is still incarcerated without trial after 7 years in prison.)

Ms. Budiardjo is presently on a speaking tour in this country as part of an effort by Tapol, the U.S. Campaign for the Release of Indonesian Political Prisoners, to add to the growing international pressure for the release of the 100,000 prisoners currently held by the right-wing military regime in Djakarta.

Ms. Budiardjo suffered firsthand the intolerable conditions in Indonesia's concentration camps, sleeping on the bare floors and subsisting on a near-starvation diet. Her release was brought about largely because, being a British national, her case was focusing international attention on the massive suppression of human rights in Indonesia.)



Carmel Budiardjo, former Indonesian political prisoner.

**Workers World:** What is the situation for political prisoners in Indonesia at present?

Carmel Budiardjo: We estimate that there are still 100,000 political prisoners being held. Their conditions, from reports that we receive, are in no way improving. On the contrary, it seems that they are getting worse.

For example; we have indications at the moment that even more prisoners are going to be sent to the island of Buru. There is information very recently received that prisoners in a camp in central Java are going to be cleared out completely and all of them sent to Buru. This includes elderly people

and people who are ailing with diseases who formerly were not sent to Buru because they were old and ailing. But now it seems that these considerations are no longer even taken into account.

Conditions in other camps I have

heard of are also deteriorating. There are cases where they are actually being used as plantation labor in northern Sumatra. I've heard reports that conditions in a prison in Bandung are also deteriorating and the same goes for conditions in south Sumatra.

The government has recently started talking in terms of releasing prisoners. First of all, let us consider what they have actually said. They said that they are planning to release 35,000 prisoners at the rate of 2,500 a year. Now this means in fact that they actually foresee that many of the prisoners will be in prison for 10 to 15 years before they are actually released. It is just an insult to our intelligence to think that we can be taken in by such a plan.

Even if one assumes that it actually is going to be implemented, the important thing to be remembered about this plan is that it was announced just on the eve of a visit by a high-powered Indonesian military and political mission that came to Washington to negotiate closer understanding between Indonesia and America and to get more aid. So that this release plan had nothing to do with the intentions of the Indonesian government towards the prisoners but was really an attempt to convince American public opinion and Congress that they are going to start doing some releases whereas in fact it is not really their intention.

WW: You mentioned the Buru camp in a tone that implied this was one of the worst. Can you tell us how many prisoners are held there and under what circumstances?

C.B.: Originally there were 10,000 prisoners sent out there. There is a pretty high death rate. Several dozens of people a year have died there. Take note that they are supposed to be people who are not too old or ailing so they wouldn't die, but in fact they are dying. There are probably somewhere in the region of 9,600 or 9,700 left there.

We've had some very serious reports recently about prisoners being used on some kind of mineral extraction—I don't know exactly what it is they are extracting—but they are being forced to work waist-deep in mangrove mud and water, which is an extremely dangerous and hazardous kind of work to do. We've heard as well that one prisoner had by some means obtained information about the end of the Indochina war, had heard that Saigon had fallen, and the authorities became so angry that they started beating him to find out how he knew. And rather than divulge the source of his information, they tortured him and

eventually he committed suicide. This is another bit of information we've received about the current situation in Buru. It is really one of the worst places. It's very remote from civilization. The prisoners are absolutely surrounded by tropical forests or shark-infested seas, so they have no way out of this prison and conditions there are extremely bad.

WW: What's the purpose of this visit you are making to the U.S.?

C.B.: This visit is the first that I've been able to make to America since the establishment of Tapol several months ago. This is considered to be a very good time to do speaking about Indonesia. I've been to several different places, New England, the Midwest, and Canada as well as the East.

This is really to consolidate what we have achieved so far, to expand information about Indonesia. And it is very timely because the U.S. administration is currently considering a proposal by the White House to at least double military aid to Indonesia. On the other hand, quite a few members of Congress are becoming concerned about the human rights record of the countries which are aided by American money. So there is a good basis, not only here in Washington but throughout the country, to make demands for a reduction or an elimination of aid to Indonesia on the grounds of gross violations of human rights in Indonesia.

Indonesia certainly does loom larger and larger as an important factor in American foreign policy in Southeast Asia. And so, within 6 months after the end of the Vietnam war, it is a beautiful time to raise the question of American relations with and support for this repressive regime in Indonesia.

WW: Can you tell me something about the international campaign?

C.B.: This year is the tenth anniversary of the military takeover and there has been a stepped-up campaign in a number of countries. Particularly, this has happened in Holland, and to a considerable extent Australia, West Germany, and Sweden. We in Britain have also been able to have some extra activities.

So that gradually one feels that Indonesia is now being recognized for what it really is: one of the worst offenders in the area of human rights. This is something that has taken an awful long time to establish because Indonesia is so much neglected in its national affairs in the media and so on. But I think as a result of campaigning activities internationally this will begin to snowball and Indonesia will be recognized side by side with Chile, South Africa, and other countries where human rights are being so grossly violated.

## Former Indonesian political prisoner to speak in NYC

NEW YORK, Nov. 24—Carmel Budiardjo, a former political prisoner in Indonesia, will be the featured speaker December 12 at a solidarity meeting here called by the newly formed Tapol Campaign for the Release of Indonesian Political Prisoners. (See interview with Ms. Budiardjo on this page.) Ms. Budiardjo has been touring the U.S. drawing attention to the plight of the 100,000 political prisoners still being held by the Suharto regime 10 years after the clique of generals came to power through a coup and massacre of the opposition. The solidarity meeting, set for 7:30 p.m. at the School of International Affairs of Columbia University (118th Street and Amsterdam Avenue), will be her main speaking engagement in New York City.

Also speaking will be Deirdre

Griswold, author of *Indonesia: the Bloodbath That Was* and editor of *Workers World* newspaper. Ms. Griswold will deal with the U.S. connection to the Indonesian fascist regime today and Washington's support of the 1965 coup.

Another member of Tapol, Don Luce of Clergy and Laity Concerned, will address himself to what people in the U.S. can do to help release the prisoners.

This meeting has already gained a wide sponsorship, including Professors Noam Chomsky and Howard Zinn, the Committee of Concerned Asian Scholars, Corky Gonzalez of the Crusade for Justice, Philip Berrigan, Florynce Kennedy, Elizabeth McAlister, Carlos Feliciano, and William Worthy.

**Racism and Zionism, Part II****How the Palestinians' homeland was stolen**

By JUDITH STOLL

NEW YORK, Nov. 24—By 1949, three-quarters of a million Arab Palestinians had fled their homeland, driven out by overt acts of Zionist terrorism or the very real fear of it. But this was, by no means, the end of the new Israeli government's policy of expulsion of Arab residents and expansion of Jewish-dominated territory.

Since 1949, when the so-called Defense Laws were established, the Israeli government has had the right to impose curfews, or "closings," on Arab villages and to confiscate or destroy property and detain suspected Arab terrorists indefinitely. When an Arab village is "closed," residents need permission to enter or exit, though Jewish Israelis are not liable to violation of this law. This has been the mechanism for expropriating nearly 1½ million acres of Arab land, for during the forced absence of the villagers the village would be razed to the ground and the land claimed under a 1950 Law on the Acquisition of Absentees Property.

This has also been the method of securing Jewish settlements in territories conquered by Israel in its wars with neighboring countries. During the October 1973 war, Israeli soldiers occupied the Syrian border city of Quneitra. The smoke of the battle had hardly cleared before the entire city of 53,000—homes, schools, shops, mosques—was flattened to the ground with bulldozers. Residents who had fled the battle had no town to return home to. Quneitra had ceased to exist. (For an eyewitness account, see *Workers World* of Nov. 29, 1974.)

The Arabs who remained in Israeli-occupied Palestine, who now comprise less than 12 percent of the population, are today still regarded as second-class citizens. On the average, they earn half what a Jewish worker earns. They represent only 2½ percent of the engineers, physicians, and lawyers. Public education is not legally guaranteed by the government and, consequently, only one-third of the Arab children receive a primary school education. Hebrew is the only official language, and history books speak only of "Israel," not Palestine.

**"LAW OF RETURN"**

The Israeli Law of Return grants automatic citizenship to any Jew, anywhere in the world, who seeks to emigrate to Israel. But Arabs seeking repatriation, people whose families may have lived in Palestine for generation upon generation, must produce a sheaf of documents proving their place of birth, a task made almost impossible in many cases by the destruction of town records. They must also prove knowledge of Hebrew. A very small percentage of Palestinians seeking to return to their homeland have been allowed to do so.

And yet religion is not the sole basis for discrimination. Sephardic, or non-European, Jews comprise 60 percent of the population. Eighty percent of Sephardic Jews are unemployed and only 20 percent graduate from high school. One-fifth of the population lives at or below the poverty level, and of these, 70 percent are Sephardim.

It is the European, or Ashkenazi, Jews who establish all religious laws for Israel, and since there is no separation of church and state and these laws affect every citizen directly, the Sephardim do not even find religious freedom in their

new home. Sephardic Jews have often rebelled against such discrimination, such as the time in 1971 when the Black Panther organization fought with police in Tel Aviv for 6 hours.

**1956 SUEZ INVASION**

The U.S. achieved full political hegemony over Israel during the 1956 Egyptian conflict. Egypt's Nasser had begun to nationalize some Western enterprise in his country and the U.S. had retaliated by cutting off funds for the Aswan Dam. When Nasser responded by closing the Suez Canal, Israel, at a nod from the British and French, moved into the Sinai. The U.S. forced Israel to relinquish its conquered territory in favor of a U.S.-Egyptian settlement, but Israel had done a good job in helping to punish the rebellious Egyptians and was rewarded with increased military aid.

Israel has been used many times to "punish" rebellious Arab states who have had difficulty swallowing U.S. oil imperialism and whose masses have risen up in rebellion. Israeli raids into surrounding Arab countries, while winning them new territory, have also coincided with the U.S. need to retaliate against the Arab governments for anti-Western policies or to force them into oil agreements. The June 1967 war was met with jubilation in Washington because it weakened the anti-Western Nasser government and Syrian moves towards agrarian reform. Said House Minority Leader Gerald Ford, "Israel has done a pretty good job bailing out U.S. interests in the area."

**REACTIONARY FOREIGN POLICY**

Israel has been an obedient servant, openly supporting U.S. aggression in Korea and Vietnam. It has extended friendly relations to racist South Africa and according to Augustino Neto, President of the newly independent Angola, Israeli officers have joined mercenary troops presently fighting against the progressive Angolan government.

Israel was the second country to recognize the fascist (and very anti-Semitic!) junta in Chile. And it has been rewarded with expanded territory and billions upon billions of dollars in U.S. military aid.

But its people live in a state of constant warfare, dependent on the political expediencies of the U.S. for their safety and survival. Israeli citizens pay over 45 percent of their income in taxes and approximately 80 percent of that goes into the defense budget. There have been two major wars in the last 7 years. The racism and military role of Zionism have won Israel the increasing enmity of all the surrounding Arab states, for the Palestinians have won the sympathy of the Arab masses in their determination to return home. It is the blood and labor of the Jewish people, as well as the Arabs, that has been used by the Zionists to forward Wall Street's oil war in the Middle East.

It is the furthest thing from anti-Semitism to say that the only hope for the peace and survival of the Jewish people is a total rejection of Zionist policies. The only solution is friendship and alliance with their Arab neighbors, the repatriation of the Palestinians; and a socialist revolution that will at last free the Jewish people from the death trap the Zionists have built.



Hundreds of thousands of Palestinians who fled from Zionist terrorism still live in refugee camps like this one and dream of returning to a liberated homeland.

Photo: LNS

**'A new Palestine in which all could live side by side in equality and mutual respect'**

Since the UN resolution condemning Zionism as a form of racism, the capitalist media have mounted a massive campaign attacking the resolution and all who support it. Readers of the establishment press are treated to the spectacle of imperialist butchers sanctimoniously charging the socialist and the former colonial countries with "neo-Nazism," and leaders in the struggle against racial discrimination are themselves called "racist" by U.S. and Israeli officials.

To respond to this barrage of slander, we interviewed an activist from Youth Against War & Fascism, an organization that was founded in the struggle against anti-Semitism and is a militant supporter of the Palestinian liberation movement as well.

Naomi Cohen has been a leading activist in Youth Against War & Fascism and a founding member of the Committee to Support Middle East Liberation, which alone demonstrated in the U.S. against U.S.-Israeli aggression at the time of the June 1967 war.

*Workers World:* Ms. Cohen, Golda Meir has said that all Jewish people are Zionist and anybody opposing Zionism is anti-Semitic. Any comment?

Cohen: This is a common tactic that the leaders of Israel use to confuse two different things. If you look at the history of Zionism, it's clear that it has always been a political movement closely allied with Western imperialism from the time of Theodore Hertzl to its present leaders, who depend completely on aid from Washington. We are anti-Zionist because we are against the oppressive Israeli settler state, which expelled the Palestinian people from their homeland, just as we are against South Africa or Rhodesia. But we make a sharp distinction between the Israeli state, which is a U.S. puppet regime, and the majority of Jewish people in Israel who are oppressed by that state.

WW: Don't the Israeli leaders claim that Zionism is a national liberation movement?

Cohen: They try to palm themselves off as defenders of the Jewish people, but how can a "national liberation movement" base itself on the oppression of another oppressed people—that is,

the brutal ejection of the Palestinian people from their homes? It is the most tragic irony that the victims of Nazism should be used by the imperialists as an oppressor nation, when their most natural allies are the Palestinian people themselves.

In addition, this talk about anti-Semitism in the UN vote is just a cover for the well-known and undeniable fact that Israel is a racist society where not only Arabs but non-European Jews are treated as second-class citizens. I personally know Jewish people who have gone to Israel, thinking it was a haven and have returned shocked and dismayed by the terrible racial prejudices and injustices there.

**RACISM AND ANTI-SEMITISM AROUND RIGHT HERE**

WW: Israel doesn't sound so different from the U.S. in that way.

Cohen: Of course, because it is a complete client of the U.S. In the U.S. there is terrible white racism, and there is anti-Semitism here too.

But the Israeli leaders don't want to acknowledge that. Why Nixon, the man who was supposed to be such a friend of Israel, went around calling people in his own administration "Jew boys." How can the Jewish people rely on such "friends"?

And remember General George Brown, the highest ranking military officer in the country? Earlier this year he viciously and publicly attacked the Jewish people using the language of Hitler. Yet Ford keeps him on as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff!

Youth Against War & Fascism was born in the struggle to combat just such anti-Semitism. Our very first demonstration was back in 1962 when we mobilized 1,000 people to protest against an appearance of Nazi leader George Lincoln Rockwell. Since that time we have been involved in many struggles against groups like the KKK, the Nazis, the Birch Society, etc., who are notorious for their anti-Semitism.

As a Jewish person I have been particularly pained to see the Jewish people in Israel used as cannon fodder for the corporate interests of U.S. oil companies, who care nothing for the fate of the Jewish people. They only care about their profits.

People like Nixon and Ford, who only represent the interests of the giant oil monopolies, would drop Israel in a minute if they felt it would advance the interests of U.S. imperialism to do so. For now they are obviously strong backers of Israel, but Jewish people should never delude themselves about the basic sympathies of these anti-Semites whose only real interest is the preservation of U.S. imperialism.

**PEACE WITHOUT IMPERIALISM**

WW: Since the founding of Israel in 1948 there have been four major wars in the Middle East. Under what conditions would a real peace be attainable?

Cohen: It is obvious that there can be no solution as long as imperialism, through its puppet state Israel, uses the Jewish people as a wedge to attack the Arab masses. For example, in 1956 Israel joined with England and France in invading Egypt when President Nasser defied the imperialists by nationalizing the Suez Canal. And in 1967 Israel invaded Syria just at a time when that country was moving to the left, and as the U.S. press put it, was threatening to become the Cuba of the Middle East.

We wholeheartedly sympathize with the victims of Nazi genocide and want to see the Jewish people living at peace and safeguarded against persecution. But Israel is not the solution. Unfortunately, the Jewish people of Israel have been led into a potential death trap by their politicians and especially the U.S. government, which refused to let the Jewish refugees into the United States after World War II, forcing them to go to Palestine and act as pawns in the fight against the Palestinian people.

The only real solution is for the Jewish people in Palestine to join hands with their Palestinian brothers and sisters in a common fight against imperialism. The 2 million Palestinians must be allowed to return to their homeland and together with the Jewish people could play an active and vigorous role in building a new Palestine in which all people could live side by side in equality and mutual respect. Such a society would truly be a legitimate part of the world struggle for the liberation of colonial nations and the emancipation of the oppressed.

## EDITORIAL

## Death of a butcher

Generalissimo Francisco Franco, a tyrant whose name has become the very symbol of cruelty and oppression, died last week. So hated was he by the world's people that only three high-ranking foreign officials came to flaunt their admiration of this monster by attending his funeral. They were General Pinochet of Chile, King Hussein of Jordan, and, of course Nelson Rockefeller, who told newsmen at the Madrid airport that he wished to express his government's "firm friendship and support" for the fascist regime.

Franco embarked on his bloody career in 1912 when he took part in a military campaign of extermination against rebellious Riff tribes in Spain's Moroccan colony in North Africa. A darling of the monarchy, Franco was enraged when it was abolished and replaced by a republic in 1931. He first earned the name of butcher when he suppressed a revolt of Asturian miners in 1934, ordering that over 2,000 of the workers be taken to the Oviedo bullring, where they were shot down by firing squads.

## FRANCO COUP STARTS CIVIL WAR

Such atrocities sparked massive popular resistance and in February 1936 the Spanish people elected a leftist government. In collaboration with most of Spain's rich businessmen, big landlords, Church hierarchy, and top military brass, Franco plotted a rightist insurrection against the new Republican government to take place on the night of July 18, 1936.

On the very first day of the Civil War that ensued, both Hitler and Mussolini began sending military supplies and troops to the Franco forces. Big U.S. firms immediately offered Franco their assistance too. Texaco, for instance, supplied gasoline to Franco's army at no charge throughout the entire 3 years of fighting which took 1 million Spanish lives.

The workers and poor landless peasants of Spain aimed not only at defeating the Franco fascists in the war but at overthrowing the feudal-capitalist-imperialist system which had spawned him. Only a socialist state could serve their needs. Naturally the officials of the liberal capitalist Republic, many of whom were wealthy men themselves, did not share this revolutionary perspective. Unfortunately, the reformist leadership of Spain's large workers' parties subordinated their own class tasks to the dictates of the anti-Franco wing of the capitalist class. The questions of land for the peasants and freedom for Spanish Morocco (where Franco recruited many of his troops) were deferred, and thus the working class failed to win the allegiance of many potential allies.

In 1939 Madrid was captured by the enemy and the war ended in a Franco victory.

Between 1939 and 1942, the dictator had 2 million of his opponents arrested and half a million executed by the dreaded Guardia Civil. A great supporter and ally of Hitler, Franco sent the Fuhrer a message after the Nazi conquest of France:

"In this moment when the German armies under your leadership are bringing the greatest battle of history victoriously to an end, I should like to deliver to you the expression of my enthusiasm and admiration as well as that of my people."

After the war, Franco's Spain, as a former ally of Hitler, was shunned by the other nations of the world and barred from UN membership.

## U.S. GOV'T BEFRIENDS FASCISTS

This world embargo of the Spanish government was broken only by the U.S. government, which looked under every rock to find allies for its Cold War anti-communist crusade against the USSR and People's China.

"Spain is now sought after by those who in years past scorned our offer to cooperate against communism," exulted Franco in 1953 when he signed a military pact with the U.S. Over the next 10 years the U.S. government gave Spain \$2 billion in aid, including \$500 million in military assistance. A delighted Franco even took down his autographed picture of Hitler and replaced it with one of Eisenhower when that President paid a call in 1959.

Franco continued to muzzle the press, outlaw trade unions, and ban all political parties, but he looked with favor on the billions U.S. businessmen invested in his country, offering them a 5-year tax holiday, duty-free equipment imports, easy credit terms and attractive plant sites.

And he continued to murder his opponents, with the firing squad and the slow strangulation of the garrote. This did not prevent Gerald Ford from claiming Franco as an "old friend" on a Madrid visit last spring.

With Franco's death, Spain is now ruled by his hand-picked successor, King Juan Carlos, who offers the Spanish people Francoism without Franco, fascism minus the old Caudillo. But the poor and working people of Spain (average income is only \$900 a year) have had enough of fascism and like their Portuguese brothers and sisters aim to destroy it.



## THREE GREAT FRIENDS

The Republican ultra-right:

## Enemies of the people

By N. GOLDSTEIN  
NEW YORK, Nov. 17—When President Ford recently denounced New York City, particularly its workers and poor, for living too well, and then in quick succession shook up his cabinet and accepted the resignation of Vice President Rockefeller for nomination, speculation was rampant that he was trying to outflank the Republican right-wing—to out-Reagan Reagan, as one New York Times commentator put it.

But why would Ford feel compelled to make such an open play for outright right-wing sentiment? Is it because the racist and reactionary ideas of Reagan command such respect from the mass of people? Hardly! But Reagan and the other major figures on the Republican right-wing—Goldwater and Buckley—do represent a force out of all proportion to their numbers, not because they are so popular with the people, but because they are so firmly wedded to the military-industrial complex. And this is the mob Ford was playing to.

Who are the Republican ultra-right and whom do they represent?

## REAGAN—GE'S MAN

Ronald Reagan was not just a movie star who suddenly decided to run for public office in 1966. He made a name for himself in California in the 1940s and 1950s as a rabid, anti-Communist witch-hunter, testifying against his colleagues for the House Un-American Activities Committee and purging the Screen Actors Guild of all progressives (he became its president in 1947). From 1954 to 1962 he was employed by General Electric, doing TV shows and traveling for them extensively. By the early 1960s he had become a Republican and identified himself with the extremist right-wing views of the John Birch Society, the Christian Anti-Communist Crusade, and the Young Americans for Freedom. He also campaigned fervently for Barry Goldwater in the 1964 Presidential election.

Thus, by 1965 Reagan had made himself known as a thorough

reactionary, redbaiting tool of big business. In that year a group of California businessmen organized "The Friends of Ronald Reagan" and hired a public relations firm to build his image for the 1966 gubernatorial race. (John Wayne and Walt Disney, both of whom consistently supported the most militarist policies of the U.S. government, were also associated with this group.)

California's largest industry is the giant aerospace industry, which employs one-third of all its manufacturing employees. In particular, California is known for its production of aircraft, missiles, and electronic components. Undoubtedly among the California businessmen who groomed Reagan for the governorship were corporations involved in the aerospace industry, including GE, Reagan's long-time patron, and a major military contractor. (Reagan bought a huge mansion in Pacific Palisades Hills that was completely furnished by GE. He also owns a 305-acre ranch in Malibu. Not exactly the life of a common man, a representative of the "little people.")

His campaign was based on an appeal to virulent racism, against student protests and welfare, and for tough "law and order." He opposed an open housing act in 1963, clearly a racist and segregationist stand, and even spoke out against the Civil Rights Act of 1964. His utter contempt for the poor and working people is

## Out of the mouths of babes

In a recent book on the Buckleys, written by Charles Lam Markmann, they are described as a highly political family. As proof, the author cites the example of Aloise Buckley, who wrote that her 4-year-old child greatly admired Barry Goldwater because the child believed that Goldwater had killed President Kennedy.

Now where would a 4-year-old get an idea like that? From his own parents, perhaps?

reflected in the fact that he once condemned the progressive income tax as a plot spawned by Karl Marx.

In spite of the fact that he claims to be against "big government," he has always supported the most outrageous outlays for military hardware and urged imperialist adventures wherever people of oppressed nations have tried to free themselves from foreign domination.

In his bid for the Presidency, it is clear that he is the chosen candidate of a tiny clique of military corporations and wealthy reactionaries who want to keep the people suppressed by more police and subjected to more taxes, more unemployment, poverty, and war.

## BARRY GOLDWATER—PENTAGON'S MAN

Senator Barry Goldwater has long been the symbol of the Republican right-wing. He, like Reagan, made his political name as a McCarthyite, anti-Communist witch-hunter, as well as servant of the military. He has called for U.S. military intervention, including the use of atomic weapons, wherever absolute U.S. control has been challenged in the world, from Berlin, to Africa, to Cuba, to Vietnam.

Born heir to a prosperous department store in Arizona, Goldwater never really had to use any of the initiative he constantly lectures the poor about. His military ties are open and direct: he's a major-general in the Air Force Reserve and married to the daughter of a Borg-Warner executive. (Borg-Warner is a \$1 billion corporation with close ties to the Pentagon through its military contracting.)

During World War II Goldwater was a lieutenant-colonel in the Army Air Force. After the war he spent 7 years as a chief of staff and colonel in the Army National Guard and since that time has worked overtime in the Senate on the Armed Forces Committee to promote the interests of the military in Arizona, whose economy is dominated by the aerospace and electronics in-

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Hoover agent confesses

# Racist FBI conspiracy to 'get King'

By T. MITCHELL

NEW YORK, Nov. 19—A high official of the FBI admitted before a Senate committee today that for 6 years this federal secret police organization used illegal and perverse tactics against the Rev. Martin Luther King in an attempt to subvert his leadership ability in the Black civil rights movement.

The FBI character assassination campaign against Dr. King involved electronic surveillance of his private life and blackmail letters that threatened to expose his "infidelity" unless he took himself out of the struggle against racism.

In addition, FBI agents were sent around to spread this slander to a college planning to honor Dr. King with a degree, to the Pope who had agreed to meet with Dr. King, and to financial supporters of his organization, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

**SECRET POLICE AND THE STATE**

No government voice has even mildly suggested that the criminals involved in these police state acts of suppression should be

punished. The politicians have carefully done no more than to politely wag their fingers about improprieties.

These "improprieties" amount to a systematic violation of democratic rights waged against the entire progressive social movement of the 1960s, but there is no sign of great distress or anger on Capitol Hill from the esteemed defenders of democracy.

FBI officials explain their illegal interference with Dr. King's right to speak out and organize against injustice in our "free society" by saying that Dr. King might have been under communist influence.

Establishment political analysts have tried to pass off this phony explanation in another form by attributing the FBI campaign against Dr. King to a combination of J.E. Hoover's obsessive anti-communism and his individual racism which kept the ranks of FBI agents lily-white under his regime.

But the truth of the matter goes far deeper. The FBI is the secret police arm of the capitalist state and as such it is used against all

who challenge the established order.

Anyone who publicly finds fault with a system that provides neither liberty nor justice for all is considered an enemy of the state in the eyes of this secret police and any organization or individual leader that gains a mass following for these grievances is subjected to FBI repression.

This has been a fact of life known to all sections of social activists in the recent period, and the Senate hearings will in no significant way alter this fact in the future. The politicians have sought factional advantage by revealing FBI crimes during the term of one President or another, but all Presidents stand at the head of a system that breeds racism, unemployment, poverty, and war.

It is to the credit of communists and leftists in general that they have opposed these wrongs and in particular supported Dr. King and the Black liberation struggle, while it is completely to the discredit of the capitalist state that the FBI was unleashed on Dr. King—a moderate who gained favor among establishment liberals for that reason, as a counter to more militant Black leaders.

**FBI AND ASSASSINATION OF REV. KING**

The admissions of this FBI of-



*Did the FBI, which tried for 6 years to destroy Dr. King, finally resort to murder?*

ficial give further weight to suspicions of FBI complicity in the assassination of Dr. King. The record now shows indisputably that the FBI tried unsuccessfully to silence him by character assassination and that the FBI kept him under constant watch.

Where, then, was the FBI in Memphis when the assassin's bullet took Dr. King, effecting a result that the FBI demonstrably

approved?

This question does not occur to the Senators, but it must occur to many people, especially Blacks. For this reason, the attempt to clean up the image of the FBI today will fail to create any illusions for the future. And as long as these admitted criminal acts go unpunished, they will surely be resorted to again against others—but they too will fail to turn back the struggle for social justice.

## —Republican ultra-right

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dustries. Federal spending on defense contracts, military construction, and air bases is a vital part of Arizona's economy.

While an advocate of huge government spending for the military, Goldwater says "the less government the better" when it comes to any sort of progressive legislation for the people. He is against the social security program, federal welfare spending, medical care for the aged, economic aid for depressed areas, and has consistently voted for the most anti-labor, anti-union laws. He once even went so far as to say that states should be allowed to outlaw collective bargaining, if they so wished.

**JAMES BUCKLEY: BLUE-BLOOD REACTIONARY**

Senator James Buckley is supposed to be the blue blood of the extreme right, the honest, respectable right-wing. No matter that the Buckley family has associated itself with everything reactionary from defending Joe McCarthy to opposing any progressive social legislation, to backing huge outlays for military spending and imperialist adventures abroad. Their money somehow has made them "clean."

In 1958 when William Buckley, Sr., died, he left \$17 million to each of his 10 children. This fortune, today based on an international group of companies that speculate in oil, gas, minerals, and manufacturing, was originally made in the oil business in Mexico in the early 1900s. But when the old man, along with other American businessmen, tried to set up a puppet government in Mexico to oppose the revolution that was going on, he was expelled in 1921 for "counter-revolutionary conspiracy." Buckley then went on to make a fortune in Venezuelan oil.

The Catawba Corporation today represents the basic wealth of the family and James is an executive in the firm, traveling to Latin

America, Asia, Africa, and Australia to negotiate agreements for the company. Thus he is well versed in the interests of American corporations abroad in keeping "friendly" governments in power to protect U.S. investments. He has used his position as senator to advocate unbridled U.S. military spending and military intervention to put down liberation movements wherever they have appeared—particularly in Indochina.

In 1970 when Buckley ran for the Senate, he appealed to open racist sentiment—calling for more police and fewer rights for defendants. He was rewarded for his work by winning the endorsement of the State Police Conference. He campaigned against abortion and for a tougher (!) military policy in Vietnam. While he talks about being against government subsidies for corporations, he voted for the huge SST giveaway.

But what he's really against is government spending for the poor. Buckley publicly supported the rabid, racist campaign to keep the poor people from getting housing in Forest Hills, N.Y., and actively worked to defeat federally financed day care centers for working mothers.

All three of these men who spearhead the Republican right-wing are wealthy spokesmen for the interests of the corporations and the military. In their crusade to save big business and the imperialist system they try to suck in working people by whipping up hatred between Black and white and by demagogically saying they speak for the "little people."

But this talk is just as false as the "populist" demagoguery of Democrat George Wallace (covered in last week's Workers World). "Conservative" or liberal, Reagan or Rockefeller, all the candidates of the two major parties speak and act in the interests of the class of millionaires and billionaires, not the great mass of ordinary working people.



## Mercenary invaders of People's Angola

NEW YORK, Nov. 24—White mercenaries (pictured above) are part of U.S.-financed invasionary forces from South Africa and Zaire furiously attempting to reestablish imperialist control over the newly founded People's Republic of Angola. The new nation formally declared its independence November 11 after 14 years of armed struggle against Portuguese colonialism.

Fighting under cover of the phony "liberation movements," Front for the Liberation of Angola (FNLA) and the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA), the mercenary units have penetrated deep into Angola, but have been unable to near the capital city of Luanda or take the oil-rich province of Cabinda. South African, Portuguese, and Israeli officers are commanding the mercenaries.

# Under capitalism, would warning be given?

## Earthquakes now predictable

By G. SCHMIDT  
NEW YORK, Nov. 20—According to a recent issue of the Chinese publication *Earthquake Frontiers*, at 6 p.m. on Feb. 4, 1975, an announcement was made over the public-address system in the Kuan T'un commune in the industrialized Liaoning province of People's China:

"According to a prediction by the supreme command, a strong earthquake will probably occur tonight. We insist that all people leave their homes and all animals leave their stables."

As an added incentive for the people to go outside, the commune leaders also announced that movies would be shown at the square. Immediately, many of the commune members gathered their entire families and made for the square.

"The first film was barely finished when a strong earthquake, 7.3 on the magnitude scale, occurred," the article says. "Lightning flashed and a great noise like thunder came from the earth. Many houses were destroyed at once. Of the 2,000 people in the commune, only the 'stubborn ones,' who ignored the

mobilization order, were wounded or killed by the earthquake. All the others were safe and uninjured; not even one head of livestock was lost."

China, a country which suffers a great number of quakes and which has lost well over a million people in just two of the larger quakes in the last 400 years, has made a national commitment to reliably predict and warn the populace of impending earthquakes. A delegation of U.S. scientists toured Chinese earthquake research centers in October 1974 and learned that the country had some 10,000 trained earthquake specialists (more than 10 times the U.S. total), operating 17 major observation centers, which in turn receive data from 250 seismic stations and 5,000 observation points (some of which are simply wells where the radon content of water is measured). In addition, thousands of dedicated amateurs, mainly high school students, regularly collect earthquake data.

The Soviet Union has also made reliable earthquake prediction a high priority ever since 1949 when a severe quake hit the Garm region of Siberia, causing an avalanche

which buried the village of Khat, killing 12,000 people. A scientific expedition was sent into the region to discover what geological changes occurred in an area prior to an earthquake. In 1971, the results of the investigative work were announced at an international scientific meeting in Moscow.

The basic finding was that some time before the quake there was a distinct change in the speed that two types of sound waves (P- and S-waves) travelled through the underlying rock. Then, just before the actual quake hits, the speeds of the P- and S-waves suddenly return to normal.

The return to normal of the sound wave speed reading gives the second warning of the quake. It indicates that the quake will occur in about one-tenth the time during which the changes were measured. That is, if the changes have been measured over a period of 100 days before the readings return to normal, the quake should occur in about 10 days.

### ANOTHER SAN FRANCISCO?

In the United States, scientists have been attempting to keep  
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## 3 PSP members released

# From Dominican jails—to FBI?

By JULIO GHIGLIOTTY  
NEW YORK, Nov. 22—Three Puerto Rican Socialist Party (PSP) militants sentenced to 30 years in the Dominican Republic this summer for supposedly landing three guerrillas on the coast of that country won an amnesty from the Balaguer regime on Monday, November 17.

The amnesty, effective on December 23, was greeted as a concession by the Balaguer regime in the face of the mounting international and domestic pressure against the jailing of the Victoria (Victory) 3. (The three were incarcerated in La Victoria jail in the Dominican Republic.)

However, the PSP reported in the November 19 issue of *Claridad* that the FBI will seek charges against the three Puerto Ricans for supposedly violating "the Neutrality Act" and "declaring war against a country friendly to the U.S."

### HOW CAN ASSASSINS INVOKE NEUTRALITY ACT?

The so-called "Neutrality Act" prohibits U.S. citizens from committing crimes against foreign governments friendly to the U.S. This gives the U.S. a legal out for not charging anyone for the CIA-engineered assassinations of

Lumumba, Allende, Schneider, and the numerous assassination attempts against the Cuban leader, Fidel Castro. Because they fought (Fidel still fights) against U.S. imperialism, they were not considered "friendly." Therefore, by omission, it was not illegal to "declare war" against them. What legal rationale can be presented, however, for Washington's involvement in the killing of Rafael Trujillo? How can they now invoke the Neutrality Act when they killed the "friendly" Dominican head of state?

The three Puerto Ricans—Angel Gandia, Johnny Sampson, and Raul Garcia—were arrested early in June by the Balaguer regime and held incommunicado at a military base for 20 days. There they were tortured and a "confession" was extracted in which they admitted transporting three Dominican guerrillas from Puerto Rico, which is only 25 miles from the Dominican Republic, to the shores of that country.

In August, a hurriedly arranged trial convicted the 3 PSP militants to 30 years. Early this month, their sentence was reduced to 5 years when appealed and apparently under the pressure of the opposition parties in the Dominican Republic, who have made this

issue a major point of attack against the Balaguer regime.

Finally, the amnesty granted this past Monday came as a response to those attacks—both on a national and international scale. Opponents of the Balaguer regime see the amnesty as a concession to improve the regime's position in the general elections being held on May 16, 1976.

The PSP points out in an editorial in the November 19 issue of *Claridad* that "the Dominican militarists have done nothing but serve as an instrument in the yanquis' efforts to repress the Puerto Rican liberation struggle."

The FBI has denied any intention of filing charges against the three, but *Claridad* cites UPI reporter Margaret Hyman as the person to whom the FBI revealed their intention to push the charges as soon as the three touch Puerto Rican soil.

PSP secretary general Juan Mari Bras warned, "The anomalous announcement of an amnesty which does not come into effect immediately worries us. We have never seen a similar situation..."

Obviously, the repression against the PSP is not coming to an end. Only the vehicle for it has been changed.

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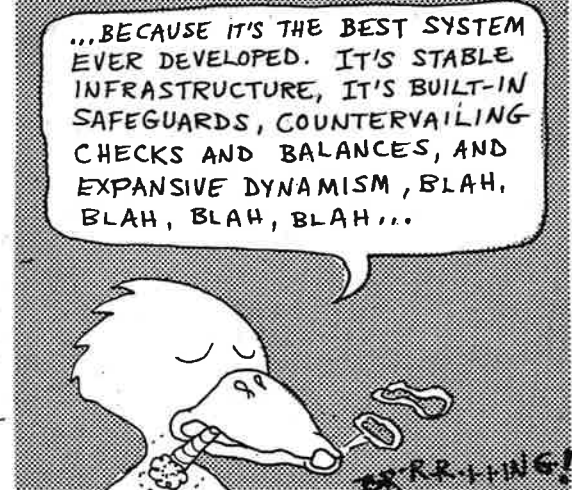
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# POLITICAL PRISONERS

## MISTRIAL FOR FIGHTBACK 10

By TOM GARDNER

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 20—Fulton County Judge Daniel Duke today declared a mistrial in the case against the "Fight Back 10." The ten were on trial for "criminal interference with government property" and related charges arising from a demonstration on April 23, 1975, at Labor Commissioner Sam Caldwell's office. The action had been called by the Atlanta Workers Committee to Fight Back in order to protest inadequacies, red tape, and discrimination in the Georgia unemployment compensation system.

The protesters were attacked by state troopers and county deputies, and 13 were arrested immediately after being ordered to leave the building by a state trooper. One trooper admitted in court that he punched a demonstrator between the eyes with his fist while his victim was being held by two other troopers. And several defense witnesses testified before a packed courtroom that 72-year-old Nanny Washburn, a long-time activist in the South, had been brutally thrown into the paddy wagon by police.

Of the ten brought to trial this week, charges against three were dismissed yesterday by the judge after the state had failed to show that they had broken any laws.

The judge, apparently frustrated at the sloppiness of the state's case and the testimony of the state's witnesses who contradicted each other as well as their own previous statements, constantly interjected his own objections. He sought to protect the troopers from a damaging and effective cross-examination by the defense by constantly lashing out at defense attorneys Al Horn and Mary Joyce Johnson of the Law Project.

Defense witnesses were skillfully able to show the jury that the march was necessary due to a massive accumulation of grievances, such as delays in getting unemployment checks.

On the second day of the trial, Judge Duke issued a "gag order" which prohibited the defendants and their attorneys from speaking to the press. The order was declared "unconstitutional" and "a serious threat to our first amendment rights to freedom of speech and press," by Georgia ACLU Director Gene Guerrero, Jr.

Today's mistrial ruling came after the state prosecutor persisted in questioning defendant Ron Carter on his political affiliations and whether he is a communist. Attorney Al Horn labeled the questions "red-baiting" and speculated further that the mistrial was welcomed by the state because "They knew they had no case and that we would get an acquittal if it went to the jury."

A new trial is set for the Fight Back 7 on December 8 in Judge Duke's court in the Fulton County Court building.

## N.C. DEATH PENALTY HIT

Special to WORKERS WORLD

NORFOLK, Va., Nov. 21—Gerald Ford has found that no matter where he goes, the people are angry. This week he turned up at North Carolina Central University in Durham, N.C.

His visit marked the second time that any president of the U.S. has visited a traditionally Black campus.

North Carolina Governor James Holmouser was introducing Ford when several white students stood up and chanted, "What about death row? Ninety-three lives are at stake!" Their banners read "Death row equals racism" and

"Commute death sentences."

Ford nervously tried to pretend nothing had been said. The governor, who has the power to commute the death sentences, tried to tell the people that this action would "prejudice the rights" of the death row inmates!

It has been the determined fight of progressive people in North Carolina; both Black and white, that has brought to national attention the racist use of the death penalty. Almost all of the prisoners on death row in North Carolina are Black.

It is only the power of the people through such demonstrations that will release the North Carolina prisoners and all of the other political prisoners in the U.S.

## DEATH OF A BROTHER

MARION, Ill., Sept. 2—Late on the night of August 20, 1975, I was awakened by a man's screams. He was being brought into J-2 (the hole). Just inside the door, where no prisoner can witness, he received the customary beating. There were other subdued screams, struggling, then silence. I lay awake hours bitterly reflecting on my own similar experiences.

For that brother it's over. He was "found" that morning "hanging"—although both feet and hands were free and touching the floor and bunk. That is the third such case within one year!

Madness reigns here as state fascists formulate their own forms of sensory deprivation to augment the Federal national program. It is the ancient formula where, as the governments degenerate to tyranny, their prisons move to rural areas, and use blind ignorant "patriots" as torturers.

Our "judges" in the inside courtroom brag of their KKK membership. The largest building in the local city is the Klan headquarters. All law officers are listed in the "Masonic" building.

It is in this environment that 21 of us, Black and white united, must face trial for the May 21 escape in which our brother Christopher died and four of us were wounded.

A hanging judge has been brought in from another county to assure a railroad. We surely will all be convicted, and our torture will continue, if we do not receive support from those who know the truth.

A young Cleveland attorney fresh from school is struggling against the resistance of the established despotism to effect our defense. He has 21 clients who are prevented by state design from receiving income in any form. He must move from Cleveland to the Appalachia Mountains although his funds are expended by years in law school.

Publish this so that he will receive aid, and that this word will literally keep us alive. He is: Christopher Stanley, Attorney

at Law, 600A Film Building, 2108 Payne Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44114.

P.S. I have heard this ignorant political plum appointee order his men to "shoot any of them that rise up." This letter will be smuggled out. If found before that I will die.

## KESSLER TRANSFERRED

On October 15, Stephen Kessler was transferred from the Oregon State Prison to the federal penitentiary in Marion, Ill. Since he first entered the Oregon State prison system in 1967, he has been beaten, isolated, and transferred to over ten state and federal prisons and 25 city and county jails because of his political beliefs.

A transfer to Marion is a highly punitive act. Marion is notorious for its use of behavior modification techniques like electric shock, sensory deprivation, forced use of mind altering drugs, and physical brutality to keep political prisoners in line. Brother Kessler has been sentenced by a "review committee" at Marion to an indeterminate sentence in solitary confinement where he will be isolated in a barren strip cell.

### PRISON ACTIVIST

During the eight years of his incarceration, Stephen Kessler has been a constant thorn in the side of prison officials. They have retaliated by the large number of transfers and beatings. In August 1972 Stephen's lawyers filed a motion in federal court contesting the legality of these transfers.

The case was won in December, 1973 and had far-reaching effects on many other inmates who were victims of similar transfers. Two weeks following this victory Stephen was transferred under indictment to Atlanta, Ga. There, he was to stand trial for murder for three unsolved stabbings that took place in 1967 while Stephen was incarcerated in the Atlanta prison. The resulting frameup trial failed and Kessler was acquitted.

### ORDERS OF TRANSFER

Preceding the last transfer to Marion, Oregon prison authorities conducted a "hearing" in mock compliance with previous due process rulings in Kessler's favor. They lasted nine days, during which he was chained and shackled the entire time. He was accused of plotting to kill the warden.

The Orders of Transfer state: "Stephen Kessler with help from anti-government groups and individuals outside the prison conspired to bring about prison unrest by creating an atmosphere of tension inside the prison aimed at discrediting the present management's ability to manage institutions. They support such political causes as prisoner unions and increased involvement of prisoners in the management of the penitentiary."

The Orders of Transfer went on to refer to Stephen Kessler and 14 other white

associates as a Charles Manson style "family" opposed to Black inmates. The Orders then state: "Black inmates are not known to be members of the 'family' although it is clear that great efforts have been tried by the 'family' to reduce conflicts with other races in order to collectivize the inmate population. The new philosophy directs inmates to stop fighting among themselves and to collectivize because there is only one common enemy, the government which is operating the prison system."

At the present time the other fourteen prisoners are awaiting hearings in Oregon. The issue of Stephen Kessler's transfer is on appeal. According to his defense committee, "The case is part of the government's overall plot to silence political dissent by fabricating conspiracy cases against political activists like the Berrigans, the Chicago 8, the Gainsville 8, the Attica Brothers, Angela Davis and many more."

For more information contact the Eugene Defense Committee, 161 Madison, Eugene, Oregon 97402

## GREENHAVEN

I am writing to you in regard to Native Americans. . . I, named in European, am now incarcerated within the cages of Green Haven Correctional Facility. . . From 1964 to 1975, I and other Indians have been denied the right to follow the ways that were handed down to us from the Great Spirit. The prison administrators have opposed our existence as human beings.

Right at this very moment, I and my other brothers within these caves are being continuously harassed. I recently met a young, white-mountain Apache brother who walked beside me here. While he was here, he discovered who and what he was, and chose to live the ways of his birthright. He started wearing an Indian headband to display his pride in his culture and his confidence in himself. He had finally found his real self after many years of "being lost."

Suddenly, the prison administrators saw that this brother was gaining pride and confidence in himself. It was not long before they began to harass him. They locked him up in segregated isolation four separate times with hardly a day between each time because he walked into the dining hall while wearing his headband. They instructed him that he was allowed to wear "that thing" in the halls and corridors, but not in the dining hall.

This situation reached the point at which they barred him from eating in the dining hall because he was putting in writs against them. . . Fortunately, this Apache brother was not only loved by me but by the other prisoners. We who loved him as a brother saw to it that he ate until he was released.

Strangely, now that he has left, there are non-Indian prisoners sporting rags, as headbands, on their heads in the dining hall, but nothing is being said by the prison administrators about it.

Within this prison, an Indian culture class was started. It was supported by the Six Nations. We began to re-educate the Latins, who are also prisoners here, in their original heritage, which is Indian. Immediately the prison administrators opposed the existence of our class, insisting on who could and who could not study Indian culture. They took the names of all our Latin brothers off the list.

Thus, we have discontinued the official class because we feel that we cannot work with the administrators, and allow them to shut out our Latin brothers. We shall always deny the prison administrators the pleasure of dividing us.

If anyone who reads this article has any humane feelings in support of us, he is more than welcomed to give us his aid in any manner he desires.

Lawrence French 20983

Know as Little Fox, The Seminole Indian at large in the caves of Green Haven



RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 22—These militant women, supported by their families and the Richmond Prisoners Solidarity Committee, have held a round-the-clock picket of the Virginia Penitentiary for more than 2 weeks. They are protesting the suspension of visiting rights, medication, showers, and decent food for prisoners during the recent "lock-up." The Black Coalition for the Support of Prisoners in Penal Institutions has called for a federal investigation. In the words of one prisoner, "The administration is trying to turn the clock back to 1948" in its drive to abolish many hard-won concessions for prisoners' human rights.

WW photo: John Long

The revelation that for 6 years the FBI used monstrous and illegal tactics to destroy Dr. Martin Luther King lends further weight to suspicions that Hoover's secret police played a role in his assassination. Page 9.

*For protesting Wounded Knee informer*

## Milwaukee cops beat AIM supporters

By PEGGY GEDEN

MILWAUKEE, Nov. 20—Thirteen people were arrested and an unknown number injured last night at the Milwaukee War Memorial Center as police went wild and attacked a crowd of 60 Native Americans and supporters. The group had been protesting the appearance of Douglass Durham at a meeting of the John Birch Society.

Durham is an FBI spy who infiltrated the Indian movement at Wounded Knee. His sordid career began in 1964, when he was expelled from the Des Moines police force after "possibly" murdering his wife. He was described by a police psychiatrist as a "paranoid schizoid personality . . . unfit for employment involving public trust . . . and unable to tell right from wrong."

He then worked for organized crime in Chicago. Later he was involved in a police corruption scandal in Warren County, engaging in a great deal of agent provocateur work.

Around 1973 he went to work for the FBI, at a salary of \$1,100 a month, to spy on the American Indian Movement (AIM). Since being exposed as an informant, Durham has been touring the country for the ultra-right John Birch Society in an effort to discredit and destroy AIM and all progressive Native American movements.

### "TRAIL OF BLOOD"

AIM and supporters attempted to enter the Bircher rally to expose

Durham, but were refused admittance. In the argument that ensued it was agreed that everyone would sit down peacefully outside the meeting room, when suddenly the police, who outnumbered the crowd two to one, started clubbing the men, women, and children present. According to the Milwaukee Journal, and corroborated by this eyewitness, "A trail of blood led from the meeting area down stairways to the ground level."

The charges against those arrested, including members of AIM, Youth Against War & Fascism, and long-time civil rights activist Father Groppi, involve unlawful assembly, obstructing justice, resisting arrest, and battery to a police officer. Several persons required hospitalization as a result of the unwarranted police riot.

In light of recent revelations concerning FBI and CIA spying and assassination attempts, last night's confrontation fits into the pattern of complicity between the police, FBI, and ultra-rightists. As President Ford cracks down on oppressed and working people across the country with cutbacks in social services, high unemployment, inflation, and huge military spendings, the police are locally "clubbing" anyone who dares to protest the racism and repression of the system.

The fact that at least one police officer also required hospitalization last night demonstrates that Native Americans and all other oppressed poor people will not be intimidated and will fight back.



Helmeted, club-swinging cops charge into peaceful demonstrators sitting down at Milwaukee's War Memorial, injuring and arresting many. The demonstrators were protesting the speech to the John Birch Society of an FBI informant known to have infiltrated AIM during Wounded Knee.

### Native American students win support

## MATC takeover continues

MILWAUKEE, Wisc., Nov. 14—Today the Native American Student Organization and supporters at Milwaukee Area Technical College rallied outside the college to demand the end of the school administration's discrimination and racism against Native Americans. For over a week now the Indian students have been occupying part of a building at MATC.

The Native American's statement of 16 immediate priorities illustrates clearly what their struggle is about: office space for Native American programs; review and adjustment of financial aid plus an emergency fund; Native American history, literature, arts and crafts courses to be taught by Native Americans; representation by students; and the hiring of Native American financial aid assistants and program directors. As the situation stands now, Native American students are treated as third class citizens and they are saying, "no more!"

Speakers at the rally, which drew over 100 people in support of the struggle, included Herb Powless, who is one of the leaders of the American Indian Movement, a representative of the Veterans

Campus Organization, and several students. The city police showed how they felt by arresting Herb Powless immediately after the rally on "traffic violation" charges.

The Native American Students

have made it clear they wish a peaceful and legal solution. They have already waited long enough, however, and they do intend to be heard and listened to.

—P.G.

## —Earthquakes

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abreast of the latest developments in earthquake technology, both abroad and here, as there is a great deal of worry about the probability of an earthquake in the San Francisco area that would surpass the severity of that of 1906. It is anticipated that the occurrence of such a quake in the 7 to 8 point Richter scale range would release the equivalent energy of multi-megaton hydrogen bombs and wreak widespread destruction in the area. Yet, in this era of capitalist decline, there is not enough money available for the construction of the wide-ranging network necessary for earthquake research nor for further studies in promising areas of earthquake

control which might moderate their severity, thus saving lives.

In addition, even if the prediction of an impending quake was made by the scientists, would the warning be sounded for the evacuation of the population from the cities? Would local, state and federal governments which are so closely tied to the interests of real estate, banking, and industrial sectors, dare to cause such a disruption in production and commerce? Who would bear the financial losses of such a disruption if the warning were premature or inaccurate?

Only in a capitalist society, where losses in dollars count more in the balance than losses of lives, can these questions even be posed.

### Survival school

## Defending Indian culture

Special to WORKERS WORLD.

BUFFALO, Nov. 20—Over 125 people attended a rally at the University of Buffalo today to show support for the ongoing struggle for survival of American Indians. The featured speaker of the evening was Madonna Gilbert, the founder and a teacher at the American Indian Movement's "We Will Remember Survival School" in Rapid City, S.D.

Madonna began by explaining that the Survival School was set up in order to give Indian children from around Rapid City the opportunity to learn their proud cultural and social history which is trampled on in the public schools. Madonna told how the school's survival was dependent on the will and initiative of the Indians in Rapid City. No federal or state funding has been used in developing the school since, as a prerequisite to receiving such funding, the government demanded a change in the program of the school. Madonna credited the successful operation

of the school to the fact that there was no governmental intervention in determining its program.

The government has intervened in yet another way, however. The children and teachers face constant harassment by the FBI, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), and local police. Children are often subjected to illegal searches and otherwise harassed by police while traveling to and from school. City officials have condemned the building, forcing the school to move to another location—yet another attempt to further disrupt its operation.

This has failed, however, as the Indians have obtained another building and a smooth transition has been worked out in order to minimize classroom time lost.

The school depends on private donations to guarantee its operations. Money is presently needed for rent, gas, and maintenance expenses of cars used as school buses. Donations can be sent to: AIM House, 807 Fairview, Rapid City, S.D. 57701.