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Workers and oppressed peoples of the world unite

With reformist acceptance, the Spinoza regime has taken steps back toward fascism. The Portuguese government crushed a postal workers' strike and reimposed censorship of the press and media. See page 8.

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Fired police chief pulls mini-coup

# Atlantans protest murders by police



After mounting public pressure because of racist police murders, Atlanta's mayor fired Police Chief John Inman. But Inman refused to leave office, staging a mini-coup with the support of 25 shotgun-toting Special Squad members. See page 4.

## Two July 4 actions to hit racism and militarism

### N.C. march to demand end of death penalty

assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King in 1968.

#### DEATH SENTENCE FOR BURGLARY

North Carolina presently has 44 people on death row—about half the total number of people facing execution in the United States. All but ten of these are Black, and one is a Black woman.

In North Carolina, the death penalty is mandatory for rape, arson, first degree burglary, and first degree murder!

A North Carolina prison official commented after the state's new death penalty law was passed: "What they decided is that you can't kill one man and not another, so here they're just gonna kill them all."

There are 72 state prisons in North Carolina, giving the state the highest prison population per capita in the U.S. The prisoners' movement has proven strong and determined, in spite of heavy repression which has included burning prisoners to death in their cells. Prisoners at Central Prison in Raleigh are organizing a hunger strike for July 4 in solidarity with the demonstration on the outside.

The new Federal Center for Correc-

tional Research at Butner is a 43-acre, \$13.5 million facility located near the "research triangle" area of Durham-Raleigh-Chapel Hill. The program to be applied to some 200 prisoners brought to Butner from throughout the U.S. is an extension of the chemotherapy and psychosurgery programs used at Vacaville, California, where unknown numbers of prisoners have had parts of their brains destroyed to eliminate "undesirable" behavior.

#### RESISTANCE TO RACIST OPPRESSION

In North Carolina, the heroic resistance of the Black and Indian peoples against oppression has continued in the militant tradition of Robert Williams and of the Tuscarora Indians who used armed force to rout KKK rallies as early as the 1950s.

The state of North Carolina's fear of this resistance is seen in the rapidity with which Black, Indian, and white activists have been arrested and jailed on frameup charges whenever struggles have occurred. There was the case of the Charlotte 3—T.J. Reddy, Charles Parker, and Jim Grant—Black men who face 10 to 25 years in prison on arson

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## Jewish child assaulted after anti-Semitic film

By LORRAINE BRESLOW

Alyssa Feldman is an eighth-grade student in Little Falls, N.J. She is the only Jewish child in her grade of 166 pupils and one of three Jewish children in the entire elementary school, which is all white and predominantly middle class.

In early June a documentary film entitled *Bill of Rights* was shown in Alyssa's history class. It was supposed to explain about "freedom of speech" which was being studied in the class. It was under this pretext that the film spewed forth sickening Nazi propaganda aimed only at arousing racism and anti-Semitism among the viewers.

A Nazi was shown tying a swastika armband to his sleeve in front of a synagogue in Brooklyn, N.Y. "Hitler cut the Jews out of German society with a knife and we have to cut the Jews out of American society with a knife," were the words that pierced the darkness in the classroom at

Little Falls Elementary School, while many students applauded and cheered the Nazi's speech.

Alyssa was afraid, and she had reason to be. For the moment she stepped into the school corridor, she was brutally assaulted by students while others crowded around throwing pennies at her and calling her a "cheap Jew" and "dirty Jew."

Prodded by complaints from the girl's mother, the Little Falls Board of Education was forced to form a special committee to "investigate the incident." These "investigators" spoke to a "sufficient number" of students in Alyssa Feldman's class, but never once spoke to Alyssa herself. On June 20, the Board called a press conference to announce that the incident had never occurred. They denied charges of "insensitivity, stereotyped concepts, and anti-Semitism." While the Board's president piously defended the "character and integrity of Little Falls," he felt quite satisfied

to dismiss Alyssa's complaints as "the pains of growing up."

"They are trying to whitewash this whole thing. The principal is trying to make liars out of us," Alyssa's mother told this writer the day after the Board's press conference. Mrs. Feldman explained that the vicious assault on her daughter after the film showing was "just the culmination of many similar incidents" involving anti-Semitic attacks on the Jewish children in the school, attacks totally ignored by the school's principal and staff. The woman, obviously shaken, angered, and afraid, ended, "I'm afraid they're going to try to run us out of town."

Surely Alyssa is experiencing the pains of a Jewish child growing up in U.S. capitalist society, where the coals of anti-Semitism and racism burn as brightly as ever, fanned by the ruling class, their state, and their institutions. Freedom of speech for Nazis, fascists, and racists is merely a cover for mobilizing and arousing bigotry against Black, Spanish, or Jewish people. Nazis and other racists must not be allowed to mobilize; they must be stopped.

In the final analysis, racism and anti-Semitism can only be uprooted by destroying the system that spawns it: that is, the capitalist system itself.

## Monopoly crimes bared at people's milk hearing

BROOKLYN, June 15—A green and white banner bearing the message, "Milk is for children—not for profits or payoffs" stretched across the center of St. Theresa's Auditorium in the predominantly working-class section of this city today.

The occasion was a hearing of the New York State Milk Commission, an organization whose aim is to acquaint working men, women, and housewives with the facts of the monopolistic practices of the giant milk producer-distributors, and eventually to force the monopolists themselves to listen and roll back prices on this essential commodity.

A panel of four women gave a summary covering months of research into the subject. Claudette Furlonge told how and why the Commission was organized at the initiative of Women United for Action, what actions it had taken, and what it had un-



New York State Commission for a Fair Milk Price exposes the milk monopolies' profit-gouging policies at public hearing in Brooklyn. Photo: Women United

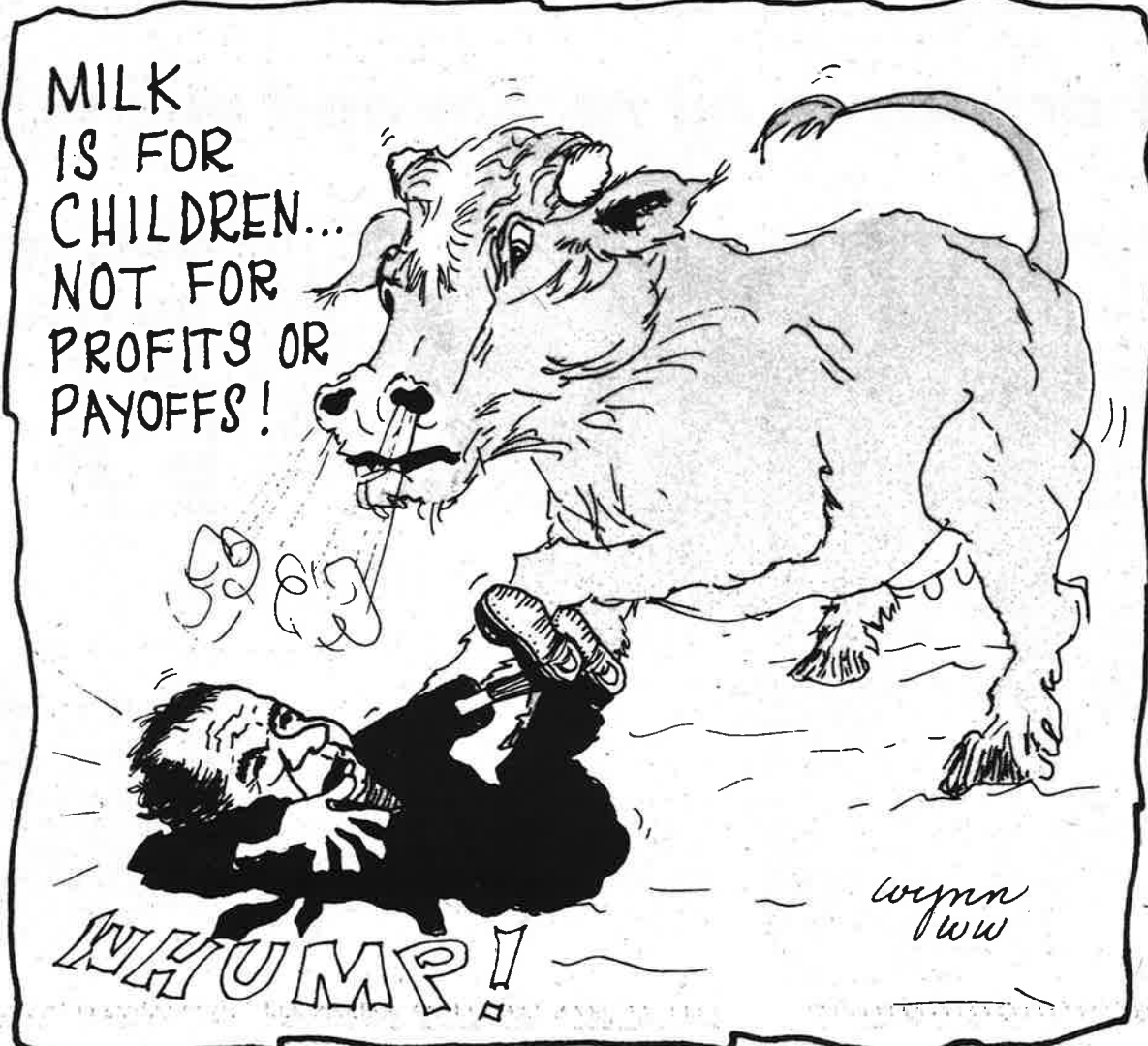
covered about the collusion between the milk cartels and government agencies. Ellen Catalinotto stressed the fact that children, deprived of milk and its products, suffered physical and mental damage, especially in their earliest years.

Geraldine Miller reported on the steady increase in all milk prices over the last 4 years, and proved with data from the ghettos that supermarkets had raised prices much more there than in wealthy neighborhoods. Joyce Kaessinger gave a rundown on the thousand and one ways milk is adulterated and often unfit for human

consumption.

There was a lively discussion from the floor which lasted for more than an hour. Most gratifying to the women of the Commission was the presence of a number of men at the hearing, one of whom said he would be willing to go to jail to make the big companies listen to the needs of the people.

Alice Davies of the Crown Heights Multi-Service Center offered that center for another hearing to take place on Saturday, June 29. The address of the Center is Nostrand Avenue and Sterling Place, Brooklyn.



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# Publishing workers' strike sparks plan to unionize

By NAOMI COHEN (A Publishing Worker)  
NEW YORK, June 21—The publishing industry, one of the city's largest industries and long thought to be immune to union activity, faced its first significant challenge in many years as about 200 Harper & Row workers went on strike here June 17. Although the number of strikers is not large (their union, the Association of Harper & Row Employees, now represents 320 out of 600 New York employees), this precedent-setting action has sparked such enthusiasm among publishing workers in this city that plans are already being made to organize on an industrywide basis.

Walking the picket lines with their Harper & Row sisters and brothers here today were publishing workers from McGraw-Hill, Macmillan & Co., Simon & Shuster, Harcourt Brace, and Academic Press, among others, as well as representatives of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, the United Farmworkers Union, and District 65. The predominant question being raised by disgruntled workers on the picket line seemed to be, "When are we going to organize the whole publishing industry?" One Association representative was collecting names of workers interested in forming a committee to organize just such a drive.

The picketers here formed three lines, one on each side of the Harper building and one in the huge arcade connecting them. Chants and songs echoed back and forth through the building as over 300 Harper workers and their supporters showed their spirit and strength. The Harper & Row Association represents diverse workers, from mail room employees, to secretaries, to editorial workers.

## THE ISSUE: COST OF LIVING

The issues in the present strike reflect the kinds of problems that plague publishing workers in general: company attempts to keep wages low and even cut them back where possible, combined with layoffs, speedups, and discrimination against women and Black and Latin workers. The Association of Harper & Row workers voted overwhelmingly on June 7 to strike and reject the company's offer, which included the elimination of a system of raises the workers had already won. A fact sheet put out by the Association to explain the issues in the strike states:

"For us, there are two vital issues at stake. The first is that we will not retrogress. We will work to improve our conditions; we will not surrender any benefit we have achieved over the years through our organization, determination, and strength. This is not the history of the labor movement or of collective bargaining. And it will not be part of our history.

"The second issue concerns our refusal to leave the matter of wage increases to the

sole discretion of the employer. Such a practice would violate a fundamental union principle: that through unity we can help determine our own wages and working conditions. We will not compete with each other as isolated individuals in an economic jungle."

## PROTEST SEXISM, RACISM

Of particular significance is the Association's protest over discrimination against women and Black and other non-white workers. Males average 24 percent higher wages than women at Harper and, according to the Association statement, "The status of Blacks and other minorities is even worse. Virtually all (our emphasis—ed.) minority employees are in the three or four lowest salary categories."

The Association statement also exposes the company's money offer as insufficient in relation to soaring inflation:

"The company is now offering us a cost-of-living adjustment of up to a maximum of \$5.00 twice a year for each of the three contract years. This is more than the old contract, but in 1971, salaries were lower and the percentage being offered was close to the rise in cost-of-living at that time. In 1974 the company proposes a cost-of-living adjustment that averages out to 4.6 percent per year (calculated on the basis of each six-month adjustment), or less than one half and perhaps as little as one-third, the recent actual and projected increase."

## WIDESPREAD SUPPORT

According to strike leaders, the Association has gotten an outpouring of support from workers all over the publishing field. In addition, several unions interested in organizing the industry have contributed to the strike fund to help the workers hold out as long as is necessary. On their side, the Harper & Row bosses see themselves as holding back the tide of union organizing for the whole industry.

Judging from the mood of the people on the picket lines, however, the time seems to be ripe for an industrywide organizing drive. In recent years, the glamorous image of "publishing" has been quickly fading as widespread layoffs have become common and as inflation has eaten away at everyone's paycheck. One of the union representatives on the line commented that there is nothing glamorous about making \$104 per week in the mail room at Harper & Row. Many higher-paid editorial workers are now identifying as workers who need a union, where previously they might have regarded unionization as below their "profession." Certainly the call for unionizing the industry has gained a momentum unheard of in the past 30 years.

The Harper & Row Employees' Association strike has provided the inspiration for what may prove to be a significant union struggle in a new arena.



Jamaica residents, enraged by the "justice" given child-murderer Shea, begin a campaign to bring this racist cop to real justice.  
WW Photo: Nick

# Black community reacts to acquittal of cop in child-murder

By GREGG BATSON

NEW YORK, June 22—One week after the insulting acquittal of Thomas Shea, a New York City cop who fatally shot 10-year-old Clifford Glover in the back, the Southeast Queens community has decided to obtain real justice.

The Queens Coalition for Peace and Justice (a coalition of political and civic groups) kicked off a boycotting campaign with a picket line at the Gertz store on Jamaica Avenue. The boycotting campaign, which is expected to hit all big stores in the Jamaica area, has been designed to force the Jamaica Chamber of Commerce to demand an interdepartmental trial and federal litigation against Shea.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HELD PARTLY RESPONSIBLE

Community leaders feel the Jamaica Chamber of Commerce is partly responsible for the death of Clifford Glover and certainly contributed to the police-state atmosphere in Jamaica. A few months ago the Chamber of Commerce demanded and immediately got more "police protection" (of their profits) because of "street gangs and petty thieves" in the area.

The coalition feels if the Chamber of Commerce has that much influence over the police department, then it could use the same influence to demand justice for Clifford Glover. The massive boycott is designed to let the Chamber of Commerce know the unity, strength, and determination of the people in obtaining justice for Clifford Glover.

The picket line began at 9:30 a.m., just before the store opened. The line went continuously until the store closed and was extremely militant throughout. Chants clearly and loudly echoed up and down Jamaica Avenue.

"What happens to a cop who murders a child because he is black?" "Shea, we won't forget you!" "Our dollar is Gertz' power, Gertz will use that power for our community."

These were some of the chants that were raised during the day. Many of the younger brothers and sisters took leaflets and went into the middle of the street, tossing them into bus windows and handing them to passing motorists.

The demonstration had an immediate effect. Throughout the day many shoppers came by and expressed their disgust with the system of "justice." Shoppers joined the picket lines for whatever amounts of time they could spare, many carrying babies in their arms. The store officials, seeing that a serious inroad was being made into their trade, began "politely" to open the door, making an attempt to coax the people away from the picket line and the brothers and

sisters who were trying to get people to join the boycott. When this tactic failed, they made an appeal to the police to limit the effect of the picket line. However, on this day there was no cop on earth who would have attempted to squelch the people's anger.

Gertz department store, which is usually jammed on a beautiful Saturday afternoon, was virtually empty. The boycott was so successful, the president of Gertz came all the way out to Jamaica to find out what was happening!

## GERTZ TRIES TO MAKE A DEAL

When initially informed of the boycott, Gertz' management said they didn't care. But the day before the demonstration they called to say they wanted to compromise. The leaders told them the boycott would continue until the Chamber of Commerce calls a news conference and announces that it will demand Shea be brought up on charges.

This first act by the coalition showed that the community is fed up and ready to act with strength. This fact should bother some of the other stores in the area which are used by predominantly Third World peoples.

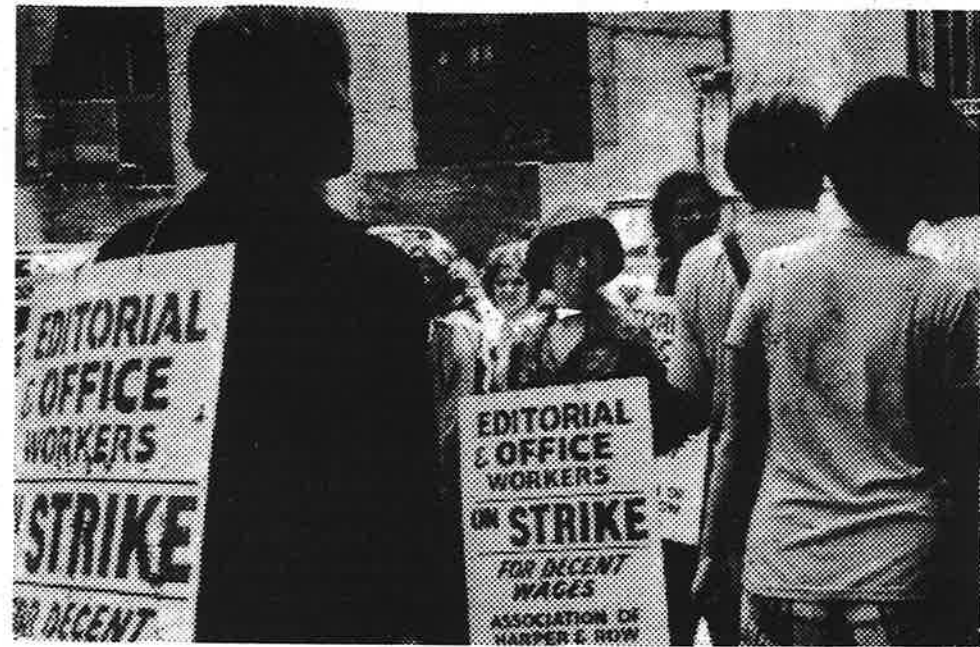
The day of Shea's acquittal, the community erupted in violence and the Gertz store was the first target. Many young people ran through Gertz and inflicted damage on the store. One police officer broke his back when he fell trying to catch the youths. Later that night, many cars were bombarded with rocks and bottles. Of course, the newspapers and punk racists condemned the justified reaction of the people to a cowardly murder more than the murder itself.

## ANOTHER KILLER-COP EXPOSED

One day after Shea was acquitted, it was made public that another cop had been indicted on a charge of murder. The announcement was admittedly delayed until after Shea had been acquitted in order not to "prejudice" his case.

New York cop William Walker shot and killed 21-year-old John Brabham because a "gun had been pulled on him." However, Walker's story hit a snag when the starter pistol supposedly pulled on him by Brabham actually turned out to be Walker's own gun, which he placed in Brabham's hand after he killed him. The police department had originally accepted the story, but only after continued demands from Brabham's mother and sister did the police finally move to investigate the case.

When it comes to real justice, the people have to make and demand their own justice, for the so-called institutions dedicated to justice only perpetuate the Dr. Jeckyl-Mr. Hyde nature of this country.



Workers at Harper & Row have launched an organizing drive in the publishing industry.



# Campaign grows to remove racist Atlanta police chief

By TOM GARDNER

ATLANTA, June 23—This April 20, four members of the Atlanta police department's "Decoy Squad," dressed in civilian clothes, went out to catch a "criminal." One of the cops lay down on some steps, pretending to be asleep and drunk. Several dollar bills were sticking out of his pocket.

A 19-year-old Black youth, David Jack, bent over him—the police say to steal the money, but it may have been to help the man. Suddenly the imposter threw his wine bottle at the youth and began to chase him, assisted by the three other plainclothesmen.

David Jack was never told he was being chased by cops; it could have been any street set-up. He was run into an alleyway from which there was no escape. Just as two officers prepared to grab the youth, the "decoy" cop opened fire, killing the young man instantly.

This was not a freak accident by one trigger-happy cop. Atlanta's Decoy Squad has already killed seven people in its first year of operation. Even the notoriously repressive New York Police Department killed only one person with its decoy unit during Patrick Murphy's term as police commissioner.

Atlanta's police department has killed 21 people in the last year, 20 of them Black. In 1973 the annual rate of persons killed by police officers on a per capita basis was well over twice that of Chicago and over three times that of New York City.

## CRISIS OVER POLICE TERROR

A crisis has developed in Atlanta over police terror. Thousands of people have gone into the streets demanding an end to the murders, an end to the special gestapo units that specialize in murder and harassment of Black people—the SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) and Decoy Squads and the stake-out unit—and the firing of the Police Chief.

At the same time, the rising, "modern" capitalists are becoming concerned about Atlanta's image as a police state and the possible disruptions to good business that a massive rebellion against police terror would cause. The current Police Chief, John Inman, is too stained with alleged connections to organized crime. They want to replace him with Clinton Chafin, a smoother-talking, modern top-cop with a cleaner record.

Atlanta's first Black Mayor, Maynard Jackson, responding to both the above sources of pressure, has attempted to fire Inman. The result has been an incredible show of arrogance and insubordination by the police with the backing of the entrenched

racist Atlanta power structure.

## MAYOR POWERLESS AGAINST ARMED POLICE COUP

Faced with growing public anger over continued police murders of Black people and fascist spy tactics against the Black press, Mayor Jackson finally ordered Inman to step down and appointed Clinton Chafin as Acting Police Chief. Easier said than done.

On Monday, May 6, John Inman showed up early at police headquarters and parked in the place reserved for the Chief. Chafin pulled in behind him. Once inside, Chafin ordered Inman to leave the Chief's office in obedience to the Mayor's orders. Inman refused and instead summoned 25 members of the SWAT Squad who, armed with shotguns and automatic weapons, faced Chafin down and kept Inman illegally in office.

Then Inman got some friendly judges to issue a restraining order barring Chafin from taking office and enjoining Jackson from firing Inman. The excuse was that Inman could only be fired by the City Council. So the City Council then tried to fire Inman themselves. But the friendly judges wouldn't permit that either.

The Council was enjoined from firing Inman on the grounds that five of the Council-people (four of them Black) are prejudiced against Inman.

The automatic support given by the DeKalb County judges to Inman in his fight against Atlanta's Black Mayor does not surprise longtime local residents. Some remember when one of those judges, Hubert Morgan, originally appointed by Lester Maddox, had close ties to James Venable, a Grand Dragon of the Ku Klux Klan of Georgia. Venable is the owner of the property at Stone Mountain, Ga., where the Klan holds an annual meeting of swine and other lowly creatures.

## THOUSANDS SHOW THEIR ANGER

When Inman and his cronies successfully staged a mini-coup against the Mayor's orders, the people of Atlanta began to see that the only way to defeat these fascist goons is by a massive and militant mobilization of the people themselves. Over 300 people showed up at a planning meeting called by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference of Atlanta and formed the People's Coalition to Get Rid of Inman and to abolish the special genocide units of the police department.

When Mayor Jackson saw that the people were moving outside the rigged legal channels to fight back against racist police terror, he got cold feet, saying the issue



WW photo

Black Atlantans say police chief must go; racist murder of Black people must end.

should be resolved in the courts, not in the street.

The Black people of Atlanta, however, spoke for themselves when on Memorial Day they marched through downtown Atlanta. People watching cheered and joined in as the march swelled from about 500 at Martin Luther King's gravesite to over 2,000 at the rally site on the steps of City Hall. The marchers sang freedom songs and militantly chanted "Inman must go!" The only hostile responses this writer saw were the scowls of the white motorcycle cops. But they dared not interfere with the militancy and strength of the march.

On June 18, another march led again to the City Hall steps where Inman was convicted by a 200-person "people's court" of: invasion of privacy, inciting to riot, staging a military coup to overthrow a legitimate government, and malicious intent to commit murder. Hosea Williams of the SCLC, who presided over the "people's court," said that the next step is to arrest the police chief.

## INMAN'S UNSAVORY PAST

Inman is currently being investigated by a grand jury for alleged connections to organized crime. Following are some of the charges raised during the investigation.

Inman started supplementing his income and moving up in influential circles in

Atlanta as a small-time shakedown man. He sold protection to the numbers' runners on Auburn Avenue in Atlanta in the 1950s. At one point he is said to have intervened on behalf of the Stanley brothers, two white lottery operators, to protect their territory from Black sellers.

Inman has also had close connections to Seymour Zimmerman, a nightclub racketeer in Atlanta. He was once reprimanded for trying to get the FBI to drop a weapons charge against his friend Zimmerman. The most sickening and revealing charge against Inman also involves Zimmerman.

It is charged that in 1967 or 1968, Inman watched three of Zimmerman's goons gang-rape a Black woman at one of his night clubs, the Bull and Bush. The complaint filed by the victim, who was working at the time as a temporary cleaning lady at the club, was removed from police files, apparently under orders from Inman.

His conduct is forcing the people of Atlanta to look for ways to carry out the sentence of the "people's court"—not only against Inman, but against his corporate backers as well.

(Thanks to the Atlanta chapters of the National Lawyers Guild and the ACLU, and the Great Speckled Bird, for some of the information in this article.)

# —Protest racial oppression in North Carolina

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charges based on the testimony of paid informers.

Jim Grant is also serving an additional 10 years on a charge of conspiracy to aid two men in escaping prosecution. He was convicted on the testimony of the two escapees, who were paid several thousand dollars by the U.S. Justice Department to turn state's evidence. The government dropped all charges against the two escapees.

Tuscarora Indians from Robeson County have been struggling for years for their national rights and to defend themselves against white racist attacks. Chief Howard Brooks has been sentenced to 2 years in prison for "failure to disperse" during a demonstration demanding Indian control of Indian schools. More than 50 Tuscaroras face charges resulting from a peaceful march on the capitol last spring. (Also arrested during the march were members of Youth Against War & Fascism and the Prisoners Solidarity Committee who came from New York and Virginia to support the Tuscaroras' struggle.)

Other Tuscaroras have been arrested on federal charges of possession of documents that were confiscated by the Indians during the occupation of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1972, an historic struggle in which over 100 Tuscaroras from North Carolina took part. Four American Indian Movement (AIM) organizers in North Carolina have been accused of "conspiracy to commit

arson" as well. The Tuscaroras are continuing their fight for recognition of their nation by the state and federal governments, which have branded them "Lumbees," a name that has no origin in Indian history or culture.

## THE WILMINGTON 10

One of the main battlegrounds in North Carolina in recent years has been Wilmington, where Black students launched a high school boycott after their pressure for Black studies programs led to attacks by white students and police. On Feb. 4, 1971, after hundreds of Black students held a rally and march in Wilmington, the city was literally taken over by armed contingents from the Ku Klux Klan, who besieged the Black community with the aid and protection of the police department.

After 4 days of occupation by armed KKK members, a Black student leader, Steve Mitchell, was murdered by police. The Black community responded by posting armed guards, and a white vigilante was killed as he fired upon Black students who were barricaded in a church. Ten Black and white activists were convicted of conspiracy in the death of the white man. Among them was the Rev. Ben Chavis, who now faces a total of ten trials and a possible 262 years in prison as a result of his political activity. Steve Mitchell's death was ruled "justifiable homicide."

The arrest of the Wilmington 10 came



# U.S. miners show militancy, solidarity with Africans

By TOM GARDNER

NORFOLK, Va., June 22—The eyes of many workers are on the miners of the U.S. Appalachian coalfields. In the past 5 years, the miners have launched militant struggles for health and safety reforms and other improvements in their conditions. On the road to a better life, the miners have walked out in hundreds of "wildcat" strikes, marched on their state and federal capitals, thrown out the corrupt United Mineworkers leadership of Tony Boyle, struck against the gasoline shortage, and are now taking on the giant utility companies.

Recently consumers around the country have mobilized to fight back against the high-rate robbery of the utility companies as they increase the price of electricity to home users. And now the miners, their jobs and living standards threatened, find themselves locked in battle with these same greedy monopolies. Miners in Eastern Kentucky are fighting for the life of their union against Duke Power Company. And Alabama miners are taking on the Southern Company, another utility, in a fight to save jobs and stop the importation of South African coal.

## KENTUCKY MINERS BATTLE DUKE POWER

For over 10 months, the miners of Eastover Mining Company in Kentucky and their wives have been battling the Duke Power Company which owns the struck mines and sells electricity in North and South Carolina. They have fought courageously against not only the giant Duke Power, but also the power structure of eastern Kentucky, which has always supported the coal operators in their vicious union-busting tactics.

One of the most loyal protectors of Duke Power profits is Special Harlan Circuit Judge F. Byrd Hogg. Judge Hogg has always been ready with an injunction against the strikers. He recently handed down jail sentences against miners and supporters who were picketing after the appeal of one of Hogg's injunctions had been

just after the police chief received an ultimatum from the so-called "Rights of White People," an eastern Carolina group that brands the Klan "too moderate." The ROWP gave the police 30 days to arrest someone for the death of the white racist, implying that the ROWP would make arrests if the police didn't.

ROWP leader Leroy Gibson, a lifer in the U.S. Marine Corps, declared, "If necessary, we'll eliminate the Black race," and threatened to hunt down Black activists "like rabbits." The fascist ROWP, which has held rallies of 1,500 people, patrols eastern North Carolina towns with automatic weapons in broad daylight, with impunity from the police and courts.

In June 1973, a dynamite blast destroyed the office of the Wilmington Journal, the local Black newspaper. A ROWP leader, who had been acquitted the month before of the bombing of a Wilmington synagogue, was convicted of the Journal bombing. ROWP leaders have also been charged with the bombings of several Black businesses and with conspiracy to bomb a low-rent apartment complex, but there is little hope for justice in the courts, which share the views of the fascist scum.

District Court Judge Johnny Walker of Wilmington has espoused this solution to the Black protests: "We should have sent in Lt. Calley to clean them up."

## FASCIST TERROR AIMED AT POOR

The existence of these fascist bands in North Carolina is no accident. In a state where wages are the lowest in the country, where only 7 percent of the industrial workers are unionized, where the Indian population has a median income of \$1,324, where 38.6 percent of Black families have no

turned down. Hogg sentenced five of the miners to 6 months in jail, and two other miners as well as four militant women supporters to 60 days, all on the charge of picketing the struck mine. Hogg's bias was exposed by the UMWA when they documented their charge, (denied by Hogg) that he was until recently the owner of a coal company in nearby Knott County, Ky.

Besides the courts and the company, the Harlan County strikers are also harassed by the procompany so-called Southern Labor Union. The SLU is conspiring with Duke Power to break the strike and decertify the UMWA as the miners' bargaining agent. Since the company and their friend Hogg have been unable to break the strikers' spirit with arrests, thugs, evictions, and threats, the SLU stooges were instructed to try to buy off the strike leaders. The UMWA filed charges with the NLRB on May 16 that the SLU and Duke Power conspired to bribe local UMWA officials. The union presented evidence that the SLU offered \$5,000 each to two strike leaders to try to talk their fellow strikers into going back to work.

But the two strikers, Carl Noe and Ronnie Curtis, had long ago decided which side they are on. They pretended to play along with the SLU officers who offered the bribe and managed to get the May 3 "payoff" meeting at the Harlan airport on tape and film.

Meanwhile, the UMWA has taken the Harlan strike to the stockholders of Duke Power. The UMWA has asked unions and other investing institutions to withdraw Duke Power Company stock until the strike is settled. So far 52 national unions and four major church denominations have joined the "Dump Duke" campaign. Arnold Miller, President of the UMWA, has threatened Duke Power with the fate of the Farah pants company, which was forced by a national boycott of its goods and a strong strike to grant recognition to its workers.

But of course there is an important difference: working people were the main buyers of Farah slacks, while the top stockholders of Duke Power are the Duke Endowment and the top Wall Street money

plumbing, and where 43 percent of all school children have inadequate diets, extraordinary measures are needed to keep the lid on the rising anger of the people.

Like the massacre at Attica, or the "Zebra" siege in San Francisco, the wave of racist terrorism in North Carolina represents an increasing tendency by the ruling class toward outright police-statism in its dealings with oppressed people. But in North Carolina, this terror has occurred not only through the actions of state agencies, but through an attempt at a permanent mobilization of a fascist movement with a mass base among white workers and petty bourgeois elements.

The forces that are consciously responsible for the fascist mobilization and the terror are forces that wield great influence beyond North Carolina. They are corporations such as Burlington Industries and the huge tobacco companies, ruling class families such as the Stevens (of J.P. Stevens textiles, General Electric, and Morgan Guaranty & Trust Co.) and the Dukes (of Alcoa, Duke Power Company, Duke University, Liggett & Myers, and American Cyanamid), and the military machine, which includes the largest military base on U.S. territory at Fort Bragg, N.C.

These forces use terrorism and racism to maintain their power over the workers and oppressed of North Carolina and to keep the state a sanctuary for low wages and high profitability. But they also view North Carolina as a testing ground for methods of repression that can be applied in other areas or on a national scale. (They are represented in Congress by none other than Sam Ervin, who has only lately cultivated a somewhat "liberal" image.) The situation in North Carolina provides a clear view of



Photo: UMW Journal

United Mine Workers of America demonstrate against the importation of South African coal: "Many miners are in jail right now."

houses. While it aids the strike to publicize the Dump Duke campaign, it is clear that the strike will be won only through workers' solidarity and militancy, primarily in the coalfields themselves.

## MINERS FIGHT SLAVE COAL IMPORTS

On another front which also illustrates the growing militancy among the miners, the UMWA is fighting the planned importation of South African coal by the Southern Company, a conglomerate of five major utility companies in Georgia, Florida, Alabama, and Mississippi. The company plans to import in this year alone 500,000 tons of low-sulfur coal mined under slave labor conditions in South Africa. The mineworkers plan to stop the importation of this coal.

Some 8,000 miners have already staged a 1-day strike against the importation which shut down Alabama's coal fields. The same day nearly 1,000 miners and supporters held a picket and rally at the stockholders' meeting of the Southern Company held in Birmingham, Ala., and demanded that the company cancel its contract for the slave-mined coal (see WW of May 31 for more details). The UMWA is also asking the International Longshoremen's Association to refuse to unload the South African coal when it comes into the state-owned docks at Mobile, Ala., on July 15.

The miners estimate that the imported coal could cost about 500 American miners' jobs. Stockpiling the imported coal will also

undermine the bargaining power of the UMWA as they head into contract negotiations. Joe Cruce of Local 8878 of Brookwood, Ala., comments on this in the UMW Journal: "If we go on strike, they'll run out of coal at the power plant here in Alabama and then they'll transfer electricity up here that's produced from the coal they got from South Africa."

What is significant in the miners' fight against the South African coal is that it differs greatly from the antiforeigner and oftentimes racist direction taken by officials in some other unions in their "Buy American" campaigns against imports.

The miners are of course concerned about the threat to their jobs and bargaining power. But as union miners they also strongly condemn the slave conditions under which the apartheid coal is mined by super-oppressed Black African miners.

Here's what Cruce has to say about the coal imports, as quoted in the UMW Journal:

"I think the majority of our men are against any coal that is non-union produced. The miners in South Africa work under slave labor conditions for \$3 a day. They are Black miners. No Blacks are allowed to hold supervisory positions. South Africa has laws which makes it impossible for a Black man in South Africa to hold any high position. They can't vote and they can't strike. If he does it's a criminal offense. There are many miners in jail right now, due to these laws."

how fascist rule might be instituted anywhere in the U.S., by combining police-state tactics with the whipping up of racist hysteria and hatred among the white population.

The struggle to crush the "Rights of White People" group and the Ku Klux Klan and to free all working people, oppressed people, and political activists from the jails and prisons is a crucial fight both for our besieged sisters and brothers in North Carolina and for those confronting similar fascist elements and racist police elsewhere.

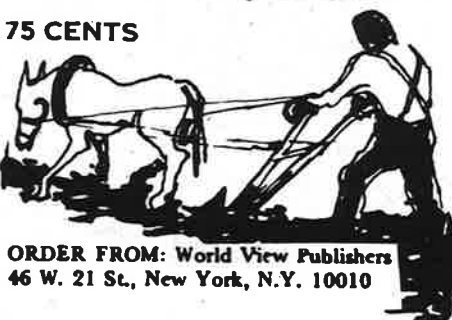
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# CULA pickets demand rollback of VEPCO rates

By BILL CECIL

NORFOLK, Va., June 22—On Wednesday, June 19, members of the Center for United Labor Action here held a picketline at the offices of the Virginia Electric & Power Company. The line was held the day after the State Corporation Commission (SCC) had granted the company a \$28.3 million rate increase.

The demonstration got a favorable response from many of the VEPCO workers (who got no raise from the rate increase, and must also pay the higher rates) and from many passersby in cars who honked their horns in agreement.

The Virginia CULA had previously collected 8,000 signatures in a campaign against the rate increase, which may have been the reason why the SCC, in the past a virtual rubber stamp for the requests of big business in this state, felt it could only give VEPCO \$28.3 million of the \$50 million the monopoly had originally requested.

The CULA announced it has just begun to fight VEPCO and intends to continue pressing for an electric-rate rollback and abolition of the fuel-adjustment clause which passes on rising fuel costs to the consumer.





## Summit talks mask U.S. war plans

On June 27 Nixon arrived in Moscow to begin his third round of talks with the leaders of the Soviet Union. Since most high government officials have already conceded that this "summit" meeting between Nixon and Brezhnev is unlikely to produce any important concrete results, many are asking why the meeting is taking place at all.

It would appear that the main reason Nixon has made the trip is to bolster his political position against impeachment at home.

At this point Nixon is most eager, even desperate, to divert attention from the revelations about his gross criminal activity that are exposed with almost monotonous regularity. Hence his desire to masquerade as the "great peacemaker."

Of course all this is just a lot of bunk. While Nixon and many other capitalist politicians loudly and hypocritically talk in rosy words about "world disarmament," the military build-up of the imperialist nations has reached almost insane proportions. Last week both England and France exploded hydrogen bombs. It was Britain's first nuclear test in 10 years, underscoring the fact that in this era of financial and political instability, capitalism's hostility to the socialist countries has grown, not lessened.

In a recent magazine article, Victor Kulikov, Soviet armed forces Chief of Staff, stated that "the process of preparation for a new war, of accumulating and perfecting weapons, continues and has even intensified in capitalist countries." And of course, this is quite true. On June 27, the very day that Nixon arrived in Moscow, the foreign ministers of 15 NATO countries signed a joint statement whose wording was reminiscent of the ultra anticommunist period of John Foster Dulles.

### PENTAGON CAMPAIGN AGAINST USSR

The NATO declaration about the necessity of building up larger and more

expensive military juggernauts for "repelling Soviet attack" was the culmination of a major Pentagon campaign directed primarily against the Soviet Union. This militarist drive which runs the course from an intensive anti-communist propaganda campaign directed at the 300,000 U.S. soldiers in West Germany (complete with a "Know Your Enemy" poster depicting Soviet soldiers), to Defense Secretary Schlesinger's demand for "more accurate, more powerful missiles," has the direct support of Nixon himself. And the capitalist liberals in Congress, determined not to be outdone by Nixon in proving their loyalty to imperialism, overwhelmingly voted to spend an additional \$84.8 million on the missiles Schlesinger had demanded.

The Soviet leaders, who certainly know about all these developments, and have even criticized some of them, nonetheless seem as determined as Nixon to go ahead with the sham "summit."

Perhaps they think they can somehow placate the imperialists, but in this the Soviet leadership is tragically deluded. The monster size of the Pentagon budget tells the world a lot more about Washington's and Wall Street's outlook for the future than the "peace" talk of the politicians. Such talk is only calculated to deceive the masses of people and is not taken seriously by any of the big bankers and industrialists. The large portion of the \$100 billion budget allocated for research and development for new weapons particularly underscores the ever-present danger of world capitalism unleashing a future war somewhere on the globe. In the face of the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression, the bourgeoisie are more likely than ever to turn to war as a solution.

Nixon's Moscow visit, then, does not signify a step toward peace, but rather a cynical maneuver by a tottering head of state attempting to head off impeachment at home while he prepares for more aggressions abroad.

## NCLC attack on drug center part of neofascist campaign

By BOB DOBROW

The National Caucus of Labor Committees (NCLC) has long ago exposed itself as a viciously racist, anti-communist organization. However, its recent armed attack on May 15 on the Lincoln Detox drug rehabilitation center should put all workers and oppressed people on guard against this neofascist grouping. The righteous treatment they received from those in the center at the time is a fine example of how these rightwing goons should be dealt with.

### LINCOLN DETOX

The Lincoln Detox Center, located in the oppressed south Bronx, has one of the most progressive drug rehabilitation programs in the city. The center is unique in that it incorporates political education as an integral part of its program. This is a reflection of the mass struggle that was waged in the area a few years ago by the Puerto Rican community over the issue of community control. At the time the Young Lords Party temporarily took over Lincoln Hospital, forcing many concessions. Many people from the community have come to realize, through the work at the center, the direct interrelationship between drug addiction in the ghetto and the nature of capitalist society.

NCLC now has a suit in court trying to close down Lincoln Detox. And to show how much their activities please the local state apparatus, Bronx DA Merola has announced he is seriously looking into NCLC's charges against the center.

The NCLC's tirades against Lincoln Detox reveal the worst sort of ultra-racist filth. In a recently distributed leaflet they say that "Jews like Dr. Frank Reissman... are turning Black and Puerto Rican drug addicts into zombies." Their printed excretion continues, "Labor Comm. members, working-class sympathizers, and fearful rank-and-file policemen have forced a significant victory." (our emphasis) This "victory" was the arrest of a member of the Detox Center!

### EVOLUTION OF A FASCIST

From 1968, when it took a thoroughly racist position in its support for Albert Shanker and the bureaucracy of the teachers' union against the Black community's right of community control of the schools, NCLC has stepped onto higher and

higher plateaus of political reaction. Never has it had one action in support of any progressive struggle, but it has: physically attacked members and meetings of the Communist Party and other working-class organizations; labelled the Farah and Harlan County miners' strikes as "management-controlled" with the aim of driving "small firms" out of business; viciously polemicized against Latin people and their culture; used anti-Black and anti-Semitic language in Nazi style; etc.

It is not necessary to characterize the NCLC as police-inspired (although there is undoubtedly heavy infiltration and much interest by the authorities in their evolution) to understand the phenomenon they represent. Although they call themselves "socialist" (never communist), there should be no confusion on that score.

Mussolini, too, called himself a "socialist." Gregor Strasser, chief propagandist for the early Nazis, was famous for appeals such as, "We young Germans of the war generation, we National Socialist revolutionists, we ardent socialists, are waging the fight against capitalism and imperialism incarnated in the Versailles Treaty!"

### 'LEFT' IN WORDS, EXTREME RIGHT IN DEEDS

The early fascists used the words of socialism (at that time the masses were overwhelmingly "anti-capitalist") in order to serve in deeds as a vehicle for breaking the unity of the workers, for demoralizing their ranks, and for whipping up the chauvinist hysteria. In Germany, the Jews were made a scapegoat for the popular discontent. In this country, first and foremost, fascism aims itself at the Black, Puerto Rican, Asian, and Chicano people—the super-oppressed.

It is not necessary at this time to predict the future course of NCLC or to try to draw perfect historical analogies. They are obviously a deranged and menacing phenomenon infected with the worst sort of cynicism and contempt for the masses. Their hysterical rantings and raving show that they stand against oppressed people and are trying to whip up the more privileged whites along racial lines. On the class barricades, it is clear where they choose to fight.



## 'Hello, Nazi Party. . . Uh, Police Headquarters'

NEW YORK TIMES, June 6:

"SAN FRANCISCO—There are certain things Sandra Silva likes and certain things she hates.

"She likes, for instance, 'discipline and a well ordered life,' warfare, the military and Hitler.

"And she hates, to list a few, blacks, Jews, minorities, Communists, and 'troublemakers' (anyone who threatens white supremacy).

"Sandra Silva is a member of the San Francisco Police Department and the local chapter of the American Nazi Party.

"Although 'official policy' forbids disclosure of the number of members anywhere, approximately 25 to 30 brown shirts invariably attend Nazi rallies here. And the one who was first publicly identified was Sandra Silva of the Police Department.

"Although Black and Jewish organizations have demanded her firing, it appears that Miss Silva will be allowed to

keep her job with the police. She has been supported in the controversy by the local Nazis, the ACLU and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese.

"After more than a month of refusing to be interviewed, the young woman finally agreed to talk in a public restaurant, under the condition that she be accompanied by Allen Vincent, the local chapter president, and Mr. Matt Koehl, the president of the Nazi party who was in town for a rally in honor of Rudolph Hess, the Nazi war criminal.

"Miss Silva said she did not become a Nazi or a white supremacist, that in fact she had always been one. As a child, she said, 'I didn't understand why, but I always felt this dislike for blacks.'

"Her attitudes were nurtured, she conceded, by the atmosphere in her home where her father, then a policeman, now a probation officer, and her mother, both believed in white supremacy.

"In 1964, when Miss Silva was 10, her parents left San Francisco to escape the black population and moved into a middle class white suburb south of here where she was confronted for the first time with 'Jews,

the liberals and communists.'

"In 1972, after graduating from high school, she went to work for the Police Department ('because there you get a better class of people') . . ."

### Racist murders 'just a prank'

Time, June 24:

"Around here (Farmington, N.M.) anti-Indian prejudice too often leads to more than insults. On April 21, John Harvey and Erman Benally died after being stripped, beaten and covered with burning rags. Six days later David Ignacio, his ribs crushed, died after a two-hour battle for breath. For the three white teen-agers who confessed to the murders, their sin was locally viewed by Indian haters as mainly one of degree. Harassing drunken Indians is considered a prank by Farmington highschoolers.

"These people (Indian demonstrators who protested the killings) are just trying to stir up trouble,' says Councilman Jimmy Drake. 'These parades could be caused by subversives, you know—Communists, for instance.'"

### More racists in the schools

Amsterdam News, June 22:

"A group of paraprofessionals in District 9 has sent a letter to School Chancellor Irving Anker asking for the removal of Alvin Slavin, white community superintendent of District 9, because of racial implications made in a letter sent to

Slavin by an alleged member of the Jewish Defense League.

"The Board of Education told the Amsterdam News Wednesday that Anker has received the letter and referred it to John Green, superintendent of District 9, for action.

"The letter, which was typed on the stationery of the Pelham Parkway Chapter of the Jewish Defense League in the Bronx, was sent over what is believed to be the signature of M. J. Schreiner and refers to District 9 as being 'still loaded with nigger administrators.'

"One copy fell into the hands of the Amsterdam News.

"The text of the letter dated June 9, reads as follows:

"Dear Al:

"Enclosed find some Income Averaging Forms which I had photocopied. Of course they're for 1973. If you need any for 1974 they're not out yet until January 2, 1975.

"Some of the J.D.L. boys had a look see over at your place several days ago . . . I understand the place is still loaded with nigger administrators. Is this true? I'll bet you know how to make spears and send out bongo drum signals.

"Anyway, keep me in mind if you have a good opening for a man of my ability and character. I'm getting fed up with the classroom and I can always keep watch that none of the coons there get their hands in the till. They turn white at the sight of a .38 Cal aimed at their forehead."

# People say 'Nixon guilty' House committee waivers

By ANDY STAPP

The people long ago decided that Nixon was just as guilty as any of the lesser Watergate criminals. Various polls taken over the last 8 months show that 75-80 percent of the people in the U.S. are for evicting this crook from office.

And yet with each day that passes, Nixon's hopes for political survival seem to grow.

While members of the House Judiciary Committee argue heatedly for hours over such trivia as whether certain material should be labeled "fact" or "evidence," pro-administration forces have opened a full-scale counter-offensive. Barry Goldwater has even suggested that the editors of the Washington Post be tried for "treason" (which carries the death penalty) for printing a story damaging to Nixon.

The pace of the House impeachment committee has become a bad joke. Since it opened 6 weeks ago, there have been only 17 days of actual meetings, complete with 2-hour lunch breaks. If the Rodino committee were as eager as are the American people to get rid of Nixon, it would have voted immediate articles of impeachment within a few days after the notorious White House transcripts were released. More "facts" or "evidence" are hardly necessary.

After all, the honorable congressmen have an actual tape in which Nixon says to John Mitchell:

"I don't give a shit what happens. I want you to stonewall it, plead the Fifth Amendment. We can't have a complete cave and have the people go up there and testify."

What could be clearer evidence that Nixon himself directed the coverup? Why does John Doar, chief counsel for the committee, now say that he wants "about 6 weeks" to write up a final report on proposed articles of impeachment?

## STALLING FOR TIME

The truth is that none of the 38 congressmen on the committee, with a couple of exceptions, are anxious to push for impeachment. They have their eyes more on the international and economic situation than on the many crimes of Nixon they are

supposed to be investigating.

They want to see if the Nixon government can contain rampant inflation without bringing on a disastrous depression. The outlook in this area frightens most bourgeois economists.

Will Nixon's Mideast maneuvers succeed in protecting the massive U.S. investments in that oil-rich area? Can the 26 years of Palestinian resistance to Israeli occupation really be crushed?

Can Nixon get a deal out of Brezhnev that works generally in the interests of U.S. imperialism? Will the detente collapse as earlier ones have?

Will Nixon be able to contain the class struggle in the U.S. in the face of increasing worker militancy? (Last March there were more strikes than in any similar month since 1937.)

If Nixon can stave off disaster in these and other areas, the capitalist class and their front men in Congress would be only too happy to let him off the hook for his Watergate-clique crimes at home.

Porter, Krogh, Segretti, and others convicted for their role in the Watergate scandal have been quietly released from prison already. Not one of the big businessmen convicted of secretly giving large amounts of illegal money to Nixon has spent a single day in jail. Judge George Hart, in particular, has been reading a speech to Watergate defendants who appear before his bench that sounds more like a good citizenship award than a condemnation for criminal activity.

Even the most vicious goons, like Chuck "Child of the Lord" Colson and Nixon-bagman Herbert Kalmbach (he sold ambassadorships for \$100,000 each), are getting off with relatively light slaps on the wrist.

There is no guarantee, however, that Nixon will be able to stabilize the declining prospects for U.S. imperialism. On the contrary, all indications are that the tendency is toward further collapse and disintegration.

And if the foundations of capitalist rule begin to buckle and cave in, it will be far more than Nixon's presidency that falls.

# Walkouts, demonstrations hit Detroit high schools

By KEITH PAVLIK (Cass Tech)

DETROIT, June 19—Last week the Detroit public school system was rocked with demonstrations, marches, and especially walkouts from the schools. The reason was an extended spring semester.

In September 1973, the Detroit Federation of Teachers went on strike against the Detroit public schools. Basic demands such as a cost of living raise, however, were not met by the school board. In fact, the Board of Education would not even negotiate with the teachers until they went back to school. When the teachers wouldn't go back, the scab court fined the union \$15,000 for each day the strike continued. Still the teachers stood their ground and stayed out 7 weeks.

When the teachers did return, it was only with the agreement that the board would submit to binding arbitration. It's 9 months later now, and the teachers have yet to see one cent of a cost of living raise. On the contrary, the teachers are being docked \$300 each this year to pay the fines, which totaled well over \$1 million!

## YAWF SUPPORTS STRUGGLE, DEMANDS JOBS

High School Youth Against War & Fascism saw the late dismissal of Detroit public school students as another ploy to keep the job market closed to Third World and poor youth. A leaflet noting that suburban and private school students are out of school now and getting the few available jobs, was distributed at the June 14 march. (Police made attempts to stop the

distribution, but failed). The leaflet demanded that the buck stopped being passed between Detroit and Lansing, and that students be let out of school now!

## WALKOUTS SPREAD THROUGHOUT SCHOOLS

The result of the strike is that students must stay in school until July 12 to comply with the 180-day school year. In protest of this extended school year, about 10,000 junior and senior high school students walked out last week, closing many schools.

On Friday, June 14, several hundred went in car caravans to demand a meeting with Mayor Coleman Young. Young passed the buck saying there was nothing he could do, but he would go to Lansing next week with the students if they wanted. He also urged them to stay in school pending legislative action to decrease the number of days to constitute one school year.

After picking up 300 more students at Cass Tech, the demonstration arrived at the School Center demanding a meeting with Board President Cornelius Golightly. Buses were immediately sent out to take the students back to their schools. Some students from Osborn and Denby were satisfied to leave with the assurance of a meeting with Golightly. However, students from Cass Tech (a majority from the oppressed communities) refused to leave until results of the conference between a student representative and Golightly were heard. Golightly came out shortly thereafter, escorted by four pigs, and gave the same

# Detroit residents fight Bell rate hike request

DETROIT, June 20—When the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) held hearings on Monday, June 17, on a \$111 million rate hike "request" by Michigan Bell Telephone Company, they found stiff opposition both to the rate hike demands and the usual MPSC approval of every request by the giant utilities.

Although the public hearings were held at a building difficult to reach, with no parking, and although the notices for the hearings were sent out 2 months before the hearing, many members of the public did show up for the hearing, including union representatives, consumer group heads, and members of the Coalition Against the Utility Rate Hikes.

This coalition includes the Westside Mothers of the Welfare Rights Organization, the Enjoy Senior Citizen's Cooperative Community College, Women United for Action, the Roseville Women's Group, the Center for United Labor Action, the Committee for Labor Justice, and the Metropolitan Detroit Consumers' Protection League. The coalition was formed after the three giant utility companies in Michigan—Detroit Edison, Consumers' Power, and Michigan Bell—together demanded a rate increase of \$276 million each year.

Several representatives of the more than 29,000 blind people of Michigan were also at the hearings. One speaker pointed out that blind people must have phone service to reach help. But blind people are mostly on fixed incomes and cannot afford phone service now, let alone after a rate

hike. He told how Michigan Bell had pulled out the phone of a blind woman who had paid her bill, with absolutely no notice.

A speaker from the Center for United Labor Action described how Michigan Bell had already received four rate hikes in 4 years, bringing them \$84 million more every year. He spoke about the executives, businessmen, and bankers who make up Michigan Bell's board of directors, and how they just sold \$550 million worth of bonds, which they want us to pay back with a whopping 8 percent interest to the banks every year. He told how the Public Service Commission has granted the utility companies over \$300 million in rate hikes in the last 4 years.

Eileen Ellis from Women United for Action described the incredible inflation that working and poor families already face. She said that either the Michigan Public Service Commission must roll back utility rates or a new commission, made up of housewives, working people, welfare rights representatives, and the elderly be set up to roll back the prices for heat, light, and phone service.

Bell Telephone brought a whole group of "retirees" to the hearing to support the rate hike and keep Bell Telephone "healthy." It turned out they were all retired managers and supervisors. When asked if the company had been found guilty of racism and sexism against Bell workers in federal court, one of these former supervisors replied, "Well, nobody's perfect."

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excuses the mayor gave earlier.

Students at Cass Tech were not satisfied with the promises made. A sit-in at acting principal Donald Carmean's office is being planned for June 20. The demands are that we be dismissed June 28, and that the school

board meet union demands so that no strike will be necessary next year.

High School YAWF will participate in the June 20 sit-in at Cass Tech to raise the above demands. The students are determined to win, and so is High School YAWF.

## —African colonies

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its African colonies: MPLA, Frelimo, and the PAIGC. Now the Portuguese are evidently hoping that other groups in Angola will accept their terms for a ceasefire—terms that are geared to preserving Portuguese (and U.S.) lucrative investments in the area.

The vast wealth of Angola includes diamond mines (Portuguese and Belgian capital employs 30,000 workers there), iron ore at Kassinga, oil at Luanda (operated by PetroAngola with Belgian and Portuguese capital) and especially at Cabinda (Gulf Oil), uranium deposits, and coffee.

In Cabinda, an enclave at the mouth of the Congo, Gulf Oil has invested over \$200 million, from which they have already netted over \$70 million. Experts estimate that offshore deposits should yield more than 100 million tons of crude a year by 1980.

It has been mentioned several times in the capitalist press that President Mobutu of

Zaire (which surrounds Cabinda), himself in power with U.S. backing, supports the Angola National Liberation Front (FNLA) and its leader Holden Roberto, and would not disapprove of a neocolonial arrangement in Angola.

Holden Roberto and the FNLA get military support from Mobutu, and are also allowed to operate from Zaire, which neighbors on Angola. MPLA guerrillas are not allowed to seek refuge inside Zaire; if caught they are arrested and their weapons and supplies confiscated.

Despite this tactical disadvantage, the MPLA has distinguished itself by its uncompromising attitude towards imperialism and is daily gaining more strength. It is acknowledged to be the organization with the greatest initiative in combatting the Portuguese.

It is inevitable that imperialism's plans to set up a neocolonial state in Angola will soon be shattered.

Long Live the MPLA, Frelimo, and PAIGC!

Independence for Guinea-Bissau and the Cape Verde Islands!

Free Angola and Mozambique! Portuguese troops out of Africa!



# CP, SP capitulate to Spino-la as Portuguese gov't moves against workers

By DEIRDRE GRISWOLD

JUNE 27—The supposedly "democratic" Portuguese government has moved fast in the last few weeks to restore some of the oppressive fascist measures that had been suspended with the overthrow of Premier Marcello Caetano 2 months ago.

The Portuguese bourgeoisie has accomplished this move to the right with the acquiescence of the Socialist and Communist parties, which are both members of the new government headed by General Spino-la.

These repressive measures include a new and stringent censorship law, an attack on the workers' right to strike, and a government crackdown on "unauthorized" demonstrations.

The result has been a retreat by the masses from the period of intense revolutionary activity, meetings, strikes, and the turning out of the old fascist officials from all levels of social life that had characterized the first weeks after the April 25 military coup that toppled Caetano.

The new Portuguese regime has also used the last few weeks to bolster its ties to U.S. imperialism and get support from President Nixon for the Spino-la formula to end the colonial wars in Africa. Spino-la hopes to transform Portugal's African colonies of Angola, Mozambique, and Guinea-Bissau into neocolonies through "referendums" weighted against the liberation movements that have been fighting for freedom there.

## CENSORSHIP REIMPOSED

One of General Spino-la's first promises after the coup was an end to 46 years of fascist censorship. His promise was made when the people began to take matters into their own hands. Wall posters were going up everywhere; leftist leaflets and papers of all kinds were being given out; and the workers on the staffs of the large newspapers were adding their own opinions to the editorial pages that had for so long lauded fascism.

But on June 10, the government broke its promise to the masses and cut a nationwide television program off the air because it depicted a Roman Catholic patriarch blessing a member of the Portuguese secret police.

This was followed 4 days later by the government seizure of the state-subsidized television network.

Going after the leftwing papers that were being read avidly by workers and soldiers, the regime then arrested editor Luis Saldanha Sanches for advocating desertion by Portuguese troops in Africa. Sanches was held in military barracks and will be tried by a military tribunal.

By June 19, the armed forces had assumed full control of the state-run radio and TV network. Officers were appointed to run program, technical, and administrative services under over-all military direction. A seven-man military committee was formulated to supervise the press, radio, television, films, and theater.

## REFORMISTS APPROVE CENSORSHIP

Hastening to make all this "legal," the Cabinet (including Socialists and Communists!) on June 22 issued a decree making it illegal to incite military disobedience, strikes, unauthorized demonstrations, or to offend the President of the republic, members of the Council of State, and the Cabinet. Publication of "false news" when done to "counter the general objectives of the government" was also outlawed.

The new ruling also makes it a crime to divulge military operations when not authorized by military authorities.

Punishment includes fines up to \$20,000 and a suspension of the publication for 60 days. Individuals may also be liable to criminal prosecution in military courts. A military committee enforces the regulations.



Spino-la strengthens ties with Nixon during meeting in the Azores.

What is going on? Aren't these regulations on the very face of them police-state measures? Aren't they aimed directly at the workers—at their right to strike, at their right to know and speak the truth about their fascist tormentors, at their right to end the barbarous colonial war?

Then what are so-called Communists and Socialists doing putting a stamp of approval on this big leap to the right?

No amount of fancy talking by these so-called workers' leaders can get around the fact that they are in a vile and unprincipled bloc with the bourgeoisie and its military arm in Portugal, a bloc that is doing immeasurable harm to the workers' struggle.

It is a "socialist" Minister of Information who takes the direct responsibility for this new gag law—Raul Rego. In apologizing for it, he said that "some restraints are in order since, after all, the country is still at war." Yes, a bloody colonial war that is opposed by the masses of workers and soldiers. The Socialist Party is supposed to be fighting for an end to that war—not to gag its opponents!

It was news of atrocities like the massacre at Wiriyamu, Mozambique, which last year so roused Portuguese and world opinion against the fascist colonial army. Now, once again, you can go to jail in Portugal for divulging news of such an operation "when not authorized by military authorities."

What does "socialist" Foreign Minister Mario Soares say of the new censorship law, which he admittedly helped to formulate? Interviewed in New York City on his way home from the NATO foreign ministers' conference in Ottawa, he told the New York Times that while he was "personally against all forms of censorship, he could see the necessity of preventing extreme positions from developing."

## SOARES & NATO SPINO-LA & NIXON

The Portuguese ruling class is backing General Spino-la and his group of army officers in an effort to give capitalism a face-lifting, with the assistance of the reformist parties. But they only decided on this risky maneuver because they had no choice—a social explosion was imminent, as the tremendous mass outpouring on April 25 proved.

Now the Portuguese bourgeoisie is intent on stabilizing its international position. Despite the opening of diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union and other socialist countries, this foreign policy is clearly aimed at bolstering Portugal's ties with U.S. imperialism in particular.

Two events have marked this process: the participation of Foreign Minister Soares in the NATO conference, and Nixon's visit with General Spino-la in the Portuguese Azores.

The U.S. press pointedly observed that Soares was warmly welcomed at the NATO gathering. But what has been the purpose of NATO all along? To carry out the Cold War (and prepare for a hot one) against the

socialist countries in Europe. And it was NATO that supplied Portugal with the guns, the planes, and the napalm to fight in Africa.

The New York Times summed up this conference of NATO ministers on June 20 as follows: "The diplomatic consensus at the close of the ministerial meeting was that the declaration and an accompanying communique were more militant than had been expected on the eve of President Nixon's talks with the Soviet Communist party chief, Leonid I. Brezhnev. . . . (It) brandished NATO's nuclear weaponry with a frankness not usually displayed by foreign ministers."

But there is no hint that the "socialist" Soares, or the government he represents, have any intention of altering their relation to this bastion of U.S. militarism in Europe. Will the new regime repudiate the lackey conduct of the Caetano fascists, who were the only NATO country in Europe to allow their territory to be used last October for U.S. planes resupplying Israel against the Arabs? Not a peep from Soares.

On the contrary. At the very minute that Soares was rubbing shoulders with the capitalist statesmen of Europe and the U.S., General Spino-la was meeting Nixon. The place was significant: the Azores, where the U.S. planes refueled last October.

They discussed three things: the American air base in the Azores, Portugal's war in Africa, and the continuing Arab oil boycott of Portugal.

But while Spino-la was getting "strong backing" from Nixon for his neocolonialist designs in Africa, the people of the Azores were out in a strong demonstration against the chief gangster of U.S. imperialism.

The people of the Azores and Portugal are saying no to colonialism and imperialism—while their so-called leaders are trying to win the approval of the imperialists.

According to Newsweek (June 24), Spino-la "gained some room for maneuver on the volatile issue of independence for Portugal's African territories by persuading Communist Party leader Alvaro Cunhal to drop his demand that the colonies be granted immediate freedom."

Is this just an imperialist lie? We hear nothing refuting Newsweek's contention, either from the CP there or here. On the contrary, all they can talk about is how "difficult" the negotiations with the liberation movements are, and how "complex" it is to end the war.

What's so difficult about it? The Portuguese army should get out—that's all. The difficulty arises only for the Portuguese bourgeoisie—which is trying to figure out how it can end the disastrous and exhausting war without losing its economic influence in Africa.

But for the Portuguese workers and soldiers, who have no property in Africa to protect, the course is clear—bring the troops home now!

## ATTACK RIGHT TO STRIKE

Finally, we come to what may be the most shameful episode in the history of the

Western Communist parties since their long degeneration from parties of the revolutionary vanguard into organs of reformism and revisionism.

That is the deliberate strike-breaking role of the Portuguese CP against the postal workers.

Portugal is a desperately poor country. The present revolutionary situation was fueled by the great hardships suffered by the masses as a result of huge military expenses (40 percent of the budget), raging inflation, (20 percent this year, and estimated to be 40 percent on essential goods), and the tremendous profits extracted both by the Portuguese fascist ruling class and by the imperialists, especially the U.S. which imports Portuguese goods at ridiculously low prices.

The tremendous uprising against fascism is primarily a class struggle by the workers aimed at improving their conditions of life. Fascism is a tool of the bosses used first and foremost to whip the working class into line, to destroy the workers' organizations, and to produce a class of docile toilers through terror when all other methods have failed.

So of course the first thing the workers did when the iron heel of fascism was removed from their necks was to strike for higher pay and better conditions. Strikes broke out all over Portugal.

The Spino-la regime, in a sop to the workers, passed a minimum wage law that guaranteed industrial and government workers (who are certainly not the most oppressed) the grand and magnificent sum of \$32 a week—for a 6-day week! This insulting "minimum wage" was rejected by thousands of workers, who continued to strike to press their demands.

On June 17, 25,000 postal workers went on strike demanding a minimum wage of about \$60 a week for 35 hours—still modest in this time of raging inflation!

But the government—and the Communist Party—were outraged. The CP actually argued to the workers that if they won their demands then all the other workers would want the same!

## CP CALLS WORKERS FASCISTS

And while the military was threatening to draft the strikers into the army and force them to return to work or face court-martial, the CP actually organized a demonstration at the post office where they called the workers fascists and shouted, "Go back to work, you are sabotaging democracy!"

After 3 days, the strike collapsed and the workers returned to their jobs.

Can it be argued by any stretch of the imagination that this strike was fascist-inspired to bring down a leftist government? Could it be compared, for instance, to the "strike" (actually a lockout) of independent truckers in Chile that was aimed at paralyzing the country and paving the way for a fascist military takeover?

At the time of the Chilean truckers' action, Workers World showed that its class character was petty bourgeois, that it was manipulated and supported by the big bourgeoisie and U.S. imperialism, and that

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it was directed against the progressive nationalizations that had taken place under the Allende regime. The weakness of the Socialist and Communist parties in this case was that they did not adequately mobilize the workers against this clearly fascist threat.

But the situation in Portugal today is completely different. The bourgeoisie is not mobilizing against the present coalition government—it is supporting it. There have been no important nationalizations, even though the workers are demanding them, and have even occupied some of the factories briefly.

And the postal workers are not petty bourgeois owners of small property—they are proletarians, fighting to win better wages from a boss who represents the collective rule of the bourgeoisie—that is, the bourgeois state.

Their demands are clearly progressive and could, if won, help to mobilize the whole Portuguese working class.

The fact that Portuguese capital cannot afford to pay them higher wages is no argument against the strike—especially from those who call themselves Communists! The bosses always claim they can't afford to pay the workers more, and they'll drag out reams of statistics to prove it. The reason that all important class struggles have the potential for turning into struggles for state power, that is, struggles to establish a socialist society, is that capitalism cannot solve the problems of unemployment, poverty, inflation, and war. It is not the job of socialists and communists to tell the workers: the bosses can't afford to pay you more, so go back to work. It is our job to say: capitalism can't solve the crisis, so let's broaden the struggle to a fight for workers' power!

#### ROAD TO "STABLE DEMOCRACY" CLOSED

Mario Soares, the Socialist Party leader, told the press here that his party's aim is to establish a stable "European-style democracy"—that is, a bourgeois democracy.

But this is at the very moment when capitalist governments all over Europe—and in the U.S.—are not a bit stable but are wracked with crisis. In Italy, particularly, it is clear that the bourgeoisie are considering abandoning "democracy" as unwieldy and moving back toward fascism—if they could get away with it.

The present world situation of capitalism leaves no room for a stable "democratic" capitalist development in Portugal. The reformist parties are right to fear a revival of fascism—but they are looking in the wrong direction for it. Instead of blaming the left, who want to carry the struggle forward, they should be looking at their very partners in the government, who are clamping down one fascist-style repressive measure after another.

The workers look on the present period as a temporary retreat to strengthen their forces and strike out again. And strike out they will and must, for the revolutionary conditions in Portugal are ripening with each day's deterioration of the capitalist economy.



## Liberation groups demand . . .

# 'Portuguese troops out of Africa now!'

By NICK DE FREITAS

The partial stability in Portugal that the Spinoza regime has been able to reestablish with the help of the Communist and Socialist parties has allowed the colonial forces to continue to operate inside Africa. This explains the brutal murder of 7 African miners on June 25 by Portuguese troops manning a Mozambique border post. The miners, returning from work in South Africa, were mowed down by the guards allegedly because they refused to allow their baggage to be checked.

It is now 2 months since the Caetano fascists were overthrown in Portugal. The Portuguese masses and the ranks of the soldiers are unquestionably for withdrawing from the colonies. But so far not one Portuguese soldier has been sent home.

## FRELIMO FIGHTS ON

The major force fighting Portuguese colonial domination in Mozambique is Frelimo (the Mozambique Liberation Front). Within the past 2 years, Frelimo has doubled its area of operation and is considered to be in a very strong bargaining position with the Portuguese colonialists.

Unlike Guinea-Bissau, which has little economic importance to Portuguese capitalism, Mozambique is a real and potential source of great wealth to foreign capitalist interests. The Cabora Bassa hydroelectric dam on the Zambesi River, now being built by a consortium of German and French capital, will greatly increase Mozambique's industrial potential.

Mozambique is the world's largest exporter of cashew nuts; it produces sugar, cotton, copra, and tea. It also has coal deposits and expects to find offshore oil.

In addition, Mozambique plays a strategic role in Southern Africa as a whole. An independent Mozambique would not only inspire the African masses in Zimbabwe and South Africa, thus posing a threat to the racist white settler regimes, but Mozambican ports are also vital trade links for both of the white regimes.

The confidence of 200,000 Portuguese settlers in Lisbon's ability to hold on to Mozambique has been quite low since the April 25 coup. Airline officials say that all flights out of Lourenco Marques, the capital, are fully booked well into late August and there are long waiting lists. Many of the white settlers have also been fleeing by ships.

The announcement by Antonio de Santos, Minister of Overseas Territories, that General Antonio de Spinoza would soon visit the two colonies of Angola and Mozambique shows the importance these two colonies have in Lisbon's empire. Richard Eder of The New York Times writes that "General Spinoza's visit appears intended to shore up the confidence of the white settlers in these African territories."

Frelimo has rejected all of Lisbon's proposals since they contain no assurances that Mozambique's independence will be recognized and Portuguese troops withdrawn immediately. The Portuguese in turn have set up neocolonialist groupings within Mozambique such as the GUM (Grupo Uniao Mozambique), whose leadership consists of wealthy white settlers and African and Mestizo elite. But GUM has only limited usefulness to the Portuguese.

The fact that Frelimo is the real representative recognized by the Mozambican people is incontestable even to many magazines and papers of the bourgeoisie. In an editorial, the Manchester Guardian on June 15 admitted that "Frelimo has been responsible for bringing down one of the longest and most entrenched dictatorships. . . . It (Frelimo) controls large expanses of territory in Northern Mozambique where it has fought from scratch almost to the winning post for an independent Mozambique under African control."



In Mozambique, women struggle against Portuguese domination as members of the people's militia of FRELIMO.

With its 10,000 full-time guerrillas pinning down 65,000 Portuguese troops, Frelimo was characterized by The New York Times on July 19 as "the only credible contender to represent the aspirations for independence of the more than 8.5 million Africans."

## GUINEA-BISSAU DEMANDS INDEPENDENCE

On June 15 negotiations between representatives of Guinea-Bissau and Portugal broke off in Algiers without setting a date for reopening the talks. At the same time, it was reported that thousands of people demanding independence demonstrated in the city of Bissau in front of the government palace waving the red, yellow, and green flag of the PAIGC (African Party for the Independence of Guinea-Bissau and the Cape Verde Islands).

A communique from the PAIGC reports that the Assembly of Political Forces of the cities of Praia and San Vincent of the Cape Verde Islands also has met and calls for independence. The Assembly reaffirmed its recognition of the PAIGC as the sole legitimate representative of the people of Guinea-Bissau.

Today over 80 percent of the territory of Guinea-Bissau has been liberated from 400 years of Portuguese colonial rule. Under the leadership of the PAIGC, a vast conglomeration of tribes are now united against their common oppressor.

Since proclaiming its independence only 6 months ago, the legitimate government of Guinea-Bissau has now been recognized by more than 90 countries. However, under the guise of so-called military protection, the Portuguese intruders still maintain an occupying army of 27,000 troops.

Despite their modern and superior weapons, the NATO-equipped Portuguese Army has been dealt the most devastating blows by the reportedly 20,000 strong PAIGC guerrilla army.

The brilliant propaganda campaign against Portugal's vicious colonial war has led many soldiers in the Portuguese Army to join the ranks of the guerrilla forces or refuse to fight. In a letter published in the June 7 issue of the Portuguese magazine Flama, the feeling among the soldiers is well illustrated. Signed, "The Soldiers in Guinea-Bissau," the letter reads in part:

"We are taking this means to let you know that almost all soldiers in Guinea-Bissau have followed the events that have taken place in our country with an intense feeling of involvement. . . . We do not want our families to forget about us; we want them to realize that they cannot remain silent while their sons and brothers are going to this war, being killed, or mutilated in it. You cannot remain silent while we serve out our long terms of duty in a hell of privation, humiliation and useless sacrifices that cannot be justified. So those of our relatives who read this should use every means available to demand that the war be ended without delay so that we can return at last and be with them."

Unpopularity and discontent about the colonial war are not limited to the soldiers.

Mass demonstrations of over 10,000 have taken place inside Portugal, where workers, soldiers, sailors, and students have demanded immediate and unconditional withdrawal from the colonies.

Despite the mass sentiment against the war, however, the reformist leaders are sounding like the "liberal" imperialists here on Vietnam. Communist Party leader Dr. Cunhal, a minister without portfolio in the Spinoza regime, said at a recent party rally that 150,000 draft resisters living outside the country who want to return to Portugal "should agree to serve in the army" (Manchester Guardian, June 15).

Since the initiation of the armed struggle in 1962, the PAIGC has secured deep roots in the country, making it impossible for the Portuguese to administer the territory effectively. The Manchester Guardian of June 8 reported that "some of the biggest Portuguese concerns operating in Guinea-Bissau, such as the C.U.F. (Union Manufacturing Company) and the B.N.U. (National Overseas Bank), have been surrendering their vast landholdings without charge to African farmers." Obviously, they just can't collect with the PAIGC around!

Efforts by the PAIGC guerrillas to win over the soldiers in the colonial army have been so successful that even the Portuguese Minister of Overseas Territories, Dr. Antonio de Almeida Santos, was forced to admit that "the fraternization between the once hostile armies had progressed so far that Portugal could not resume the war even if she wanted to" (New York Times, June 25).

In the same issue of the Times, Henry Kamm writes that pro-PAIGC stickers are posted everywhere in the city of Bissau, particularly on government offices. On the shops and street signs all over the colonial name of Portuguese Guinea has been changed to the African name, Guinea-Bissau.

## MPLA FIGHTS TO LIBERATE ANGOLA'S RICHES

The Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA), the major group fighting in this colony 14 times bigger than Portugal, has a rich history of struggle dating back to 1956. It must contend, however, with both the Spinoza regime and its Washington and Wall Street backers, who are determined to maintain a neocolonial type of regime in Angola.

The MPLA has made it clear that nothing short of independence will be acceptable to the Angolan people. Otherwise, it will "continue the armed struggle until complete independence." In a communique, the MPLA has asserted that "at the time of inevitable independence any company operating inside Angola or along the coast will be chased out of our national territory and all their equipment seized."

The MPLA's uncompromising attitude towards foreign imperialist interests has led the Spinoza regime to back away from earlier statements that it would negotiate with the three main liberation movements in

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# Workers move to left as bankrupt Italian bosses look to fascists

By JOHN C. OTTO

On June 20, the second government formed by Italian Premier Mariano Rumor announced an austerity program in an attempt to cut consumer imports to Italy and fight inflation. This is the latest in a series of events that has shaken the Italian political landscape.

The austerity program (austerity for the workers), the swing to the left in the regional elections in Sardinia, the series of terrorist attacks by the fascists, the resignation of the first Rumor government—all have their roots in the growing economic crisis in Italy.

## PAYMENTS CRISIS

Currently, the rate of inflation is over 20 percent annually, which rapidly wipes out any hard-won gains of the workers. The financial papers say Italy's government faces imminent bankruptcy. The Italian rich are sending their money out of the country and away from the Italian lira, which is threatened with devaluation. Through the first half of 1974, a wide gap opened in Italy's balance of payments, with such a deficit occurring (of imports over exports) that the government bank expects to find itself with no cash to pay for imported goods by July.

To deal with this emergency, the Italian finance minister has been desperately trying to obtain "rescue loans" from West European and American bankers. But when the "Group of Ten" bankers (Western finance ministers) met in Washington in early June they demanded that the Italians tighten their belts, that is, that a stronger attack be made on the standard of living of the Italian workers, before they would come through with the loan. These bankers would be only too glad to see the Italian military replace the tottering Christian Democratic regime and force Italy's workers to their knees.

## MASSES MOVE TO LEFT

Despite the maneuvers of the Western finance ministers and the Italian billionaires, the Italian working class has shown no signs of going to its knees. On the contrary, all recent events in Italy show heightened class consciousness and militance among the workers.

There was the divorce referendum in early May, where 60 percent of the Italian voters, led by the women, stood against the backwardness of the unholy alliance of Christian Democrats, fascists, and the Catholic Church to support the right to divorce.

Then there was the magnificent response to the fascist bomb attack in Brescia. Millions of workers all over Italy rushed to the streets in a general strike. The 600,000 who mourned at the funeral in

Brescia not only shouted antifascist and revolutionary slogans with their fists in the air, but hissed the Christian Democrat Rumor for 20 minutes when he tried to speak.

And at the regional elections in Sardinia (an island region of Italy) on June 19 the Socialists, with 11 percent of the votes, and the Communists with 27 percent, made large gains, while the ruling Christian Democrats dropped to 38 percent and the fascist MSI from 11 percent to only 7 percent of the vote.

## POLICE TIED TO FASCISTS

The fascists have been unable to win support from the masses in a period of economic crisis, a time when they expected to gain. As a result, they have resorted to small terrorist attacks which they call their tension strategy. This is an attempt to create a climate of chaos which the military and police can use as an excuse to seize power.

In a special section of a magazine L'Europeo, exposing the activity of fascist groups, not only are various fascist plots brought to light, but also the connections of the fascists. L'Europeo's reporters discovered that magistrates and police in charge of investigating political terrorism covered up the threat from the fascists over the past 5 years, while harassing and blaming the far left organizations. The reporters also showed that the small fascist terrorist groups were well financed (probably through connections with the "respectable" MSI), and that some of the fascist leaders have had ties with the CIA and the West German secret police.

## CAN WORKERS MOBILIZE?

With the Christian Democrat-Socialist government unable to resolve the economic crisis, the Italian bosses are sure to look to the fascists and the military, just as they did in the Mussolini period. The reformist Communist Party of Italy, which most workers support, refuses to mobilize the workers independently to defend themselves from the military and fascist threat. Instead they call for a government which includes both the workers' parties and the Christian Democrats.

But even with the CPI holding them back, the workers proved their readiness for combat following the Brescia murders, especially in Milan, where 20,000 left the rally of hundreds of thousands to attack the MSI offices, and in Naples, where all the different fascist offices were smashed. The strength shown by Italy's workers encourages us to believe they will find the revolutionary leadership necessary to defeat the fascist threat and open the way for a socialist solution to Italy's economic crisis.

# Supreme Court denies disability benefits to pregnant women

By JOYCE BETRIES

On June 17, the Supreme Court struck a vicious blow against all working women by ruling, 6 to 3, that states can deny disability benefits to women incapacitated by normal pregnancy without committing unconstitutional discrimination. Only 2 years ago this same court passed a liberal abortion law, which was a victory to all women. Why the change?

The June 17 ruling was on a California law, where women have recently won victories on issues that have included mandatory pregnancy leave for public school teachers and allowances for the husbands of servicewomen. The new law subtly enforces the double standard. While denying disability pay to pregnant women, the law protects men when incapacitated by

prostate trouble or circumcision, which affect only members of their sex, and hemophilia and gout, which are largely confined to males.

Many hailed the 2-year-old abortion law as a trend towards liberalization in the courts on issues affecting women. They told us we could stop protesting now, for other good things would come our way. The fruit of this kind of thinking was to give the government time to regroup, so that now the Supreme Court has acted to squash the growing movement of women fighting for equality on the job in California. With this ruling the highest court in the land has given legal sanction to the situation where a poor or oppressed working woman must work late into pregnancy because she needs the money. Then she may lose her seniority or



Workers in this Italian slum, with a full view of modern, luxury housing, are now being asked to "tighten their belts."

# Meeting calls for end to deportation of Haitians

By JULIO GHIgliOTTY

NEW YORK, June 24—Charles Francois is a Haitian refugee who left his native land to escape the repression of the Tontons Macoutes, "Baby Doc" Duvalier secret police. Francois had participated in armed activities against the Duvalier regime.

He left Haiti crammed into a small boat with 14 other refugees. Upon his arrival, he was arrested and denied asylum by the U.S.

Charles Francois gave his first-hand account of the U.S. Department of Immigration's policy of denying Haitian refugees asylum to an audience of some 150 community people here on June 21. The meeting, called by the Ad Hoc Committee for the Defense of Haitian Refugees, was held at P.S. 3 on Jefferson Avenue in Brooklyn. It was an urgent protest against the threatened deportation of Haitian refugees who face certain death at the hands of the Haitian regime for their anti-Duvalier activities.

Mr. Francois' appeal of the Immigration Department's decision confronts the U.S. government with the question, "Are refugees entitled to asylum?" Actions in the past indicate that Washington's answer to that question is: "It depends on who they are and where they're from."

Since 1960, over 300,000 Cuban "refugees" have been admitted into the U.S. while the Cuban people have been building socialism in their country. These "refugees" are for the most part white members of the middle and ruling class, whose property and privileges were jeopardized with the advent of socialism. These 300,000 people, plus 25,000 other Cuban rightwingers coming from Spain, are automatically eligible for permanent residence in the U.S. after 2 years.

According to the 1968 "United Nations Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees," which the U.S. has agreed to, refugees are entitled to asylum as well as a hearing "to present evidence and to have an attorney present." Haitian refugees only get a brief "interview" with no attorney present. Ira Gollobin, attorney for Mr. Francois, has included this fact in his affidavits appealing Mr. Francois' case as

representative of the treatment of Haitian refugees in general.

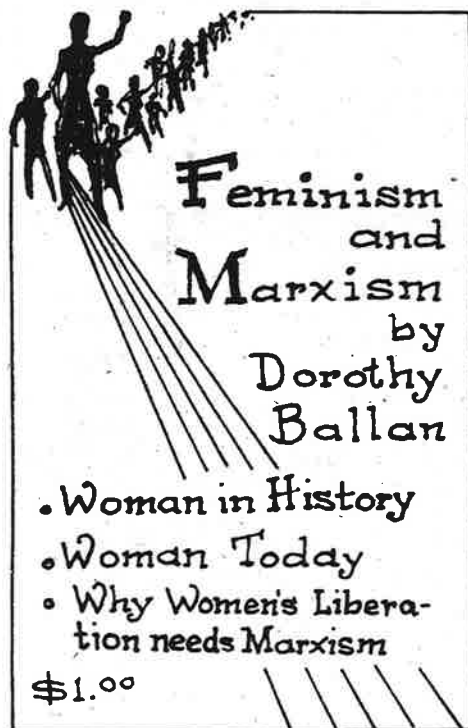
The treatment of the black Haitian refugees is not only racist, but also shows the hypocrisy and class basis of U.S. policies. While white, skilled, and mainly professional Cubans escaping people's justice in socialist Cuba were freely allowed into the U.S., poor, unskilled, and black Haitians escaping the fascist repression of the U.S.-backed Duvalier regime are being forced back into its clutches.

Although the Duvalier regime has become an embarrassment to the U.S. government, it continues to receive military aid and officer training. American investment in Haiti reached \$60 million by 1971, the year of "Papa Doc" Duvalier's death and the ascent of "Baby Doc" to the presidency for life.

While 34 percent of the land is arable, only half that is available to the peasants for cultivation, because American companies like the Haitian-American Sugar Corporation and the Raygon Mining Company own the rest. Land was sold to these companies at \$1 an acre!

The Reverend Antoine Adrian, member of the Ad Hoc Committee and chairman of the meeting, stated during the slide show that the economic activity of these companies "puts out of balance the traditional agricultural economy" of Haiti. The regime attempts to distract the people with frequent festivals and parades.

The meeting ended with a call by the committee for help and solidarity in preventing the deportation of Haitian refugees.



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her job when she leaves to give birth. Left with no income and no promise of a job in the future, she probably will have to go back to work several months after the child is born—at lower wages.

Why was the abortion law really passed? Because millions of women all over the country demonstrated and demanded their right to abortion. Women deserve the credit for that law, and not the courts! The June 17 ruling discounting pregnancy as a disability just shows once again that women must be prepared to fight tooth and nail for every concession wrung from the courts.



# Nixon talks 'peace', Israeli puppets make war

By ANDY STAPP

On June 20, one day after returning from the Middle East (he called it "another journey for peace"), Nixon told reporters that his trip had brought about a "profound and lasting change . . . a change toward a permanent peace."

But even as Nixon spoke, the U.S.-made Phantoms of the Israeli Air Force shrieked in low over dozens of Lebanese villages, dropping high-explosive bombs on the terrorized civilian population.

For 3 days in a row the Israeli jets pounded the fertile and heavily settled regions of southern Lebanon, blowing to bits 70 women and children and making a cruel mockery of Nixon's "great peacemaker" rhetoric.

The bombers came in waves of 36, striking a new town every 2 hours with methodical sadism.

## 50 VILLAGES LEVELED

More than 50 Lebanese villages were smashed in the densely populated area south of the Litani River. About 40,000 people had to flee their homes to escape Israel's self-proclaimed policy of collective punishment.

This doctrine of "group guilt" was used extensively by the Nazis in occupied Europe during World War II. If Czech, French, or Soviet guerrillas (the Nazis called them "terrorists") blew up a building or assassinated any of the occupiers, the fascists would retaliate by murdering a whole village.

This has been the Israeli method of dealing with Palestinian guerrilla raids on occupied Nahariyya, Maalot, and Qiryat Shmona. For every guerrilla attack, an air raid against a Palestinian refugee camp in Lebanon. Kill ten for every one of the settlers killed.

This policy is no secret. The widely syndicated columnists Evans and Novack wrote on June 25 in a candid manner about the "killing of scores of innocent Lebanese civilians and Palestinian refugees, caught helplessly in Israel's bombing." But they hastened to add that what worries them most is that "Arabs being killed by American-made Israeli bombs dropped from American-made Israeli planes" might "sabotage Nixon's brilliantly successful peace efforts."

## U.S. SUPPLIES THE WAR MACHINE

Peace efforts? Wasn't it Nixon who gave Israel \$3 billion in military hardware?

Wasn't it Nixon who, only 2 weeks ago while in Jerusalem, issued a joint communique with Prime Minister Yitzhak

Rabin condemning "guerrilla or other irregular forces"?

And didn't the capitalist press widely report that Nixon promised Rabin diplomatic and military support for exactly the kind of "retaliatory" raids that were carried out on June 19-21?

Didn't Moshe Dayan, who 1 year ago pledged to "make the southern part of Lebanon uninhabitable," visit Washington only last month with a new shopping list for more guns, tanks, and planes?

And weren't the Palestinian people completely cut out and ignored by Nixon's proposed "peace" settlement?

While Nixon talks peace, the man he likes to call his "old friend," Yitzhak Rabin, announced over Israeli state radio: "We have entered into an epoch of perpetual war. Israel will have to prepare itself for a continuous and protracted war."

It is now 26 years since the 3 million Palestinian people were driven from their homeland. (Those remaining in Israel are subject to imprisonment without trial under the notorious law on Administrative Internment.) Far from providing a refuge for anyone, the establishment of Israel as a pro-imperialist enclave has meant ever greater misery for Arabs and Jews. And now the fighting goes on, despite Kissinger's "brilliant" diplomacy and Nixon's "historic trip."

The bourgeois press here continues to grind out reams of paper condemning "terrorists" and heaping abuse on the so-called brutality of the guerrillas, who have only rifles and grenades, while approving Israel's much more devastating air bombardments.

## PALESTINIANS REFUSE TO SURRENDER

The U.S., cynically taking advantage of the position of the Jewish people after the Nazi holocaust, rigged up in Israel a client state that would act as a cop to protect the vast Wall Street empire of oil in the Mideast. In setting up Israel, the U.S. and the settlers in Tel Aviv believed that the dispossessed Palestinian people would soon abandon any attempt to recover their native land.

But the Palestinian people have not surrendered and the latest wave of terror bombing can only strengthen their resolve to defeat the U.S.-Israeli colonialists.

Commenting on a guerrilla raid during Nixon's Mideast trip, one Palestinian told a reporter from *Time* (June 24), "This is how every Arab should receive Nixon, the chief imperialist of the world."

cenaries, supplied by the U.S. to its right-wing Laotian puppets.

The February Agreement recognizes Samneua as the administrative capital of the Laotian territory controlled by the Pathet Lao, which amounts to four-fifths of the country. It was truly popular support for the Pathet Lao among Laotians and around the world that overcame the truly lopsided, but still doomed, effect of U.S. military intervention. The puppets and their U.S. string-pullers were forced to sign recognition of this fact and declare Samneua territory off-limits to both rightist and neutralist officials alike, while Vientiane and Luang Prabang, the two traditional capitals, were to be neutralized and to function as seats of coalition government over the remaining fifth of Laos.

Any one of the three factions in the coalition cabinet can veto any proposed action, virtually paralyzing it. Its legislative body, the National Assembly, elected mostly by rightist officials who are now concentrated in Vientiane, having been driven out of the liberated areas, was prevented from convening by a Pathet Lao

Photo: Arab Information Center



Woman and child are among thousands of victims of Israel's terrorist bombing attacks of Palestinian refugee camps. These were hit on May 16, 1974 at Nabatryeh refugee camp.

# Filipino Moslems battle for land and independence

By MIKE SORIANO

CHICAGO, June 22—In the 21 months since the introduction of outright police and military rule in the Philippines, the Moslem resistance on the Sulu Islands and in Mindanao has been the most serious threat to the existence of the ruling regime of Ferdinand Marcos.

The Moslem people in the Philippines have a tradition as fighters against foreign domination. Four hundred years ago they fought the Spanish colonizers. In this century they were among the fiercest of fighters against U.S. imperialist control of the islands.

Over the last 5 years the Moslems have been in struggle against settlers from the north who have been conducting land-grabbing operations in Moslem areas (the struggle for land is the fact behind the fiction of the Christian-Moslem dispute). But they are also fighting against foreign, especially U.S., corporations, who with their rubber plantations and oil-drilling operations see the Moslem-populated area as a source of tremendous superprofits. Now, ever since the regime's attempted disarming of the people, the fighting has become more intense.

Last February, in what was described as the most serious armed confrontation since World War II, the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) began a military campaign to invade and capture the liberated Moslem territories.

The major operation in this campaign was the seizure of the town of Jolo on the northern-most island of the Sulu island chain, which has been the hub of the Moslem rebellion. The battle for Jolo was reminiscent of the war in Vietnam. Sabre jet fighter-bombers strafed and bombed the town. Destroyers off the coast shelled homes and the business district. Troops moved in to occupy the area.

About 40,000 people used to live in Jolo. Today only 5,000 have returned—the rest are refugees on nearby islands and provinces. The entire town was razed to the ground. Conservative estimates put the death toll at over 500. The area today is still a war zone and the fighter-bombers are still bombing and strafing the hills around Jolo in a vain attempt to destroy the Moslem armies.

The estimated strength of the Moslem

veto, for example. The National Council, also a coalition body, is supposed to have power equal to the Cabinet. It contains only one-third Pathet Lao representatives, but the neutralists have been so won over against the rightists, that the rightists despairingly refer to the body as "the Poli:buro."

## CAMBODIAN PUPPETS LIMITED TO ENCLAVES

In Cambodia, 10,000 U.S. "advisors" have not been able to stave off the crumbling position of the rightist U.S.-satellite politicians. There too, four-fifths of the land is in the hands of the liberated population, led by the National United Front. The rightists have not been able to change this fact.

Consolidating their control, liberation

army ranges anywhere from 3,000 to 16,000 members. But contributing to their strength is the almost total support they have from the Moslem population, which numbers upwards of 2.5 million. The AFP is facing not only the Moslem guerrillas, but a whole movement for secession from Manila's rule.

The successes of the Moslem insurgents have prompted the Marcos regime to commit most of the AFP to combat duty in the war zones. Already the military budget for 1974 (\$1 billion) is up 600 percent since 1972, with a massive expansion in the number of soldiers to fight for the regime. While in 1972 there were 75,000 troops, by 1975 they plan to have a domestic army of 256,000 soldiers. Despite all this firepower being used against the Moslem revolt, the troops dare not venture too far outside the population centers. In the words of Alfreo Rillera, a U.S.-trained colonel in the AFP who is involved in the suppression of the Moslem revolt: "We can't win a military victory. Our military campaign can only win time."

Elsewhere in the Philippines the iron heel of the Marcos dictatorship continues to press down on the people. Strikes by workers are outlawed, along with all of the basic civil liberties of free speech, press, and assembly, while 20,000 political prisoners languish in the concentration camps.

While the regime boasts a 10 percent growth in the gross national product, this resides almost entirely in the overstuffed vaults of the bankers and the rich families who control the economy. Per capita income in the Philippines is \$215 a year. Inflation is running away—last year it was 20 percent, with an even bleaker outlook this year. A rice shortage is expected again this year.

Marcos is the keeper of the Pentagon's strategic "stepping stone to Asia." Also he is the protector of U.S. corporate interests in the Philippines. However, the puppet regime now faces the sharpest challenge yet to its continued rule. Any significant advance for the Moslem nation towards self-determination weakens the present rulers even more and is sure to inspire other courageous fighters to open still new fronts in this war to end U.S. imperialist domination and capitalist rule.

forces now have foreseeably permanent control over all the most important roads, and the Lon Nol regime is holed up in the capital, Phnom Penh, and a few other provincial capitals, which are being more and more tightly surrounded.

Inflation in Phnom Penh is officially admitted to be in excess of 300 percent a year. In the last 18 months, liberation forces have captured 42 American 105 mm. howitzers. Recent demonstrations by students and teachers against corruption and inflation attracted huge support, and the government was forced to free most of the students who braved death to demonstrate. Violent street struggles resulted in the beleaguered capital, in the heat of which the puppet Minister of Education was killed by an unknown gunman.

# Indochinese liberation gains political, military strength

By JOEL MEYERS

"We are losing. We are losing. They have taken the National Assembly, the economy . . . they are in the Ministry of Defense—and what do we have of theirs? Nothing!" So The New York Times of June 10 quoted tearfully a prominent rightist Cabinet minister in the Laotian coalition government.

The Times elaborated that "the eclipse of the National Assembly, a collection of mostly right wing, reputedly venal, but (the Times claims—ed.) freely elected deputies, was the clearest sign of Pathet Lao power in the new coalition."

The coalition referred to is the coalition named in the Vientiane Agreement of February 1973, consisting of equal numbers of U.S. puppet rightists, national liberation fighters (Pathet Lao), and neutralist elements.

The people's support for the Pathet Lao is also reflected in their "preponderant military position," which both disheartens and flabbergasts the U.S. military men who have seen billions of dollars worth of weapons, along with U.S. and Thai mer-

'Steal of the century'

# U.S. monopolies get Puerto Rico's copper

By P. MEISNER

The recent acquisition by U.S. monopolies of the rights to extract "newly" found minerals in Puerto Rico completes the process of U.S. colonialist and neocolonialist penetration of that island.

Since 1898, when the U.S. imperialists stole Puerto Rico's independence from Spain, the island has served largely as a source of cheap labor, as a huge market for U.S. products, and as a complex of strategic military bases for the Pentagon in the Caribbean. But now Puerto Rico will also serve as a major source of raw materials for U.S. imperialism, the first of which is copper.

## KENNECOTT AND AMEX GET PLUNDER

It was revealed on June 9 in the newspaper of the Puerto Rican Socialist Party, *Claridad*, that colonial governor Rafael Hernandez Colon has handed over the rights to exploit Puerto Rico's copper deposits to two giant U.S. companies, Kennecott and American Metal Climax (AMEX). According to Hernandez Colon himself, there are deposits in the Utuado-Adjuntas-Lares area which will yield at least 1.5 millions tons of copper a year.

There are also known deposits of other minerals in Puerto Rico, such as manganese, magnesium, barium, molybdenum, silver, gold, iron, lead, cobalt, and also extremely large amounts of nickel. These "startling" discoveries by geologists of the U.S. monopolies come after decades and decades of lies by the U.S. colonizers that Puerto Rico was nothing but a poor and helpless island, completely dependent on the U.S. because it "lacked" natural resources.

But this outrageous sellout of Puerto Rico's mineral wealth by the colonial puppets in San Juan is already being called "el robo del siglo" (the steal of the century), and an islandwide popular resistance to the copper deal has begun. In a general call to the Puerto Rican people, Juan Mari Bras, secretary-general of the PSP, recently declared that "not one pound of copper from our soil will go for the profits of foreign companies."

Even officials from the colonial Department of Natural Resources were opposed to the copper deal, claiming that the island government would receive virtually nothing from the profits made by the U.S. monopolies. It is estimated that the government of Puerto Rico might get \$30 million a year from the copper profits (an incredibly low percentage of the total profits projected). But even this amount would be reduced by construction costs, highways, schools, hospitals, and other costs involved in the relocation of thousands of families and the loss of the mountains' resources and natural landscape.

## U.S. TO NET \$1 BILLION

The copper deal is expected to yield the U.S. monopolies over \$1 billion in profits for copper deposits that are worth about \$8 billion on the world market. Kennecott and AMEX were given the exploitation rights without having to make a bid to the Puerto

Rican government, although Hernandez Colon had promised that competitive bids from all over the world would be taken before awarding the rights.

Moreover, the two giant U.S. monopolies will be taking huge profits out of the island without having to provide adequate pollution controls for the surrounding environment. (Sun Oil Co. several years ago built a refinery in Puerto Rico which violated the minimum U.S. pollution standards.) The hardships suffered in the dislocation of many farmers are also of little concern to these corporate giants.

Independentist leaders are therefore predicting another wave of migration from Puerto Rico to the U.S. However, in an editorial published in the June 2 edition of *Claridad*, it was explained how the copper in the hands of the Puerto Rican people could really help liberate the island economically:

"All this copper could be the basis for an essential industry which would benefit the people of Puerto Rico, if they were the ones to exploit their own mineral deposits, when they want to, how they want to, and where they want to sell it."

## COLONIAL DEPENDENCY

Washington and Wall Street have always carefully avoided allowing Puerto Rico to develop a general industrial base, which could only accelerate a trend towards self-sufficiency and therefore away from colonial dependency. The U.S. has permitted only the development of minor or intermediate industries in Puerto Rico, such as the relatively new petrochemical refining industry, or the manufacturing of electronic parts, or an apparel industry, etc.

Even the building of the widely opposed superport on the west coast of Puerto Rico will enlarge only the highly polluting petrochemical industry and still not provide Puerto Rico with its own oil industry. (Puerto Rico does not own any oil wells domestically or abroad nor does it distribute any of the petroleum products it refines.)

In fact, the U.S. has blocked every attempt to establish heavy industry on the island colony. Several years ago, the U.S. Commerce Department stopped the Volkswagen company from building an entire assembly plant in Puerto Rico, which would have provided more jobs than any other single industry in Puerto Rico. In the same way, Washington will not allow Puerto Rico to have a copper industry (even under U.S. ownership) on its soil from beginning to end, that is, from the extracting stage to the manufacturing of copper products. Kennecott and AMEX have agreed to set up only extracting and refining industries on the island, while manufacturing will probably be done on the U.S. mainland.

But the imperialist rape of Puerto Rico's resources is not going to go unchallenged. The Puerto Rican people are awakening and the independentist forces throughout the island have launched a mass resistance movement to the Yankee colonial plunder. The people will foil "el robo del siglo."

# Peron government in crisis; ERP scores new victories

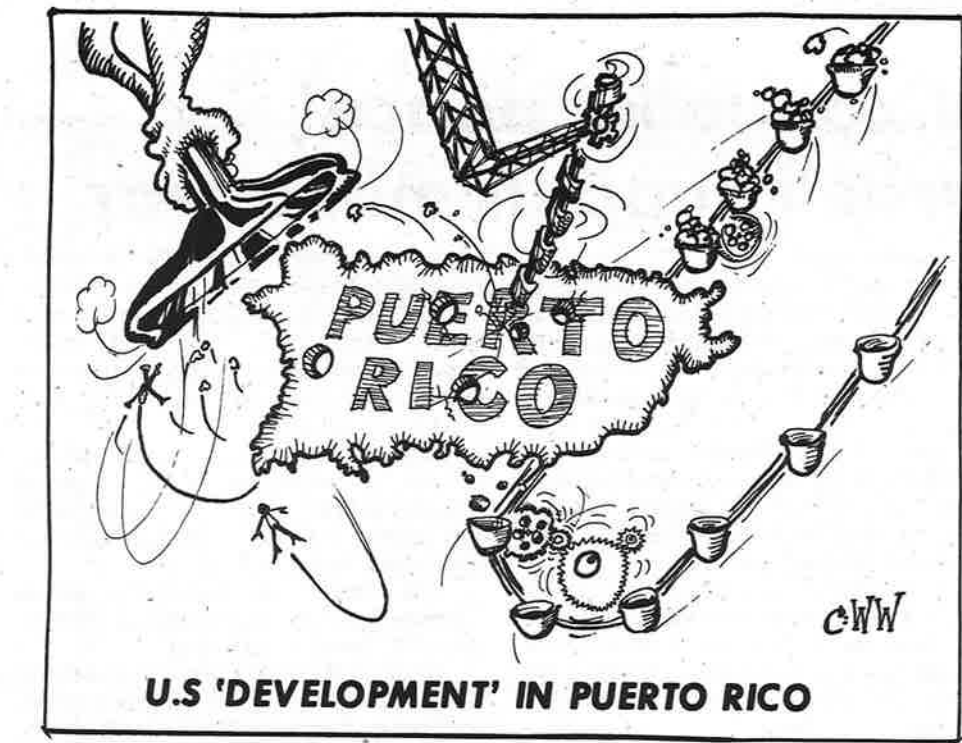
By P. MEISNER

It was just about a year ago that General Juan Peron returned to Argentina after 18 years of exile. After a brief period of indirect rule through his hand-picked president, Hector Campora, Peron was allowed to retake the reins of governmental power with the acquiescence of the ultrareactionary military junta, on the condition that he carry out a bourgeois policy of pacifying Argentina's explosive class struggle.

Peron was elected president last September and has stayed true to his capitalist

and military bosses by swinging the new government way to the right of his predecessor Peronist government. But Peron's rightwing terror against all left opponents of his regime, along with his anti-working class economic program, has by now been unmasked as his and the capitalist class's doing.

Consequently, Peron's regime is now in the throes of a deep social and political crisis. Peron's bourgeois fraud, known as the "Social Pact," which calls for class "cooperation" and class "harmony," is completely bankrupt. The Argentine



# High prices, unemployment plague Chilean economy

By SHARON SHELTON

During the 3 years of the Popular Unity government under Salvadore Allende, a favorite harangue of the Chilean reaction was that the economy of Chile was collapsing because of "socialism."

Yet a look at present-day Chile reveals that, under the junta which reopened the doors to U.S. imperialism, the economic crisis has in fact intensified.

A recent article in the *New York Times* reveals, for example, that inflation for the first 5 months of this year alone reached more than 100 percent in Chile.

And only this month, the price of necessities such as bread, milk, and cooking oil leapt 100 percent—after at least tripling in price immediately after the coup. Prices have soared so quickly that some estimates place the cost of living rise for necessities since September at a towering 2,000 percent!

Food prices are so high that many workers and peasants, who bear the brunt of Chile's economic problems, have been forced to give up meat completely—a "luxury" they were first able to afford under the Allende government. Malnutrition and even starvation are beginning to spread rapidly, especially in the working class districts.

What's more, with the approach of Chile's bitter winter season, many cannot afford high fuel prices and face the real prospect of freezing to death.

Unemployment in Chile is rampant. Even the most conservative estimates place the unemployment rate at 10 percent while, according to an article in *The Times* of London, in Santiago's industrial districts unemployment has rocketed to around 60 percent.

Conditions have so deteriorated that the junta is beginning to lose support among those members of the petty bourgeoisie who originally backed the takeover.

In the middle class areas in Santiago,

prices have skyrocketed. Items like radios have shot up in price to almost 8 times their original cost. Restaurants often are vacant, since meals now cost \$7 or \$8—well beyond the range of all but Chile's big bourgeoisie and those U.S. imperialists who make Santiago their headquarters.

"I keep asking myself if this is why we fought the Allende government so hard," a one-time vehement defender of the junta was quoted in the *New York Times* as complaining. "But now, what is there to defend?"

The generals (as well as their masters the U.S. bankers) have tried to shift the blame for the soaring prices and widespread unemployment to the Allende government.

Of course, they conveniently neglect to mention the efforts of the U.S. to exacerbate the crisis under Allende. They neglect, for example, the U.S.-initiated economic blockade, the CIA role in the sabotage of the economy by the Chilean bourgeoisie, U.S. manipulation of world copper prices, and other imperialist maneuvering designed to cripple the economy.

## CHILE HAD REFORMS, NOT SOCIALISM

Instead, they try to paint today's crisis as well as the difficulties that Allende faced as brought on by "socialism," ignoring the fact that despite the gains for workers under Allende, the Chilean bourgeoisie still basically held power. They also ignore the fact that in the countries with planned economies where the workers truly have taken power, such as in the Soviet Union or Peoples China, unemployment and inflation are unheard of!

So indeed, far from being a crisis brought on by socialism, the deteriorating conditions in Chile are really part of the same general crisis that is reverberating throughout the capitalist world, especially in those countries that are robbed daily by imperialism.

bourgeoisie has defied Peron's wage-"price" freeze and created a 24 percent rate of inflation. Meanwhile, hundreds of thousands of workers in many industries continue to go out on strike, month after month, despite the antistrike pleas of the loyal, pro-Peron trade union bureaucracy.

Earlier this month, Peron threatened to resign, and as the economic crisis deepened, Peron's entire cabinet actually did resign. Peron refused to accept the resignations, but the 78-year-old and quite ill president was further weakened as head of an already shaky government.

Peron's crisis can also be traced to his failure to crush the entire left, both inside and outside the "Peronist" movement. Peron has been somewhat successful in carrying out a witchhunt against many left Peronist officials (including the ouster of

three provincial governors and the closing down of several left Peronist newspapers) and assassinations of members of various radical left organizations, including the Communist Party (PC), the Socialist Workers' Party (PST), and several left Peronist organizations.

But Peron's downfall may be laid to the one obstacle preventing him from completely crushing the left. That obstacle is the largest revolutionary organization in Argentina, the Revolutionary Army of the People (ERP). In fact, ERP guerrillas humiliated the army and police last month by capturing the very town from which a "counterinsurgency" operation had been launched. The ERP has also swelled its ranks in the last few months with former Peronist guerrillas and other disillusioned left-Peronists.



## The Pentagon budget

# Where will the next trillion go?

By PETE PERKINS (Vietnam vet)

Recently the Pentagon through its stooge Nixon put together its annual shopping list. When totaled, the bill adds up to \$134 billion.

Having spent over a trillion dollars of taxpayers' money over the previous 15 years, \$150 billion of it on the destruction of Indochina, they now want us to share their joy in knowing that the next trillion will go down the drain in just 10 years, perhaps less. Let's take a look at what's in store for us.

### THE VOLAR MYTH

The Pentagon bases its strategy on several key factors and suppositions that amount to wishful thinking. First of all is the "Volar" (volunteer army) concept. Nations like Japan, England, and a few others maintain the type of small "professional" army that the U.S. last tried to achieve between the end of World War I and the start of World War II. During and after World War II they drafted people, and generally saw to it that these draftees occupied the so-called "combat specialties"; in other words, the draftees became the infantry. The logical outcome of this strategy was the near state of insurrection that prevailed over the entire expeditionary army in Vietnam.

The Volar program has produced a whole new series of posters, billboards, and rock-and-roll-style TV ads. But it has failed to develop the "professional" soldiers the Brass dream about and then use and abuse once they get them. On the contrary, troops today still resent their officers, still go AWOL, still smoke dope, count the days until they'll be out, and generally don't take

their calling too seriously.

The Brass are also hoping to develop a new cadre of more modernized "lifers" (career sergeants), somewhat different from the dim-witted goons they have around now. The very last of the old World War II vintage Sgt. Fury-style lifers are currently being put out to pasture after maxing out at 30 years. Anyone joining today and hanging around for 30 will find himself getting out in the next century, a veteran (if he makes it) of "electronic battlefield"-style warfare.

### THE ELECTRONIC BATTLEFIELD

In the April 22 issue of Newsweek magazine, much of this automated warfare strategy was laid before the eyes of the American public in depth for the first time. The article was entitled "Visions of the Next War." It came complete with an artist's conception of such modern "marvels" as Telstar aerial TV coverage of the battlefields below, including instant replay, Mirvs, Marvs, laser-beam flashlights, nuclear H-bomb artillery batteries, computer-directed one-shot one-kill mortar positions, nuclear submarines, infra-red sensors, aerobody zeppelins, hovercraft destroyers, and the like.

Since the Pentagon plans to purchase a cool trillion worth of these expensive toys over the next 10 years, let's see what their cost and value will be. The biggest single item will be the development of the B-1 bomber to replace the current crop of B-52s so that these in turn can be shipped along to client nations like Israel, Brazil, South Korea, etc.

Recently innovated aircraft have been

rivaling some of the early missiles in their failures and cost overruns. Every B-1 that eventually flies will have cost billions of dollars and will guzzle gas with an almost insatiable thirst.

During both the Korean War and Vietnam, Gen. Curtis LeMay's "bomb them back into the Stone Age" tactics were used, but the will of the people to resist U.S. imperialism was never broken. In Vietnam, a nation no larger than California, still managed to repel its invaders after withstanding both ground involvement and unprecedented bombing. The Brass still hope for bigger and better bombers to "do the job," much as an addict looks for more heroin to end all his problems.

### 'SMART BOMBS'

Another thing they're banking on is "smart bombs." Infrared sensor planes used to fly over Vietnam with piss-sensitive detectors until the "smart bombs" that followed them got confused by all the open bottles of urine left around to decoy them. When radar was the new rage, pilots screwed it up by dropping aluminum foil out behind them as they went. What will happen to laser-honing devices that detect radio and TV impulses when more than one impulse is around?

Before long every "smart" device gets confused by either simple or complex counterdevices. That in turn leads to the bombing of "friendly" positions, as happened over and over again in Vietnam.

### GLOBAL STRATEGY PROBLEMS

To maintain their faltering grip in Asia, the U.S. admirals like to say, "The sea is the key." The Navy Brass have amassed a powerful armada spearheaded by giant aircraft carriers built to withstand torpedo hits from anything up to and including small nuclear explosions. Despite this modern-day Spanish Armada at their disposal, the admirals are worried about two big problems they have, the Soviet Navy and their own

crew members, not necessarily in that order.

The unseen, underwater force of Soviet subs worries them constantly. But they realize also that there might be a few of their own crew members around who just can't feature the idea of "bombing Africa back into the Stone Age," or whatever the mission happens to be.

Within Europe today, as revealed in the Newsweek article, there are over 7,000 small H-bombs in the arsenals of various artillery batteries. Plans are under way to add half a billion dollars worth of nerve gas shells to the stock—all this for gun placements with a maximum range of just 25 miles. They call this taking a "firm posture."

### ANTI-NATO CONFERENCE

For this and many other reasons, GIs in Europe are making it known that they intend to take actions of their own to counter the reckless, insane policies of the NATO command. A major conference is being planned for this November in Utrecht, Holland, for anti-war GIs from every NATO member nation to discuss ways of dealing with their common problems. Just the prospect of such a gathering is enough to worry the Brass and blow their little minds.

Back during the height of the GI resistance movement during the late 1960s and early 1970s, we had a slogan: "Make your own history or the Brass will make it for you." Today's GIs may be somewhat hoodwinked by misleading slogans like "388 to learn a skill," but the need to make their own history is still coming through to them.

At the same time, oppressed and working people are getting the same message loud and clear. Nixon and the other politicians don't want us to get it all together all at the same time, but eventually we will. The closing act for the militarists here will be the opening of a bright new era for the people.



## Anti-Nixon mobilization called for July 4 in D. C.

By JULIO A. GHIGLIOTTY, JR.

July 4 signifies to the American bourgeoisie their successful break with the British Empire at a time when British capitalism was rising to world supremacy. When British imperialism waned and decayed, the American bourgeoisie was there to push it aside and assume world imperialist domination.

July 4 has been presented to the American worker as the day marking the emergence of individual freedom, equality, and the "right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Yet, all this freedom and equality has always been the "right" of the ruling class. Any "freedom," "equality," or right to "the pursuit of happiness" which the working class has attained was achieved by the bloody struggle of the masses, and even then it has been limited and grudgingly given.

"Freedom" has come to mean the freedom of the bourgeoisie to conquer and exploit, not only the American worker, but the land, labor, and resources of people throughout the world. "Equality" has come to mean that the workers are able to sell their labor power—their only "property"—

to the capitalists while the capitalists can sell the workers' product for profits. July 4 means that the American bourgeoisie can enjoy "the pursuit of happiness" at the expense of the workers of the world.

This July 4, the Vietnam Veterans Against the War-Winter Soldier Organization has called for a massive demonstration in Washington, D.C. to protest the crimes which the Nixon administration has committed against the American people, especially the Vietnam-era veteran, and the peoples of the world.

Demonstrators will begin arriving on July 1 to participate in an encampment from which peaceful actions will be carried out culminating in a march on July 4. The VVAW-WSO is asking all progressive groups and organizations to participate and support their demands of: universal and unconditional amnesty for all who resisted the American war effort in Vietnam, blanket discharges for all veterans, implementation of the peace agreements, and an end to all aid to the repressive regimes of Thieu and Lon Nol, and a call for the impeachment of Nixon.

Actions during the 4 days will be aimed

at the crimes of the American ruling class, currently represented by the Nixon administration, against the peoples of the world. Demonstrations will be held at the Veterans Administration (responsible for carrying out the economic war against Vietnam veterans); the Discharge Review Board (which upholds the oppressive branding of veterans with "less than honorable" discharges, thereby punishing them for life); the Congress (which, despite an indignant show of defiance, has rubber stamped the Nixon administration's policies of repression and world economic domination); the Justice Department (domestic repressive agent of the White House); and the White House itself, the highest executive organ of American imperialism.

The split in the ruling class which is embodied in the whole Watergate affair makes this July 4 an appropriate time to intensify the attack on the Nixon administration. Nixon should be impeached not only because of his devious and underhanded methods of getting re-elected, but because of his crimes as the representative of the ruling class against the poor and oppressed people of the world—against the Vietnam veterans, against the Black and Latin people, the Asians, and all workers and oppressed.

For information on buses and departure areas, contact the VVAW-WSO national office, 827 W. Newport, Chicago, Illinois.

Impeach Nixon and the whole system!

## Black vets defend victims of racism

By TONY CARUTHERS (IVFSEP)

DETROIT, June 1—This is a city where racism has a deep history, but where open, wanton racism has been seldom seen in recent years. Detroit was once again reminded of its racist sores.

Mrs. Ella Richardson, a divorced mother with five children (four sons and a baby girl), has been the victim of repeated attacks on a home she purchased in an all-white neighborhood. Rocks were hurled through all the windows and dead fish were thrown through the jagged openings.

In desperation, Mrs. Richardson contacted the infamous Detroit police department for protection. A squad car of two comic book-reading officers was assigned to her house.

Joe Madison, President of the Detroit NAACP, assigned a contingent of guards from his organization, but this was only a temporary measure. Interested Veterans for Sociological and Economic Progress (IVFSEP) and Black veterans who had flown here from Milwaukee provided the final measure by sending out a khaki-clad squad of Black Vietnam war veterans. Shortly after they did this, all hostilities ceased.

# political prisoners

## Humberto Pagan

A major victory in the struggle for Puerto Rican liberation was won when the Supreme Court of Puerto Rico was forced to drop the last remaining charges against Independentista HUBERTO PAGAN.

Originally charged with killing Major Juan B. Mercado of the murderous Puerto Rican police force, Pagan, in fear for his life, was forced to leave his native homeland Puerto Rico. This frameup of Humberto Pagan arose out of a pro-independence uprising at the University of Puerto Rico in March of 1971. In an effort to crush the independence forces, the colonial police forcibly invaded the campus armed to the teeth with automatic weapons, tear gas, and attack dogs. However, the students defended themselves heroically and the battle which followed left three of the specially trained riot police dead.

Pagan, a well-known and militant activist in the independence movement, was quickly singled out by the U.S. colonial regime and charged with murder. In an atmosphere of hysteria created by the press, Humberto was not only left at the mercy of reactionary rightwing forces but also faced the additional threat of the death penalty from the kangaroo courts in Puerto Rico.

Cowardly attempts on his life led Humberto to flee to Canada where he soon was arrested by Canadian authorities. The U.S. ruling class and its colonial puppets in Puerto Rico immediately pressured the Canadian government to extradite Pagan back to Puerto Rico, where he would be "legally" lynched. A defense committee was set up in New York which included such organizations as Resistencia Puertorriquena and Youth Against War & Fascism.

In February of 1972, members of YAWF and Resistencia took over the Canadian Consulate in Manhattan for more than 6 hours. In addition, the defense committee organized carloads of supporters to show their solidarity with Pagan at the many deportation hearings in Ottawa, Canada.

After holding Humberto for many months inside the Canadian jails, the authorities finally ruled against extraditing him. The ruling came after many weeks of deportation hearings where the bankruptcy of the frameup was exposed by many witnesses flown in from Puerto Rico. The tremendous mass support for Humberto, in addition to the overwhelming evidence presented during the hearings, was mainly responsible for the favorable decision.

Almost 4 years later, the Supreme Court in P.R. finally admitted there was no probable cause linking Humberto with the killing of Major Mercado. The lack of evidence against Pagan compelled the court to drop all the charges.

## Steve Squire

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., June 13—STEVE SQUIRE, anti-war activist in the Charlottesville area, was jailed on Monday, June 9. In April 1972, Squire had held a poster protesting U.S. involvement in Vietnam at an ROTC parade at the University of Virginia. He was arrested on so-called "disorderly conduct" charges by campus police, convicted, and given a \$25 fine and a suspended jail term.

Feeling that his First Amendment rights to freedom of speech were violated by the enforcement of the vague "disorderly conduct" statute, Squire appealed and again was convicted, this time receiving a stiffer 4-month, \$600 fine-plus-court-costs sentence. After a lengthy series of appeals, during which Squire was free on bond, the U.S. Supreme Court finally refused to hear the case, sending Squire to jail.

Squire and his wife have little money to pay the fine and court costs, estimated at \$400, and any donation from the working public would be greatly appreciated. Send to: Steve Squire Defense Fund, c/o Charlottesville Resistance, Box 85X, Newcomb Hall Station, Charlottesville, Va. 22903.

## Rosenbergs

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were electrocuted on June 19, 1953, after being framed up in a cold war hysteria for conspiracy to commit espionage. The government accused them of stealing the "secret" of the A-bomb after the USSR broke the U.S. monopoly on nuclear weapons.

In commemoration of the 21st anniversary of their execution, over 3,000 people attended a meeting in New York City on June 17 that was sponsored by the National Committee to Reopen the Rosenberg Case.

The NCRRC has recently secured copies of documents which prove the government



Julius and Ethel Rosenberg.

knew their witnesses were lying about alleged payments for classified information.

The Rosenbergs' sons, Michael and Robert Meeropol, both addressed the meeting, speaking of the need to prevent the government from destroying files on the case which have been kept locked up for over 20 years.

Morton Sobell, who was sentenced to 30 years in the case and released in 1969, and his wife Helen also spoke at the meeting. Along with Michael and Robert Meeropol, they joined Big Black, an indicted Attica Brother, in linking the Rosenberg case to current-day political frameups.

Again and again, the speakers hit at the point that the fight to expose the crime against the Rosenbergs will help to derail the prosecution of the Attica Brothers, the Wounded Knee defendants, and all the scores of political trials today.

## Gary Lawton, Zurebu Gardner

RIVERSIDE, Calif., June 14—Franklin Glenn and Leonard Holt, defense attorneys in the Lawton-Gardner case, have been summoned to appear before the Riverside County grand jury on June 24.

The Riverside Political Prisoners Defense Committee says this is part of a pattern of harassment of people supporting GARY LAWTON and ZUREBU GARDNER.

Lawton is a community organizer. He and Zurebu Gardner are Black residents of Riverside charged with killing two white policemen in 1971.

Two previous trials of the two men have ended in hung juries and most of the jurors have voted for acquittal. An unusual third trial is scheduled to begin July 29 in Riverside.

On Wednesday, June 5, Glenn and Holt issued a joint statement calling on District Attorney Byron Morton to drop all charges against Lawton and Gardner. They stated, "It's undisputed that for 3 years Morton has had the total resources" of the FBI, California Attorney General, Riverside Sheriff's Department and Riverside Police, "and has not been able to convince two

predominantly white juries."

"There were those who thought the election (DA Byron Morton was re-elected on June 4) would allow the district attorney to invoke some sanity and to abandon this 3-year-long need to make scapegoats of Messrs. Gardner and Lawton."

Two days later, in an unusual action, the District Attorney subpoenaed attorneys Holt and Glenn to appear before the jury, but proceedings were postponed until June 24. Morton would not reveal the reason for the subpoenas.

On Sunday, May 19, 200 people from Riverside, southern California, and across the country attended a rally in support of the two defendants and in celebration of the birthday of Malcolm X. The rally followed a march from the county courthouse in downtown Riverside.

The following Saturday, May 25, 50 members of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War-Winter Soldier Organization passed out leaflets in residential areas of Riverside. The leaflets gave the residents information on the upcoming third trial of Lawton and Gardner. The VVAW-WSO members were attending the California-Nevada Regional Conference which was held in Riverside to show the organization's support for the two defendants.

For more information, contact the Riverside Political Prisoners Defense Committee (RPPDC), 3859 Main St, Rm. 22, Riverside, Calif. 92502, (714) 686-2363 (714) 682-3486.

## San Quentin 6

On June 23, the state of California was put on trial by the SAN QUENTIN SIX in federal court for violating their Eighth Amendment right against cruel and unusual punishment.

JOHNNY SPAIN, FLEETA DRUMGO, HUGO PINELL, WILLIE TATE, DAVID JOHNSON, and LUIS TALAMANTEZ are being held in solitary confinement in the "Adjustment Center" of San Quentin, even though the indictments against them have been thrown out of court.

The San Quentin Six were charged with the deaths of three guards on August 21, 1971, when George Jackson was assassinated by the state gunmen. The indictments were quashed last January on the grounds that the grand jury was unrepresentative of the community, but the DA is trying to get them reinstated.

The ruling against the indictments was the first time that the constitutional right to a jury of peers was upheld. In the case of the Houston 12, charged with assault on cops, the ruling against the grand jury composition was also won. In both cases, the victories came as the result of widespread popular support.

Prisoners in California are also pressing a class action suit to eliminate "adjustment centers" altogether.

Free the San Quentin Six! Abolish the "adjustment centers"!

## Leavenworth Brothers

ARMANDO MIRAMON, JESSE LOPEZ, ALF HILL, ALFRED JASPER, ODELL BENNETT, and JESSE LEE EVANS are charged with kidnaping, murder, mutiny, riot, assault, and other related charges in reprisal for the July 31, 1973 rebellion at the Leavenworth, Ks. federal penitentiary.

On that day, inmates took hostages as a last resort in order to get Warden Loren Daggett to hear their grievances and get outside publicity for the brutal conditions. A guard was killed that day in another part of the prison.

The six Brothers are all Black or Chicano political activists in the struggle for

prisoners' rights. A white prisoner, WILLIAM HURST, was also charged, but he was separated from the others, and on May 9 of this year he died of suicide—according to prison officials.

Since the rebellion, the Brothers have been locked in the hole. The prison officials have intercepted and tampered with their mail, hampering their efforts to organize their defense, which is being supported on the outside by the Leavenworth Brothers Offense-Defense Committee.

In February and March, the Leavenworth Brothers appeared before Federal Judge William Stanley, who was himself the subject of one of the 13 grievances of July 31. The prisoners were beaten on the way to court, dragged into the courtroom in handcuffs and leg irons, and beaten again afterwards.

Judge Stanley had them gagged in the courtroom when they protested against "defenders" appointed by him. Jesse Lopez was severely brutalized by marshalls right in the courtroom when he asked Stanley if he would be beaten again.

In a related matter, Judge Stanley issued an order on Feb. 10 denying that Odell Bennett was on a hunger strike in order to prevent Bennett from getting transferred to the hospital unit. Prison records showed that Odell's weight had dropped from 160 lbs. on Jan. 2 to 123 lbs. on Feb. 10.

Finally, on March 8, a lawyer got in to see Odell and prevailed upon the warden to have him hospitalized.

Odell has also had 3 years added to his sentence for the charge of resisting a federal officer. Last Aug. 22, Bennett was to appear in Stanley's court regarding six charges he had filed against Warden Daggett. When he was ordered to submit to a rectal search, Odell declared that he would sooner drop the charges.

But seven guards overpowered him and forcibly administered the "finger wave" rape. On May 9, Odell was convicted on one of the four counts of resisting.

Perhaps the charge of kidnaping against Jesse Lopez best demonstrates the vindictiveness of the frameup. On July 31, Jesse was in the hole for possession of "hate literature"—a Workers World catalog and pamphlets. Inmates holding hostages asked for him to be an intermediary with the warden, and the warden sent for him. For this he is now charged with kidnaping—even though in the discussions that followed, Warden Daggett agreed to no reprisals.

On May 23, the six remaining Leavenworth Brothers appeared before Judge Frank Theis in the federal courthouse in Leavenworth, in a hearing to determine legal counsel and set a trial date. Theis ordered a 30-day extension for the Brothers to obtain lawyers and stated the trial would probably be in September.

The Leavenworth Brothers Offense-Defense Committee is in desperate need of funds. Send support to the LBO-DC, 306 West 39th St., P.O. Box 5818, Kansas City, Mo. 64111, phone (816) 753-1619.

## Houston 12

By BARBARA TIMKO

HOUSTON, June 20—A group of activists attending the National Chicano Youth Conference in Austin, Texas, last week, heard Alex Rodriguez speak on the case of the Houston 12. He was discussing the motion which forced Judge Andrew Jefferson on May 20 to throw out the felony indictments against the five members of the Houston 12 accused of "assault with intent to murder a police officer." These charges stemmed from the October 9, 1973 police attack on a picket line organized by Youth Against War & Fascism (YAWF) against the war in the Middle East.

"Our attorneys proved in court that the



grand jury system which indicted the Houston 12 was illegal and had no right to decide whether we stand trial. That grand jury included no Chicanos, and three of the five of us charged with attempted murder of a policeman are Chicano. It included no working people, and all of us work for a living. It included no one under 30 years old, and all of us are young," explained Rodriguez.

"But weren't you reindicted less than 48 hours later?" asked a Chicana woman from Waco, Texas.

"Yes, we were," answered Alex, "and we are scheduled to go on trial in September or possibly later in the fall. But the reindictment didn't surprise us. We knew the DA was going to move quickly for reindictment."

"The new grand jury they used to reindict us had one Chicano, but of course that isn't representative of Houston. It should have included Blacks, workers, women, and young people as well as Chicanos. Only in that way could the grand jury have complied with our motion."

The far-reaching motion presented in court in May by the team of Houston 12 attorneys (Brady Coleman and Cameron Cunningham of Austin and Larry Sauer, John Sayer, and Robert Turner from Houston) is as interesting as it is important. Only once before have indictments been dismissed on the same grounds: the unconstitutional character of a grand jury. This was several months ago in the case of the San Quentin 6 in California.

Although lawyers prepared the final arguments for the precedent-setting motion and skillfully presented them in court, the weeks of tedious research were done by a group of young Houston progressives who have no connection at all with the legal profession.

The study spans a 10-year period in Texas' Harris County. Testimony during the hearing on the motion revealed that business executives, professionals, and proprietors, who make up only 10 percent of the Harris County population, constitute 62

percent of the grand jury members. The systematic exclusion of Chicanos, Blacks, women, and youth was also sharply demonstrated.

The grand jury that returned the indictments against Alex Rodriguez, Miguel Trujillo, Bartee Haile, Jose Barriga, and William Christiansen has in all indicted almost 1,500 people. Due to the ruling in the Houston 12 case, all these indictments are now subject to dismissal.

William Christiansen has taken on the difficult task of coordinating legal work for the Houston 12 Defense Committee. He explained how it has become clear that Judge Jefferson in his May 20 decision severely limited the scope of the defense motion. Jefferson has delayed putting his ruling in writing, offering only a verbal opinion when he dismissed the indictments. Jefferson's criticism of the grand jury is limited to the exclusion of Chicanos and does not address the issue raised by the Houston 12: that grand juries are totally unrepresentative of the general population and, hence, blatantly unconstitutional.

William went on to discuss the very able young lawyers who have come to the aid of the 12. "Coleman and Cunningham were attorneys for the Gainesville 8, the VVAW activists accused by the federal government in 1972 of a crazy conspiracy to disrupt and attack the Republican National Convention. The trial resulted in a stunning acquittal. Coleman and Cunningham, along with John Sayer, were the lawyers for Bartee Haile in his 1971 trial on the charge of 'attempted murder of a police officer.' (On July 26, 1970, police snipers attacked the People's Party II, a local Black organization, murdering the PPII chairman, Carl Hampton, and shooting down approximately 20 other people including Bartee. The trial ended in a hung jury, with seven of the jurors voting for acquittal. The charge was eventually dropped.)

"During the occupation of Wounded Knee by the heroic Native Americans, John Sayer went to South Dakota and offered



Defense work for the Houston 12 continues and support for them grows. Here, supporters demonstrate in front of the District Attorney's office on May 20. WW Photo

legal support. While there John was the target of physical attack and harassment by police and the FBI. Larry Sauer and Robert Turner have both been involved in several progressive struggles. So we have a really fine team of attorneys, as everyone can see."

William concluded: "But we must always bear in mind that the historic decision made by Jefferson was not only the product of much research and the skills of our lawyers, but most importantly it was the result of the deep anger of poor and working people, especially Blacks and Chicanos, against the grand jury system and the whole racist system of injustice that it represents."

### Houston 12 Benefit

NEW YORK, June 23—Members and friends of Youth Against War & Fascism (YAWF) last night joined together for a special fund-raising benefit for the Houston 12.

The Houston 12 are 8 Chicanos and 4 Anglos who were viciously beaten and arrested last October while participating in

a YAWF demonstration against U.S. imperialist goals in the Mideast war. Five of the 12—Miguel Trujillo, Jose Barriga, Alex Rodriguez, William Christiansen, and Bartee Haile—face frameup charges of attempted murder of a police officer. Their case is scheduled to go to trial this fall.

Many of those attending the benefit could be seen dancing in their newly bought Houston 12 T-shirts. (They're available from YAWF, 46 West 21st St., New York, N.Y. 10010 in plain white or tie-dyed for \$2.) At 12 p.m., the dancing was interrupted by the announcement of winners of the raffle (for a 3-speed bicycle) and three door prizes: a poster of Che Guevara, the book Prison Letters of Ho Chi Minh, and a record of African liberation songs. Proceeds of over \$600 went to the Houston 12 defense.

Though fun was had by all, no one forgot the reason for the social. This was one evening of relaxation, good food, and good music that contributed to the success of the struggles of the workers and oppressed. Free the Houston 12! Free all political prisoners!

## Prisoners' Letterbox

On July 4 the National Alliance Against Racism and Political Repression is going to hold a march and demonstration in North Carolina, protesting capital punishment and the opening of the government's "experimental" hospital at Butner, N.C.

We prisoners can show our solidarity for once and support these people demonstrating in our behalf by not participating in any activities arranged by our "keepers" on that date. Also by passing up the "special" feast that you are supposed to be thankful for.

The largest single threat to the prisoners today is the experimental hospitals being built for the purpose of "curing" the "criminal mind." Employed in these hospitals and called "behavior modification" will be such techniques as electrical shock therapy and psychosurgery. Once before in history people allowed the leaders of their country to construct such "hospitals" and those leaders were hung by the courts in Nuremburg for heinous crimes on mankind! Can we stand by silently and allow it to happen again?

All prisoners have an interest in stopping capital punishment. It is the most repressive tool in the arsenal of the enemy and has been used primarily against the poor. It must not continue!!

This is not a decision for your brother or your friend to make for you. Each man must make his own stand. Do you or do you not approve? A basically simple question! Now is no time for the old and worn cliché, "I will if you will." It is an individual decision for each man. If you approve of these new measures to tighten the bonds of slavery, then by all means eat your hot dogs, drink your Coca Colas, enjoy their games. But while doing so, remember: "You could be chosen as a guinea pig!"

However, if you do not approve, pass the word! Organize your fellow prisoners and

support this action! If nothing else, place this appeal where others might read it! Stand up and be heard! Unity!

George E. Blue  
U.S. Prison, Atlanta, Ga.

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The following are excerpts from an open letter written by prisoners at the Springfield, Mo., Federal Medical Center for Prisoners. Springfield is one of the government's centers for psychosurgery, aversion therapy, and other forms of mental and physical torture.

Recently it was announced by the government that the START behavior modification program had been ended at Springfield, but prisoners there have since contacted the Prisoners Solidarity Committee with information that START programs are now more in use than ever before.

One of the authors of this letter is JON WILDES, serving an 11-year sentence from convictions as one of the Matrix Four. Two years ago several coordinators of the Matrix House, a federally funded drug addiction treatment program operating in Lexington, Ky., were arrested by the FBI on drug charges, in an obvious attempt to frame these activists who had in recent months begun working politically with Black and white addicts, explaining the oppression of capitalist society as the real cause of drug addiction.

Last March Wildes was placed in solitary confinement at Springfield, accused of manufacturing a bomb from a toilet paper roll; he and another inmate, JAMES HENRY TINSLEY, were also accused by the prison administration of belonging to the Symbionese Liberation Army.

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On May 3, 1974 James Henry Tinsley No. 38904-133 received a disciplinary report for the administration thought he was one of the powers behind the SLA movement in this institution. The charges filed by the administration are arbitrary and will be challenged.

Due to the animalist atmosphere upon

him he refused to be strip-searched. He was seriously beaten by five guards. Fortunately, Tinsley had the sense and maturity to passively resist this beating. He is a qualified combatant in the martial arts, and had he resorted to violence certainly the guards would have been injured and criminal charges for assaulting a federal officer would have been filed. This is not an isolated incident; other inmates have been beaten.

Several concerned inmates and a close personal friend brought this entire incident to the attention of the Tinsley family immediately. They went to the Bureau of Prisons, the Department of Justice, and the FBI in Washington, D.C. The necessary paper for an investigation has been filed and a federal court order granting a family visit was secured. Then, his parents flew to Missouri. Understandably, (prison director) Dr. Ciccone was reluctant to allow the visit.

Tinsley has received negligible medical attention, and for a while his medical record was misplaced or lost. In the hole he was passing blood. Cracked or fractured ribs were suspected, so an x-ray was taken. This beating has resulted in internal injuries. When Mr. Tinsley lowers his head numbness runs down his lower back into his legs. This feeling is extending progressively. Besides the obvious discomfort and pain, the man is experiencing severe headaches. Yet no medication has been given to him.

Before being released from the hole into general population, Tinsley was required to sign a waiver releasing the institution from responsibility for his personal safety. As long as he remains under the custody of the Bureau of Federal Prisons, Tinsley is at the mercy of the administration and the brutality of the guards. Certainly there must be concerned citizens', civic, and civil rights groups and religious organizations concerned with basic human rights. These conditions of brutality exist within this "Medical Center." How is any rehabilitation possible in an environment of fear and hate?

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Virginia State Farm, May 25:  
Six more of our comrades are now dead

But their deaths are not in vain, We know the life which they led Was full of joy, sorrow, and pain; They chose to die rather than surrender, They gave their lives bravely, This my brothers and sisters we must remember And struggle just as hard to be free.

The murders of our brave Comrades: Nancy Ling Perry, Patricia "Mizmoon" Soltysik, Donald DeFreeze, Angela Atwood, William Wolfe, and Camilla Hall, by cremation, are a tremendous loss to the Revolutionary Vanguard. They shall be missed and profoundly mourned, just as our other fallen Comrades have been.

However, we must bear in mind why they were murdered. The pigs surely could have used other tactics to insure their apprehension, but they chose to eliminate them for fear of the political impact their acts would have on the masses. If they were brought to trial, it would have been a political trial, despite the efforts of the imperialists to label our Comrades as common criminals. The imperialists could not afford such a confrontation. Thousands of people could have been politicalized as a direct result of our Comrades being brought to trial. The imperialists chose the easy way out; they simply had our Comrades murdered with hope their deaths would be an end to the struggle by oppressed people for liberation.

Our six brave Comrades held off hundreds of pigs for over an hour, until the pigs finally set fire to the house they occupied. Even then, our brave Comrades refused to surrender to the enemy. If such a small dedicated group of Comrades can hold off hundreds of pigs, just imagine what would happen if all oppressed people armed themselves and declared war against the imperialists! Against these tremendous odds this system would crumble extremely fast. Unfortunately, this will not occur in the near future. And because it has not and will not, six brave Comrades are dead.

"Political power comes from the barrel of a gun"—Mao Tse-tung.  
Antonio (Loco) Almanza

# Bankruptcy spreads as world capitalist crisis deepens

By LORRAINE BRESLOW

"A great depression." "A crash."

Who are making these predictions about the capitalist world? None other than the capitalist economists themselves. The financial pages of journals and papers read on Wall Street are full of news on inflation, deficits, devaluations, and slowdowns in production. And their view of what is to come is bad, bad news for the working people.

"One cure is a great depression," a recent CBS documentary said of a possible escape from ravaging inflation.

"A return to either price stability or financial stability without an intervening crash appear to me to be practically impossible. And the longer the crash is postponed by continuing the inflationary process of excessive credit expansion, the worse it will be when it does come," says Ashby Baden, Vice President of Guardian Life Insurance Co. of America.

The openness with which the bankers and industrialists are speaking to the press about "the coming depression" is a telling testimonial to their inability to stem the crisis.

In 1970 the United States registered an inflation rate of 3½ percent. Today inflation in the U.S. is upwards of 15 percent, in Germany 7 percent, England 15 percent, Canada 10 percent, Italy 20 percent, Japan 24 percent, Greece 34 percent, and Chile 708 percent! The trade and services deficit in the U.S. is running \$5.5 billion, in Denmark \$1 billion, in France \$6.5 billion, in Japan and Italy \$8.5 billion, and in England \$10.5 billion. Together the 24 largest industrial capitalist countries are running an average inflation rate of 16 percent and a combined balance-of-payments deficit this year of \$40 billion, contrasted with a \$5 to 8 billion surplus last year.

The unusual combination of shrinking production and growing unemployment along with galloping inflation has sent bourgeois theories into a tailspin. For the first quarter of 1974 the gross national product (GNP) of the U.S. dropped at a rate of 6.3 percent. The Japanese growth rate dropped 5 percent in the same period.

Similar phenomena are afflicting every capitalist country.

## THREE CRITICAL SYMPTOMS

But perhaps the most telling symptoms of the depth of the crisis are felt in Italy's threatened bankruptcy, the foundering of the Franklin National Bank in the U.S., and the bankruptcy of the Nihon Kogyo KK air-conditioning company of Japan, the largest corporate collapse since WWII. All three of these developments, tied to each other by the world system of imperialism, are sending shock waves into every nook and cranny of capitalism.

The Franklin National Bank is the 20th largest bank in the United States. Its liquidity crisis, stemming directly from a loss of close to \$40 million in foreign-exchange trading last month, makes it the largest bank to face insolvency in the history of the U.S.

Capitalist financial and corporate

bankruptcies are nothing new. They go on all the time in the period of monopoly capitalism, as corporations engulf each other in their built-in drive to expand and pile up greater profits. But the desperation with which the whole capitalist establishment is trying to piece together this falling giant shows clearly that they view the economic woes of the Franklin National not so much as an opportunity to swallow up a competitor, as a dangerous catalyst that could trigger financial collapse throughout the entire system.

The situation has become precarious almost overnight. As recently as 1 year ago the collapse of C. Arnolt Smith's U.S. National Bank in San Diego was the largest bank failure in American history. Yet it passed out of sight—largely absorbed by the Wells Fargo Bank—with hardly a ripple. But the Franklin National's death rattle comes at a time of extreme instability in the system as a whole. The failure of a huge

bank now might be the falling card that levels the whole deck.

## EMERGENCY MEETINGS OF BANKERS

In a frantic attempt to head off an economic earthquake, the big bankers, their economists, and politicians in every capitalist country have convened one emergency meeting after another. But the more they meet the more their desperation grows. At a session of prominent capitalist economists in the U.S. on June 7, it was concluded that "the prospective rate of inflation over the next several years poses an overriding threat to economic, social and political stability in the developed (that is, capitalist-imperialist—ed.) world."

But while they recognize the depth of the crisis, they can see neither its basic cause nor its solution. They blame the financial chaos on everything from a shortage of anchovies (used in cattle feed) to the "increased consumption" of peoples in the underdeveloped countries (500 million of whom are in fact starving), to a failure of countries like Italy to achieve a proper balance of payments by exporting more goods. Even as big U.S. bankers preach that Italy must export more, however, every capitalist country, the U.S. leading the pack, raises barriers against foreign imports—Italy's as well as everyone else's.

No, the fundamental problem is not anchovies or Italian exports. The fundamental problem lies in the very foundations of capitalist production itself. It is only the capitalist sector of the world that is experiencing mass unemployment and ravaging inflation. The workers oppressed in the capitalist and colonial worlds must bear the burden of capitalist crisis.

In its June 21 special report on inflation, CBS fearfully raised the question of the capitalist inability to solve these devastating economic catastrophes. Against a background film of millions of hungry people in rags in prerevolutionary China, the commentator stated, "The chaos in China went on until the Communists took over." Although the millionaire owners of CBS are horrified at such a prospect for this country, in posing the question they also gave the answer.



## Inflation turning pennies into paper scrip

By TOM MITCHELL

Where have all the pennies gone?

The U.S. Mint is punching out 35 million pennies a day, twice as fast as last year, but the penny pinchers are collecting them faster. Since the beginning of the year, over 5 billion pennies have disappeared and the Treasury estimates that overall 30 billion pennies are in hiding.

Even the Treasury promise of a patriotism certificate for turning in \$25 worth of pennies has failed to pry loose the stash.

Mint Director Mary Brooks says: "It's the weirdest thing I've ever seen." But the government currency controllers shouldn't be the least surprised at the run on the penny.

The Treasury set off penny hoarding in earnest last December when it announced that it would request legislation to mint aluminum cents.

### MORE TO IT THAN ON THE FACE OF IT

Inflation has made the penny so worthless that before long the copper in it will be worth more than one cent. In the last year, the price of copper has doubled so that

the metal in the penny is now worth nine-tenths of the face value.

What happened to silver coins will happen to the penny. The silver in the dimes and quarters last minted in 1965, which you won't find in your change, is now worth more than 4 times the face value of the coins.

By April 15, then-Treasury Secretary George Schultz issued regulations forbidding melting down or exporting pennies in an attempt to stop the hoarding. But that won't stop inflation. We are witnessing the last days of the copper penny.

On June 14, the Treasury approved issuance of paper scrip by stores in amounts up to 4 cents that may only be used in the issuing store. Will the Mint issue paper pennies next? Mint Director Brooks said the government itself would hoard 400 million pennies being made this year in San Francisco so that speculators can't get them.

### BIG TIME SPECULATORS

John D. Rockefeller once remarked: "Just worry about the pennies and the

billions will take care of themselves." (When we pay another penny for gasoline, they make another billion!)

Stores that are short of pennies and absorbing the loss on thousands of daily purchases are being painfully reminded of John D.'s adage, but not exactly the way he meant it. Already, a supermarket chain in New York City has been paying \$1.24 for 100 pennies.

That's the kind of profits the massive penny hoarders are anticipating. But there's no room for ordinary people in this kind of profiteering. It takes over a ton of pennies to make up a face value of \$3,000.

Surely many people have saved pennies since the shortage got publicity, if only to have some to show their children and reminisce about penny candy. Perhaps some have been holding onto pennies lately just to do their little bit to make trouble for the government of the Watergate swindlers.

But who has a ton of pennies?

### THE PATRIOTISM OF THE RICH

The worse inflation gets, the more the capitalists find it profitable to produce less

and hoard more, creating shortages to accelerate the price rise.

Right now, the cattle feedlot operators are deliberately holding beef off the market to get a minimum of \$40 per hundredweight, openly violating the antitrust price-fixing laws. Like all the inflationary shortages, this is the product of big business.

But the government talks like the pennies are being withheld in a million piggy banks. We suggest that new Treasury Secretary William Simon who mouths patriotism about turning in pennies should call on the patriotism of the capitalists to end all shortages!

Instead, Simon has come out for allowing U.S. "citizens" to buy gold bullion, permitting the rich the privilege of protecting themselves against inflation. The resulting intense speculation would drive up gold prices and drastically drive down the value of paper dollars that poor and working people would be left holding.

The rich are loyal only to their fortunes and continuing profits at our expense. Poor and working people must develop loyalty and organization for their own interests in opposition to the rich.

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