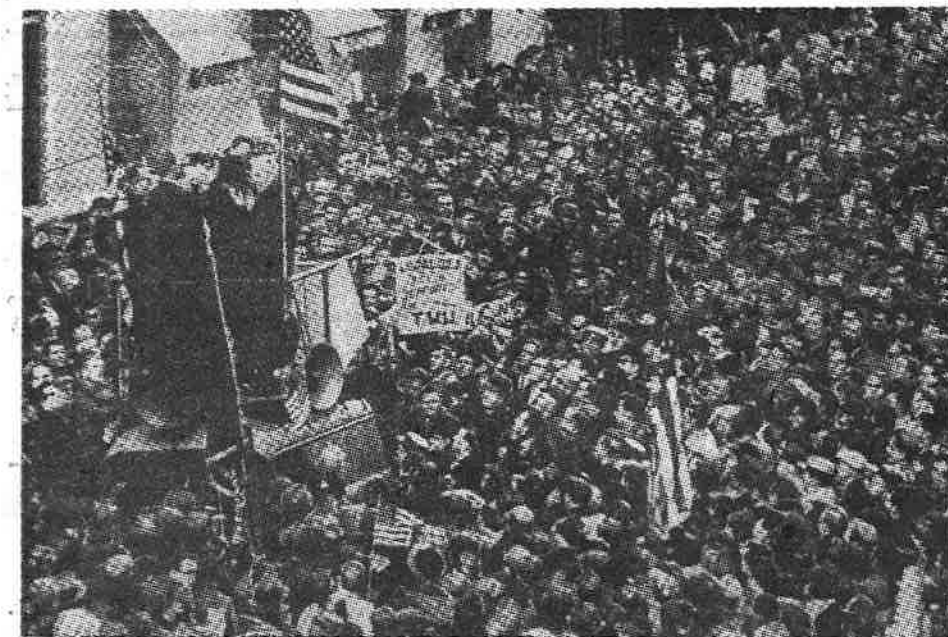


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Militant N. Y. Transit Strike Shows Strength of United Workers



Some of transport workers and friends picketing NY City Hall

BULLETIN

JAN. 12—U.S. Government pressure against the strike is growing by the hour. RFK and LBJ are giving Lindsay a big assist as workers fight on. Union leaders, some already in jail, are under pressure to yield significant concessions. AFL-CIO President Meany knifes them in back.

NEW YORK, Jan. 10—The New York City transit strike has become a major class battle.

Plenty in the Till

New York City pays nearly \$70 million in interest each year to the billionaires who used to own the BMT and the IRT subways—back in 1939.

Couldn't the Mayor declare an emergency, stop paying the interest, and use that money to pay the transit workers?

(Since he's the brother of one of the Morgan bankers, whose bank collects part of that \$70 million, maybe he could use his influence!)

The battle began at 5 a.m. on January 1, when the workers walked out and tied up the whole city. But for the next three or four days the big offensive was conducted by the other side—by the big newspapers, who blasted the strikers and their leaders like they never blasted the Klan, the racist Citizens Councils or Hitler himself.

But when the union stood firm before all this and showed signs of holding out for a much longer strike, particularly after the jailing and physical collapse of union president Michael Quill, at least a section of the ruling class realized it could not smash the strike by such a frontal attack. And the newspapers withdrew to slightly more defensive positions.

And today the workers counter-attacked mightily with a giant demonstration in front of City Hall. Many thousands of strikers, sympathizers and supporters jammed the streets to demand justice for the transit workers and the release of Quill and seven other leaders from jail.

Mayor Lindsay tried to counter tonight with a "fighting" speech that seemed to lay the groundwork for some "get tough" action—like calling out the National Guard. This had little effect on the transit workers. And pickets laughed grimly as they heard the speech on their radios.

On one side of the battle line are 36,000 subway and bus workers and their supporters. On the other is the Transit

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What's Good for the Transit Workers is Good for All the Workers!"

HUGE STRIKERS' RALLY AT CITY HALL

By John Moore

NEW YORK, January 10 —Aroused union workers by the thousands, demanding the freeing of imprisoned transit workers' leaders, demanding rights in pay and conditions, marched today in a mass, five to ten abreast, around the City Hall here today.

Beginning before noon, New York transit workers supported by fellow unionists from Philadelphia and elsewhere and backed by delegations from other New York unions—maritime workers, hospital workers, garment workers, service workers, teachers, taxi drivers, electrical workers and bridge builders—marched 10,000 to 20,000 strong and demanded from the center of political power of this biggest and richest city in the country a just settlement for striking transit workers of New York.

Standing out in the line of march were a group of 150 red-helmeted ironworkers from a nearby project who walked off the job in a mass to join and support the demonstration.

The thousands of strikers and their supporters were in a militant mood. A group that had threatened to counter-

picket never showed up. And it was probably well for them that they didn't.

After the hour and a half long march around City Hall, the men assembled in a side street where a sound truck for the speakers had been set up.

First, a list of the unions supporting the strike was read and applauded and then a yell went up from the crowd: "We want Quill!" (Their jailed leader.)

TWU speakers attacked and defied the anti-union press and individuals who want to break the union, and they confidently pounded home the theme that united and with the labor movement be-

hind them they will win a victory for all of labor.

Mrs. Quill was cheered loudly and in a magnificent fighting speech she told the strikers to keep their lines firm in solidarity to get what they deserve.

She said in ringing tones: "Everyone knows what is good for the transit workers is good for every worker!"

At the end of the meeting, the crowd cheered each of the jailed leaders as their names were read off, and several hundred went to picket the jail and shout their demand for the release of the prisoners.

N. Y. Youth Get Support for Strike

By Peter Anton

NEW YORK, Jan. 3—"Support the transit workers; their fight is your fight," said a leaflet put out by Youth Against War and Fascism here today.

In the third day of the great subway strike, the Youth went out in small groups and distributed the leaflets all over Manhattan. The attitude of the people on the street towards the leaflet was very good when you consider, as the leaflet said: "The daily newspapers, all owned by multi-millionaires, are whip-

ping up a lynch spirit against the Transit Workers."

There were some grumbles and dropped leaflets. However, the more oppressed the workers, the better the reception was to the leaflet. The favorable comments varied from "good," to short discussions on the strike.

At the Garment Center, in the West Thirties, the leaflets couldn't be passed out fast enough, the workers were so anxious to get them. Some of the young

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Youth Picket For Strikers

NEW YORK, January 8 — On this sunny but bitterly cold day a subcommittee from Youth Against War and Fascism came to City Hall to protest the jailing of transit union leaders and to demonstrate their support for the TWU.

A delegation from the group argued their way past plain clothed cops and entered City Hall to see Mayor Lindsay. As they approached, Lindsay hastened away on another of his propaganda tours of the city and guards claimed that no representative of the Mayor was present though City Hall was supposed to be in an emergency state during this second Saturday of the strike.

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Raise the Fare? Subway Rides Could be FREE!

"Subway and bus service should be provided free," said Michael Quill in an interview with Victor Riesel last August, "just as police protection and garbage collection are provided without a direct charge to the people. . . . The 15-cent fare—or any fare." Quill declared, "is just another tax on the people who can least afford it."

It would cost about 5 million a week to pay the 15-cent fare for all subway riders for a five-day work-week.

If New York businessmen can lose \$100 million a day to try to break the strike, why can't they spend just one per cent of that each day to help their employees get to work all the year 'round?

Drafted During Strike "Am I Essential?"

By V. Grey

About one-third of all young New Yorkers scheduled to be inducted into the Armed Forces last week failed to show up at the Whitehall Street Recruiting Station to begin their defense of democracy and the Chase National Bank.

The Mayor had told every New York subway rider to look in the mirror and ask himself if he was really "essential." One out of every three draftees decided that he was not.

"Am I really needed by my boss?" one out of three draftees asked himself as he looked in the mirror to see if he could get away without shaving the peach fuzz off his chin. "Am I essential?" he third-degreed himself relentlessly. "I must understand that there are degrees of essential-ness. So I will not have an inferiority complex if I decide I am not needed in Vietnam."

And over in Vietnam itself, maybe the strikes and demonstrations of the Vietnamese workers have a similar effect on the GI's already there.

With roads blocked, trains stopped and U.S. barracks being bombed from within U.S. lines, how many uniformed draftees are looking at their mirrors and asking themselves Mayor Lindsay's searching question: "Just how essential do I really think I am out here?"

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**The Transit Strike and the War**

What does the New York Subway strike have to do with the war against Vietnam and why does it show that AFL-CIO President Meany is 100 per cent wrong when he says "labor" supports the war?

The strike has clogged the arteries of one of the most important cities contributing to that war and according to that war and according to the press has cut down the induction of draftees at the Whitehall recruiting station by a whopping one-third. If the war were more popular, you may be sure that the newspapers would call the striking workers and their leaders traitors and enemy agents as well as civilian saboteurs.

The TWU convention did pass a resolution of support to Johnson's policy in Vietnam, it is true (although the December issue of its paper implicitly opposed the war). But that "support" obviously did not include the sacrifice of staying on the job at undesirable wages. (The war-mad ruling class understands far more profoundly than many impatient progressives the platonic and provisional character of this kind of "support.")

The recently concluded Olin Mathie-

son strike where the workers stopped making ammunition in their drive for a wage increase, the McDonnell Aircraft strike, the various strikes at Cape Kennedy all tell the same story, more pointedly perhaps, but not more powerfully.

The subway strike shows that U.S. workers are willing on occasion to take the boldest steps to express their dissatisfaction.

As the war grows bigger—and more expensive—the rulers of the United States not only will oppose wage increases; they will impose hidden wage cuts. And all in the name of supporting the most unpopular war in U.S. history. American workers will oppose these cuts just as long as they see others getting rich out of their labor.

The steel, auto, rubber, electric, chemical and other industrial workers may not now participate to any great degree in peace demonstrations. But like the subway workers, they will tie up the whole system that is responsible for the war before they consent to carry the exclusive burden of paying for it.

Peace — for Whom?

Regardless of the treacherous character of Johnson's "peace" campaign, its very magnitude has posed a powerful question that serious people in the peace movement must answer:

What is peace?

To a slaveholder, it is the slave's humble acceptance of his slavery. To the slave it is freedom from his chains.

To the colonialist super-power it is the colony's willing submission to the "mother country." To the colony it is the end of its colonial status and the security of independence.

To ancient Rome the "Pax Romana" meant domination over a whole world of colonies too weak or disorganized to make war to liberate themselves.

To Lyndon Johnson peace is imperialist victory over a war of people's liberation. It is the liquidation of the revolution in South Vietnam and the permanent establishment of the usurping, dictatorial puppet government of Kao Ky over the rebellious masses.

To Ho Chi Minh and to the National Liberation Front peace is the withdrawal of U.S. forces and the right to govern

their own country without any interference.

The U.S. peace movement could fail to choose which of these definitions of peace it favored—as long as Washington put all its diplomatic and propagandistic emphasis on war. The word "peace" was then automatically progressive and regarded by the warmakers as subversive. But now that Johnson has launched his global "peace" campaign (which, no matter how short-lived or phony, will have its effect on enormous numbers of people) the genuine advocates of peace must demand the immediate withdrawal of all U.S. troops, ships, etc. from Vietnam—or they fall into the trap of backing Johnson's Roman peace.

Undoubtedly, the vast majority of all those who marched and demonstrated for peace last year want an honest peace. They have no interest in a robbers' peace. But many of their leaders want some variation of Johnson's present approach and only want to stop the shooting and leave U.S. forces in essential command of the country.

Few of these leaders are exposing Johnson's hypocrisy, for example, and still fewer are maintaining a clear opposition to the government under the barrage of its "peace" campaign.

But the genuine anti-war forces will be more energetic than ever in opposing the war if they prove able to cut through the fog of confusion and doubletalk raised by Johnson. They can do this by sharpening the peace slogans. Not simply "peace," but "U.S. Withdrawal" should be the watchword.

To differentiate a *people's peace* from an imperialist peace—and at the same time to appeal to the masses of the U.S. as well as defend the oppressed of Asia, the proper slogan for the movement should be, "Bring the GI's Home Now!"

Through a Fog of Lies and Confusion**Workers See Truth About N.Y. Strike****"We Vote for Quill!"**

On my job the vicious propaganda of the bosses against the transit workers has confused many of the men. Much of the "public interest," capitalist politicians all of a sudden worrying about "the hard-hit working man," the lies about the TWU "asking for too much," etc. has taken some root.

But amidst all the confusion and brainwashing, the guys can still recognize and instinctively identify with working-class militancy. When I ask the men whether they would rather have Mike Quill for a shop steward or the spineless character we have now, the answer is, to a man, "QUILL!"

—F. G., Brooklyn, N.Y.

Second string tougher!

It seems to me that one of the impressions the billionaire-owned T.V. networks, radio stations, and newspaper syndicates are assiduously trying to foster among the workers in this city is that the transportation workers blindly follow the leadership of Mike Quill out of some misguided—but sincere—paternalistic loyalty.

An incident outside one of the bus barns illustrates just the opposite.

It was early morning and the rain was coming down steadily. A picket was marching back and forth in front of the garage. I stopped to talk for a moment

and offered my support to the transit workers and their demands. As I was about to move on, I told the transit worker how sorry I was to hear that Mike Quill had suffered a heart attack and that his condition was worsening. The picket looked at me and quickly flashed,

"Don't worry, our second string leaders are tougher than Quill!"

A. R., New York, N.Y.

MPI Building Fund

We wish to thank your newspaper for having provided coverage on the burning of the MPI headquarters by the CIA, FBI & Company.

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Pro Independence Movement (MPI)
J. A. Gonzalez-Gonzalez
Permanent Delegate

Puerto Rican Socialist League**Condemns U.S. Draft of Puerto Ricans**

Translated by Peter Storch
(Excerpts from recent editorial in "Pabellon," organ of the Liga Socialista de Puerto Rico, edited by Juan Antonio Corretjer)

The military service which the United States makes compulsory for all Puerto Ricans is an imperialist aberration and a colonialist monstrosity unheard of in modern society.

In Puerto Rico, nationalists have resisted this monstrosity since 1940. They have resisted by going to jail and they have resisted with bullets.

... As a means of struggle against imperialism, resistance to U.S. military service is at the same level as in 1940: No conscription. For those already registered, this method of tactic necessarily

implies defiance of the military draft. It is on this level that the struggle against conscription has been conducted, for which many Nationalists have suffered many years in prison, some of them having fought with bullets.

It is necessary now to find ways of waging the struggle on a level where the masses can fully participate. From a certain point of view the perspective is optimistic, for, as we have said, U.S. military recruiting in Puerto Rico is repulsive to the Puerto Rican people and resistance to it can count on a lot of sympathy. We are now facing a new situation, our very own situation based on our capabilities, faced with finding the road of struggle where the masses play a decisive role.

"Whom the Gods Destroy . . ."

"He [Johnson] is on the verge of making the kind of ruinous historical mistake which the Athenians made when they attacked Syracuse, which Napoleon and Hitler made when they attacked Russia."

Walter Lippmann, Jan. 4

Lippmann, who is all for U.S. imperialism running the Western Hemisphere with an iron hand, speaks like Cassandra predicting the fall of Troy about Washington's trying to take on the Eastern Hemisphere as well.

But Johnson and the Pentagon brass aren't listening to this sage student of the history of empires, impeccably loyal "advisor to Presidents" though he is.

Why not?

Because their decision to pick up the crumbled but rebellious parts of the old French, British and Dutch empires in the Far East is not motivated by mere adventurism or jingoist super-patriotism. Their mad policy is forced upon them by their mad system.

Lippmann himself fails to understand (perhaps because the understanding would drive him mad, too!) that the German fascists and even the ancient Greek rulers made the errors that a ruling class in decline is compelled to make by the objective laws of history.

(Napoleon, on the other hand, was compelled to make his "error" by the throttling pressure of a stronger capitalist country—Britain—which strangled revolutionary France's trade and marshalled the then most reactionary countries in Europe against France. In-

identally, only Napoleon was defeated at Moscow and Waterloo, not the rising French capitalist society he represented.)

Lippmann is no doubt aware that the ancient Greeks had a goodly number of Walter Lippmanns in the age of their decline to tell them their "true interests"—that is, how best to keep the slaves they already had and not to overextend themselves. But Greece, as he also knows, fell anyway.

The iron fates that determine the mad course of Johnson and Company are if anything more inexorable than their Greek forerunners.

Unlike the Greeks, the American rulers have railroads, factories and banks in addition to their plantations and harbors, throughout the Far East. And they are faced with a rising system capable of transforming all these things from instruments of slavery into instruments of liberation.

Both to preserve their wealth and to preserve their system—which includes their wealth at home as well—they must make war. Their madness cannot be cured but it can be ended. It can be uprooted by the overthrow of their power and the end of their system.

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Militant Protest Marchers Shake Up Town Tuskegee Murder Enrages Thousands

By Fred Howard

The vicious, cold-blooded murder of a young Tuskegee civil rights leader has ignited the smoldering wrath of the Afro-American community and touched off a series of militant, mass protest demonstrations which have shaken the racist authorities of Macon County.

Samuel L. Younge, a 22-year-old navy veteran and leader of the Tuskegee Institute for Advancement League (TIAL), was found lying dead in an alley with a bullet through his head about 100 yards from a gas station where he was murdered by a white attendant, Marvin Seagrest, 67, after refusing to use a segregated rest room.

The local police, who knew all the details of the murder moments after it occurred on Jan. 3 at 11:30 pm., refused to take any action until the next afternoon when 2,000 enraged students and faculty members of Tuskegee Institute surged through the downtown area of the city angrily demanding the arrest and death penalty for Younge's murderer. Shortly thereafter Seagrest was arrested on a first-degree murder charge.

The murder took place against a background of growing tension between the white authorities and the Afro-American community over an intensive voter registration drive being conducted by TIAL and SNCC.

In Macon County Afro-American outnumber whites by 5 to 1.

Younge played a leading role in the voter campaign. The day he was killed he had personally supervised the registration of 40 Afro-Americans with the Macon County registrar.

Collaboration between the Federal government and the local Tuskegee racists added to the fury of the students. On the afternoon of the slaying both Younge and a co-worker Jimmy Rogers were threatened with a knife by the registrar who told Rogers, "I'm tired of fooling around with you, I'm going to spill your guts all over the floor."

When this incident, together with a request for help, was reported to the FBI and the Justice Department in Atlanta it was ignored. A SNCC news release of Jan. 4, reported with bitter irony:

"Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach addressed a civil rights rally in Mobile, Alabama, January 2, and said that nightriders seeking to put fear in the hearts of Negroes will run 'straight into the federal government.'"

"Yesterday an FBI agent listened to the report given him of Younge and Rogers being threatened by the registrar in Tuskegee, and said, 'You've done your

duty. We'll take care of it.' He then hung up."

Student leader, Gwen Patton, said: "The students of Tuskegee will tear this town to bits if justice is not served."

Ex-Prisoners Now in "Democratic" U.S. Army Prison?



Sergeant George Smith and Specialist George D. McClure. Center, Le Van Diep, representative of NLF, at press conference in Cambodia, Nov. 30.

The two U.S. soldiers captured by the NLF and then released in response to the huge Washington anti-war demonstration last November, "have dropped from sight" in Okinawa, according to the well-informed New York Times.

"It is as if the Army had nailed them up in a chest somewhere," the Times quoted an authoritative source as saying. "No one seems to have seen them or talked to anyone who has talked to hem."

Julian Bond Legally Elected, but Opposes War!

Legislature Bars Black Representative

ATLANTA, Jan. 10—Just one week after the shooting murder of Samuel Younge of Tuskegee and only hours after the fire-bomb lynching of Vernon Dahmer, 58-year-old Mississippi civil rights

worker, the Georgia Legislature barred legally elected SNCC leader Julian Bond from sitting in the Georgia House of Representatives.

By a vote of 184 to 12, this "democratic" representative body refused to seat Mr. Bond on the ground that he opposed the war in Vietnam and had opposed the draft, thus "giving aid and comfort to the enemy."

Afro-Americans have been harried beaten and lynched in the campaign to get a small modicum of representation. (Nearly half the population of Georgia is black and about 95 per cent of the legislature is white.) But Mr. Bond still can't represent his own people!

Mr. Bond is national communications director for SNCC, whose chairman, John Lewis, last week strongly opposed the draft for the war, thus enraging the ruling class crackers of Georgia's capital.

The SNCC statement on the draft had said:

"We are in sympathy with, and support the men in this country who are unwilling to respond to a military draft which would compel them to contribute their lives to United States aggression in Vietnam in the name of the 'freedom' we find so false in this country."

Georgia's Governor Sanders reportedly worked against the barring of Mr. Bond—not because the Governor favored civil rights, but because he feared "making a martyr" of him.

The capitol building was full of militant young people during the debate—some from as far away as Lowndes County, Ala., where the SNCC-supported cotton strikers have their tent city.

Assail Vice President on Viet War and Phony "Peace" Campaign

BUFFALO YOUTH PICKET HUMPHREY

BUFFALO, Jan. 8 — Vice President Hubert Humphrey came face to face with over 60 chanting demonstrators who braved near-zero weather to protest against the U.S. war in Vietnam. The confrontation between the Vice President and the pickets chanting "Stop the War in Vietnam — Bring the Troops Home," took place as Humphrey was entering the Hotel Statler Hilton to address a reception.

The demonstration, called by the Buffalo Chapter of Youth Against War and Fascism, was supported by students from SDS, the Buffalo Committee to

End the Draft, and workers from the Buffalo area. All the demonstrators carried YAWF signs which stated "Johnson Talks Peace and Makes War, Bring the Troops Home Now," "Johnson Uses GI's as Connonfodder," etc.

The group had previously publicized

"Panama Si, Yanqui No!"

NEW YORK, Jan. 9—The United Front of National Liberation of America (FULNA) held a demonstration in front of the Panamanian Consulate today to commemorate the third anniversary of the U.S. massacre of Panamanian patriots in January of 1964.

FULNA, an organization comprising many Latin American liberation organizations working in New York, picketed at 50th St. and 6th Ave. with the support of Puerto Ricans, Dominicans, Columbians, and Panamanians. The demonstration, in 15 degree weather, was highly militant. The main slogans shown on the picket lines and shouted were "U.S. Troops out of Panama!" "U.S. Troops Out of Santo Domingo," "Panama Si, Yanqui No!"

Pope Hedges on Peace

The Pope has urged Johnson to make a "supreme effort" to make peace. But is the Pope's definition of peace any different from that of the hypocritical Johnson?

The Pope urged "with all the ardor of his pastoral energy," said L'osservatore Romano on January 3, that Johnson "should neglect nothing which might produce a meeting of minds, to overlook no favorable occasion, however tenuous it might seem, to reach a fair and pacific solution of the Southwest Asia crisis." There was more of the same. But one thing the Pope didn't think worth mentioning: that the U.S. should get out of Vietnam.

"A fair and pacific solution," in the Pope's definition of peace, apparently doesn't include withdrawal of U.S. troops or real self-determination for the Vietnamese people.

the action by passing out leaflets at the University of Buffalo campus and in the downtown area of the city.

The unusually large turnout was in spite of articles which appeared in the local press a few days before the picket line announcing that large numbers of police would be on hand to greet the pickets. This crude attempt at intimidation completely backfired.

A counter-picket line comprised of ten right wingers carrying signs calling for the bombing of Hanoi, marched near the youth demonstration.

The Buffalo youth group was well prepared both for the demonstration and for any organized attack upon them. A defense guard—identified by orange arm bands—was organized. When one of the counter demonstrators came on the line with a provocative sign, he was thrown off within seconds.

Lynd Will Speak in NY

Prof. Staughton Lynd of Yale, Herbert Aptheker of the Communist Party and Tom Hayden of the Students for a Democratic Society will report on their trip to North Vietnam at a meeting in Manhattan Center (34th St. and 8th Ave.) this Sunday, Jan. 16 at 1:30 P.M. Admission is \$1.

The three men spent 10 days in Hanoi in defiance of the State Department ban on travel to North Vietnam. They met there with representatives of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and of the National Liberation Front.

Flies to Luci-Bird

The Air National Guard is giving a fellow in his six weeks basic training period a transfer to another base over 1,000 miles away so he can be near his girl friend.

Fairy tale?—Not at all!

The fellow's name is Patrick J. Nugent. And his fiance is Luci Baines Johnson.

First College Teachers' Strike Professors 'Hit the Bricks' at St. Johns

NEW YORK, Jan. 8—A store-front strike headquarters proclaims "St. John's University—In Exile." Inside, teachers from St. John's and members of the United Federation of College Teachers (UFCT) from many other schools rest from picket line duty and plan strategy as the first teachers' strike against any university in the United States goes into its second week.

St. John's is the largest Catholic university in the U.S. and has campuses in Brooklyn and Queens. It is run by the Vincentian fathers, and the administration sees itself as the father, with teachers and students as children to be told what to do.

For years and years that's how it went. But now, many of the teachers, especially the younger ones and lay teachers, are in revolt against the reactionary administration and the bad work-

ing conditions.

One picket sign, addressed to the president of St. John's, read, "Yes, Father Cahill, the World IS Flat." Another said, "Pope John, Si—St. John's, No."

The strike was called for by the UFCT the week before the Christmas vacation when 31 teachers were fired. No reason was given and the fired teachers were not allowed hearings on their dismissal. However, the firing of the teachers was only one reason for the strike which went into effect on Jan. 4.

Teachers at St. John's receive lower salaries than at most colleges, despite the fact that the university has a surplus of over \$2.5 million. The faculty also is demanding job security, election of department chairmen rather than appointment by the administration, and more voice in the selection of guest lecturers.

(The administration is so reactionary that it recently banned Bishop Fulton Sheen from speaking on campus because he was "too controversial.")

About 200 of the faculty of 600 have stayed out. The student council, controlled by the administration, was booed and hooted when it rejected the idea of a student boycott. The fired teachers were among the most popular with the students and there is considerable support for their cause.

No Tax — Church Property!

The Knights of Columbus, a lay organization of the Catholic Church, now owns the \$1.8 million steel tube mill of the Bridgeport Bass Company, along with other non-taxable sources of sweat-ed profits. Madalyn Murray O'Hair says: "What has that to do with Heaven?"

Transit Strike Inspires Worker Solidarity

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Authority and the Mayor, representing not the "public" but the millionaire and billionaire rulers of this city who have disguised their plunder of the masses by financial jugglery behind dummy outfits like the TA. The vast working masses of New York are being tugged by both sides in this battle. Their basic class interests are firmly on the side of the strike. But they are being barraged like the subway workers themselves with poison propaganda bullets from every side—particularly from the press.

Today's mass demonstration at the Mayor's office was a great antidote to that poison.

The Transit Union leadership, with Quill and eight others in jail, negotiating under as big a TV exposure as the global conflict in Vietnam gets, has held out against an unparalleled campaign of vituperation from the big bosses' news media. The all-out attack against them, which is really an attack against 36,000 transit workers—and in fact, all of labor, has confused many of the "public." But it has also galvanized the most militant in the broad ranks of labor to come to the aid of the embattled union.

Behind the transit leadership is a union less than a tenth the size of the Steelworkers or Auto Workers. But the ranks of the union are boiling with militant rage. The "labor dictators" who called the strike were in reality only expressing the wishes of the many thousands who demanded it.

The strike was the first official shut-down in 31 years of collective bargaining. From November 3 when the negotiations began, until the eve of the strike on December 31, neither the Transit Authority nor Mayor-elect Lindsay made one offer to the 76 proposals the union put on the table—not even to the non-economic demands—such as dismissal of the "beakies," the company spies that snoop on the men at work.

The workers, already pushing for wildcat action well before Christmas, knowing well how the papers were steaming up the "public," having plenty of advance notice of what they were going to face, were irresistible in their demand to strike.

On December 26, less than a week before the strike deadline, over 8,000 workers massed in Manhattan Center and un-animously voted for the walk-out. In all

the great halls of the center and even in the overflow crowd out in 34th Street, not one hand was raised against the action. "No contract, no work," they chanted. "Let's strike now." And hundreds of "TWU on Strike" signs bobbed over the heads of the packed audience.

On December 28, cynically disregarding the legitimate demands of the workers, Transit Authority Chairman O'Grady (\$40,000 per year) and his two associates (\$35,000 per year each) with the support of Mayor-elect Lindsay, began the proceedings that resulted in a court order to force the men to stay on their jobs under the strike-breaking Condon-Wadlin Law and under penalty of immediate jail for Mike Quill and other TWU leaders.

It was clear that Lindsay and his multi-millionaire supporters, who used a liberal cover to win the election, had chosen to keep the transit wage structure unchanged. They chose a battle with the union that is costing New York City wage-earners millions of dollars, a battle that is costing \$1.5 million a day overtime pay for police alone.

But armed with the Condon-Wadlin Law and backed to the hilt by ever big

newspaper, corporation, bank and church, they thought they could make the workers back down *without a strike*.

For two months they had arrogantly refused to make any offer to the unions. At 8 p.m., December 31, nine hours before the strike was scheduled to begin, they finally made an offer that Quill pithily characterized as "peanuts." And the strike began.

—Naturally the \$40,000 a year "public" servant, Transit Chief O'Grady, is scheming day and night how to put over a fare increase rather than take the money out of other more lucrative city projects like the Port Authority or the Triborough Bridge Authority, which are many millions ahead.

And naturally Mayor Lindsay does not want to tax the big business interests (who after all, got him elected) for a subsidy to keep the fare down.

And naturally he would rather keep on paying the bankers over \$100 million a year in payments and interest to the old owners of the BMT and IRT, who have had their original investment back several times over.

But if the masses of this city could be organized as well and fight as militantly as the Transit Workers are doing now, they could surely make Lindsay and his banker bosses keep the fare down—if not abolish it altogether.

Youth Leaflets Get Support

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people left a handful of leaflets at a Transit Workers Union strike headquarters located in a small luncheonette on 53rd Street and Ninth Avenue. The strikers were tremendously enthusiastic about this. They thanked and complimented the distributors.

Cabbies and sanitation workers called to the youths for more leaflets. They treated them like gold, passing them carefully to one another. The writer saw a garbage truck where one leaflet was given and slowly read by each man until each of the three men in the truck had gone over it.

The line of the leaflet hit home as it said, "The Port of New York Authority and the Triborough Bridge Authority (which collects those hundreds of millions of half dollars from a half dozen bridges and tunnels) have big surpluses.

Selma Sheriff Routed in Calif.

By Ellen Pierce

The following are excerpts from an eyewitness account of the recent demonstration in Pasadena, Cal., in which racist sheriff Jim Clark of Selma infamy was booted off the stage before he could open his mouth at a meeting called by the local White Citizens Council.

About 800 people massed outside the school awaiting Clark. We were hostile and determined not to let this outspoken and murderous racist speak. He was scheduled to speak at 7:30 and we converged on the school at 7. Some stayed outside and marched and chanted, some joined the audience. One White Citizens lady turned to a black girl behind her and said, "go home you filthy N-----." The black girl whacked her over the head with her umbrella. . . .

By 7:30 no Clark. One black youth rose and loudly began singing freedom songs. When some White Citizens guys came to escort the singer out members of the audience made a circle around him and joined arms. He stayed. This audience, don't forget, was mainly middle-class non-affiliated Pasadena residents, who are known more for their affluence than their militancy. . . .

By this time the cops had begun patrolling the area like gnats—four in a car, with shotguns—and on roof tops. Finally at about 8:20 Clark appeared. He attempted to speak amid the jeers and curses of the overwhelming majority of the audience.

Some of the civil rights group members spontaneously began singing "We Shall Overcome." The audience joined in and surrounded Clark as he stuttered and faltered. Some White Citizens scampered about for help and screamed to the cops in the area. None came.

And finally Jim Clark, one of the most brutal representatives of a vicious power structure, was forced to leave the stage, his message undelivered.

The grafters and chisellers that run the city won't use these surpluses to pay the subway workers *because they want to get their hands on them, themselves.*

The leaflet also denounced the use of the strike-breaking Condon-Wadlin Act and condemned the jailing of union leader Mike Quill.

U.S. Kills Dominican Demonstrator People Simmering With Revolutionary Anger

SANTO DOMINGO, Jan. 10—A teenage demonstrator was shot and killed here today by a U.S. soldier of the 82nd Airborne Division.

The demonstration was to protest the U.S. puppet-president's failure to get rid of the reactionary military chiefs (also U.S. puppets).

The people had thrown garbage into the streets and shouted, "Yankee, go home!" at the U.S. soldiers, of whom there are 7,000 in the 8,000-man, so-called "OAS Forces."

Revolutionary spirits, unquenched by last month's treacherous assault by the military in Santiago, are expected to rise still higher in a wave of vengeance against this latest killing.

Youth Picket for TWU

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The evasive tactics did not keep the group from picketing the building and passing out leaflets to passers-by supporting the strike.

"Cut the politicians' pay; more for the transit workers!" was the loudly shouted demand of the pickets. Signs said: "Sup-

port the TWU" and "Free the Union Leaders" (eight of whom are in jail at this writing).

The New York Times reported that Lindsay left hastily as the YAWF group picketed, chanting "Free Quill; jail O'Grady!" WINS, the local radio news station, reported the picketing and gave a background sketch of YAWF.

Following the demonstration at City Hall, a part of the group went by car, bicycle, and hitch-hiker's thumb to the Civil Jail at 37th Street near 10th Avenue where the union leaders were being held prisoners. There they joined Transit Worker pickets who expressed their welcome.

During the picketing, one youth mentioned the New York Times threat of using the National Guard as strike-breakers. A TWU picket said, "That would be a mistake. If they do that there'll be riots in the city."

The youths raised a shout for freeing the prisoners as they marched outside.

As the group left, a TWU worker said, "It's a cold day for anybody to come out. We sure appreciate your support."

Afro-American workers are saying about James Farmer's big promotion: "Well, he has overcome!"



U.S. paratrooper and a Dominican

4 Right-Wing Military Coups in Africa Arranged by — You Gussed It — the CIA!

By F. Goldstein

Reports coming out of Paris have revealed that the notorious CIA was the mastermind behind the recent wave of military take-overs in Africa. In the past two months no less than four African countries—Dahomey, Upper Volta, The Central African Republic and the Congo—have fallen to right-wing military dictatorships.

The latest dirty work of Wall Street's international cutthroats might have remained completely concealed from the American public but for one article which slipped through in the Jan. 7 issue of the New York Journal American.

In the item, datelined Paris, the Hearst paper congratulated the CIA for a job well done.

Wrote the Journal:

"The much-condemned U.S. Central Intelligence Agency seems to have done something right for a change.

"In recent weeks four African nations have undergone coups during which the military took over power and turned against Communist China, and apparently it's all due to the CIA."

Working through the army a la Brazil, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Argentina,

Peru, etc., the CIA pushed aside pro-DeGaulle governments (in all but the Congo) and installed pro-U.S. military dictatorships. All four immediately aligned themselves with Washington's foreign policy and ousted Chinese diplomats.

Thus, Paris which has been forced to make a temporary diplomatic peace with the Asian and African revolution in order to revive French imperialism, responded with indignation to the take-over of four countries by its U.S. "ally."

The Journal, gloating over the CIA's success, wrote:

"In a statement that smacked of ill temper, Mr. De Gaulle's official spokesman, information Minister Alain Perre-fitte condemned the anti-Chinese coups, and threatened other countries that might consider such action with withdrawal of French economic aid.

The French capitalist press was less restrained in laying the blame at Washington's doorstep. The Journal said:

"The pro-government newspaper Paris Press hinted darkly: 'a mysterious hand pushed the black colonels into power.' It gave its readers to understand that it was the CIA which wielded this hand."

Bill Epton Defense

Two defense meetings will be held in New York next week for Bill Epton, who was found guilty of "criminal anarchy" after a frame-up trial in N.Y. State Supreme Court last month.

Epton is facing the threat of 12 years in prison and \$12,000 in fines for his part in the Harlem uprising of July, 1964.

The first meeting is at Manhattan Towers, 76th St. and Broadway at 8:30 p.m., Friday, January 21.

The second is at Mount Morris Presbyterian Church at 8:00 p.m., Monday, January 24.

Speakers at the latter meeting will include Ossie Davis, Claude Brown, Mae Mallory, Jim Houghton and Joe Carnegie.

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