



# New Zealand anti-nuke stand defies Washington's war buildup

## Prime Minister refuses to allow U.S. destroyer to dock

By John Catalinotto

FEBRUARY 5—The determination of the people of a small nation to keep their ports nuclear free has shaken Washington's major military alliance in the South Pacific and set an example for hundreds of millions from Western Europe to Japan who want to bring an end to the Pentagon's threat of nuclear war. New Zealand's Labor Party government of Prime Minister David Lange was elected seven months ago on a program which promised to deny port access to nuclear-powered and nuclear-armed ships. By sending the USS Buchanan to a New Zealand port this week, the Pentagon was challenging the sovereignty of that island country and putting tremendous pressure on the government to submit to U.S. power.

U.S. strategists wanted to force Prime Minister Lange to betray his election promises to New Zealand's workers and farmers, just as the Labor Prime Minister of Australia, Robert Hawke, had done earlier. Then U.S. warships could land at will in New Zealand ports, and it would be business as usual.

Instead, Lange continued to refuse port access for the destroyer. This stirred up a hornet's nest in Washington. Claiming that New Zealand's refusal might encourage other U.S. allies to impose limits on the movement of U.S. military forces, Reagan administration spokesmen declared New Zealand could not be allowed to get off "cost-free."

### Big bully on the block

Sounding like a protection-racket crime lord, U.S. Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger said Feb. 4 that New Zealand's decision "constitutes a serious attack on the alliance. At the moment they are following a course that can only be of great harm to themselves."

The alliance referred to is the 34-year-old ANZUS pact signed by the U.S., Aus-



Anti-racist protest in New York City charges, "Goetz is no hero!"

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## Anti-Goetz protest in NYC demands end to racist violence

By Robert Dobrow  
NEW YORK, Feb. 6—Racist media hero Bernhard Goetz, the white subway gunman who tried to kill four Black youth who were asking him for \$5, was arraigned in court here this morning. His presence drew the usual bevy of reporters, photographers, cops and other well-wishers.

It also drew an angry and determined group of Black, Latin and white protesters who converged on the criminal court build-

ing at 8:30 a.m. to denounce Goetz and speak out against the climate of racist hysteria in this city.

"We're tired of Black and Latin youth being scapegoated," Larry Holmes, a leader of the All-Peoples Congress, one of the organizers of today's demonstration, told the crowd. "If Goetz had been Black and the four youth white, Mayor Koch and Senator D'Amato would be out here demanding

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# Radio 'Liberty' beams anti-Semitic broadcasts

By Terry Klug

WHEN RONALD Reagan appointed the far-right former Senator James Buckley to head Radio Free Europe-Radio Liberty, it was widely seen as an attempt to reorganize and fine tune the discredited Western European-based radio stations into better reflecting the policies and ideals of the Reagan administration.

Radio Liberty in particular, with its fat multi-million dollar budget, is viewed as the heart of the program to transmit pro-capitalist values to the supposedly news-starved Soviet people.

In a story last month in the New Republic and in several articles by New York Daily News columnist Lars-Eric Nelson, more light has been shed

on just what those values really are. It seems that Radio Liberty, as it's called, has been regularly featuring pro-czarist, pro-Nazi and rabidly anti-Semitic commentaries under the guise of "religious" and "historical" analyses.

Senate investigators have confirmed that Soviet-language programs are being broadcast from Radio Liberty by monarchists and former noblemen who left the Soviet Union either in the 1920s following the defeat of czarist armies by the Red Army or by pro-Nazi collaborators and Russian Orthodox clergy following the liberation of Nazi-occupied areas in the Soviet Union in the 1940s. They were recruited for Radio Liberty by the CIA.

Examples of Radio Liberty transmissions include a broadcast which attempted to rationalize several mass-

constrained to separate himself from the U.S. nuclear buildup.

### Strength of anti-nuke movement

Both Labor prime ministers face strong mass pressure at home on the issue of nuclear weapons and nuclear ships. The South Pacific area has already seen thousands die, mostly Polynesian and Melanesian islanders, as a result of U.S. and French nuclear testing. In Australia and New Zealand, keeping their nations nuclear free has been the major issue of mass demonstrations.

In Australia's last general election on Dec. 1, a new anti-nuke, environmentalist party took a substantial minority of Labor Party votes away from Hawke in the four districts in which they ran, where they got 4-7% of the total vote. The anti-nuclear issue has also united progressive, mostly European-background organizations with groups representing the original inhabitants of the area to protest uranium mining, for example.

For as long as New Zealand's 3.1 million people can resist pressure from the bully in the White House it will be an heroic example to the anti-nuclear movement worldwide.

acres of Jews by the czarist army by noting that "many Jews had volunteered to join the Bolshevik cause," and that "it was difficult to restrain the indignation of the Cossacks."

Others include a religious broadcast which asserted that Pontius Pilate, the Roman provincial prefect of Judea, "despised the Jews who denounced Jesus," as well as a program which was condemned by world-renowned Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal for praising a Nazi unit which spurred Ukrainians into slaughtering thousands of Jews in the streets of Lvov.

During a commentary on Alexander Solzhenitsyn (who was once described by Henry Kissinger as being more right-wing than the czar) and his book "August 1914," Pytor Stolypin, a des-

cribed czarist prime minister, was described as "the pillar of the fatherland, the embodiment of best national features." Morдка Bogrov, who was Jewish and killed Stolypin in 1911, is described in the same commentary as "a cosmopolitan; he has nothing Russian in his blood or his character."

Despite vociferous denials of anti-Semitism by James Buckley, these are but a few of many examples of the racist and pro-fascist propaganda that is being pumped daily into the Soviet Union by Radio Liberty with the aid of our tax dollars. Is there any wonder why the Soviet Union tries to jam these transmissions so that this kind of filth doesn't soil its airwaves?

But perhaps, after all, they do represent the true policies and ideals of the Reagan administration.

## —New Zealand

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tralia and New Zealand. So far, its only benefit to New Zealand has been to allow its youth to die for U.S. big-business interests in the wars in Korea and Viet Nam. U.S. threats to cancel the alliance will cause no harm to the workers and farmers of New Zealand.

To cause real harm, the Reaganites added another threat: to impose prejudicial tariffs on New Zealand exports of lamb, wool and casein, and to dump U.S. butter on the world market to compete with this important New Zealand export. Washington is counting on economic blackmail to whip its ally into line. About 13% of New Zealand's exports are to the U.S.

The Reagan administration is also looking to Australian Prime Minister Hawke to pressure Lange. Hawke, who is meeting with Reagan in Washington this week, had already written to Lange, asking him to betray his anti-nuclear position, just as Hawke himself did.

Late news reports on Feb. 5 stated that Hawke was informing Washington that Australia would have to cancel planned MX missile tests scheduled over that country. Despite Hawke's blatant pro-U.S. positions, he appears



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**Black youth and the military.** "We must make sure our youth do not join the armed forces," former U.S. Marine Corporal Alfred Griffin told a packed audience of over 300 at a conference at the Harlem office building on Black youth and the military in New York City on Feb. 2. Griffin, who had refused orders in 1983 to fight in Lebanon and Grenada, had been invited to speak by the conference organizers—the National Alliance of Third World Journalists.

Also speaking was former Navy enlisted person Gwendolyn Rogers, representing the People's Anti-War Mobilization. Rogers drew attention to the brutality of U.S. policy in Central America and support for the South African apartheid system.

The second half of the conference was a panel of military veterans, including Job Maseriki from the Black Vets for Social Justice and Todd Emlinson of Citizen Soldier.

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Reagan's 1986 budget plan, which aims to finish off a long list of human services while giving the Pentagon their every wish, was made public this week. In an analysis of the budget process, Sam Marcy explains that despite all the talk going on in Congress, they have already privately agreed upon a budget. But organized struggle by the masses of people can stop the budget and the whole Reagan program that it represents. (Pages 6-7.)

### ANTI-WAR GI

After 17 years of freedom, Military Police tracked down and rearrested Keith Mather for his role in a protest against the Viet Nam war while an Army private in 1968. (Page 3.)

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Heroic struggle by the Lebanese people has forced the Israelis to give up their attempts to occupy and dictate the destiny of Lebanon. (Page 10.)



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Demonstrations and meetings across the country next week will target U.S. corporations which profit from and prop up the racism and oppression of apartheid South Africa. (Page 12.)

### THREAT TO NICARAGUA

As Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega warned of the increasing danger of a U.S. invasion, the Pentagon announced "Big Pine III," the largest joint U.S.-Honduran military exercises, to begin on the Nicaragua-Honduras border on Feb. 11. (Page 9.)

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A \$71 million tax refund for General Dynamics is typical of the federal taxes weapons makers aren't paying. (Page 3.)

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# Arms manufacturers rake in millions off tax scam

## Loopholes give huge rebates to General Dynamics, Boeing, others

By Sharon Shelton

FEBRUARY 4—How would you like to get a \$71 million tax refund?

While most people were busy forking over a sizable portion of their hard-earned wages to the IRS, General Dynamics, the largest military contractor in the U.S., was gloating over a 1981-83 tax tab of minus \$71 million.

In other words, despite its \$931 million in profits over the same period, this giant arms manufacturer raked in a \$71 million bonanza in tax refunds, using loopholes in the tax laws.

Actually, General Dynamics hasn't paid a dime in federal taxes since 1972, although it reported more than \$2 billion in profits during that time. What's more, according to the New York Times (Feb. 1), the company is not expected to pay taxes "for some years into the future."

And this huge military corporation isn't alone. Other merchants of death like Grumman, Lockheed, Northrop and Boeing also have paid no taxes. Boeing, for example, got a whopping \$267 million refund from 1981 to 1983, while Northrop got \$42 million.

## Military brass persecuting opponent of Viet Nam war

Keith Mather imprisoned for 1968 protest

By Andy Stapp

FEBRUARY 5—On Christmas Eve of 1968, Keith Mather a 21-year-old Army private, escaped from the Presidio Stockade where he was serving a prison sentence for the "crime" of demonstrating against the Viet Nam war.

On Dec. 9, 1984, Mather, now 38 years old and the father of two children, was arrested in Half Moon Bay, Calif., by Military Police who took him to Fort Ord to serve out his 18-month sentence.

Behind this vindictive persecution by the military brass of an individual, after the passage of 17 years, is one of the truly dirty episodes of U.S. military history.

It all began on Oct. 14, 1968, with what the military high command came to call the Presidio Mutiny and the anti-war movement called the case of the Presidio 27.

On that day the prisoners at San Francisco's Presidio Stockade were assembled for roll call and work-detail assignments at 7:30 a.m. When the

**Loophole tailor-made for arms industry**

The loophole that made all this possible is called "completed contract accounting." It is a lucrative loophole, tailor-made for the huge and powerful military industries, which thrive on fat open-ended government contracts.

"Completed contract accounting" allows companies with long-term contracts to deduct many of their expenses on those contracts immediately, while deferring almost indefinitely paying taxes on revenues and profits from those contracts.

The result of this loophole has been that the average tax rate for the top 12 military industries for 1981-83 was only 1.5%—hardly the fair share of these money-hungry bloodsuckers.

"Completed contract accounting" predares Reagan although the President has hardly stopped it, despite all his claims of "closing loopholes." When Reagan talks about "closing loopholes," what he means is taking away the few deductions that working and middle class families have, such as those based on interests for car

loans and mortgages.

In reality, Reagan's tax policies constitute the most audacious giveaway to the big corporations in U.S. history. While corporate income taxes in 1945 made up almost 40% of federal net revenues, by 1982, the year after Reagan announced his tax plan, the corporate share had fallen to only 11%.

According to the AFL-CIO, over half of Reagan's highly touted 1981 tax cut went to big business and the wealthiest 10% of the population, while poor and working people who can afford it the least, continued to bear the bulk of the tax burden.

**Reagan's new tax scheme**

And if tax inequities aren't already bad enough, now Reagan has a new scheme up his sleeve which will make it even harder for working people, tax "simplification." Despite its misleading name, this scheme is just more of the same: the rich will get taxed less and working people will be made to shell out even more.

Reagan, who once bragged that he thinks corporations shouldn't pay any

first name was called, they answered "here" in unison, walked over to a grassy corner of the stockade enclosure and sat down, protesting the murder of a 19-year-old fellow inmate cut down by a guard's shotgun blast three days before when he made a break for freedom.

The stockade commandant approached the sitting prisoners, among whom was Keith Mather, and read them Article 94 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, the section dealing with mutiny. When the prisoners still refused to move, this Army captain called in MPs and fire equipment and ordered the 27 men hosed down.

The soldiers operating the fire equipment refused to obey him. The MPs then carried the demonstrators back into the stockade barracks.

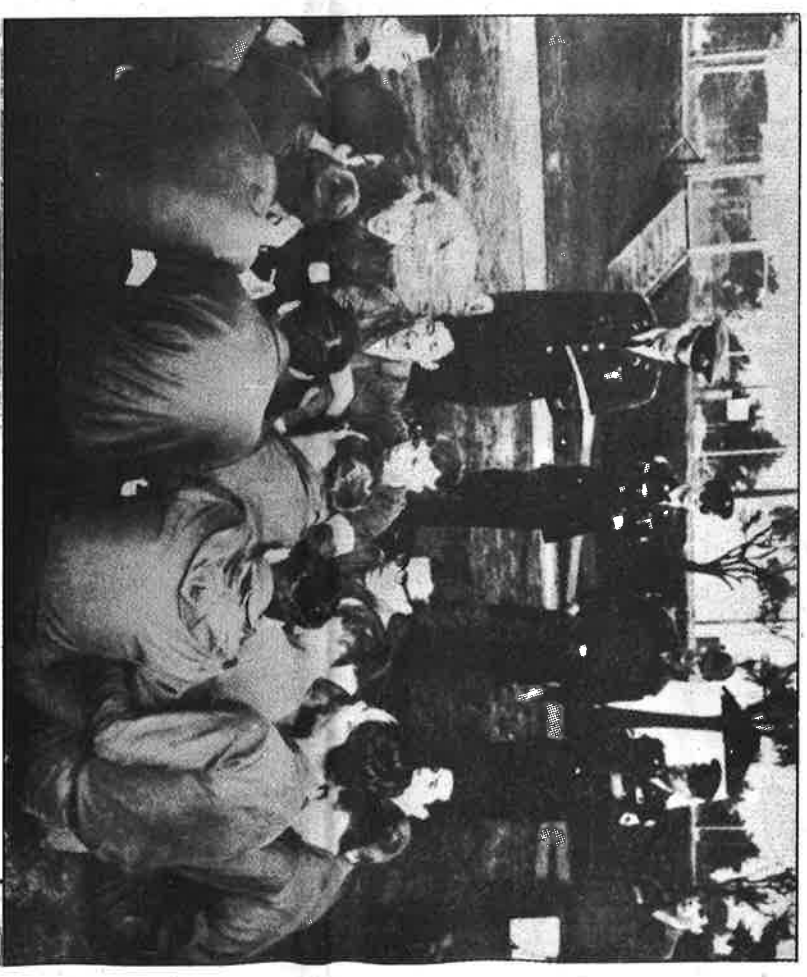
Captain Richard J. Millard of the United States Army Quartermaster Corps, commissioned by the brass to conduct a pretrial investigation of the men, recommended in his report that "to charge these soldiers with mutiny,

representation is also included. The Columbia workers responded to this development by calling off strike plans for now, while crediting the strike mobilization with forcing management to move.

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**Commission vs. civil rights.**

The federal agency charged with monitoring and enforcing civil rights laws has been found guilty of discriminating against a woman worker. A federal district judge in Atlanta, Ga., ruled that Miriam Nalebuff Grayboff was a victim of sex discrimination by the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, and awarded her \$26,000 in back pay. Grayboff worked at the Commission for



The U.S. Army is still persecuting Keith Mather for his participation in this 1968 Presidio Stockade protest.

an offense which has its roots in the

harsh admiralty laws of previous centuries, for demonstrating against the conditions that existed in the stockade is, in my opinion, an overreaction by the Army and a misapplication of a statute which could lead to a further

miscarriage of justice."

The Army went ahead and tried them for mutiny anyway. Private Nery Sood went first. He got 15 years. Lawrence Reidel and Louis Oscypinski were next. Reidel was given 14 years,

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## On The Picketline

eight years, during which time she performed the same work as several male co-workers who were in higher salary grades. The Commission claimed that the discrimination was unintentional. But the judge said that claim "strains credibility." The ruling comes at a time when the Commission, packed with Reagan appointees, is moving full force to take the side of racism and sexism against affirmative action, quotas, and civil rights enforcement.

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**Women's work killing us.** We

knew it anyway, but now a medical researcher has confirmed it: low-paid workers, particularly women office

workers, suffer the most job-related illnesses. Dr. Suzanne G. Haynes, chief of medical statistics at the National Center for Health Statistics, recently announced the results of a ten-year study of men and women workers in management and low-paying jobs. Haynes' study showed that women clerical workers have five to six times the risk of developing coronary heart disease, with women on the lowest wage scales suffering the highest rate of heart disease. Nearly 20% of VDT operators, according to Dr. Haynes, complain of angina pains. And those in the lowest level jobs are generally subjected to the most stressful conditions and demands, leading to hypertension, eye strain, fatigue, and other ills. In other words, women's jobs are killing us. But the drive to unionize clerical workers is bound to be good preventive medicine.

—Shelley Ettinger

**Columbia progress.** With the word out that a National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) decision on union certification at Columbia University is imminent, the school signed an agreement with UAW District 65 on Jan. 30—pledging to abide by the NLRB decision and to refrain from unilateral wage and benefit changes in the meantime. Columbia maintained that the agreement did not amount to recognition of District 65 as the bargaining agent for clerical and technical workers, but the workers consider the document, signed by the administration and the union, a victory in the fight for unionization. The agreement also commits Columbia to bargain with the union on issues of pay equity, affirmative action, health and safety, and other benefits if no NLRB decision is announced by May 4; and a grievance procedure permitting union



# Puerto Rican nation mourns another freedom fighter

## Don Juan Antonio Corretjer — 1908-1985

By Rafael Ramos

ON JANUARY 19, the nation of Puerto Rico lost a leader and national liberation fighter—Don Juan Antonio Corretjer.

Don Corretjer was born in the town of Ciales in Puerto Rico, on March 3, 1908. While only in the 8th grade, he organized the first student protest against U.S. authority in Ciales.

In consequence, he was excluded from attending local schools and had to go to another town to study. In his teens, he joined the young cadres of the Nationalist Party where he continued his activities within the student movement. During the years 1926-7 he was introduced to Marxism through his reading of "Capital."

In 1928, he went to New York where he joined the Anti-Imperialist League of the Americas, which was part of the Third International. During this period, he joined protests against U.S. intervention in Nicaragua and Haiti. He also worked with the Sandinista Front to gain sympathy and support for the independence of Puerto Rico. While involved in these activities, he was arrested by U.S. authorities.

### Fought alongside Don Pedro Albizu Campos

By 1930, Corretjer returned home to Puerto Rico. At the same time, another great Puerto Rican liberation fighter—Don Pedro Albizu Campos—had returned to the island after a tour of Latin America where he had raised support for the independence movement of Puerto Rico. Don Pedro was the president of the Nationalist Party at the time; Corretjer became its administrative secretary.

Both participated in the 1932 popular protest against the U.S. ban of the Puerto Rican flag and the 1934 island-wide sugarcane workers' strike. A year later, Corretjer went to Cuba.

At the time, Cuban workers were conducting a strike, which was anti-imperialist in character. As the U.S. threatened military intervention in response, Corretjer supported the Cuban people and answered the U.S. on radio, where he said, "The Cuban people will receive you with arms in their hands." For this, he was imprisoned by the Cuban government and put in the infamous Castillo del Principe. Here he met Juan Marinello and Blas Roca from the Cuban Communist Party.

When Corretjer returned to Puerto



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**Don Pedro Albizu Campos (left) and Don Juan Antonio Corretjer waiting to be transferred to Atlanta federal prison in 1937.**

Rico, he entered the tremendous struggle engulfing Puerto Rico in its fight against U.S. military occupation of his country. He was named Secretary-General of the Nationalist Party.

The Nationalist Party, under the leadership of Don Pedro, was waging an armed struggle to free the island from the domination of U.S. imperialism. In this struggle, both Don Pedro and Don Corretjer were arrested along

with many members of the Nationalist Party on charges of trying to overthrow the U.S. government.

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Party members, were sentenced to seven years in the U.S. federal penitentiary in Atlanta, Ga.

### A fighter, poet, artist and revolutionary

When Corretjer came out of prison, he traveled to New York where he continued the struggle and founded the newspaper, "Pueblos Hispanos." Some of his famous writings include La Lucha por la Independencia de Puerto Rico (The Fight for Independence of Puerto Rico), Los Premios Anos (The First Years), Tierra Nativa (Native Land), and Distancias (Distances).

He was also known as a poet who expressed beautifully the real feelings of the people in struggle.

In 1962, while Don Corretjer was in Mexico, U.S. President John F. Kennedy visited the country. The Mexican authorities arrested Corretjer, making it clear that he was not free to walk the streets of Mexico as long as he advocated the independence of Puerto Rico. When he finally returned to Puerto Rico once again, he founded the Liga Socialista Puertorriquena (Puerto Rican Socialist League), a Marxist-Leninist organization.

The harassment of this hero continued and in 1969 he was re-arrested in Puerto Rico, along with his wife and fellow compatriots, and charged with conspiracy.

In the last years of his life, Don Corretjer continued to struggle. He helped bring the case of the colonization of Puerto Rico by the U.S. to the United Nations and fought against the U.S. military draft, which forces Puerto Rican youth into fighting U.S. wars of aggression. He aided the struggle against the U.S. Navy's use of the island of Vieques, and against the U.S. strip-mining and exploitation in Puerto Rico. He fought against the plebiscite for statehood for his country, against forced sterilization of Puerto Rican women, and he supported workers' strikes and unions and condemned U.S. intervention in Latin America.

Don Corretjer continued to the end of his life to struggle to see his homeland free from U.S. imperialism. He never stopped, and sacrificed hours of his life and family for the struggle.

Don Corretjer embodied the slogan La Patria es Valor y Sacrificio (The homeland is valor and sacrifice). Puerto Rico and the people will miss you.

## —Keith Mather

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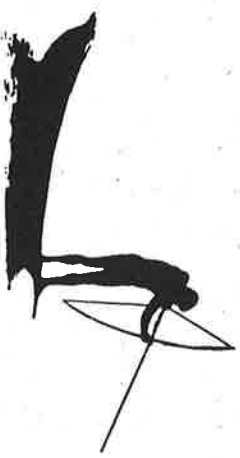
Oscypinski, 16. The day they were sentenced, 50,000 people demonstrated outside the Presidio gates, protesting this injustice.

Mather and two others didn't wait around for their turn, but made a daring escape and split for Canada where this writer met them in Vancouver in April 1969.

Keith Mather returned to the U.S. in 1980, got a job as a union carpenter under his own name, and worked quietly supporting his children until his arrest by the Army bloodhounds. These Captain Queegs can never forgive him for his role as an anti-war GI and leader of the Presidio 27.

(Andy Stapp was chairman of the American Servicemen's Union, an anti-war organization inside the U.S. armed forces, from 1967 to 1973.)

## Native people in Brazil resist penetration of lands



By Hachett

FEBRUARY 5—Deep into the interior of Brazil, along the Jamari River at the site of the Pompeia Mining Company, an encampment of geologists (mineral & rock experts) were attacked by 50 Native people whose land they were exploiting.

Two geologists were killed by poison-tipped arrows in the attack. Even the government's Indian Foundation was forced to admit that this was "probably a warning to stop penetration of lands they control."

Native people of the Amazon in Brazil are threatened with extinction. Re-

location programs enforced by the government are displacing thousands of indigenous people.

The region is being penetrated by huge mining, chemical, timber and other exploiting companies. In addition, poaching of unique wildlife is wiping out what little animal life still remains. The Brazilian government looks the other way while the countryside is encroached with the trafficking of cocaine, gold, and armaments.

At the same time rivers and lands are poisoned by the mining and chemical companies. As mining increases in the region, the mercury content of the rivers worsens. Despite the toxins poisoning the area 14 alcohol fuel plants are authorized for construction.

While today the Native people of the Amazon are fighting this imperialist penetration with the only weapons they have at hand—poison arrows—history shows that the united strength of all the oppressed will ultimately triumph over the oppressors.

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# Michigan State budget: new attack on poor

By Jerry Goldberg

DETROIT, Feb. 3—Despite an unemployment rate which continues near 11% in general and 26% for the Black community, and the highest Black infant mortality rate in the country, Michigan Governor James J. Blanchard last week declared that "Michigan is the comeback state." He then outlined a budget which intensifies the assault on the living standards of poor and working people.

The Blanchard budget proposes a \$130 million cut for the Department of Social Services. According to him this means that welfare benefits, which have not been raised since 1979, will remain "frozen."

This welfare "freeze" assumes that

fewer people will apply for welfare in the next year and that there will be an increase of \$150-to-\$200 million in federal aid. Considering that the Reagan administration is proposing its own large-scale slashes in social services as well as revenue sharing and that many economic forecasts are pointing to an increase in unemployment, it seems highly unlikely that any real budget could be based on such weak assumptions. What is more likely is that Blanchard's proposal will result in a cut in welfare benefits.

While welfare for the poor is being drastically cut, welfare for the rich is what government is all about. Despite record profits, huge corporations like GM, Ford and Chrysler pay virtually

no taxes at all. Now the government wants to give them even more. Blanchard is proposing a large business tax credit program which amounts to an \$80 million gift to big business. When GM announced its Saturn project, Blanchard offered them millions in tax breaks to stay in Michigan. Blanchard is also pushing to tighten eligibility for workers' compensation benefits while at the same time cutting these benefits.

The second area slated for cuts by Blanchard is the Department of Labor, which deals with union disputes.

Blanchard is increasing certain areas of the Michigan budget. He is calling for an increase of \$178 million for K-12 education and \$120 million for colleges. While that sounds good, a study conducted by the National Coalition of Advocates for Students which was released only last week pointed out that millions of public school children—the poor, minorities, young women and the disabled—are suffering at the hands of an uneven education system historically tilted to the well-off and headed even further in that direction.

The fact that Blanchard's education proposals are so well received by the most right-wing legislators indicates that his proposals undoubtedly follow that trend. Moreover, most universities in Michigan have become all-white enclaves as affirmative action programs won through the struggles of the 1960s have been virtually wiped out.

One area, however, is slated for a big increase—law and order. Millions are being proposed for more state cops and prisons.

What's interesting about this new budget is that the state of Michigan is currently enjoying a budget surplus.

## NYC grand jury blasts mayor on Bumpurs case

By Robert Dobrow

NEW YORK, Feb. 5—The racist stench from City Hall got a little thicker this week.

In the wake of the media hype over Bernhard Goetz, the \$50,000-a-year white engineer who shot down four Black teenagers in a subway car who were "harassing" him for \$5, the Koch administration and the cops have launched a hate campaign against a Bronx grand jury which last week indicted the cop who gunned down a 66-year-old Black woman, Mrs. Eleanor Bumpurs.

Last October's killing of Bumpurs during an eviction from her apartment in a city housing project created a storm of protest in the Black and Latin community. Bumpurs had been late with her rent of \$96.25.

The cops claimed that Bumpurs had been killed by just one shotgun blast. But the autopsy, performed by Dr. Jon S. Pearl, found she had been hit by two blasts. Koch's Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Elliot Gross, who is under investigation for falsifying autopsy reports in favor of the cops, then ordered that Pearl's autopsy be reworded to leave open the possibility that she was hit by only one blast.

The Bronx grand jury based its indictment on second-degree manslaughter charges of the cop who killed Bumpurs on new evidence of two shotgun blasts.

The grand jury's findings drew immediate fire from the city government and the police department. Mayor Koch expressed his "sadness" over the indictment. The head of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association at-

But who is to benefit from this surplus? Blanchard is proposing a \$65 million rebate on property taxes. Naturally, the biggest property holders, the corporations and the rich, will enjoy the biggest benefit from this rebate.

To lay the groundwork for passage of this "take-from-the-needy-to-give-to-the-greedy" budget, the state, with collusion from the media, has launched a tremendous propaganda offensive against the poor. Hundreds are being indicted as "welfare cheats." News-casts are filled with reports on the "welfare problem."

The right of the poor to Medicaid abortions may be overturned. Next week the Michigan House is expected to join the State Senate in banning state funding for Medicaid abortions. While Blanchard will veto this, he is not seriously trying to stop that veto from being overridden. State legislators are also proposing that General Assistance be eliminated for six months out of the year.

Union leaders and welfare rights leaders have been silent or at best defensive in their answers to this full-scale assault. Why? Blanchard is a Democrat who was elected with the support of these forces. They continue to ignore the most important lesson of capitalist politics: The Democrats, just like the Republicans, are controlled by the rich bankers and powerful industrialists and ultimately represent their interests over the interests of the workers and poor.

What is needed is to build a movement independent of the Democrats and Republicans, which unites all poor and working people. The Michigan Constitution provides that "the health and welfare of the people are the primary concern" of the state. It's time to take mass action to enforce this right.



PHOTO: CIRCLE WORK VISIONS

Larry Holmes of the All-Peoples Congress at protest outside New York Courtroom demanding end to racist violence.

## —Anti-Goetz protest

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ing the electric chair for Goetz instead of hailing him as a hero."

The over 100 people who picketed Manhattan Criminal Court braved gusty winds and icy cold streets as well as the harassment of right-wing news reporters and cops. For over an hour, the street block, which is usually crammed with cops, judges, lawyers, DAs and other accessories of the court system, was converted, in the words of one demonstrator, "to an anti-racist block. The racist elements were intimidated and a lot of people, especially a lot of Black and Latin youth going in and out of the building, gave us fists in support."

As Goetz was being whisked in and out of the court for his five-minute arraignment, demonstrators' chants of "Stop racist violence against the Black community" could be clearly heard inside the 11th floor courtroom.

Goetz was arraigned on minor gun possession charges because a grand jury last week refused to indict him for attempted murder even though when Goetz first turned himself in to New Hampshire police he admitted that he never felt threatened or even afraid of the four teenagers.

The assistant attorney general stated at the time, "There is evidence of pre-meditation."

At the end of Goetz' court hearing Judge Stephen Crane ordered the would-be killer's bail reduced from \$50,000 to \$5,000 as one spectator stood up and yelled, "Goetz, you're a racist!"

Goetz, the son of a millionaire, is a high-paid engineer who does work for the Pentagon. One of his victims, 18-

year-old Darrell Cabey, is now in a coma and paralyzed from the waist down. Two of the other youth he fired at were shot in the back.

A leaflet handed out this morning by the All-Peoples Congress, a nationwide group that seeks to unite poor and working people around a program of fightback against the Reagan program of cutbacks, racism and war, pointed out that "politicians, like Koch or D'Amato, who feel that it should be open season on Black youth in the subway because their very presence is menacing, don't really care about crime. Is unemployment not a crime? Unemployment is 70% to 80% among Black and Latin youth in New York. . . . We need jobs—not racist vigilantes, killer cops and more fatalities!" The title of the leaflet was "Goetz is no hero."

Demonstrators also raised the cases of Michael Stewart and Eleanor Bumpurs, two recent Black victims of police murder. Mr. Stewart was a 25-year-old artist beaten to death in the subways by transit cops who arrested him on a graffiti violation. Mrs. Bumpurs was gunned down by two blasts from a 12-gauge shotgun as city cops tried to evict her from a city housing project for being late with her \$96-a-month rent payment.

Other sponsors of today's event included the African Activists of America, African Nationalist Federation, Black Community News Service, Black Nation magazine, Black New York Action Committee, Brooklyn Neighborhood Improvement Association, Caribbean People's Alliance, Eleanor Bumpurs Justice Committee, and the Patrice Lumumba Coalition.



# Class conflict and the budgetary crisis

By Sam Marcy

FEBRUARY 5—In the coming days and weeks the capitalist media will saturate the people with talk concerning the federal budget and the "long, protracted and complicated budgetary process."

Actually, from a working class point of view there is not one budgetary process but three. Although the three are intimately interrelated, each should be examined independently in order to bring out its true significance as far as the mass of the people are concerned.

The budgetary process to which the ruling class, the capitalist politicians, and the media refer is the purely legal, procedural and parliamentary aspect of pushing through a budget.

In reality, this is the superficial aspect of the budgetary process. It is the aspect which hides the real process, which is a social process.

## Capitalist state: collective exploiter of the people

To understand this, one must look at the relationship of the basic classes in capitalist society. This is a process by which the capitalist state in its role of the collective exploiter and oppressor of the people collects, or to put it more accurately extorts, from the mass of the workers and the people generally that which the individual capitalist exploiter cannot directly appropriate from the workers. The capitalist state in its role as the collective agent for the ruling class expropriates the rest of what is left and distributes it among the various ruling cliques through what they call the budgetary process.

In addition the capitalist state also adds an onerous form of extortion through taxes against the people while exempting from this taxation most of the ruling class who at best only pay a token amount.

The budgetary process is therefore a means for dividing up the surplus value created by the workers and distributing it among the most predominant monopolist ruling groups. In this role, its economic role, the state can only superimpose upon the individual, direct exploitation of the working class, the collective, indirect exploitation by the collective exploiter of the ruling class—the capitalist state.

## Third aspect involves organization of masses

The third aspect of the budgetary process involves the mass of the people, the working class and oppressed and how they are organized in the struggle against this extra form of capitalist exploitation.

The bourgeoisie attempts to present the budgetary process in a narrow and purely procedural way so as to hide the actual social class content of the economic process, that is, of the relationship between the exploiter and exploited as embodied in the capitalist state.

The Constitution of the United States, Article I, Section 7.1 states: "All bills for raising revenue shall originate in the House of Representatives." Is that what really happens in contemporary times under the domination of finance capital, giant multinational corporations and the military-industrial complex? Not at all.

## Who develops the real budget?

The real budgetary process is initiated, discussed, worked upon and developed by about 25 and at most 30 of the biggest Wall Street and Washington law, accounting and tax specialist firms which represent the most powerful interests of the largest and mightiest of the financial, industrial and military corporations of the U.S.

These servants of the ruling class

have the most intimate connections with the White House, the Internal Revenue Service, the Treasury Department and key members of the Senate and House of Representatives. They are not subject to any electoral process. They are retained on long-term contracts, retainers that is by the giant monopolies.

These so-called big name law, accounting and tax specialist firms know well the intricacies of governmental processes as they relate to taxation and the appropriation of money. Representatives of these law, accounting and tax firms and government officials literally know each other on a first name basis. The bourgeoisie elite among the country's top accounting and law firms are tied by a thousand threads to the highest government officials, whether they be in the White House, Internal Revenue, the Treasury or whatnot.

Most of the representatives of these law and accounting firms have in one way or another served in key capitalist governmental agencies including the IRS, the Treasury and the White House. They go back and forth from these departments with the ease and facility with which one might travel on a train or plane.

Thus when you hear that a giant corporation like General Dynamics, just to mention one out of several dozen, hasn't paid a cent in federal taxes since 1972, it's precisely because the agents in these grant law and accounting firms are paid fat fees to maintain an intimate connection with the capitalist government while seemingly remaining aloof from it.

What individual Representative or Senator could even hope as an individual to go through the ten thousand and one items that are supposed to be listed in the budget? Only a giant firm could do that. Only a financial organization with hundreds of employees and intimate governmental connections over a long period of time and experience with Democratic and Republican administrations can manage such a

task. This kind of giant firm in effect wields the most powerful influence as servitor for the big bourgeoisie, the finance capitalists who fleece the workers and the oppressed.

What then is the task of the Congress as revealed in the actual framework of class relations and not merely as they are superficially and fraudulently represented through the purely procedural aspect of the budgetary process? It is more that Congress is increasingly reduced to the level of a talk shop while the real work is carried out behind the scenes, and the role of the people is not taken into account at all except in those cases where the ruling class becomes fearful of genuine mass pressure exerted from below.

What is the quintessence of the ruling class' budgetary problem today? It is how to put across the Reaganite budget. This budget is a truly horrendous form of expropriation of the savings of the masses and of further intensifying the exploitation and oppression of the masses in such a way as to give the appearance of having arrived at a consensus of the people.

Thus a whole lot of complicated maneuvers are now going on in which a whole variety of capitalist politicians, from the extreme right as well as among the liberals allegedly vie with each other in cutting down or reducing the budget.

In reality, however, while dozens upon dozens of Congresspeople are scurrying to their districts and whole regions presumably to get input into the budget, a rotten compromise has already been achieved behind closed doors in order to obtain the so-called necessary trimmings of the budget so that at the end of the process it will appear that a good, hard fight was put up against the Reaganite mass expropriation of the people. Of course, the bulk of what the Reaganites and especially the Defense Department asked for has already been agreed to.

## 'Real issue is how much to increase defense expenditures'

Listen to that most liberal Senator, William Proxmire from Wisconsin, and Representative Pat Schroeder from Colorado who were both asked to respond to Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger who presented the Reaganite military budget—the largest, most unprecedented in U.S. history. Asked to define the issue as far as defense expenditures go by Sandy Freeman on Cable Network News (CNN) on Jan. 30, Proxmire replied that the issue in Congress is "not whether to reduce expenditures. I want to make that clear. I know of nobody outside of perhaps Jesse Jackson or George McGovern, neither of whom are in Congress, who would reduce defense expenditures. The real issue is how much to increase defense expenditures. We are for about 3% and the administration is for about 7%. So it lends itself to a consensus and compromise."

There it is in a nutshell. First of all the real issue as defined by Proxmire (and he should know because of his long time in Congress) is not how to reduce the burden of the gargantuan war budget but by how much to increase it.

Rep. Schroeder, who like Proxmire sits on one of the armed services subcommittees, agrees with him. "No one," she says, "wants to weaken our defense. We want to strengthen it." But again the question is by how much.

From a working class point of view it is very necessary, in fact it is absolutely indispensable, for every worker, for

# Reagan offers huge handout to military-industrial complex

By Andy Stapp

FEBRUARY 4—The budget President Reagan sent to Congress contains the largest request for military spending in the history of the United States, more than double what the Pentagon received in 1979. The heaviest outlays are earmarked for nuclear missiles and the Star Wars system.

Calling for an end to "government by handout," Reagan has prepared a handout for the military-industrial complex that includes every weapons program dear to the heart's desire of some general or admiral.

There's \$313.7 million for the Stealth Bomber, more Pershing 2 and cruise missiles for Europe, a massive step-up in chemical weaponry, 48 more MX missiles at a cost of \$4 billion, another \$624 million to develop the Midgetman missile that can be shot from a flatbed truck, five new attack submarines and one Trident nuclear submarine costing \$1.7 billion, an additional \$8.2 billion for the Department of Energy's hydro-

gen bomb and nuclear warhead production line, \$1.16 billion for the Grumman Corporation's contract on F-14 Tomcat fighter planes, \$6.2 billion for 48 more B-1 bombers, \$39.3 billion for research and development, 15,000 more sailors for the Navy and 13 new surface ships, 10,000 more airmen along with additional C-5 and KC-19 cargo planes, a rapid-deployment "light" division for the Army and 144 Apache attack helicopters, 840 new M-1 tanks and 716 Bradley fighting vehicles.

"Secretary Weinberger feels," according to a statement released by the Pentagon, "that those who hope for success in bringing down the defense budget' really mean success in weakening the security of the country."

What Secretary Weinberger really feels is that he can shut up any opposition to this grotesque \$313.7 billion war budget by red-baiting smears and flag-waving hints that those who don't go along are secret traitors.

Now as far as the Democratic Party politicians in Congress are concerned, none of the leaders there are even suggesting a cut in military funding, but only a slightly smaller rise in the rate of increase. This is the position of Jim Wright (D-Texas), Tip O'Neil (D-Mass.) and so-called Republican moderates like Bob Dole (R-Kan.) as well.

All are either unwilling or unable to stand up and really resist the rich defense contractors, the generals and admirals, and the Reaganites who serve them. In effect, the legislative branch has been turned into a kind of rubber stamp for whatever the military-industrial complex demands.

Whatever pressure the members of Congress are under to swallow these wild "requests" from the Pentagon, it does not come from the majority of people who have shown in one public opinion poll after another that most believe military outlays are already far too high.



every anti-war progressive and above all for the class conscious vanguard elements in the working class movement to know that "strengthening defense" means to strengthen the capitalist military machine to intensify capitalist exploitation at home and imperialist oppression abroad. Engaging in the game of balancing or apportioning how much to cut from domestic programs, that is to cut living standards, and how much to trim the swollen war budget is to engage in a fraud.

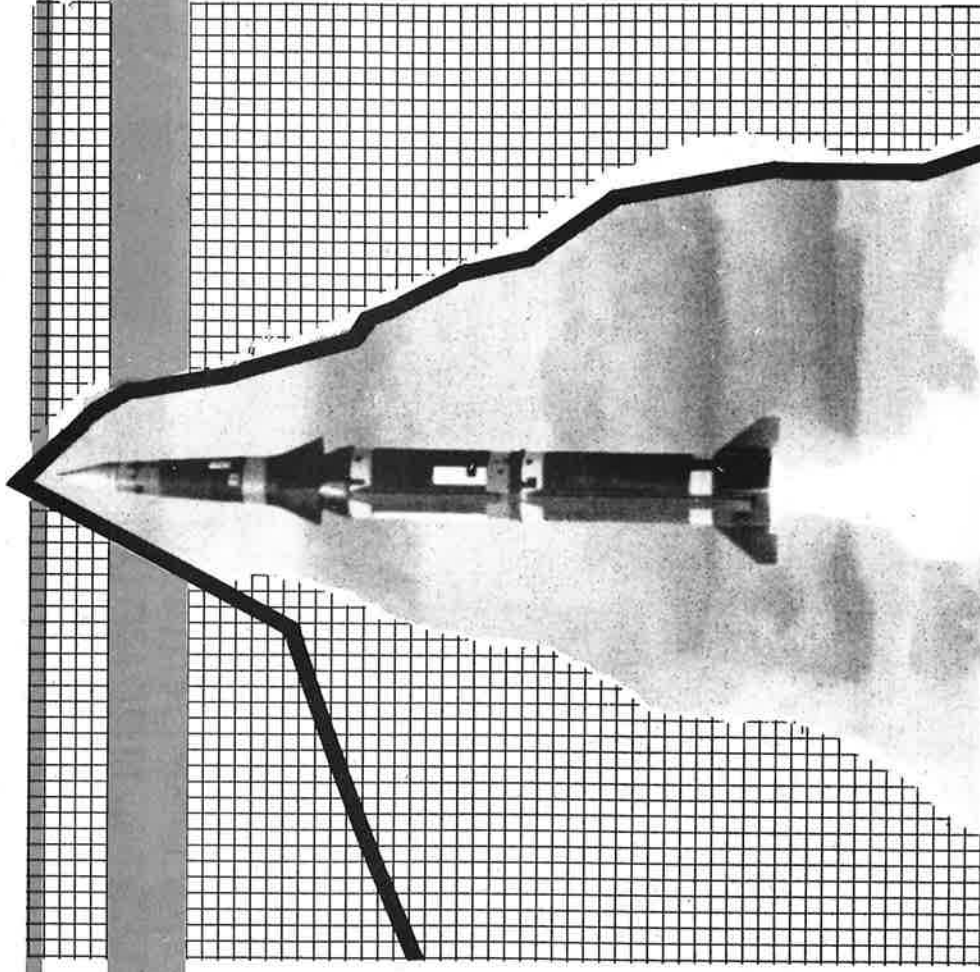
Those people who speak about arriving at a "compassionate mix of defense cuts and domestic cuts" are hypocrites who are deceiving the people and are no better than those who are talking for "fiscal responsibility" by which they mean financial responsibility to the ruling class, balancing their budget—not the budget of the workers, the multimillion oppressed. Our budget, the budget that the worker has to consider every day, every week, is not what these hypocrites are concerned with. They want to convey the impression that the capitalist budget of the ruling monopolies which the Congress is supposed to be sweating over is really our budget when this is not at all the case.

Concerning the last budget that the Reaganites put across which caused so much untold misery to millions of workers and oppressed people, Chris Wallace, White House correspondent at NBC News, said on Feb. 4, "96% of Reagan's budget was agreed to by Congress."

So all the bickering, all the negotiating, all the sweating concerned a mere 4%. The rest was precisely what the Reagan administration had asked for.

Yet it is the third process, that of mobilizing the masses, that has to be considered in light of the fact that **no appropriation bill can be effected without the consent of the House of Representatives, where the money bills are supposed to originate in the first place.**

The House of Representatives is still Constitutionally, that is legally, the ultimate power concerning the appropriations of money. It still holds the



legal power over the government's financing. No budget can be passed without its consent.

#### Democrats a majority in House and must be held responsible

Notwithstanding all the machinations, regardless of all the secret and not so secret dealings between the Reaganite government and the Congressional leaders, the army of lawyers, accountants and tax specialist firms in the pay of the huge multinational corporations and banks, at the present time as for the past six to eight years at least, when all is said and done, the Democratic Party is the majority party in the House and should be held responsible. They all ran on a program against Reaganism. Whether they meant it or not is not the issue. They did run against Reaganism. They said they were against Reagan's defense program, against cuts in Medicare and other life-supporting programs for the masses.

Should not attention be focused, indeed riveted, upon a majority of the House which promised to fight the Reaganite budget? Should not atten-

tion be drawn to the efforts to forge a rotten, reactionary and racist compromise on the Reaganite budget? Without in any way cultivating parliamentary illusions regarding the nature of the capitalist government, is it not correct to focus in on the pledge made by the majority of the House? Or should they be let off the hook? Should this be passed over in silence and no fight be put up to compel them by mass pressure to live up to their pledge?

Left alone to their own devices, the Democratic politicians will surely respond to their ruling class interests, but if the masses are organized and determined, they can block any reactionary legislation which serves the ruling class and even force progressive legislation, as they have done in historical periods when the masses have been in motion.

It was not so long ago that it took a single reactionary, racist Senator to be able to hold up important civil rights, labor or other progressive legislation by filibustering. That's the method traditionally used by racists and reactionaries, most often by one single Senator, to block and obstruct progressive legislation which was supported by a majority of both houses.

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## 1986 budget: all-out assault on human services

By Bill Del Vecchio

**FEBRUARY 4**—Question. What do the following groups of people have in common: welfare mothers, disabled veterans, college students, farmers, campers and federal workers?

If you can't guess, just remember it's the same thing that links unemployed teenagers, mass transit riders, nursing students, children who eat subsidized school lunches and people who live in communities that desperately need new sewers.

What these millions and millions of people have in common is that they are about to have the rug pulled out from under them by Ronald Reagan's 1986 budget.

The Reagan budget proposal hurts the vast majority of people, and takes the most from the very people that can least afford it.

In promoting his plan, Reagan branded opponents "special interests," but the fact is that his budget is a historic giveaway to the special interests of the military-industrial complex at the expense of the masses.

The immediate goal of his plan is to take \$40 billion away from the people and give \$30 billion of it to the already bloated Pentagon budget. The long-term aim of his proposal is even more dangerous.

- Veterans medical care
- Child nutrition
- Student loans
- Housing aid
- Civil service pensions
- Federal workers salaries
- Welfare administration
- Aid to Families with Dependent Children
- Conservation and watershed programs
- EPA sewage grants.

In addition, stiff new user fees will become the norm for federal services. For example, the IRS will charge you \$100 for private tax rulings, fees for using national parks will rise, meat and poultry inspection will require a fee, etc., etc.

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Included in the plan is a 5% salary cut for all federal workers, the first such pay cut in recent history. This cut not only affects federal workers and their families, but will have a negative impact on the entire economy by reducing the buying power of the largest group of workers in the country. Another devastating effect will come from the elimination of urban mass transit aid. Mass transit officials across the country were surveyed about the cuts by the American Public Transit Association, which found that

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transit services nationwide "will begin an immediate, unavoidable and massive decline" if Reagan gets his way.

In Chicago, officials warned that the cut would mean they "could quickly face a shutdown crisis" and New York City officials immediately warned of a major fare hike and further service reductions on the deteriorating subway and bus lines. The transit association estimated that the loss of the federal subsidy would mean the elimination of 203,000 jobs nationwide from service and construction cutbacks.

Another vicious blow is a 28% cut from the Labor Department's Employment and Training Administration and the complete elimination of the Job Corps. Reagan's first year in office marked the death of the CETA program, the last large scale jobs program, and jobs programs have been treated like some kind of disease by the administration ever since.

These final nails in the coffin of job training and placement assistance come right after news that unemployment rose for the second month in a row. While Reagan's figures show that unemployment rose from 7.2% in December to 7.4% in January, other economists have charged that a deceptive "seasonal adjustment" was used, and that the raw figures show that unemployment actually rose to 8% last month.



# EDITORIAL

## Black History Month

FEBRUARY IS Black History Month. The schools, the media and even the racist government will pay some attention to the achievements of Black people in the U.S. But for the most part, they will apply a bourgeois measure—so many scientists, so many doctors, so many war heroes.

They will scarcely mention the fact that under the ever-present conditions of virulent racist oppression in the U.S. today, sheer survival is for millions of Black people a great accomplishment that takes daily effort, wits and ingenuity. The truth of this can be seen in the negative: homicide is the leading cause of death among young Black men.

The four Black youths shot by racist subway vigilante Bernhard Goetz never had a chance to make it into the history books some other way. Yet they must have a history, even if the bourgeois media show no interest in it. They have parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins, sisters, brothers. What have been their achievements in the long struggle up from slavery?

Have some of them worked to build and maintain the subways

where the four were shot? Are they part of the army of trackmen, token sellers and people who hose down the platforms and clean the cars? Thousands of Black people do those jobs.

The members of the grand jury who found no evidence of a crime by Goetz have not been identified, but grand juries are hand-picked from the more privileged. How many of them come home to fresh laundry, clean houses and home-cooked meals, all prepared by Black women like the mothers, sisters, cousins and aunts of the four youths? And how many more Black women do the cleaning and the babysitting for Goetz's neighbors, who live in high-rise comfort above the crowded sidewalks of Fourteenth Street?

Oppression and the mighty struggle to overcome it are making Black history every day. This month we pay tribute to the many unnoticed men and women who will be the Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, W.E.B. DuBois, Marcus Garvey, Malcolm X, Rosa Parks, Huey Newton and Martin Luther King of tomorrow.

## State of the Union

REAGAN'S "STATE of the Union" pitch on Feb. 6 urging Congress to give greater "support for freedom fighters" at war with "the Sandinista dictatorship" marks one further step toward an outright U.S. attack on the people of Nicaragua.

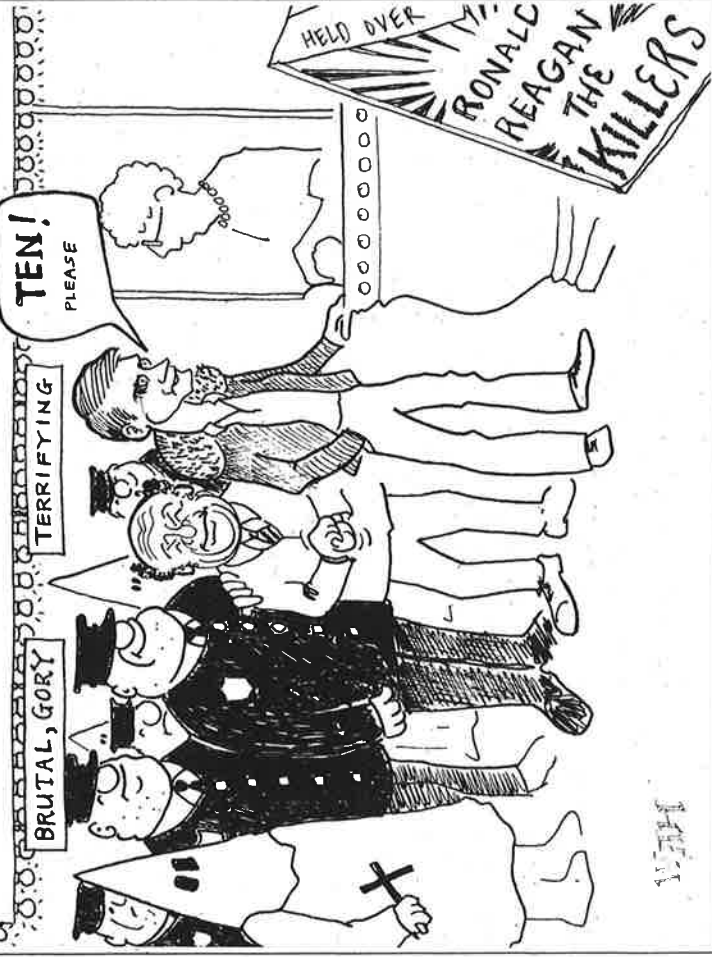
Can anyone doubt that Reagan's violent denunciation of what he characterized as "communist terrorists" and his call for the overthrow of the Sandinistas by "democratic forces" heralds a new chapter of imperialist aggression against the workers and farmers of that small embattled nation?

Wasn't he making a bid for Congressional support to lay some quasi-legal framework for another U.S. Marine landing on Nicaraguan shores with the spurious claim that such an action to "defy Soviet-supported aggression" would be perfectly legal under both the charters of the United Nations and the Organization of American States?

Not that Reagan's concept of legality in this matter should be taken too seriously. After all, his government just fled the jurisdiction of the World Court on just the issue at hand: armed attacks directed by Washington against Nicaragua, specifically the mining of Nicaraguan harbors by the CIA.

Nor does supposed "Soviet aggression" have any relevance, except to create a red herring and muddy the waters. The first half-dozen invasions of Nicaragua by U.S. imperialism took place before

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## LETTERS

**Outraged over Bumpurs case**  
I HAVE JUST been laid off from my job as a marine electronics engineer for a large shipping company. But that is not my complaint. As you may have guessed, I have been around the world several times, including the USSR. What has taken my surprise is the article you wrote in the Nov. 8, 1984 issue of your paper.

I have seen many nations where the people are not as free as we are. But I would have never assumed the actions that took place regarding Mrs. Bumpurs to have taken place in America. I know that I have been out of "contact" with what goes on in the daily lives of Americans, as my only source of news is from international papers, which do not report such things.

My heart goes out to other Americans who are equally shocked at this action against an innocent woman. And even if she were guilty, why couldn't five cops (which I assume to be in top physical condition, which also means strong) control her? This is something wrong right here. But what bothers me the most is the loss of a right, or maybe, this right was never bestowed upon us in the first place. Shouldn't we have the freedom to be unafraid of our police forces? . . .

Another question is why couldn't this woman pay for five months rent? Couldn't she afford it? Was the Housing Authority too demanding in their rents? Are we not entitled to housing. Especially a woman of Mrs. Bumpurs' age (67 years). Surely in her lifetime, she did make some contribution into society. One doesn't live for 67 years

and do nothing. What happened to the idea of "rest and relaxation in one's twilight years"?

I find such actions on the behalf of the police intolerable. Even if this is an isolated incident, and that these officers are just a bad bunch, they must be terminated from their positions on the police force, and made to serve time, as any other citizen would. . . .

As important as is our youth, our elderly are just as important. They are the storehouse of knowledge and wisdom . . . But that is another topic for another day.

Thank you for your time in reading this. If nothing else, I feel as if I had "my say" in this matter.

Ruth Larsen  
North Vancouver, B.C.  
Canada

### Response in subways

THIS PAST Saturday, Feb. 2, Workers World sales teams went out onto the subways to sell the issue which featured the headline: "Goetz release seen as racist outrage." The response of the people riding the subways was very positive. In two hours, we sold 370 papers and a number of people gave us an additional donation to support Workers World. There were only a few hostile reactions and a significant number of white people responded positively to our anti-racist message. We feel this response says a lot on how the mass, big business media have distorted public opinion on the Goetz case.

Gregory Dunkel  
New York City

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# Resistance forces Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon

**By Joyce Chediak**  
**FEBRUARY 2**—The surprise, unilateral announcement by the Israeli government that it would begin a phased withdrawal from southern Lebanon this month is a clear retreat.

The huge, U.S.-supplied military

might of Israel is being pushed out of Lebanon by the very same forces that kicked out the U.S. Marines last year—the Lebanese resistance movement. For the second time, the Lebanese people are making it very clear that they will not submit to occupation.

## Israeli terror in Lebanon

**By Bruce Bradshaw**  
**FEBRUARY 6**—For the past two days, Israeli troops occupying southern Lebanon have been terrorizing, shooting and arresting Palestinian refugees at the Burgel Shamali camp inside the city of Tyre.

This rampage began following the explosion of a car bomb at the site, inflicting casualties on at least ten Israeli soldiers. Following their usual policy of savage reprisals against unarmed civilians, the troops immediately surrounded Burgel Shamali, cut off all electric power, announced a curfew and then stormed in with guns blazing.

According to early reports from the UN Relief Works Agency, the victims included a 6-year-old child, a 38-year-old woman and at least six others.

An Israeli military convoy passing the camp also joined in the firing.

Who is responsible for this outrage? Certainly the Israeli government cannot shed responsibility for the actions of its military units in Lebanon. Nor can this atrocity be passed off as "an

isolated incident," since periodic outbursts of extreme violence against Arab civilians under Israeli army rule has been common right from the time the settler state was set up in 1948.

But the guilt is not Israel's alone. When its army invaded Lebanon in the summer of 1982, it smashed across the border with artillery, tanks, trucks and aircraft provided by the U.S. government. The high-explosives and fragmentation bombs which rained down on the population of Beirut throughout July and August of that year also came from the Pentagon arsenal.

And Washington's diplomatic clout has been ever-present as well, most recently last fall when the U.S. delegate to the UN vetoed a Security Council resolution introduced at the request of the Lebanese government condemning the Israeli Army's systematic oppression of civilians in occupied southern Lebanon. To condemn Israel while ignoring the role of U.S. imperialism is to focus on the pawn instead of the master.

## Jewish people from Ethiopia being used to further Zionist, U.S. imperialist aims

**By Michael Bar-Am**  
**FEBRUARY 2**—The destabilization campaign directed against revolutionary Ethiopia by U.S. imperialism has had a devastating impact on the small, 25,000-member Ethiopian Jewish community. Families have been broken up forever, thousands have died of starvation and thousands of others have left their homeland.

Most Ethiopian Jewish people live in the northern province of Gondar. It borders on the Sudan, which is a staunch U.S. ally. Before the 1974 revolution, when Ethiopia was ruled by a U.S.-Israeli-backed feudal monarchy, Jewish people could not own land. They were only allowed to work as sharecroppers, craftspeople and metal workers.

Since the revolution, sharecropping and landlordism have been abolished and land has been distributed to all the peasants. Laws restricting Jewish participation in the economic and social life of Ethiopia are no more.

Implementing land reform and other revolutionary advances has been especially difficult in Gondar. The province has suffered from a severe drought which has caused widespread famine. Also, U.S.-backed counter-revolutionaries, similar to the "contras" in Nicaragua, made up of the dispossessed landlords and their lackeys, continue their attempts to destabilize the revolution.

### U.S. behind Israeli 'kidnapping'

The U.S., with warehouses and granaries overflowing with surplus food, has refused Ethiopian requests for food aid for the last few years. Now, more

Tel Aviv has announced a staged withdrawal from the Sidon area beginning Feb. 18. This is currently under way. Eight to ten weeks after that, Israel's rulers say they will withdraw from the Bekaa Valley.

No timetable has been given for the third stage of withdrawal to the international borders. Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin, speaking in New York this week, said, "There are no good solutions" for Israel in Lebanon, "only bad solutions."

After storming into Lebanon in 1982 with the most sophisticated weapons in the U.S. arsenal, after murdering approximately 50,000 Lebanese and Palestinians, and after leaving a third of the population refugees in their own country, the Israelis and their U.S. backers thought that controlling Lebanon would be a piece of cake. They looked forward to a broken and pliant population in southern Lebanon, controlled by Israeli-armed stooges.

Two-and-a-half years later, 609 Israeli soldiers lie dead, killed by Lebanese freedom fighters. Over 3,500 other troops have been wounded. Due to the high cost of policing an unwilling and defiant population the Israeli economy is in shambles, with an amazing 445% inflation rate for 1984.

The Israeli military has galvanized virtually the entire population of southern Lebanon against it by the brutality of its occupation and its designs on Lebanese land. For example, when Israeli troops rounded up and arrested most of the male population, the women and children responded by organizing the demonstrations and the general strikes.

### Led by Lebanese National Resistance Front

Most significant have been the attacks on Israeli soldiers by the Lebanese National Resistance Front. These armed assaults have averaged two a day in recent months.

The resistance forces are made up of men and women from every social grouping and religious sect. They operate with impunity in Israeli-occupied southern Lebanon much as the Vietnamese freedom fighters did in U.S.-

occupied south Viet Nam.

This is possible only with the support of the population. It is no wonder that the big-business media here has made reference to jittery but elated Israeli soldiers preparing to leave Lebanon.

The South Lebanese Army, the largest collaboration force armed and trained by the Israelis, is barely holding together. In the past few weeks more than 20 collaborators have been assassinated in what amounts to a major campaign by Lebanese progressives.

It is no wonder that local militia leaders in the Sidon area, those who have terrorized the population for more than two years under the protection of the Israelis, have already fled, taking their gunmen with them. Israeli officials are considering moving collaborators to Israel itself for their own protection.

And now, at the very time that enormous Israeli convoys are rolling out of Sidon, there has been a noticeable increase in the attacks on Israeli troops in those areas not to be vacated by Israel on Feb. 18.

But while the resistance is pushing out the Israelis, they are far from pushed out yet. And even if they are forced out, all progressives must remain on guard. Rabin has made it very clear that "Israeli troops could go back into Lebanon to fight terrorists" (that is, Lebanese youth).

And though Israel is licking its wounds from its occupation of Lebanon, it does not bear its burdens alone, but is totally financed by U.S. imperialism. Just this week, the Reagan administration announced that it would recommend that Congress provide an additional \$1.8 billion in military aid to Israel for fiscal 1986, an increase of \$400 million over 1985. This money is meant for more attacks on Arab liberation struggles so that Washington can keep its claws in the Middle East.

But today the Lebanese people have shown, as they did a year ago in Beirut, that an armed resistance movement based in the population can inflict defeats on the most powerful oppressors.

## —Budgetary crisis

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progressive legislation by continually speaking until the time for adjournment had come, so that the legislation would be killed by what amounted to a single vote against a majority of the Congress. That was called democracy—the protection of the minority against the "ravages of the majority," their "excesses," and so on. It was considered Constitutional and correct from the viewpoint of democratic practices.

Doesn't this abolish the so-called representative form of government? Is not the passage of the budget in reality a summary of all the legislation during the entire Reagan term in office?

There can be no meaningful legislation unless the wherewithal financial to carry it out is also enacted along with it. It is high time that the mass of the people be encouraged to put this on top of the political agenda, to make clear that the Reaganite war program can be stopped in its tracks.

But it will not be done unless the masses are awakened to this by mass action, by mobilizing all the progressive working class, civil rights and anti-war organizations in a mighty struggle to defeat the Reaganite program. This can be done. But the attention of the masses first has to be drawn to those elected representatives who promised to fight against the Reaganite program.

The majority of the House must be reminded about their promises and commitments. But this can only be done, can only be effective and have validity if the masses are mobilized.

### Why can't the majority block war budget?

Well, then, if it were democratic and constitutional for a single Senator to obstruct progressive legislation, pig-geonhole and virtually kill it by stalling, by dilatory methods until Congress adjourned, why is it not appropriate for a majority, not a minority, to block the monstrous, unbridled, adventurist trillion dollar defense buildup contained in this budget?

To forget who controls the House, to pass this over in silence, to go along with a fraudulent compromise on Reagan's budget, to leave all this to behind-the-scenes dickering between a handful of capitalist politicians who are committed to the military-indus-

than 8,000 Ethiopian Jews have been airlifted to the Israeli garrison state. The whole operation, including resettlement costs of over \$300 million, is being financed by the U.S.

The Ethiopian government denounced the secret removal of their citizens to another continent as little more than kidnapping and abduction.

According to the right-wing Zionist Jewish Press (Feb. 1), Ethiopian Jews have already been settled by the Israeli government in the occupied West Bank. These settlements are built on stolen Palestinian land. The aim of the Zionist government is to put the Ethiopian Jews on the frontline in their battle to steal this Palestinian land.

Only a week ago an Israeli bus going from Jerusalem to Hebron was fired at and the driver was wounded; an Israeli settler was killed when his car was torched in another attack. These attacks by the Palestinian military are being fought against the Israeli occupiers.

Before, during and after World War II tens of thousands of persecuted and displaced European Jews were also funneled into Israel. They had no place to go and were denied entry into the U.S. and were similarly used in the effort to get Palestinian land.

There can be no real future for the thousands of Ethiopians who have been funneled into Israel. Economic, political and social conditions are getting worse every day. Moreover, the Ethiopian Jews are being used as new cannon fodder for imperialism's drive to prop up the racist settler state of Israel.



## PRISON BRIEFS

### Uprising in Indiana

FEBRUARY 1—A 12-hour uprising of prisoners held in the maximum security section of the Indiana Reformatory ended on Feb. 1. Prisoners said that beatings by guards ignited the rebellion.

Prison officials agreed to negotiate a list of 22 demands, including amnesty, the establishment of a grievance committee, the right of prisoners to be politically active without intimidation or reprisal, and the right to air their demands publicly. Despite this promise, the media has paid little attention to the prisoners' demands.

### Yonkers jail hanging

NEW YORK, Jan. 19—An attorney for a Westchester County family whose son was found hanged in a jail cell has pressed the FBI to investigate all of the alleged suicides by hanging of Black prisoners in the Yonkers city jail.

According to the Jan. 19 Amsterdam News, the Westchester County District Attorney cleared the Yonkers city police of any wrongdoing in the death of Barry Parsons. Parsons was reportedly found hanging from his underwear tied to a cell bar.

Relatives assert Parsons was beaten to death and that two witnesses saw police hit Parsons during his arrest.

Family attorney C. Vernon Mason said, "We have a question as to whether marks around Parsons' neck were caused by his underwear. Our investigation shows that there have been other Black men who died in the Yonkers city jail under similar circumstances."

Referring to the DA's decision that no misconduct or criminal behavior on the part of police was involved, Mason said, "I don't see how the DA arrived at this determination. We have witnesses who saw the beating of Parsons. I don't know what the DA means when he says that they were cleared of wrongdoing."

### Anti-war activists sentenced

JANUARY 19—Seven anti-war activists have been sentenced to serve indefinite terms in jail until they

promise not to protest. They were arrested Dec. 3 for blocking the entrance of the Williams International "defense" plant in Walled Lake, Mich., where cruise missiles are manufactured. The seven refuse to agree to give up their protest and have asked Amnesty International to recognize them as prisoners of conscience. Demonstrations and blockades have continued for almost two years against this war merchant. Police have made 93 arrests.

### Execution in Florida

JANUARY 30—James David Raulerson's protests of innocence in the death of a rookie Jacksonville cop were silenced today by a 2,000-volt, 90-second surge of electricity in the electric chair at Florida State prison.

While strapped in the chair, Raulerson calmly read from a sheet of paper, explaining that Officer Stewart's death was the fault of the

cop's partner, James English. "James English killed Michael Stewart (the slain police officer) and used Stewart's gun to murder my cousin," he said.

Officer English was at the same moment standing in a pasture outside the prison in a gang of more than 60 Jacksonville cops demanding his execution. A group of 30 people nearby protested the death sentence.

The cops, some wearing T-shirts with a drawing of the electric chair and the words, "Crank up Old Sparky," cheered when the execution was final.

The United States Supreme Court had denied Raulerson's appeal for a stay. Florida officials immediately sent Raulerson to the chair making him the 11th person in Florida and the 37th person in the country to be executed since the Supreme Court reinstated capital punishment in 1976. The tempo of executions is quickening. Almost two-thirds of death row inmates are in the South, particularly Florida, Georgia and Texas.

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**By Carmen Roundtree**  
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# New Zealand anti-nuke stand defies Washington's war buildup

## Prime Minister refuses to allow U.S. destroyer to dock

By John Catalinotto

FEBRUARY 5—The determination of the people of a small nation to keep their ports nuclear free has shaken Washington's major military alliance in the South Pacific and set an example for hundreds of millions from Western Europe to Japan who want to bring an end to the Pentagon's threat of nuclear war.

New Zealand's Labor Party government of Prime Minister David Lange was elected seven months ago on a program which promised to deny port access to nuclear-powered and nuclear-armed ships. By sending the USS Buchanan to a New Zealand port this week, the Pentagon was challenging the sovereignty of that island country and putting tremendous pressure on the government to submit to U.S. power.

U.S. strategists wanted to force Prime Minister Lange to betray his election promises to New Zealand's workers and farmers, just as the Labor Prime Minister of Australia, Robert Hawke, had done earlier. Then U.S. warships could land at will in New Zealand ports, and it would be business as usual.

Instead, Lange continued to refuse port access for the destroyer. This stirred up a hornet's nest in Washington. Claiming that New Zealand's refusal might encourage other U.S. allies to impose limits on the movement of U.S. military forces, Reagan administration spokesmen declared New Zealand could not be allowed to get off "cost-free."

### Big bully on the block

Sounding like a protection-racket crime lord, U.S. Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger said Feb. 4 that New Zealand's decision "constitutes a serious attack on the alliance. At the moment they are following a course that can only be of great harm to themselves."

The alliance referred to is the 34-year-old ANZUS pact signed by the U.S., Aus-



Anti-racist protest in New York City charges, "Goetz is no hero!"

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## Anti-Goetz protest in NYC demands end to racist violence

By Robert Dobrow

NEW YORK, Feb. 6—Racist media hero Bernhard Goetz, the white subway gunman who tried to kill four Black youth who were asking him for \$5, was arraigned in court here this morning. His presence drew the usual bevy of reporters, photographers, cops and other well-wishers.

It also drew an angry and determined group of Black, Latin and white protesters who converged on the criminal court build-

ing at 8:30 a.m. to denounce Goetz and speak out against the climate of racist hysteria in this city.

"We're tired of Black and Latin youth being scapegoated," Larry Holmes, a leader of the All-Peoples Congress, one of the organizers of today's demonstration, told the crowd. "If Goetz had been Black and the four youth white, Mayor Koch and Senator D'Amato would be out here demanding

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## THE BUDGET

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# Class conflict and the budgetary crisis

By Sam Marcy

FEBRUARY 5—In the coming days and weeks the capitalist media will saturate the people with talk concerning the federal budget and the "long, protracted and complicated budgetary process."

Actually, from a working class point of view there is not one budgetary process but three. Although the three are intimately interrelated, each should be examined independently in order to bring out its true significance as far as the mass of the people are concerned.

The budgetary process to which the ruling class, the capitalist politicians, and the media refer is the purely legal, procedural and parliamentary aspect of pushing through a budget.

In reality, this is the superficial aspect of the budgetary process. It is the aspect which hides the real process, which is a social process.

## Capitalist state: collective exploiter of the people

To understand this, one must look at the relationship of the basic classes in capitalist society. This is a process by which the capitalist state in its role of the collective exploiter and oppressor of the people collects, or to put it more accurately extorts, from the mass of the workers and the people generally that which the individual capitalist exploiter cannot directly appropriate from the workers. The capitalist state in its role as the collective agent for the ruling class expropriates the rest of what is left and distributes it among the various ruling cliques, through what they call the budgetary process.

In addition the capitalist state also adds an onerous form of extortion through taxes against the people while exempting from this taxation most of the ruling class who at best only pay a token amount.

The budgetary process is therefore a means for dividing up the surplus value created by the workers and distributing it among the most predominant monopolist ruling groups. In this role, its economic role, the state can only superimpose upon the individual, direct exploitation of the working class, the collective, indirect exploitation by the collective exploiter of the ruling class—the capitalist state.

## Third aspect involves organization of masses

The third aspect of the budgetary process involves the mass of the people, the working class and oppressed and how they are organized in the struggle against this extra form of capitalist exploitation.

The bourgeoisie attempts to present the budgetary process in a narrow and purely procedural way so as to hide the actual social class content of the economic process, that is, of the relationship between the exploiter and exploited as embodied in the capitalist state.

The Constitution of the United States, Article I, Section 7.1 states: "All bills for raising revenue shall originate in the House of Representatives." Is that what really happens in contemporary times under the domination of finance capital, giant multinational corporations and the military-industrial complex? Not at all.

## Who develops the real budget?

The real budgetary process is initiated, discussed, worked upon and developed by about 25 and at most 30 of the biggest Wall Street and Washington law, accounting and tax specialist firms which represent the most powerful interests of the largest and mightiest of the financial, industrial and military corporations of the U.S.

These servants of the ruling class

have the most intimate connections with the White House, the Internal Revenue Service, the Treasury Department and key members of the Senate and House of Representatives. They are not subject to any electoral process. They are retained on long-term contracts, retainers that is by the giant monopolies.

These so-called big name law, accounting and tax specialist firms know well the intricacies of governmental processes as they relate to taxation and the appropriation of money. Representatives of these law, accounting and tax firms and government officials literally know each other on a first name basis. The bourgeois elite among the country's top accounting and law firms are tied by a thousand threads to the highest government officials, whether they be in the White House, Internal Revenue, the Treasury or whatnot.

Most of the representatives of these law and accounting firms have in one way or another served in key capitalist governmental agencies including the IRS, the Treasury and the White House. They go back and forth from these departments with the ease and facility with which one might travel on a train or plane.

Thus when you hear that a giant corporation like General Dynamics, just to mention one out of several dozen, hasn't paid a cent in federal taxes since 1972, it's precisely because the agents in these giant law and accounting firms are paid fat fees to maintain an intimate connection with the capitalist government while seemingly remaining aloof from it.

What individual Representative or Senator could even hope as an individual to go through the ten thousand and one items that are supposed to be listed in the budget? Only a giant firm could do that. Only a financial organization with hundreds of employees and intimate governmental connections over a long period of time and experience with Democratic and Republican administrations can manage such a

task. This kind of giant firm in effect wields the most powerful influence as servitor for the big bourgeoisie, the finance capitalists who fleece the workers and the oppressed.

What then is the task of the Congress as revealed in the actual framework of class relations and not merely as they are superficially and fraudulently represented through the purely procedural aspect of the budgetary process? It is more that Congress is increasingly reduced to the level of a talk shop while the real work is carried out behind the scenes, and the role of the people is not taken into account at all except in those cases where the ruling class becomes fearful of genuine mass pressure exerted from below.

What is the quintessence of the ruling class' budgetary problem today? It is how to put across the Reaganite budget. This budget is a truly horrendous form of expropriation of the savings of the masses and of further intensifying the exploitation and oppression of the masses in such a way as to give the appearance of having arrived at a consensus of the people.

Thus a whole lot of complicated maneuvers are now going on in which a whole variety of capitalist politicians, from the extreme right as well as among the liberals allegedly vie with each other in cutting down or reducing the budget.

In reality, however, while dozens upon dozens of Congresspeople are scurrying to their districts and whole regions presumably to get input into the budget, a rotten compromise has already been achieved behind closed doors in order to obtain the so-called necessary trimmings of the budget so that at the end of the process it will appear that a good, hard fight was put up against the Reaganite mass expropriation of the people. Of course, the bulk of what the Reaganites and especially the Defense Department asked for has already been agreed to.

## 'Real issue is how much to increase defense expenditures'

Listen to that most liberal Senator, William Proxmire from Wisconsin, and Representative Pat Schroeder from Colorado who were both asked to respond to Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger who presented the Reaganite military budget—the largest, most unprecedented in U.S. history. Asked to define the issue as far as defense expenditures go by Sandy Freeman on Cable Network News (CNN) on Jan. 30, Proxmire replied that the issue in Congress is "not whether to reduce expenditures. I want to make that clear. I know of nobody outside of perhaps Jesse Jackson or George McGovern, neither of whom are in Congress, who would reduce defense expenditures. The real issue is how much to increase defense expenditures. We are for about 3% and the administration is for about 7%. So it lends itself to a consensus and compromise."

There it is in a nutshell. First of all the real issue as defined by Proxmire (and he should know because of his long time in Congress) is not how to reduce the burden of the gargantuan war budget but by how much to increase it.

Rep. Schroeder, who like Proxmire sits on one of the armed services subcommittees, agrees with him. "No one," she says, "wants to weaken our defense. We want to strengthen it." But again the question is by how much.

From a working class point of view it is very necessary, in fact it is absolutely indispensable, for every worker, fo-

# Reagan offers huge handout to military-industrial complex

By Andy Stapp

FEBRUARY 4—The budget President Reagan sent to Congress contains the largest request for military spending in the history of the United States, more than double what the Pentagon received in 1979. The heaviest outlays are earmarked for nuclear missiles and the Star Wars system.

Calling for an end to "government by handout," Reagan has prepared a handout for the military-industrial complex that includes every weapons program dear to the heart's desire of some general or admiral.

There's \$313.7 million for the Stealth Bomber, more Pershing 2 and cruise missiles for Europe, a massive step-up in chemical weaponry, 48 more MX missiles at a cost of \$4 billion, another \$624 million to develop the Midgetman missile that can be shot from a flatbed truck, five new attack submarines and one Trident nuclear submarine costing \$1.7 billion, an additional \$8.2 billion for the Department of Energy's hydro-

gen bomb and nuclear warhead production line, \$1.16 billion for the Grumman Corporation's contract on F-14 Tomcat fighter planes, \$6.2 billion for 48 more B-1 bombers, \$39.3 billion for research and development, 15,000 more sailors for the Navy and 13 new surface ships, 10,000 more airmen along with additional C-5 and KC-19 cargo planes, a rapid-deployment "light" division for the Army and 144 Apache attack helicopters, 840 new M-1 tanks and 716 Bradley fighting vehicles.

"Secretary Weinberger feels," according to a statement released by the Pentagon, "that those who hope for 'success in bringing down the defense budget' really mean success in weakening the security of the country."

What Secretary Weinberger really feels is that he can shut up any opposition to this grotesque \$313.7 billion war budget by red-baiting smears and flag-waving hints that those who don't go along are secret traitors.

Now as far as the Democratic Party politicians in Congress are concerned, none of the leaders there are even suggesting a cut in military funding, but only a slightly smaller rise in the rate of increase. This is the position of Jim Wright (D-Texas), Tip O'Neil (D-Mass.) and so-called Republican moderates like Bob Dole (R-Kan.) as well.

All are either unwilling or unable to stand up and really resist the rich defense contractors, the generals and admirals, and the Reaganites who serve them. In effect, the legislative branch has been turned into a kind of rubber stamp for whatever the military-industrial complex demands.

Whatever pressure the members of Congress are under to swallow these wild "requests" from the Pentagon, it does not come from the majority of people who have shown in one public opinion poll after another that most believe military outlays are already far too high.



every anti-war progressive and above all for the class conscious vanguard elements in the working class movement to know that "strengthening defense" means to strengthen the capitalist military machine to intensify capitalist exploitation at home and imperialist oppression abroad. Engaging in the game of balancing or apportioning how much to cut from domestic programs, that is to cut living standards, and how much to trim the swollen war budget is to engage in a fraud.

Those people who speak about arriving at a "compassionate mix of defense cuts and domestic cuts" are hypocrites who are deceiving the people and are no better than those who are talking for "fiscal responsibility" by which they mean financial responsibility to the ruling class, balancing their budget—not the budget of the workers, the multimillion oppressed. Our budget, the budget that the worker has to consider every day, every week, is not what these hypocrites are concerned with. They want to convey the impression that the capitalist budget of the ruling monopolies which the Congress is supposed to be sweating over is really our budget when this is not at all the case.

Concerning the last budget that the Reaganites put across which caused so much untold misery to millions of workers and oppressed people, Chris Wallace, White House correspondent at NBC News, said on Feb. 4, "96% of Reagan's budget was agreed to by Congress."

So all the bickering, all the negotiating, all the sweating concerned a mere 4%. The rest was precisely what the Reagan administration had asked for. Yet it is the third process, that of mobilizing the masses, that has to be considered in light of the fact that no appropriation bill can be effected without the consent of the House of Representatives, where the money bills are supposed to originate in the first place.

The House of Representatives is still Constitutionally, that is legally, the ultimate power concerning the appropriations of money. It still holds the

tion be drawn to the efforts to forge a rotten, reactionary and racist compromise on the Reaganite budget? Without in any way cultivating parliamentary illusions regarding the nature of the capitalist government, is it not correct to focus in on the pledge made by the majority of the House? Or should they be let off the hook? Should this be passed over in silence and no fight be put up to compel them by mass pressure to live up to their pledge?

Left alone to their own devices, the Democratic politicians will surely respond to their ruling class interests, but if the masses are organized and determined, they can block any reactionary legislation which serves the ruling class and even force progressive legislation, as they have done in historical periods when the masses have been in motion.

It was not so long ago that it took a single reactionary, racist Senator to be able to hold up important civil rights, labor or other progressive legislation by filibustering. That's the method traditionally used by racists and reactionaries, most often by one single Senator, to block and obstruct progressive legislation which was supported by a majority of both houses.

One single Senator was able to block  
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legal power over the government's financing. No budget can be passed without its consent.

#### Democrats a majority in House and must be held responsible

Notwithstanding all the machinations, regardless of all the secret and not so secret dealings between the Reaganite government and the Congressional leaders, the army of lawyers, accountants and tax specialist firms in the pay of the huge multinational corporations and banks, at the present time as for the past six to eight years at least, when all is said and done, the Democratic Party is the majority party in the House and should be held responsible. They all ran on a program against Reaganism. Whether they meant it or not is not the issue. They did run against Reaganism. They said they were against Reagan's defense program, against cuts in Medicare and other life-supporting programs for the masses.

Should not attention be focused, indeed riveted, upon a majority of the House which promised to fight the Reaganite budget? Should not atten-

By Bill Del Vecchio

#### Attacking programs won through decades of struggle

Under the pretext of closing the \$22 billion federal budget deficit, the administration hopes to launch a final assault against the remaining benefits and programs that the mass movements of workers, Black and Latin people, women and students have won over several decades.

The administration's motto over the past four years has been, "don't just stand there, undo something," and that's just what Reagan's henchmen have done by steadily whittling and hacking away at social services and progressive programs.

Now Reagan plans to use the next four years to go in for the kill. The facts speak for themselves.

Key programs to be eliminated entirely:

- Job Corps
- Health professions training subsidy
- General revenue sharing (aid to the states)
- Urban Development Action Grants

- Urban mass transit assistance
- Farm price supports
- Legal services for the poor.

- Key programs to be cut or frozen:
- Medicaid
- Medicare

#### transit services nationwide "will begin an immediate, unavoidable and massive decline" if Reagan gets his way.

In Chicago, officials warned that the cut would mean they "could quickly face a shutdown crisis," and New York City officials immediately warned of a major fare hike and further service reductions on the deteriorating subway and bus lines. The transit association estimated that the loss of the federal subsidy would mean the elimination of 203,000 jobs nationwide from service and construction cutbacks.

Another vicious blow is a 28% cut from the Labor Department's Employment and Training Administration and the complete elimination of the Job Corps. Reagan's first year in office marked the death of the CETA program, the last large scale jobs program, and jobs programs have been treated like some kind of disease by the administration ever since.

These final nails in the coffin of job training and placement assistance come right after news that unemployment rose for the second month in a row. While Reagan's figures show that unemployment rose from 7.2% in December to 7.4% in January, other economists have charged that a deceptive "seasonal adjustment" was used, and that the raw figures show that unemployment actually rose to 8% last month.

- Veterans medical care
- Child nutrition
- Student loans
- Housing aid
- Civil service pensions
- Federal workers salaries
- Welfare administration
- Aid to Families with Dependent Children
- Conservation and watershed programs
- EPA sewage grants.

In addition, stiff new user fees will become the norm for federal services. For example, the IRS will charge you \$100 for private tax rulings, fees for using national parks will rise, meat and poultry inspection will require a fee, etc., etc.

#### Cut in federal workers' pay

Included in the plan is a 5% salary cut for all federal workers, the first such pay cut in recent history. This cut not only affects federal workers and their families, but will have a negative impact on the entire economy by reducing the buying power of the largest group of workers in the country.

Another devastating effect will come from the elimination of urban mass transit aid. Mass transit officials across the country were surveyed about the cuts by the American Public Transit Association, which found that

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