



Fascists assassinate Chilean MIR leader



Miguel Enriquez

NEW YORK, Oct. 10—Miguel Enriquez, First Secretary General of the Chilean Movement of the Revolutionary Left (MIR), and his comrade Carmen Castillo were gunned down on October 5 after heroically resisting military capture for 2 hours. Miguel Enriquez was killed; Carmen Castillo, in her seventh month of pregnancy, was seriously wounded and captured and is now in the hands of the fascist military dictatorship. The MIR has called upon all "progressives and revolutionaries in the United States to coordinate their efforts in a broad solidarity campaign to save the life of Carmen Castillo."

We of *Workers World* join in the mourning for this heroic revolutionary leader. We join also in the struggle to avenge his death.

Some U.S. press reports, notably in the *Christian Science Monitor*, gloated over this assassination, trying to give the impression that the resistance had died with Miguel Enriquez. But Colonel Pedro Ewin, representing the fascist Chilean junta, was not so sure as he said: "We have won a victory, but not the war."

Afraid of the popular outrage, the junta held an almost secret funeral with the cortege composed solely of police. The MIR, as our readers can see from the statement reprinted below, while acknowledging that the assassination has been a grave blow, shows itself ready to carry on that war.

Declaration of MIR Political Committee

The following declaration by Edgardo Enriquez, a member of the Political Commission of MIR, was received by *Workers World* on the slaying of Comrade Miguel Enriquez:

The working class, the oppressed people of Chile and the militants of the MIR are in mourning. Our comrade, Miguel Enriquez, the Secretary General of the MIR, has fallen, fighting gloriously, after having resisted with his machine gun for more than two hours of encirclement by his enemies. With

his death we have won a symbol of struggle.

Alongside him was his comrade, Carmen Castillo, who, seven months pregnant, was wounded and is presently imprisoned by the dictatorship. With the death of Miguel Enriquez, the Chilean working class has lost its most valuable and untiring organizer of the Resistance against the dictatorship. The MIR has lost its much loved Secretary General. As the example left by Che, so Miguel Enriquez has left behind an

Chilean CIA puppets armed with U.S. jets

By JOHN C. OTTO

NEW YORK, Oct. 12—The U.S. government has concluded a deal to send \$72 million worth of jet planes to Chile—the Chile ruled by a fascist military junta. This means the fascists will be supplied with 18 brand-new Northrup F-5E fighters and 16 Cessna A-37 attack planes.

Why is the U.S. government so open-handed with its military aid?

The leader of the fascist coup, Pinochet, and Air Force General Leigh (reputed to be even more right wing, if that can be imagined) undoubtedly want weapons to fight the Chilean resistance. They used planes in 1973 to bomb the poblaciones (towns of poor squatters) and the factories which resisted, killing thousands of workers and poor, and they would not hesitate to do it again. But such advanced, expensive airplanes are not even the most effective anti-resistance weapons. For the war against the resistance fighters, U.S. imperialism has supplied the latest in torture devices, as they did for the Brazilian generals, but jets seem like an excess.

THREATEN NEIGHBORS

This leaves one reason. The jets are to be used to threaten Chile's neighbors. On the current political

scene, it is Peru which has been carrying out a policy independent of U.S. imperialism. It has pushed for better relations with Cuba and the socialist world. The government has interfered with the newspapers owned by the few multi-millionaire families that also own most of Peru's mineral wealth along with the U.S. monopolies (the U.S. calls this censoring the "free press"). And Peru has been nationalizing U.S. industries.

It is not surprising that Peru's government sees a U.S. threat in the jets sent to Chile.

ENCOURAGING FOREIGN ADVENTURE

The U.S. government is encouraging what has been admitted by Ford himself to be a CIA-installed regime in Chile into foreign adventures, even before the fascists have settled their own crisis at home and while the Chilean resistance continues to grow.

Progressives around the world should protest this aggressive arrogant step taken by U.S. imperialism and its Chilean puppet. But we should also remember what a similar arrogance recently led to in Greece: an overthrow of the fascist Greek colonels and a setback for U.S. imperialism.

example of struggle to guide the Chilean Resistance.

HIS WORK ISN'T ENDED

The work of the Secretary General of MIR does not end with his death. The MIR will emerge from this difficult trial, clearer, stronger, and convinced not to take a single step backward in the struggle against the dictatorship. Another member of the Political Commission has assumed the role of Secretary General and has taken over the direction of the Party. The Party of Miguel Enriquez has people who are able to succeed him and to be loyal to his example and to his memory.

The heroic manner in which Miguel Enriquez died further strengthens the extraordinary work of a man who was only 30 years old at the time of his death. A doctor with two sons, he was already the symbol of the Chilean resistance. Today his name and his example serve as a symbol of struggle for the exploited people of Chile. In every act of resistance, his revolutionary image will calm

the ranks of the MIR, will quiet the tortured, and guide the long struggle of the workers and the peasants of Chile.

From the time of the coup until his death, Miguel Enriquez remained at the head of his Party. On the day of the military coup he participated personally in the armed confrontations with the criminals. Later, he personally directed the clandestine organization of the Party and struggled unceasingly for the unity of the Chilean Left.

Miguel and all of us on the Political Commission believed and continue to believe that the leaders of the Party must be in Chile. The MIR will uncompromisingly live up to the standards set by its fallen Secretary General. The MIR will be loyal to his legacy of combat and unity.

Miguel Enriquez has fallen as a responsible revolutionary, firing his machine gun at the criminals. He neither knew nor pardoned weakness. No one has the right to

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DECLINE AND FALL

FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES IN BOGOTA, COLOMBIA ...

New York Post, Sept. 17:

"Bogota—A woman and her eight children killed themselves yesterday by swallowing insecticides, it was announced here.

"Police called the incident 'unparalleled in the legal history of the department.'

"Police said the woman, Argelina Garzon, had apparently been depressed because of financial difficulties."

... AND ON FIFTH AVENUE

New York Post, Oct. 2:

"I haven't had a new dress since Mitchell walked out," said Martha Mitchell in a telephone interview from her Fifth Avenue apartment. She had hired a new maid after

her husband left 'mainly to have someone to live with me and fix the meals.' But she, herself, helped with the upkeep of the apartment: 'I scrub myself, that's what I do,' Mrs. Mitchell said."

CHIC DOGS GET FOOD 'FIT FOR A KING'

Newsweek, Sept. 9:

"The entree of the day at Animal Gourmet was beef Wellington. Hovering over the feast were five of New York City's trendiest lunch bunch: Tobler, a brown poodle; Felix, a white bichon frise; Ajax, a greedy white bulldog; Pazzo, a Yorkshire terrier who sported a white barrette in his hair; and Cricket, a shy Sheltie who lolled forlornly at his place setting.

"'It's the height of decadence,' admitted

Niki Horwich, a Manhattan housewife who was treating her Felix to lunch at the dogs-only restaurant.

"The \$17-billion-per-year pet industry is laughing all the way to the kennel."

IRS SAVES \$25,000 IN DRAMATIC MOVE'

New York Times, Oct. 4:

"M.J. Mighdoll, a spokesman for the recycling industry, yesterday praised a decision by the Internal Revenue Service to print 2.5 million of its approximately 81 million tax forms on 100 percent recycled paper.

"The move is expected to save the government \$25,000, according to an IRS estimate.

"Mr. Mighdoll, executive vice president of the National Association of Recycling Industries, said the cost saving was a 'dramatic indication of the economic viability of recycled papers.'"

WHILE PENTAGON WASTES \$16 BILLION IN QUIET MOVE

New York Post, Oct. 2:

"Soaring inflation has boosted the cost of completing 42 major Pentagon weapons projects by \$16 billion over the estimates of just three months ago.

"The 42 key military projects—which the Pentagon keeps track of to measure inflation just as consumer organizations keep track of a standard "grocery basket"—now are forecast as costing \$143.6 billion to complete as compared to \$127.6 billion.

"Pentagon spokesman William Beecher also forecast 'a substantial increase' in next year's military budget, to offset inflationary pressures."

But look at it this way: with that \$25,000 saved by the IRS, we've only been taken for an extra \$15,999,975,000 instead of the whole \$16,000,000,000. There's always a bright side if we only look for it.

Brookside coal miners' victory spurs organizing efforts in other coal fields

By JOHN LEWIS
NORFOLK, Va., Oct. 10—The recent victory of the coal miners at the Brookside mine of the Eastover Mining Co. (owned by the Duke Power Co.) has inspired and spurred organizing efforts throughout the eastern Kentucky coal fields.

ELECTION SET AT HIGHSPLINT MINE

On October 15, coal miners working the Highsplint mine of Eastover-Duke will vote on whether or not they want to be represented by the United Mine Workers of America (UMWA). On last July 8, a majority of these miners refused to cross an informational picket line set up at the mine by the then striking Brookside miners. The Brookside strike ended in victory for the miners on August 29. Just after the strike was over the Highsplint men went back to work.

Part of the Brookside settlement between Eastover-Duke and the UMWA was that if the union was voted in by the Highsplint miners, the company would recognize the union as their bargaining agent.

But even though Eastover-Duke had its nose bloodied in this strike victory, the company is still up to its old union-busting tricks. All the scabs and gun thugs whom the company used in a vain attempt to break the Brookside strike have been hired at Highsplint. According to Mickey Messer, President of Brookside Local 1974, "The scabs and thugs now have the

best jobs there. The men that respected our picket lines have lost their seniority and have been bumped back to the lowest paid and most dangerous jobs."

SCAB COMPANY UNION CONSPIRES WITH MINE OWNERS

One pro-UMWA miner has already been fired by the company. And the Southern Labor Union (SLU), a scab company union that supposedly "represents" the Highsplint miners, has fined about 30 of the men for walking the UMWA and SLU picket lines (the Highsplint miners carried signs that read "SLU Local 207 on strike").

Dorothy Johnson, a member of the militant Brookside Women's Club, said, "The Southern Labor Union is working with Norman Yarbrough (Eastover President) to try to keep the UMW out at Highsplint. The SLU is telling the men that if they don't vote against the UMW they will have to pay the fine of \$500."

Dorothy, Mickey, and other pro-UMWA people in Harlan County expect to win at Highsplint. Dorothy said, "The men at Highsplint need the United Mine Workers. We have to win there."

According to Mickey Messer, Brookside was the first mine organized by the UMWA in Harlan County since the 1940s. The Brookside victory came as a result of a long and bitterly fought 13-month strike. The coal companies will not give in to the union without

The victory of the Brookside miners' strike has spurred further union struggles, like this week-long protest against industrial murder organized by mine workers this summer.



More workers left jobless under capitalist system

By MOLLY CHARBONEAU
NEW YORK, Oct. 8—President Ford and his bevy of bourgeois economists see unemployment as the "answer" to inflation. However, those who make up the jobless, who last week numbered 5.8 percent of the population, need more than fine words to solve their dilemma.

In real terms, a 5.8 percent unemployment rate means that 5.3 million working people, young and old of every race, are without work. (These government statistics don't even count the vast numbers of poor people who have given up hope of ever finding work after months and even years of searching.)

Hardest hit by this new rise in the unemployment rate have been the young workers and working women, with Black, Latin, Native American, Asian, and Chicano workers from both these groups the most affected. Last month 1.5 million of the unemployed were young workers from 16 to 19 years old.

The unemployment rate for factory workers rose from 4.2 to 5.8 percent. The biggest lay-offs in this category were in garment and "soft-goods" (as opposed to heavy) industries—which employ a large number of women workers, particularly Third World women.

In addition to the unemployed, there are now 2.8 million sub-

employed workers who can find nothing better than part-time jobs. This is the highest level of such workers since 1961.

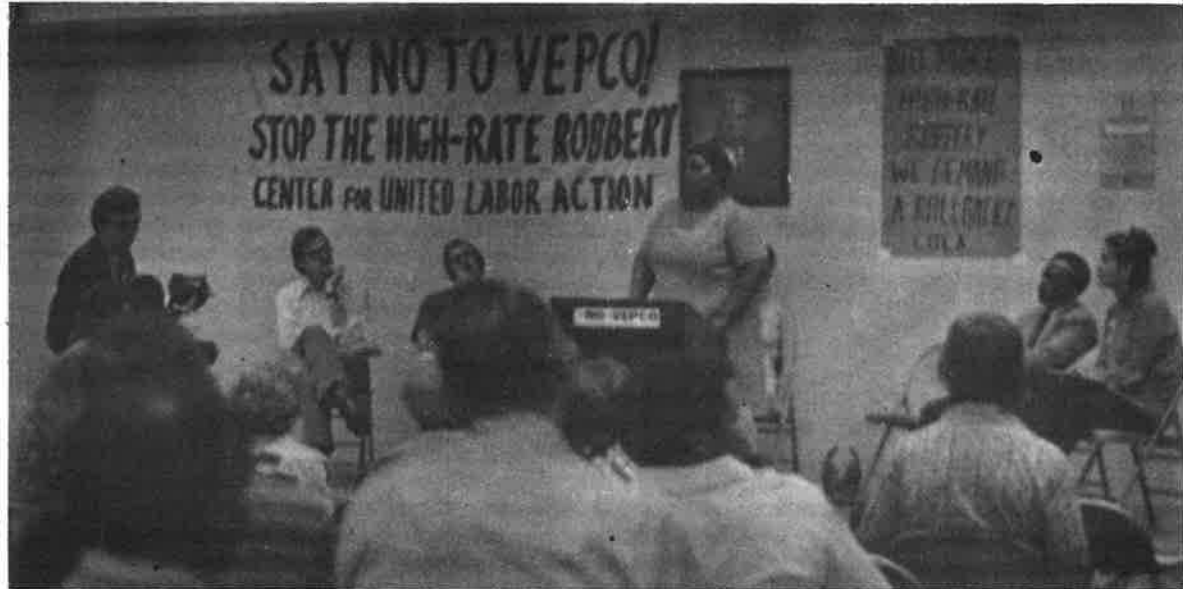
VICTORY WON AT PATHFORK MINE

But within 8 days of the signing of the UMWA national contract at Brookside, another victory for the miners had been scored. On

September 6, 200 miners working the Harlan-Pathfork No. 4 mine of the U.S. Plywood-Champion Paper Co. won a UMWA contract.

The miners had voted in the union back in 1971, but the company refused to bargain. For 3 years the miners were forced to work without a contract.

Fight against VEPCO rate increase grows in Virginia



In September 11 rally against rate increases, Yvonne Perry blasts Virginia power company's robbery of the people. WW photo

By ELEANOR RIGGS
NORFOLK, Va., Oct. 10—The State Corporation Commission (SCC) has granted the Virginia Electric and Power Company (Veeco) an "emergency" rate increase of \$97.7 million, despite overwhelming evidence of public opposition to any rate hike. This increase, which will cost the average consumer an estimated \$6.60 extra per month, is only "temporary." Full hearings are supposed to be held in the spring—at which time Veeco may even ask for more.

One of the main groups organizing opposition to this and past Veeco rate increases has been the Virginia Center for United Labor Action (CULA). At a September 16 hearing on the proposed 23 percent electric rate hike, a standing-room-only crowd of angry

consumers applauded as Dianne Mathiowetz of the CULA presented a petition against the rate increase signed by 19,000 Veeco consumers. The petitions also demanded evening or weekend field hearings throughout the state.

The thousands of petitions were attached to each other and wound on a rolling pin to symbolize the determination of the signers to "roll back" the utility rates.

The CULA delegation at the SCC hearing included citizens from the cities of Norfolk, Portsmouth, Newport News, and Richmond. There were Black and white, housewives, retired people, and young workers.

CULA CHARGES COLLUSION

In a statement presented by Ms. Mathiowetz, a General Electric production worker, the CULA blasted the SCC's "collusion with Veeco in attempting to push through the requested \$127.3 million rate hike, which would be the second Veeco rate increase in 3 months."

"From your actions, it is clear that it is Veeco's profits that come foremost in your minds," she said. "This giant monopoly has grown fat off the hard-earned wages of the people of Virginia. At every step of the way the members of the State Corporation Commission have aided and abetted Veeco's thievery."

The second CULA speaker, Mrs. E.L. Nash of Portsmouth, gave a description of the extra burden Veeco's already too-high rates impose on people in the Black community, particularly among retirees and people on welfare.

HIGH-RATE ROBBERY MEETS BROAD OPPOSITION

Other groups opposing the increase at the hearings included the Southside Virginia Neighborhood Association, People Acting Together, the Virginia Citizens

The 200 Harlan-Pathfork miners went on strike last August while the reopened contract negotiations were taking place. The company, fearful of another "Brookside," quickly settled with the union.

The Brookside miners and their families, by their militancy and determination, have lit the road to victory for the nonunion coal miners in Harlan and all of eastern Kentucky as well.

Their victory has inspired all the rank-and-file miners in the bituminous coal fields as the UMWA enters into contract negotiations with the coal operators.

Consumer Council, and welfare recipients and housewives from several areas. These groups together added about 30,000 more signatures against the rate increase.

Robert Suddarth, President of Local 124 of the United Electrical Workers (UE), spoke against the increase on behalf of workers at the Waynesboro General Electric plant.

The same day the SCC announced its decision to grant Veeco \$97.7 million in emergency rate relief, the utility company announced it was also applying for a substantial hike in gas rates.

CAMPAIGN CONTINUES FOR ROLL-BACK

The CULA immediately responded to this additional assault on working and poor people's living standard with a picket line in front of the Norfolk Veeco office on October 2. The indignant picketers carried signs that read "Say no to Veeco! Stop the rate increase," "Veeco robs the people," and "Make big business pay more—not the people."

The Center for United Labor Action is now gearing its campaign to fight for a roll-back in utility rates between now and the spring hearings.

"No matter what Veeco says about expansion needs, attracting investors, etc., there is one hard fact that cannot be ignored," the CULA delegation told the commissioners. "Working people, retirees, and people on welfare cannot pay any more. On the contrary, we need emergency relief in the form of a roll-back in Veeco rates now."

If you would like to join in the fight to roll back Veeco's utility rates, you can contact the Center for United Labor Action at P.O. Box 7002, Norfolk, Va., 23509, (804) 625-2977.

Ford's 'answer' to inflation adds new burden to workers

By KEN FRANSON
NEW YORK, Oct. 14—President Ford's "answer" to inflation includes a 5 percent surtax on income taxes. It will affect single people earning \$7,500 a year and couples making \$15,000.

While there certainly are many, many people poorer than this, there are also 100,000 millionaires in this country; why doesn't Ford zero in on them? But instead the surtax will catch many working

people who've been struggling to keep up with necessities.

And most workers are barely making it as it is. For example, 5 years ago, before the present inflation squeeze, 67 percent of the working class couldn't pay medical bills of more than \$2,000 (without insurance) and 42 percent couldn't even afford a 2-week vacation!

What Ford doesn't mention is that the super-rich like Rockefeller, who often pay no

taxes, are barely affected. After all, 5 percent of nothing is still nothing. And even the "moderately" rich feel no real effect, since most money paid as taxes flows back out into the pockets of the rich anyway.

INFLATION, DEMAND, AND THE RICH

The announced reason for the tax surcharge is to fight inflation. How is it supposed to do this? The idea is

that if people don't have money to spend, this will cut down on demand, which will slow down the rise in prices. If this is so, why not plug up the tax loopholes that have been created for the rich and cut down on their demand? (It is estimated that \$77 billion in taxes are avoided each year through these loopholes.)

The standard answer given by any capitalist politician is that we need tax incentives to get the rich to invest their money and create more goods and more jobs. Actually, the incentive of making a profit is enough to get any businessman to invest. The real reason that loopholes are not plugged is that Congress and the Presidency are controlled by the rich capitalists.

Even if the loopholes were eliminated, would a tax increase

slow down inflation? It would only if inflation were caused by too much demand. But this is not the case. The major cause is actually unproductive spending by the government on the military, combined with welfare for the rich, who are heavily subsidized by the working class through the tax system. But these are things the government is unwilling to change because they benefit the ruling class.

So the surtax is a method not of fighting inflation but of trying to make it look like Ford is fighting inflation. For this, Ford is asking the working class to sacrifice, to "bite the bullet." The only thing the working class needs to sacrifice or give up is Ford, along with Rockefeller and the rest of their corrupt crew.

Rocky thinks twice about speaking at Cooper Union

By JULIO GHIGLIOTTY
NEW YORK, Oct. 7—Nelson Rockefeller's appearance at the Cooper Union on Astor Place and 4th Avenue was abruptly canceled today as some 600 demonstrators demanded he be indicted for his crimes at Attica and around the world against the poor and oppressed peoples. An announcement he wasn't coming was made as the streets resounded with the chant "Attica's blood on Rockefeller's hands!"

Beginning at 7:30 tonight, the demonstrators massed across from the Cooper Union building denouncing Rockefeller's role in the State Police attack on the Attica inmates, which resulted in the death of 43 inmates and hostages. Also denounced was the role of the Rockefeller empire in the oppression of the peoples of Latin America and Asia.

The contingent from Youth Against War & Fascism marched directly to the Cooper Union building and set up a temporary picket line on the sidewalk next to the building, chanting "Rockefeller, murderer! Tear down the walls!" As the cops tried to break up the picket line, YAWF crossed the street to where other demonstrators were gathered,

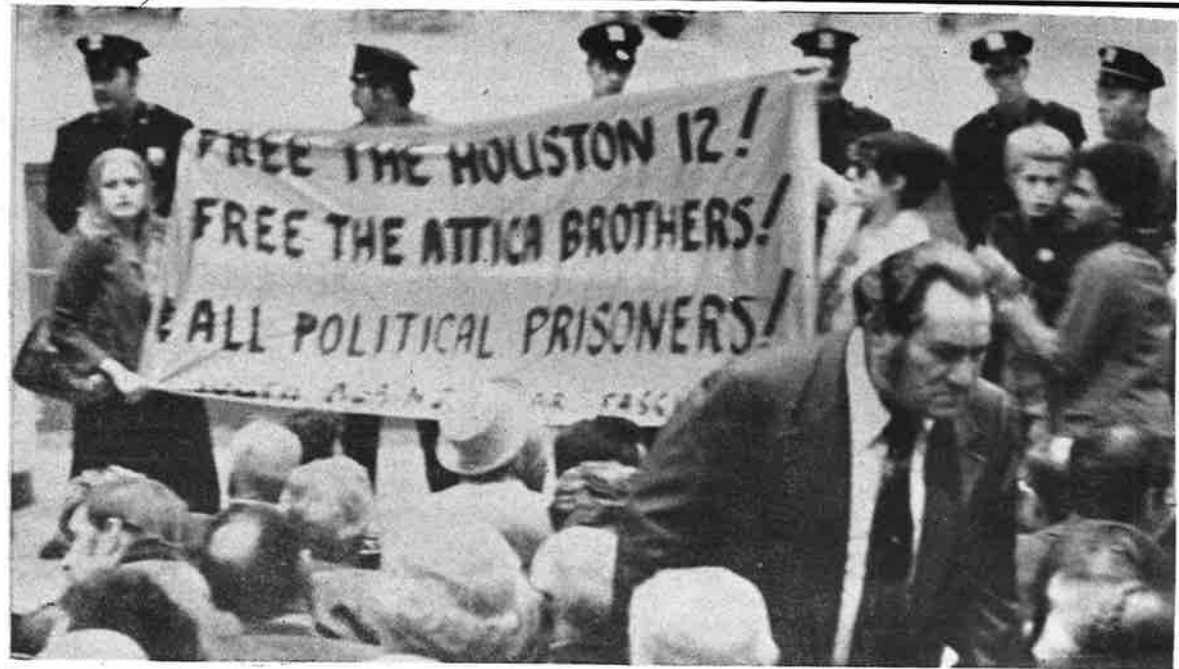
chanting "Cops are the tools of Rockefeller's rule!" and joined the other demonstrators. A picket line was formed and the chants reverberated throughout Cooper Union Square for several hours.

STAGE TAKEN OVER BY DEMONSTRATORS

Inside, about 75 protesters disrupted the meeting, preventing John Knowles, Rocky's number two man and head of the Rockefeller Foundation, from speaking in his place. The militants took over the stage and announced that Rockefeller would not be allowed to speak from any forum in the city. YAWF members on the stage pulled out banners proclaiming "Jail butcher Rockefeller! Free the Attica Brothers!"

The richly gowned and tuxedoed audience attacked the demonstrators on the stage, but their attempt to remove them failed as the protesters defended their banners and themselves. So the proud defenders of freedom of speech immediately called in their enforcers—the Police Department. Three demonstrators were arrested as well as two fascists.

At the 5th Precinct, Police Captain Walsh ranted and raved, screaming, "I want a con-



Demonstrators inside Cooper Union were ready to "greet" Rockefeller. He didn't show.

WW photo: Dick

frontation with you people" at the arrested demonstrators, who were charged with assault and resisting arrest. However, Captain Walsh did not get his confrontation and the three got off on their own recognizance.

Meanwhile, the demonstrators outside rallied to wait for the protesters from inside to come out. A representative of the Puerto Rican Solidarity Day Committee said that the takeover of the stage was "a people's victory and the voice of people throughout the world is being heard calling for the

downfall of U.S. imperialism."

CHASE MANHATTAN IS PRIME TARGET

Before the rally ended, a contingent of 200 protesters marched up 8th Street, trashed the Chase Manhattan Bank on 5th Avenue, and marched back to Cooper Union Square, trashing the Chemical Bank on Broadway in the process. Both are local possessions of the Rockefeller empire.

For the first time since Attica

Rocky has been confronted in New York State for being Rockefeller and not just the Governor. The economic crisis in the capitalist world which has impelled Rockefeller to try to take direct control of the capitalist helm has also made people see more clearly the crimes of the ruling class against the working and oppressed people of the world. Opposition to Rockefeller is no longer just opposition to one ruling class family but to the whole parasitic class controlling the means of production of entire nations.

300 hear Marcy on 'transition to Ford'

By SHARON SHELTON
NEW YORK, Oct. 5—Nearly 300 people gathered here tonight at a public meeting sponsored by Youth Against War & Fascism to hear Sam Marcy, Chairman of Workers World Party, speak on the events surrounding the transition from Nixon to Ford.

Speaking under the banner, "Only socialist revolution can end capitalist crisis," Marcy told the group that the deep-rooted antagonisms within the ruling class which burst into the open with Watergate have their origin in the international defeats faced by U.S. imperialism.

Marcy explained that the real turning point for U.S. fortunes occurred when this country lost the war in Vietnam.

"Something happened in 1968," he said, "and that is the Tet Offensive of the Vietnamese liberation struggle! Up until then everything was either a victory for U.S. imperialism or at least a stalemate."

Yet Nixon had been a "hero of

heroes" to the ruling class as late as August 1971, Marcy said, when he took the drastic measures of cancelling the tax on auto manufacture, cutting imports through a surcharge, initiating the wage freeze, and devaluing the dollar. However, these acts alone did not and could not rescue U.S. imperialism from its precarious position, and by August 1973 Nixon's popularity with the ruling class had vanished.

JUNE 5 CONSPIRACY

Marcy pointed out that one of the most significant yet ignored revelations of the Watergate disclosures was Nixon's bid for total power on June 5, 1970. On that date, Nixon called a high-level meeting to consolidate the FBI, CIA, and the military under his control. He did this without the full sanction of the capitalist class and the conspiracy failed when former FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover refused to relinquish his power to Nixon.

Commenting on the tentative Rockefeller nomination, he said it

is a case of a financial dynasty stepping into high office to intervene in its own interests, a step that is bound to even further exacerbate ruling class divisions. Despite the tremendous power of the Rockefellers, they can not "circumvent the laws of motion governing capitalist society and

the law of value, which determines the cyclical character of the capitalist crisis."

Workers World editor Deirdre Griswold closed the meeting with the announcement that Workers World newspaper was becoming a weekly.

Other speakers at the meeting

included Kathi Dennis, who spoke on the Houston 12 frameup; Larry Holmes on the racist mobilization in Boston, the killing of Clifford Glover by the cops, and other attacks on oppressed people; and Terry Klug on Ford's phony amnesty program. Pam Kirkland chaired the meeting.



Workers World Party chairman, Sam Marcy, discusses the inability of the capitalist class, even through a change in leadership, to avoid the inevitable economic crisis.

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The credit crunch, Part 3

Big corporations tied to banks get lion's share of credit to stay afloat

By KEN FRANSON

NEW YORK, Oct. 10—There are several ways a big corporation can get the large amounts of money that are constantly needed to expand, replace old plant and equipment, and cover operating expenses. These include retained earnings (keeping in the company's treasury profits that would ordinarily go to shareholders as dividends), issuing new stock, sale of corporate bonds (the equivalent of Company IOU notes), and loans from banks and other financial institutions.

Replacement of old plant and equipment has become an increasing expense. For example, the foreign subsidiaries of U.S. companies are estimated to need \$25.1 billion in 1974 for this purpose alone, up 24 percent from \$20.3 billion in 1973.

Their parent companies in the U.S. will of course need much larger amounts. The main reason is inflation—the capital goods cost much more, and companies are buying many things in advance of when they need them, figuring prices will go up even more in the future.

Retained earnings are used to finance as much as possible of this, since the high interest rate makes borrowing expensive. This is one of the reasons for the decline in the stock market: if stock owners don't get dividends because the money is used for other purposes, they try to sell their stock. Since investments make more money in places other than the stock market, fewer people want to buy stock, so the price of stocks goes down. This also makes it difficult for companies to raise money by issuing more stock.

BONDS AN EXPENSIVE SOURCE OF CASH

But retained earnings do not supply nearly enough cash for their needs. So the corporations issue bonds. Here the corporations meet with competition, since all levels of government also sell bonds to meet their needs for money. The income from many of these government bonds is taxfree, so the corporations have to pay a higher interest rate to sell their bonds. This makes selling bonds an expensive way to get the needed money.

The remaining alternative is to borrow from banks. Here the corporations have competition from people who want consumer loans. However, since the banks and the large corporations are controlled by the same people, it is easier for them to get loans. (For example, if Exxon needs money, it can borrow from the Chase Manhattan Bank. The money just goes from one of Rockefeller's pockets and into another. And he has a lot of pockets.)

The corporations without good bank connections are scrambling to get some. For example, in Japan, Toyo Kogyo (the manufacturer of Mazda cars) has announced that two officials of banks it borrows from will join the board of directors "to help strengthen its financing operations."

In the U.S., lenders are threatening to cut off PanAm's credit because of continued losses. PanAm, a Rockefeller corporation, responded in a typical way for U.S. corporations—it demanded government subsidies. All the government had to offer was some

advice on sound business practices. Although the government has always been glad to help out poor, struggling multi-million-dollar companies, it can't possibly bail out everyone in the coming crisis.

FAVORITISM ONLY AGGRAVATES GENERAL CRISIS

But good credit connections for the big companies will not solve matters for the system as a whole. The more money is lent out by banks to good corporate friends, the less is left for consumer loans. And if consumers don't have the

money to buy the goods that corporations are borrowing money to produce, then the corporations (and the banks they are not longer able to pay back) are in deep trouble.

Shock after shock goes through the capitalist world. The contradictions of private production for social needs are cracks in the capitalist structure. The capitalist system is a condemned building, ready to fall, where people are still forced to live by greedy landlords. The time is near when the tenants will tear down the building and put up a better place to live.

**Rampant speculation in currency lies behind recent losses by banks**

By MYRON JEFKA

NEW YORK, Oct. 12—Why the sudden bankruptcies and near bankruptcies of big U.S. banks? Why the multi-million-dollar losses and the international scandals?

Gambling, simple gambling, is the answer. Only it's called international currency speculation—now that it has been brought out into the open.

The lack of areas of profitable industrial expansion; the panicky fear of revolutions and nationalizations abroad; the wariness before a more concentrated and more conscious working class at home—these factors have forced many capitalists to increasingly "invest" in international currency speculation rather than in real production.

Although the profits from this type of investment are often higher, the danger of total ruin, especially for the weaker banks and other small financial institutions, is much greater.

\$83 MILLION SNAKE-EYES!

This point hit home last May, when the not so tiny and apparently not so weak Franklin National Bank reported a loss of \$46 million from just such speculation. Despite being bailed out with a billion-plus loan by the Federal Reserve, it is currently

running an \$83-million deficit for this year.

After the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) turned down its application for further "relief," it was declared insolvent and auctioned off to the European-American Bank—a consortium of six European banks.

The failure of Franklin National is the largest bankruptcy of any bank in U.S. history, not excluding the period of the Great Depression of the thirties.

In West Germany there has been an even bigger failure. It came with the collapse of the I. D. Herstatt Bank of Cologne, due to a loss of \$150 million last June.

Its depositors and creditors (including the First National of Seattle, which had lent Herstatt \$22.5 million) stand to lose up to \$1.4 billion

Even one of London's "big four," the Lloyds Bank, recently lost \$76 million in currency speculation.

THE ROCKEFELLERS, TOO

The Rockefeller-controlled Chase Manhattan Bank, the third largest in the country and probably the most powerful bank in the world, is not immune to the general financial crisis. Upon chairman David Rockefeller's announcement of a \$34-million loss due to an "over-valuation" of the bank's bond trading account, The

Food prices inflated; profits soar at midyear

By LORRAINE BRESLOW

NEW YORK, Oct. 10—The pompous fanfare and fancy terminology emanating from the Economic Summit late last month are still resounding in the press and in government circles. While it certainly wasn't the great turning point in inflation that the people have long been hoping for, we are told this "historic gathering" was a great step forward.

But meanwhile back at the supermarket, the only thing that stepped forward was the price of almost every grocery item. Sugar prices are up 125 percent over last year. Rice, a staple of the poor, has increased 100 percent since 1973. In August alone meat and fish prices zoomed 4 percent, eggs 6 percent, and processed foods a whopping 8.1 percent. In fact, August saw the entire Consumer Price Index climb at the highest monthly rate since 1947.

NO NOURISHMENT IN BULLET BITING

Well, if we can't sink our teeth

Depositors demanding their money try to break down doors of The Bank of the United States which failed on Dec. 11, 1930. From 1930 to 1932, 3604 state banks collapsed, wiping out over \$2 billion in deposits. Last week's Franklin National collapse was biggest bank failure in U.S. history.

into some nourishing food, we can always "bite the bullet." That of course doesn't offer much in the way of protein, but perhaps we can take some comfort from the proclamations of the corporate bosses that they will be biting the bullet right along with us. Everyone knows "biting the bullet" was a method formerly used to keep a patient from screaming out in pain during an operation. So let's see just how much pain the big corporations are in.

Take the Grand Union Company, for example. Now, here's a chain store that's really suffering. Its profits were up 158 percent the first half of this year over 1973. But please don't waste all your tears on them; save some for the Seneca Foods Corporation. The profits of this food-manufacturing conglomerate have increased 100 percent since last year. Castle and Cooke, another giant food monopoly, just reported a third-quarter net profit increase of 86 percent.

You'd think the food industry, so loaded down with this embarrassment of riches, would be on the defensive to explain these tremendous profits. On the contrary. It has developed a counter-attack on two levels. First, the big lie.

This approach is exemplified in an editorial in the Modern Grocer of October 4: "So get ready, all my friends in middlemanland—retailers, wholesalers and manufacturers. . . I urge you not to suffer in silence. . . Fight back in the war of words. . . Tell your consumers that if you earn a penny on every dollar of sales, you consider yourself lucky. . . Explain how labor costs have climbed within the last year." Apparently the alleged penny on every dollar is leaving the conglomerate grocers in sorry shape. In fact, Huntington Hartford, the gentleman who owns 61 percent of A&P stock, has parlayed his pennies into a modest personal nest egg of only \$650 million.

LIFO MELTS AWAY PROFITS

The second technique, rather more sophisticated, could be called the "disappearing profits trick." Using an obscure accounting procedure dubbed "LIFO" (Last-In-First-Out)—which even a horde of Philadelphia lawyers probably couldn't understand—corporations like DuPont, Eastman Kodak, and Firestone Tire and Rubber have erased the better part of profits from their accounting books by the wave of a magic wand. According to the Wall Street Journal of October 7, the LIFO technique "will mean lower profits but more cash on hand" for corporate executives. "Lower reported profits," continues the Journal, "after all generally mean lower taxes"—welcome news from the billionaires.

For the working class, however, a diet of lies and bookkeeping chicanery will not suffice. The future certainly holds the prospect of great struggles by the people against both the price-gouging food monopolists and other corporate bosses.

Such a devaluation of key assets could substantially lower their credit rating and spell immediate death for many of the smaller banks which had managed to be lucky in their currency speculations.

Fascist groups instigate Boston anti-busing attacks

By FRANK NEISSER
BOSTON, Oct. 12—The racist anti-busing campaign in this city has intensified in the last week with further outbreaks of mob violence against Black people being condoned and even encouraged by the authorities, all the way from the local police up to President Ford himself.

At the same time, the anger of Black people and sympathetic whites at the horrible spectacle of racist mobs stoning children and chasing innocent bystanders through the streets is beginning to coalesce in meetings, demonstrations, and further plans for actions to stop the vile right-wing mobilization.

The present wave of racist attacks was kicked off on October 4 when the anti-busing forces staged a national boycott of schools, with the participation of more than 6,000 people in several sections of Boston and marches in other cities.

The marches in Boston were professionally organized. The marchers carried printed signs and the marshals wore printed armbands. Blacks near the marches were threatened and even attacked.

On Saturday, October 5, police cleared out a bar in South Boston, injuring a 17-year-old in the scuffle. The incident, standard fare for South Boston and not newsworthy in normal times, became front-page news and a rallying point for the racists, who staged a 1,000-person march to police headquarters on Sunday.

BLACK MAN ATTACKED BY WHITE MOB

On Monday Jean-Louis Andre Yvon, a Black man from Haiti, was dragged from his car, beaten, and kicked and, according to police, "was going to be dead" if not rescued by the authorities. He had been on his way to pick up his wife from work and drove into the aftermath of an anti-busing rally.

Racist anti-busing violence occurred in a number of other sections of the city. At the request of the NAACP, Black students scheduled to be bused to South Boston were bused instead to the University of Massachusetts in Boston for a rap session on the situation. Responding to a call from Black leaders to stay home until safety could be assured, all but one Black student stayed away from the South Boston High complex on Tuesday and Wednesday.

POLICE INVADE MISSION HILL, ROXBURY

On Tuesday a false fire alarm went off at English High School, a new school built in the Black community after years of struggle against the racist school committee. The Tactical Police arrived in force with full riot gear to "control" the crowds of students who had emptied from the school.

The cops followed them to Mission Hill housing project in the Black community. The students fought back against the police with bottles and stones. The police have since maintained an armed invasion in Roxbury and the community again fought back on Wednesday at Dudley, the hub of Roxbury, and in the nearby Orchard Park housing project.

On Tuesday also in South Boston a city bus, operated by a Black

driver, was stoned and had to be abandoned.

GOVERNMENT ABANDONS SAFETY OF CHILDREN

When violent mobs were surrounding and stoning buses of Black students earlier this fall, there was no move to reinforce police protection. Now that the police have occupied the Black community and the papers scream, "Violence Spreads to Roxbury," the mayor calls for Federal troops saying the State Police or the National Guard won't do.

Mayor White wants to make clear this is a federal idea of which

he wants no part. He told a group of Black parents, "Go find your own friends," and said in a public statement, "I will not of my own volition support further implementation of the desegregation order."

This, of course, followed President Ford's carefully timed announcement that he disagreed with the court's decision on busing as "not the best solution to quality education in Boston." This "binder of the nation's wounds" thereby fanned the flames of racism across the country. The leading anti-busing group in Boston, the South Boston Information Center, was so pleased it sent Ford telegrams

reading, "Thank you, we love you."

No wonder the Black children and community leaders feel abandoned!

PROGRESSIVE FORCES BEGIN TO MOVE

In this situation a massive response by all progressive, democratic people is desperately needed. The racist offensive which is even attacking the right of Black and Latin people to just walk the streets must be answered and stopped!

Thus far visible, progressive actions against the racist mobilizations have been few,

small, and scattered. However, the Black and Latin communities have been organizing for their defense. And the deep concern and anger felt by many is beginning to take form.

Some white progressives have managed to distribute leaflets in support of the Black children and their right to attend the schools of their choice right in South Boston itself, and have found there is a current of resistance to the racist mobilization even there.

Meetings are taking place in many parts of the city and drawing hundreds of people who see the need for a truly massive outpouring of whites and Blacks in the street against mob rule and in defense of the basic rights of Black and Latin people to walk the streets, work, and go to school in safety.

These groups are coming together, and a massive expression against the racist mobilization and attacks will happen soon!

RU's position on busing

By BOB DOBROW
NEW YORK, Oct. 10—The struggle against white racism, in deeds, is the acid test for revolutionaries in this country. Racism is without a doubt the number one issue dividing the American working class.

In Boston there is currently a frenzied wave of hysteria which recalls the lynch-mob spirit which swept the South decades ago. The issue of busing is being used to whip up a mania of racist delirium among large segments of the white population. Anyone even slightly progressive would have to be against the anti-busing demonstrations which have been taking place in South Boston and have continually resulted in mob violence against Black people.

REVOLUTIONARY UNION'S COUNTER—REVOLUTIONARY LINE

The Revolutionary Union (RU), a purportedly "Maoist" organization, has arrived at a thoroughly erroneous line on the situation in Boston. Its newspaper, which bears the title "Revolution," states in the October 1974 issue in front-page headlines, "People must unite to smash Boston busing plan."

Is RU so hopelessly blind that it can't see that the racist mobilizations in Boston are being organized precisely around this same slogan?

The RU's current delusions on this score don't merely stem from theoretical deficiency but from crass opportunism. They are capitulating to white racism.

Of course the white liberals invented busing and all that goes with it as a substitute for true equality. And of course, even if all the busing goes on as scheduled, this true equality will still not be achieved. But every single white who is using violence in opposition to busing (inadequate as the busing plan is) is whipped up by racism—pure and simple.

RU can't see this. They write in "Revolution," "Black and white have kept their children off the buses for a variety of reasons. Some were simply opposed to the busing plan. And some had been influenced by the racist arguments." (Our emphasis).

What exactly are the "variety of reasons"? What is the character of those who are "simply" opposed to the busing plan? And why does RU write of "some who have been

influenced" by racism as if they were an insignificant minority of the white protestors hardly worth mentioning?

Isn't it true that these are the people who stoned buses full of children; who chased a Black girl ten blocks throwing bricks; who have allowed the Ku Klux Klan to surface?

The RU contends that "the busing plan disrupts the lives of lots of children and parents...On the part of both white and Black, the busing plan has caused a lot of inconvenience."

How can one compare the "disruption" to the lives of the whites with the "disruption" to the lives of the Blacks? The whites are being "inconvenienced" because they still believe the century-old racist myths. The Blacks are being "inconvenienced" because their very lives are in danger!

In a leaflet advertising an anti-busing rally (!) in Boston last week, RU writes, "Because of the tension, there have also been incidents of whites being attacked by Black kids." And then they continue, "We support the right of anyone to defend him or herself against these kind of attacks." (Our emphasis).

By equating the violence of the oppressor with the violence of the oppressed, RU places itself objectively in the camp of the oppressor. i.e., against the "Black kids" and with the white racists!

The lead article in "Revolution" further states that the main issue in Boston is "how to unite the people," "the question of unity."

THE REAL MEANING OF 'UNITY'

Workers World is all for working-class unity, but "unity" means different things to different people.

How many times has the excuse of "unity" been used by weak-kneed liberals and smooth-talking sell-outs? When has there been a demonstration where a revolutionary slogan hasn't been attacked for "breaking unity" by those who really want to unite with the bourgeoisie?

We are all for unity, but not with racist vigilantes or those temporarily under their influence. The responsibility for unity isn't on the Black people but rather on the whites to unite with the oppressed Black masses.

It is only when white workers fight for the right of equality and for the right of Black people to decide for themselves that real unity will be forged. It won't come by pretending there are no divisions now, nor will it materialize just because "revolutionaries" decree it. The living struggle itself will point to unity as a dire necessity. No organization like the RU can forge that unity when it has deliberately muddled the profound issues that are at stake in Boston.



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In South Bronx . . .

March, rally murder of

By LARRY HOLMES
NEW YORK, Oct. 5—Hundreds of angry Puerto Rican youths marched through the streets of the South Bronx today exchanging clenched fists with thousands of sympathizers who lined the sidewalks. The marchers were protesting the police murder of Fernando Hernandez, a 17-year-old factory worker.

The papers reported last week that Fernando Hernandez was shot dead by police sergeant O'Connor because he tried to grab O'Connor's partner's gun while being arrested for allegedly stealing a car battery. But several witnesses, including Fernando's 14-year-old brother who spent most of that Sunday night at the police station in handcuffs, have another version of the events.

They say that Fernando and his father were working on their car late Sunday night when O'Connor and his partner assaulted them. According to these witnesses, Sgt.



The right to self-determination of an oppressed people, to freedom from constant racist harassment—this is what is under attack in Boston.

March from Roxbury supports Black children

BOSTON, Oct. 13—A march of over 1,000 Black people moved from the Roxbury section of Boston today to the Boston Commons, where the marchers were met by about 200 sympathetic whites. The demonstration was called by the Massachusetts Black Legislative Caucus and the NAACP to show support for the Black children who have been under daily racist attack.

At the Commons there was a rally, with one of the most moving talks given by a junior high school student. She told the crowd, "They're trying to keep us out of the schools, they attack us to keep us out—but they won't keep us out

of the schools. We have a right to an education.

"The cops don't do anything," she said. "The school administration doesn't do anything. We are the only ones who will do anything."

Another demonstration is scheduled to take place this coming Saturday, October 19, and is being organized by a coalition of community and tenants groups from Black and white neighborhoods. The theme of the demonstration will be solidarity with the right of the Black community to a quality education in whatever way possible.

Racist attack on Black people the issue in Boston crisis

By DEIRDRE GRISWOLD

It is very easy to get sidetracked from the main issue in Boston today, as a number of radical groups have done. What the struggle in Boston boils down to, pure and simply, is the right of Black children to go to formerly all-white, or nearly all-white, schools.

Busing is just a way for them to get there, since the neighborhoods are generally segregated.

There is, of course, a long-range issue, and that is the right of Black people to devise and implement the plans that will help their children get the best education possible. But that is not the immediate issue. The immediate question, the one on which lines are being drawn in

the streets of Boston with the racists and their organizations on the one side and the Black children and their communities on the other is: will Black children be able to go to white schools which, because of the whole history of neglect of ghetto schools, are presumably better and can help them get a better education?

There is no doubt that a great many Black families in Boston want their children to be able to go to these schools. And even other Black people who would prefer that there be better schools in the Black community, with Black teachers and community control of the curriculum, are at this moment fighting against the racists, who in turn have made anti-busing the focus of their mobilization.

Therefore, for white groups to attack busing at this time, regardless of its shortcomings as a solution for oppressed Black people, is to objectively ally with the racists.

Busing in and of itself—that is, having children delivered to a school in another part of town by bus—is not the reason for the venom, the passions, the frenzy that has been whipped up in Boston. It should be obvious that Black and white kids have been bused to schools for a long time.

When segregated schools were the rule throughout the South, Black children often had to walk (they usually didn't have the luxury of a bus!) to inferior Black

schools miles away from their homes, even if there was a white school on the next block.

STILL A FIGHT AGAINST SEGREGATION

The rising struggle of Black people against segregation and oppression, which was recognized by the ruling class in the 1954 Supreme Court decision on desegregation, was responsible for changing the federal government's policy in favor of integration throughout the country. Of course, the bourgeoisie saw this as a way of deflecting the struggle, not of granting real political and economic freedom to the Black people, but it was nevertheless a victory over racism and was the legal foundation for the present busing laws.

Of course, the fight for self-determination of the oppressed Black people will not end with the busing issue. Black people must have the right to choose the kinds of schools their children will go to. But any surrender now on the busing issue will only set back the struggle to where it was before segregation was outlawed. The struggle for Black control of Black schools must presuppose that Black people could also go to white schools if they wanted to.

White progressives have to feel this in their very bones and fight for it with every ounce of their energy.



Presently Black English High School in Boston serves as an excuse to send in Tactical Police to "control" a community already under attack.

Queens' students hit repression, food costs

By LESLIE FEINBERG

NEW YORK, Oct. 4—The tension that is ever-present in New York City high schools erupted today in Queens as Richmond Hill High School students staged a walk-out protesting the high food prices in the cafeteria and the excessive number of school guards.

Only half the students got out of the school before they were trapped between armed school security guards and the city police summoned by the school authorities. The students not allowed to leave the school began tearing up the school lunchroom and throwing furniture out the windows.

'WE NEED FREE LUNCHES'

"It's what they say but don't do; they promise students' rights, but that's all we got—the promises. The food is terrible and some students can't afford it. We need free lunches. We're locked in the building 8 hours a day; we all need free lunches," the students said.

When nothing was done about the students' demands, another walk-out was staged by those left inside. This time they were greeted by 10 squad cars full of helmeted riot police in full regalia.

But before the second walk-out, the students inside were subjected to a broadcast over the PA system by the principal, who said that "you are locked in for your own protection" and that "students should all support their community."

But for Black and Puerto Rican students that message was a mockery, because that isn't their community. They go to school in a predominantly white neighborhood. At Richmond Hills and nearby John Adams High, Puerto Ricans and Blacks are far out numbered by whites. One student said, "It's so bad over at Adams that my friends were getting beaten every day. That armed security never helped them at all, so my friends don't go to school any more, that's all."

As this reporter was interviewing the students, two of the plainclothed armed security guards walked by us and said menacingly, "Tomorrow, fellas, we'll get you tomorrow."

These incidents are not isolated. As the repression in the schools increases, they become more and more like armed camps. Richmond Hill High School administrators think they can control student anger with riot-control methods instead of dealing with the root cause of the students' rebellion—the inadequacy of the schools themselves.

Under such strict discipline, the students will protest in the only way left open to them—physical reaction. Whether or not the administrators can maintain that strict discipline remains to be seen. But as one student told me, "It's ebb and flow, man. They may keep it quiet for a while. Then it's going to blow right in the man's face."

Family called to protest Puerto Rican by cops

O'Connor shot Fernando at point-blank range while he held his hands over his head. Then O'Connor put his foot on Fernando's chest and pumped two more bullets into his neck and head. The demonstrators marched to the 7th Precinct for a rally, where community activists demanded that O'Connor be handed over to the people of the South Bronx and tried for murder. Puerto Rican nationalist Carlos Feliciano, presently fighting phony bombing charges, called on the community to organize itself and fight racist police repression by any means necessary.

FAMILY DEMANDS TRIAL OF COP

Candido Figueroa, Fernando's uncle, told Workers World that Fernando was a hard worker with many friends and had hoped to enroll in school soon. Mr. Figueroa explained that the police act this way every day in his community,

shooting at kids and acting crazy. Mr. Figueroa said that the whole family wanted O'Connor tried for murder.

George Torres, a close friend of

Fernando, gave up a day's pay as a taxidriver to come and demonstrate. Mr. Torres said he still could not believe that Fernando was dead. He remembered shooting pennies and playing pool with his slain friend. He hoped that the people would find a way to make the police pay.

Fernando's parents were not available for comment. His mother is in Lincoln Hospital suffering from shock and her husband is at her side.



Professional bigots like Davis Duke, the grand dragon of the Baton Rouge KKK, have been flown north to whip up white South Boston residents.


 EDITORIAL

Rockefeller's foes in the ruling class

Nelson Rockefeller now seems to be under attack for his great wealth just as Nixon and Company seemed to be under attack for stealing.

But the source of the attack in Rockefeller's case is not the poor or working people, just as in Nixon's case it was not a group of honest politicians.

The Rockefellers are an extremely powerful financial dynasty. And with their allies they are no doubt the most powerful *single* dynasty in the country.

The financial dynasties have run the U.S. government, and especially the Presidency, since at least 1896, if not earlier. They nearly always ran it through agents and appointees who were more or less indirect representatives of Wall Street and who had at least some vague credibility as being elected by the "people."

Even when the Morgans had their personally chosen Presidents—like Hoover, Wilson, Coolidge, etc.—they had to bow somewhat when those Presidents favored the Rockefellers or the Mellons. And vice versa.

But with a Rockefeller operating the state machine in his own person, he can on occasion take drastic actions for the exclusive benefit of his own faction, even while in "normal" times recognizing all the other imperialist thieves with reasonable "impartiality."

Aside from the tremendous crisis of U.S. imperialism itself, which is indeed the most profound cause of Rockefeller's candidacy in the first place, this is what causes the non-Rockefeller bankers to raise such a hue and cry about his wealth, not to mention his "gifts."

The fact that they are going after Rockefeller so openly in the newspapers only means that they are calling upon broader masses for support in the fight, just as the anti-Nixon faction did in the case of the Watergate exposes. But it doesn't mean that the anti-Rockefeller factions in the ruling class would be any better as far as the masses of people are concerned.

... and his loyal servant Kissinger

The \$550,000—or \$650,000, or was it \$750,000?—that Rocky so generously gave to William Ronan, head of the New York transit subway and bus complex, was obviously meant to influence policy on extremely important economic questions: the purchase of multi-million-dollar equipment (from Rockefeller companies); the placing of loans to the right banks (Rockefeller banks); making decisions that would favor the increasing use of Rockefeller oil and gasoline over other systems; and so on.

There were some dozens of other innocent little "gifts"—like the \$86,000 given to Judson Morehouse, the crooked chairman of the New York State Republican Party (to keep him honest!?).

But probably the most significant was the relatively small \$50,000 given to Henry Kissinger, Rockefeller's long-time employee and personal choice for head of the National Security Commission, de facto boss of the CIA, and finally official Secretary of State.

Kissinger may or may not have received other monies from Rockefeller in addition to his Rockefeller-paid wages before 1969. But the fact is that he is indebted to Rockefeller for the not inconsiderable sums paid to him by the United States government ever since that time, too.

He has been the more or less direct representative of the Rockefellers in government ever since he entered Nixon's service—at Rockefeller's request—in 1969.

This was known to all the capitalist class, all the Rockefellers' rivals, and all knowledgeable reporters and columnists of the capitalist press.

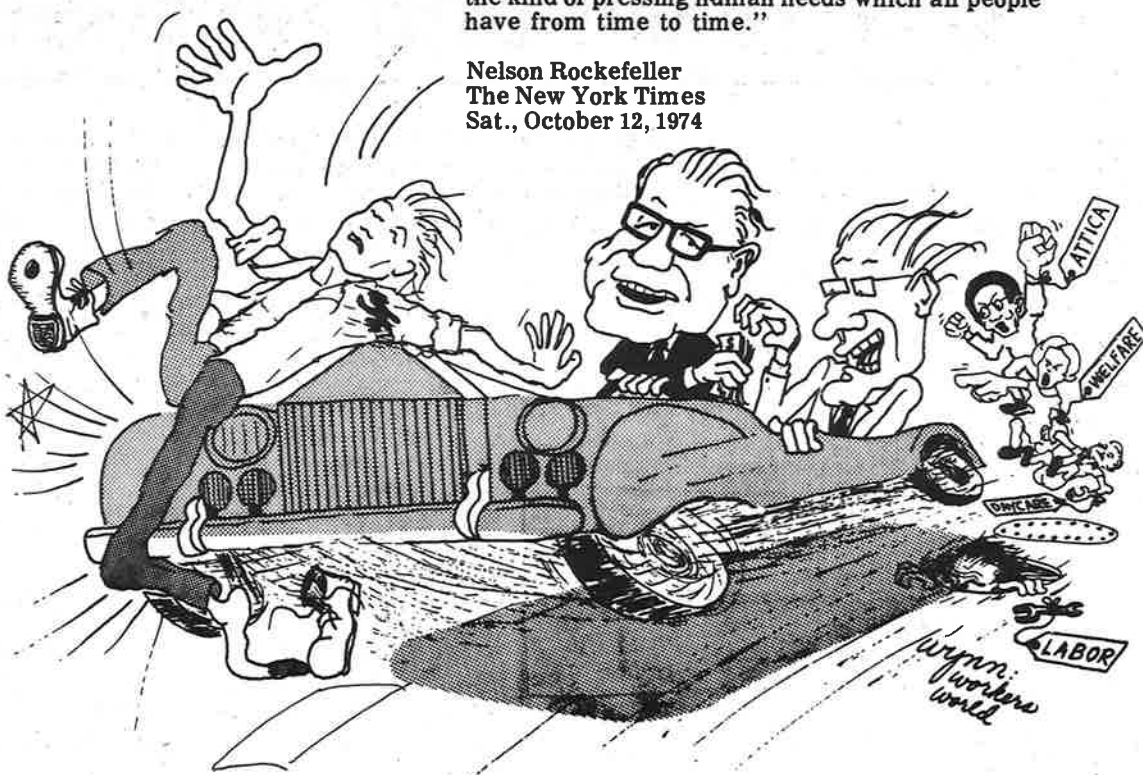
The same was known of previous Secretaries of State: John Foster Dulles, Christian Herter, Dean Rusk, and, even to some degree, William Rogers. They were all agents of the Rockefellers. But they had to give an occasional acknowledgment of the presence of other capitalist interests besides those of the Rockefellers.

The \$50,000 payment to Kissinger, however, was in effect a command to be the absolutely direct agent of that powerful family.

And it was, so to speak, a preview or first installment of Rockefeller himself becoming Vice President, or even President, in name as well.

"Throughout my life, I have made loans and gifts to friends and associates to assist them in meeting the kind of pressing human needs which all people have from time to time."

Nelson Rockefeller
The New York Times
Sat., October 12, 1974



WHAT WE MEAN BY...

THE RULING CLASS

By BILL DEL VECCHIO
How do you recognize the ruling class in this society? Does it include the foreman who rides herd on you all day long? Or is it composed of people higher up, like the plant manager who stays hidden in his office while he directs production?

No, the ruling class hardly comes near its property. It hasn't run its own businesses for the past 100 years. The ruling or capitalist class includes the complete bloodsuckers of society who use the profits taken from the workers' labor only to further increase their own wealth and power. The foreman, plant manager, policeman, judge, newspaper editor, and politician are all the hired agents of the capitalists.

The ruling class is the tiny minority who own the machines, the plants, the offices, the trucks

and trains, and the raw materials that make large-scale production possible. All these materials and equipment are called the "means of production."

By owning the means of production, the capitalist is able to control almost everything. The worker must work for the capitalist or starve. The writer for the news media must write what he wants to hear, or else it doesn't get printed or aired. The government is completely interconnected with the ruling class, with politicians and judges being either agents of the capitalists (corporation lawyers like Nixon) or members of the class itself (Rockefeller).

Only a small part of the capitalists' money is used for personal luxuries such as mansions, yachts, and Rolls Royces. The function of making money for

them is to increase their power. The profits from one business are immediately used to increase their means of production. This money that is reinvested to make more money is called "capital." Each capitalist is forced to turn his money into capital and expand or else be ruined by a competitor.

Vast amounts of wealth have been concentrated into the hands of America's capitalist ruling class. Though there are 100,000 millionaires in the U.S., the core of the master class comprises a much smaller group. Fortune magazine lists 84 families who have over \$100 million in personal assets. Twelve of these families—the Rockefellers, Du Ponts, Mellons, Fords, Dorrances, Pews, Gettys, Hughes, Cullens, Hunts, Ludwigs, and Mac-Arthurs—each has personal assets of \$1 billion or more!

U.S. drops UN flag for troops in Korea

-MIR declaration

(Continued from page 2)

By a simple shuffle of names, the U.S. has revealed that its 24-year occupation of Korea has been a fraud and a deception.

Faced with a resolution sponsored by 38 countries in the UN that the U.S. withdraw its 40,000 troops from south Korea, the U.S. on October 10 blandly dumped its long-time position that these are "UN" soldiers and now states they are U.S. troops over which the UN has no authority.

The Korean people are one nation, but for 29 years their country has been torn in half. The northern half, the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea, is a workers' state building socialism and meeting the needs of its people for food, housing, clothing, medical care, and education.

In the south, however, 26 million Koreans suffer under the fascist dictatorship of Pak Jung Hee and his so-called Republic of Korea (ROK).

Pak Jung Hee was installed in power by a military coup engineered by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency and is kept in power by the support of Washington and Wall Street. In the "ROK," diseases like cholera are rampant, tens of thousands starve, and the U.S.-trained secret police are everywhere, ready to arrest and torture any dissenter.

This latest cynical maneuver in changing the imperialist occupation army's name from "UN" to "U.S." won't deceive anyone. All progressives should unite in demanding "U.S. imperialists out of south Korea!"

cry for him. His name is now honored, together with the name of Che and other Latin American revolutionaries who have fallen in the struggle for the Revolution of the Workers and Peasants.

We call on all the progressive and revolutionary forces of the world to organize a broad Campaign of Solidarity with his comrade Carmen Castillo to prevent the criminal dictatorship from assassinating or torturing her.

Glory and honor to Miguel Enriquez, fallen Secretary General!!

The name of Miguel Enriquez must be converted into the banner of the oppressed!!

The MIR will not surrender!! Others have taken up the gun of the fallen Secretary General!!

The popular resistance will win!!

Long live the worker-peasant resistance of Chile!!

U.S. grain and Sino-Soviet relations

By SAM MARCY

There is more than meets the eye in the sudden cancellation of contracts for the sale of corn and wheat to the Soviet Union. President Ford's assertion that the action was basically an anti-inflation move to discourage speculation which could drive up wheat and corn prices at a time when U.S. crop prospects have been damaged by bad weather is pure bunk.

Bad weather and capitalist speculation in the grain markets notwithstanding, the U.S. crop this year is one of the largest ever produced in American history—a near record.

U.S. GRAIN PRODUCTION UNEQUALLED

The U.S. is the source of 44 percent of the world's wheat exports and half the world's feed grain exports. Not more than one-third of all U.S. grain produced is used for home consumption. It is absolutely impossible for a shortage to be so great as to affect the ordinary consumption of the American people.

But a fake, artificially contrived shortage, one that is a product of a conspiracy between the giant agribusinesses and the government, is of course possible—and this can and will drive up the price of grain and

"The prices of basic foods have been rising consistently since the beginning of World War II, even in periods of tremendous 'overproduction.'"

the many processed foods derived from it.

But it will not be because of the grain and corn exports to the Soviet Union.

The capacity of American farming is so fantastic that you might say the U.S. is to grain and corn what Saudi Arabia is to oil. The Saudis have made sure in recent years that their increased oil exports to the rest of the world have not significantly affected the price of petroleum used for internal, purely domestic purposes. Why can't the U.S. do the same with agricultural products?

Even if the prices of grain tend to increase as a result of increased demand abroad, the way to put an anti-inflationary damper on soaring food prices is to put a tight lid on domestic grain prices. The government could really roll the prices back, as was demanded by the American working people long before the current Soviet grain deal or the earlier one of 1972 were ever thought of.

PRICES RISE REGARDLESS OF CROP YIELD

The prices of basic foods have been rising consistently, except for brief, almost ephemeral periods, since the beginning of World War II. This has been true even in periods of tremendous "over-production," when surpluses were so large the U.S. government induced farmers to cut acreage, to burn wheat, to dump it in the ocean—to do anything except allow the mass of the American people to have food at low prices.

It is interesting to note that the planned cancellation of the grain and corn sale to the Soviet Union has nowhere produced a downward swing on wheat or grain markets. Nor has there been even a hint from official U.S. government sources or business organizations that this year's galloping race upward of food prices will be interrupted.

POLITICS BEHIND THE CANCELLATION

The real reason behind the projected cancellation of the Soviet grain deal lies not in the economic picture but in the broad political and diplomatic sphere. Ford, who during his entire 25-year tenure in Congress stood on the far right (even slightly to the right of Nixon), feared that the new Soviet grain deal would unleash against him an avalanche of red baiting and anti-Soviet hysteria on an even greater scale than the

one against Nixon in 1972 and that it would be engineered and led by the same "liberal" establishment which started the one in 1972.

One merely has to read The New York Times editorial of October 10 to verify this. After shedding crocodile tears on behalf of the "starving people on the Indian subcontinents and in the Sahel," the editorial goes on to castigate the Ford administration for the projected Soviet grain deal as "verging on criminal negligence"—the harshest language yet used by the Times against Ford.

One has to marvel at the sheer hypocrisy of it all! The unwary reader cannot but draw the inescapable conclusion from this editorial—whose line is reflected, by the way, in hundreds of other newspapers and on radio and TV—that because of the projected Soviet grain deal the people of India and the Sahel (the sub-Saharan drought area) will not be able to get wheat and corn from the U.S. The "greedy Soviets" will have gobbled it all up.

WHY INDIA WON'T TAKE U.S. GRAIN

But the truth of the matter, insofar as India is concerned, is that the Indian government has refused, as of now, to purchase or receive grain from the U.S. in spite of desperate and prolonged efforts by the U.S. to extend it.

Why? Because the Indira Gandhi government fears the political strings that



Those "amber waves of grain" are still there. U.S. farmland is the most productive in the world, and no one should have to go hungry.

go along with such aid or "generous" terms of purchase. Prime Minister Gandhi has even let U.S. Ambassador Patrick Moynihan know that she fears a U.S. coup in India a la Chile, and Moynihan has communicated this to the U.S. State Department. The Times itself has published the relevant excerpts from Moynihan's message to the State Department.

So it is not without reason that the Indian government has for some years now purchased wheat from the Soviet Union and other countries.

In any case, should the Indian government accept U.S. grain, the available crop in the U.S. is more than abundant to cover the shipments which would in no way impinge on domestic needs—unless the grain and corn markets are rigged and prices artificially raised by illegal maneuvering of the agribusinesses in collusion with the Agricultural Department. There ought to be no scarcity of food products in the U.S. and no justification for any price increases whatsoever.

As far as the Sahel goes, the need is great, to put it mildly. But it is precisely there that the U.S. has shown the least interest—precisely because no fabulous profits can be made there now, nor is there any strong political or diplomatic need at this time to cover U.S. imperialist interests.

What the U.S. has allotted in the past to the Sahel has been of a minimal character.

Under public law 480, which empowers the Secretary of Agriculture to make "donations" of a sort (with political strings of course), the U.S. will donate some grain to the Sahel along with other countries. However, it amounts to the smallest fraction of total U.S. exports, scarcely a drop in the bucket when one considers the need there and what the U.S. could do if it were not a government controlled by predatory, profit-hungry monopolists.

THE SHAKINESS OF DETENTE

If the Ford administration goes through with the cancellation of the Soviet grain deal, it will demonstrate once again how

"If trade is not the basis of the detente, then what is?"

truly tenuous is the so-called detente. Here is a case where U.S. monopolists (giant grain dealers like Continental and Cooke) stand to gain easy, fabulous profit without bestowing any lasting gains on the Soviet economy, as would be the case in a purchase by the USSR of highly sophisticated technology. If this deal doesn't go through, how could any substantial trade with the USSR really develop?

And if trade is not the basis of the so-called

detente, then what is? Detente then lacks even a narrow material basis. It reduces itself to unilateral commitments by the USSR and other socialist countries to abide by the imperialist-imposed status quo, while the U.S. goes about its usual business in Chile, the CIA threatens Portugal and Spain, and the Pentagon continues to perfect and enlarge its weapons systems, stoking the fires of galloping inflation with successive military appropriations.

It is here that Ford should be made to put a damper on inflation. The attention of the American working class should be focused on Pentagon spending. The Soviet grain cancellation is a diversionary tactic to draw attention away from the Pentagon.

REVISIONISTS MAKE CHINA THE SCAPEGOAT

An article in the October 10 Daily World dealing with the cancellation of the Soviet grain deal unfortunately also goes far out of its way to divert attention from the issue of agribusiness-U.S. government collusion. It does this by bringing in, of all things, China's purchases of U.S. wheat.

"One Midwest grain dealer," says the Daily World, "cited administration silence on sales to China last summer in contrast to the abrupt cancellation of the Soviet sale."

"A 'source on the Kansas City Board of Trade' raised the question, a New York Times correspondent reported, about the

contrasting attitude of the White House on grain sales to the USSR and to China. The source noted that 'since July 1 more than 49 million bushels of wheat had been shipped to China, a larger order than the (cancelled) Soviet sale.'

"'Not a word came from Washington about the sales to China,' the source said. 'So we're as puzzled as everyone else about why the Russian sale was suddenly halted.'"

This is supposed to be a socialist polemic against China aimed at demonstrating that the U.S. favors the People's Republic of China over the USSR. Ipso facto, Soviet revisionist policies must be correct.

But U.S. policy is and has been for many years aimed at splitting the USSR and China. Since the split, U.S. policy has been to widen and deepen it and to exploit it to the hilt. All the U.S. government's political and diplomatic, if not military, resources are used to that end. For many years U.S. policy "favored," if that is a correct term, Soviet policy as against the revolutionary policy pursued by the Chinese leadership, particularly during the Cultural Revolution.

Since Nixon's visit to China, China's foreign policy has veered sharply to the right. The super-power accusation by the Chinese leaders, in which the USSR is cast in the role of an imperialist state, is only one manifestation of the change in foreign policy by China in recent years. It is scarcely possible for U.S. imperialism to maintain its world position, particularly in this time of deepening economic crisis, except by utilizing the existing antagonism between the two largest socialist states and deepening their unprincipled diplomatic rivalry.

All the same, the Daily World's reference to U.S. grain sales to China is a shabby, opportunist argument. If the Daily World writer had reflected on the matter, instead of jumping on it like a rabbit on a carrot patch, he might have cited the grain sales to Israel, Japan, South Korea, South Vietnam, Greece, Turkey, Indonesia, and a dozen other capitalist countries and U.S. puppets, which is where most of the grain exports will go.

Why pick on China? For that matter, would it have been correct for the Chinese People's Republic to pick on the USSR when Canada some years ago sold a much larger grain order to the USSR with U.S. assent?

The Polish government just received a \$100 million credit on a "most favored nation" basis from the U.S. and Canada. Would the Daily World attack Premier Gierick for this? Cuba has been blockaded practically since the first day of the Revolution and has been forcibly barred from trading even with many Latin countries. Should not Cuba then be justified in using the same shabby argument as the Daily World whenever any of the socialist countries make trade deals with the U.S.?

The Daily World attack on China's grain purchases from the U.S. demonstrates the degree to which ideological struggle on an unprincipled basis has been deepened by revisionist apologetics.

SOCIALIST ECONOMIES NEED TO COOPERATE

The purchase of U.S. grain by the USSR and China indicates that while great advances in both countries have been made as a result of collectivizing agriculture, they still depend on the West to some extent. This dependence can be greatly diminished by socialist cooperation between the two biggest workers' states.

The economic cost of unprincipled rivalry between the Soviet leaders and those of China far outweighs narrow, factional, diplomatic gains by either. Imperialism alone stands, to gain by this internecine struggle. This is why revolutionary vanguard elements throughout the world should avoid aligning ideologically with either and pursue an independent, revolutionary, Marxist-Leninist course.

POLITICAL PRISONERS



Dressed to kill, State Troopers ready themselves for 1971 Attica massacre. The first frameup trial of the Attica Brothers has ended in victory.

ATTICA BROTHERS

BUFFALO, Oct. 12—In an important victory, the charges against Willie E. Smith, the first of the 61 Attica Brothers to stand trial, have been dismissed. When Judge Frank R. Bayger ordered the prosecutor to drop the case against Smith, supporters of the Attica defendants in the packed Buffalo courtroom broke into cheers and chanted, "Free all the Attica Brothers!"

One hundred and fifty of the demonstrators then marched to the Erie County Jail and through chants and shouts got the news of the victory to the prisoners held there.

Sixty Attica inmates still face a wide range of charges in one of the worst examples of racist injustice in American history.

Just a little over 3 years ago, hundreds of heavily armed State Troopers and guards attacked Cell Block D at Attica prison, which the inmates had seized to protest the inhumane conditions—closely resembling those of a Nazi concentration camp—under which they were forced to live. In the massacre that followed the police assault, 43 prisoners and hostages were mowed down by the crazed cops.

A number of prisoners were also executed in the 24-hour period following the September 13 assault.

Despite the fact that all 43 of the victims were killed by the police, not one cop has been indicted. Instead the Attica survivors have been ordered to stand trial!

And in a grotesque parody of "justice," Nelson Rockefeller, the mastermind of the massacre, has been nominated by Ford for the office of Vice President.

JAMES RAY MENDOZA

By STEVE GEDEN

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 5—More than 200 angry demonstrators today marched and rallied in Milwaukee to demand freedom for Ray Mendoza and an immediate end to police terror in the Latin communities. Ray Mendoza is a young Chicano man who has been charged with the shooting of two drunk, off-duty cops, amidst a storm of racist hysteria and a campaign of vicious police attacks on the Latin community. "Legal" proceedings have been marked by contradictory witnesses and obviously manufactured "evidence."

Saturday's action consisted of two large and spirited contingents marching from the Puerto Rican and Chicano communities, which met a third group at the Safety Building (courthouse) for a rally. Both marches passed through downtown Milwaukee, where chants of "Puerto Rican Power, Chicano Power, Indian Power, Power to the People," and "Free Ray Mendoza, Put (DA) McCann in the can," brought the message through loud and clear: the oppressed are fighting back.

Speakers at the rally included Herb Powless of the American Indian Movement (AIM), Black assemblyman Lloyd Barbee, and several members of the Ray Mendoza Defense Committee, including Al Stergar of Workers World, who connected the Houston 12 and Mendoza frameups. The trial has been moved to Sparta, a tiny all-white hotbed of reaction more than 200 miles from Milwaukee, and many of the speakers pointed this out as further evidence of the obviously racist nature of the frameup.

The trial opens Tuesday, October 8, and

future defense actions will be carried out both in Sparta and Milwaukee. Free Ray Mendoza!

ASSATA SHAKUR

NEW YORK, Oct. 1—Twenty-five men and women picketed in front of the New York Criminal Court building at 100 Center Street today to protest the brutal treatment of Assata Shakur and her child born in prison.

Assata Shakur is in prison facing trial because she is a member of the Black Liberation Army. Last week she gave birth. She was taken from the hospital, beaten by prison guards, and her child was taken away from her. Prison authorities have refused to permit her to choose her own doctor or allow her to care for her baby.

The demonstration here today was the second in a week called by the "Friends of Assata Shakur." The demands of the demonstrators are: that Assata Shakur and all women prisoners have the right to choose their own gynecologist; that Assata Shakur and all other women prisoners have the right to care for their own children as they see fit.

Youth Against War & Fascism had a delegation at the picket line and carried a banner reading "Stop the beatings of Assata Shakur—Free all political prisoners!"

CARLOS FELICIANO

By JOE ZARBA

NEW YORK, Oct. 10—On October 23, Carlos Feliciano will appear at the N.Y. State Appellate Court to file an appeal stemming from his frameup conviction in last October's second trial. Despite the fact that he was acquitted of the major charges against him in trials in both Manhattan and the Bronx, Feliciano still faces 4 years in jail as a result of maneuvers by Judge Arnold Fraiman and assistant DA John Patton.

Three times in the past the jury has come out deadlocked (10 in favor of acquittal) and three times Fraiman has sent them back. Finally reaching a compromise in his last trial, they returned at 2:00 in the morning.

The reason for the frameup and the state's relentless drive to convict Carlos reaches down to the very nerves of their profit system. At a time when Puerto Ricans are rising against exploitation and domination at home and against racism, unemployment, and lack of education and housing here, the U.S. government thinks that by removing a leading figure in the movement

they will crush the struggle altogether.

In reality the reverse has been true. People have begun to identify this case with the struggle of a nation for independence and self-determination. Hundreds of people have signed petitions, written letters, packed the courtrooms, and demonstrated every time Carlos has gone to court. It has been this tremendous support which forced Fraiman to continue Carlos's bail and impose the 4-year sentence (the DA wanted 25 years).

However, we will not leave Carlos to the mercy of the courts! On October 23 the Committee to Defend Carlos Feliciano is calling for a demonstration in front of the Appeals Court at 25th Street and Madison Avenue at 9:30 a.m. to demand complete freedom for Carlos, an end to this racist frameup, and for the U.S. to get out of Puerto Rico NOW!

For more information contact the Committee to Defend Carlos Feliciano, St. Mark's Church (tel. OR 4-6377).

ATMORE-HOLMAN BROTHERS

On October 4, demonstrators from in and around Birmingham, Ala., picketed the Jefferson County Courthouse to protest the frameup of nine Atmore-Holman prisoners. Charged as part of a deliberate attempt by the State of Alabama to suppress the organizing efforts of a prisoners' group called Inmates For Action (IFA), the Atmore-Holman Brothers are charged with riot, assault, and first-degree murder.

The nine Black inmates are ostensibly being tried for their alleged role in two prison uprisings that took place in the Atmore State prison farm last January and March, in which inmates George Dobbins and Tommie Dotson were savagely murdered by prison guards. But their real "crime" is that they dared to organize to demand their basic democratic rights: the right to be free from brutality and torture by guards, the right to eat food not corrupted by rats and roaches, the right to send and receive mail, the right to earn a just wage for their slave labor (more than the 25 cents a week that they now receive), and the right to resist racist physical and mental mutilation.

Alabama "justice" has not changed much since the notorious Scottsboro frameup four decades ago. Eighty percent of the inmates in the State's prison system are Black. The vile racism of the authorities was particularly evident in the murder of prisoner George Dobbins. Dobbins was shot once, but the apparent cause of death was the nine puncture wounds he received in an ambulance from guards who worked him over with ice picks!

At the beginning of November the nine Atmore-Holman Brothers will face these racist monsters in court. The Brothers need your help. Contact Inmates for Action Defense Committee, 802 6th Street North, Birmingham, Alabama 35204.

Book review:

Oil, blood, and 'culture'

Paul Mellon: Portrait of an Oil Baron by William S. Hoffman, Follet Publishing Co., Chicago, 1974. \$7.95.

A person can hardly be blamed very much for not making it through college, for not succeeding at the restaurant business, or for not being able to endure an 8-hour day.

But when that person is Paul Mellon, head of one of the two or three wealthiest financial dynasties of the United States, it raises the question: Why shouldn't

the present few dozen owners of America be put quietly aside somewhere on a pleasantly perfumed island—(food could be dropped to them by helicopter)—where they can preen in idleness without hurting so many millions of people?

The Mellons own or absolutely control the multi-billion-dollar Gulf Oil Company, the multi-billion-dollar Mellon Bank, the tremendous Koppers Company, the super-monopolistic American Aluminum Company, and much, much more.

They are more or less directly responsible for the 12-year bloody slaughters in Angola and Mozambique. They share in the

profits and certainly in the responsibility for the colossal massacre of 500,000 or more men, women, and children in Indonesia in 1965. They conspired with Nazi corporations to keep the price of aluminum up and keep the German workers down—beginning long before the Second World War but continuing over a year after it began.

William Hoffman relentlessly catalogs these and many other crimes of the Mellon dynasty. But through it all he constantly returns to the personal character of Paul Mellon, grandson of the "founding father" and now head of the family.

NOTHING BUT RICH, RICH, RICH

That personal character has utterly no importance or bearing on the horrors that are carried out to defend and extend the Mellon fortunes, the author seems well aware. In fact, he makes this point with great dramatic effect again and again.

Without moralizing or editorializing to any great degree, he invites his readers to draw their own conclusions from his summation:

"Paul Mellon controls thousands of companies. Except for a failed restaurant operation, however, he has never actively run a company. Hundreds of thousands of people work for him... he has never worked.

"He owns the most valuable thoroughbred race horses on earth. He has never ridden in a horse race.

"He owns some of the greatest art masterpieces in the world. He

has never painted. . . .

"He owns the manuscripts of many great writers. He has never written a book. But he wanted to be an author.

"Paul Mellon collects paintings and donates paintings and watches his horses run. It would do no good to criticize him, for he could answer as Henry Fielding once did: 'Perhaps you will say a man is not young; I answer, he is rich; he is not gentle, handsome, witty, brave, good-humored, but he is rich, rich, rich—that one word contradicts everything you say against him.'"

It is hardly necessary for Hoffman to add to his artistic ending, as we do here for the sake of prosaic emphasis, that Paul Mellon, even if he were gentle, handsome, witty, brave, and personally irresistible, would still have to go—and go he will. Hoffman has contributed to the realization of that happy time.

Vincent Copeland

Portuguese workers halt fascist rally in setback for the counter-revolution

By VINCE COPELAND
NEW YORK, Oct. 14—When the masses are weary, discouraged, or demoralized, a serious blow from the reaction will often bring them to their knees and deprive them of the will to struggle for quite a lengthy period.
But under other circumstances, the "whip of the counter-revolution" only drives the revolution onward.
It was the latter proposition that was proved correct—at least to some degree—this September 28 in Portugal.

WHY SPINOLA'S ATTEMPTED COUP FAILED
General Spinoia, the supposedly democratic and anti-fascist provisional President who had apparently led the overthrow of the fascist dictator Caetano, called for a national mobilization of the right wing—whom he called the "silent majority"—for September 28 in Lisbon.
It was soon revealed that this was to be an armed action, aimed at toppling the government and reconstituting open fascism.
But the nonsilent majority, the real majority—that is, the working class—stopped it in its tracks and overthrew Spinoia as well!
Wilfred Burchett, *Guardian*

correspondent in Portugal, reveals that the working class itself, not the "Armed Forces Movement" he seems to count upon so much, accomplished this.
"The railroad workers' union halted trains, transport workers halted buses, rank and file workers and peasants turned out to support the armed forces in halting all cars and trucks and confiscating arms. . . . Militants of all anti-fascist parties, in a rare display of unity, worked together with the Democratic Movement to build and occupy barricades" (our emphasis).
The workers are obviously still in a mood to throw out the capitalist bosses altogether. And now the reaction will have to retreat and regroup its forces before it can make the next inevitable attempt to crush them.
The capitalist strategy in Portugal has been to wear out the masses and postpone elections until next spring, at which time, they have calculated, the Communist Party's influence would be considerably smaller than just after the overthrow of Caetano.
WHEN WILL FASCISTS TRY AGAIN?
But this strategy was not working (thus the attempted coup

on September 28). The CP is just as strong or possibly even stronger than before. Therefore there will most likely be another attempt at counter-revolution—in one form or another—before spring, unless indeed the CP makes an absolute guarantee that it will not carry out its own program.
But the mood of the workers is firmly against that, while the right wing has been moving toward confrontation rather than compromise. Spinoia, who was formerly praised by the CP, launched an open and violent attack upon it at the same time he called for the fascist mobilization.
And now Costa Gomez, a friend and brother general of Spinoia, has taken his place. He is made of exactly the same social stuff as his predecessor.
But the situation is still on the upswing, in its essence. No simple maneuver of the counter-revolution can defeat the revolution now. There would have to be a real military showdown to do that.
The working class can win that showdown, too—provided that it moves from the defensive to the offensive fairly soon.
A WORD FROM MARX
Karl Marx in 1850 gave advice to

his revolutionary comrades that reads like a prescription for the struggle in Portugal today, and we quote a few paragraphs here:
"In general, (the workers) must in every way restrain as far as possible the intoxication of victory and the enthusiasm for the new state of things, which make their appearance after every victorious street battle, by a calm and cold-blooded estimate of the conditions and by unconcealed mistrust in the new government.
"Alongside of the official governments, they must establish simultaneously their own revolutionary workers' governments, whether in the form of municipal committees and municipal councils or in the form of workers' clubs or workers' committees, so that the bourgeois

democratic governments not only immediately lose their backing by the workers, but from the outset see themselves supervised and threatened by authorities which are backed by the whole mass of the workers.
"In a word, from the first moment of victory mistrust must be directed not against the conquered reactionary party, but against the workers' previous allies, against the party that wishes to exploit the common victory for itself alone.
"But in order to be able energetically and threateningly to oppose this party whose treachery to the workers will begin from the first hour of victory, the workers must be armed and organized" (from the "Address to the Central Council of the Communist League").

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Iranian strikers shot by Shah; U.S. role protested in Chicago

By DENICE HARMON
CHICAGO, Oct. 2—Today hundreds of demonstrators marched through the crowded streets of downtown Chicago demanding an end to the repressive regime of the U.S.-backed Shah of Iran, and in support of the workers' struggles there.
The marchers branded the Shah as a U.S. puppet and fascist murderer, and demanded that U.S. arms and aid be withdrawn. "U.S. out of Iran," they chanted, and "The workers wanted bread, the Shah gunned them down."

Many people on the street stopped to ask questions and find out more about the conditions for workers in Iran.
Despite millions of dollars being pumped into Iran by the U.S. and the fact that the price of oil on the world market has quadrupled in the last year, Iran still remains one of the most poverty-stricken countries in the world today. Over 80 percent of the workers receive an annual income of less than \$150. Over 25,000 political prisoners fill the Shah's jails. Nevertheless, there has been a profound upsurge

of the workers' movement in recent months.
Just recently workers on strike at the Irana brick factory won many important concessions. Worried by the upsurge of labor, the Shah had his police attack the strikers. Thirteen workers were killed on the spot, one of the injured died later on, and a representative of the brick workers' union, who was sent to negotiate their demands, was captured by the Shah's police and tortured to death.
This latest murderous attack by the Shah has not dampened the fighting spirit of the resistance. The Iranian progressives both in Iran and in exile continue to fight back with renewed strength and determination. Down with the Shah! U.S. out of Iran!

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Houston 12 reindicted third time after D.A. blunder; trial postponed

By BARBARA TIMKO
HOUSTON, Oct. 10—After a colossal blunder by the assistant DA which caused felony charges against five Houston demonstrators to be dropped for the second time, the five were reindicted today for an unprecedented third time on the outrageous charge of "attempted murder of a police officer."

This illegal, racist move by the state is part of its conspiracy to railroad Miguel Trujillo, Barte Haile, William Christiansen, Alex Rodriguez, and Jose Bariga into jail. The five Brothers are the first of the Houston 12 to stand trial.

Two days ago lawyers for the Houston 12 learned from assistant DA Stu Steward that the second indictment was invalid because the charges were written incorrectly. The indictment had been obtained on May 22, less than 48 hours after the original indictment was tossed out of court because of its unconstitutionality. On October 8, panic stricken, the DA rushed to get another indictment before the pretrial hearing scheduled for today.

ANOTHER ALL-WHITE JURY

This third indictment was quickly returned by an all-white grand jury. Defense attorney Brady Coleman told the court today that a new indictment means a new trial, and asked for a postponement of the scheduled November 11 trial. In a last-ditch attempt to cover his slip-up, Stu Steward tried to dodge the issue, saying the trial could still be held on November 11 since the five were still going to be tried on the same

charge.

But as the defense hadn't even had an opportunity to read the new charges, the defense lawyers insisted on the five's legal right to a new arraignment, new pretrial hearing, and new trial date. Judge Andrew Jefferson reluctantly set

October 31 as the date for the arraignment. The dates of the pretrial motions hearing and the trial will be decided then.

This October 9 marked one year since the Houston 12 became the

target of the state's scheme to frame them on phony charges and ship them off to prison because they dared to speak out against U.S. involvement in the Mideast in this city dominated by the oil industry.

The charges against the Houston

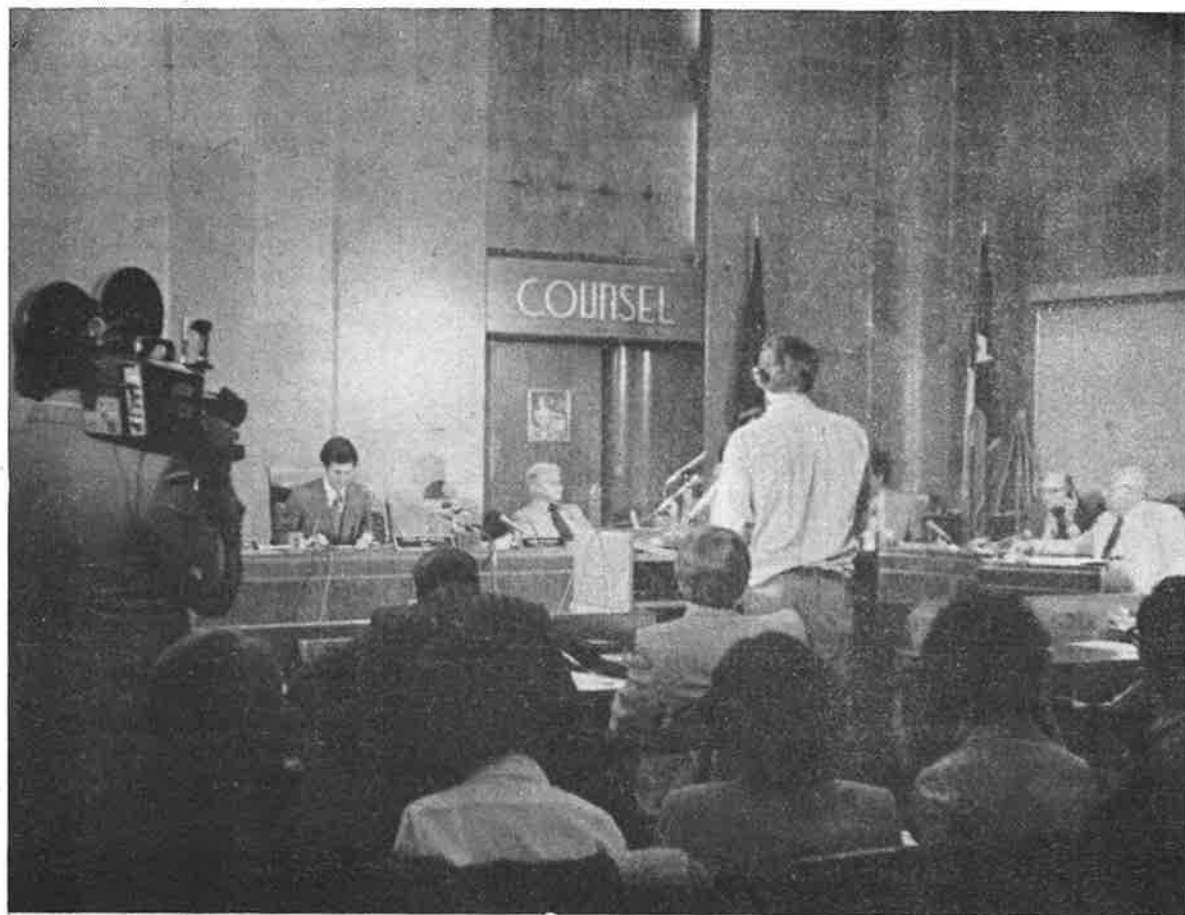
12 stem from a police attack on a picket line called by Youth Against War & Fascism against the war in the Mideast. As the picket line was drawing to a close, 25 people carrying only picket signs were jumped by more than 100 police in 25 patrol cars, swinging leadlined flashlights and carrying drawn guns. Twelve young men, eight of them Chicanos, were viciously beaten, arrested, and beaten again.

The police used the old lying excuse that the victims were the aggressors. Three days later, while the Houston 12 were still in jail, a grand jury indicted five of the twelve on the absurd charge of "assault with intent to murder a police officer," which carries upon conviction up to a life sentence in Texas. All the 12 were charged with "assault on a police officer" and face 2 years in prison.

These original indictments were dismissed by Judge Jefferson at the Houston 12's first trial in May 1974. The basis for dismissal was that the grand jury which indicted the Houston 12 didn't have representative numbers of Blacks, Chicanos, women, young people, or workers making less than \$10,000 a year serving on it.

The defense lawyers plan to present this same motion again in Judge Jefferson's court. The judge will then be faced with either having to toss out the indictments again or reversing his own ruling.

As the state continues its conspiracy to railroad the 12 into jail, support for the Houston 12 mounts. People on the street here are saying that the only fair trial is no trial. Free the Houston 12!



Chris Christiansen tells Houston City Council to keep police from interfering with Houston 12 Defense Committee. WW photo: Tim

Supporters of the '12' confront city officials

By BARBARA TEEL

HOUSTON, Oct. 9—One year ago today the Houston 12 were arrested at a picket line against U.S. involvement in the Middle East. Today the Houston 12 and their supporters picketed City Hall and then confronted the mayor and City Council to demand the charges be dropped.

The suffering caused by the arrests was emphasized by the presence of many of the defendants' relatives, including wives with small children. They showed their anger at the false charges with signs of "My husband is innocent, indict the cops who beat him" and "The only fair trial is no trial."

Gloria Rodriguez, the wife of one of the Houston 12, spoke to the City Council meeting. She contrasted the alleged "suffering" of Pat Nixon and her mass-murderer

husband with the very real hardships the Houston 12 and their families have endured. She described the bruised, swollen faces of the defendants in jail last year and demanded to know if brutal beatings were normal police procedure. She demanded that Mayor Hofheinz, who pledged to end police brutality, get the charges dropped immediately.

Juanita Navarro, director of El Centro Chicano, spoke in Spanish on behalf of the defendants, eight of whom are Chicanos. When one of the councilmen challenged her right to speak in Spanish, she replied, "Sometimes we have to use our own language." She continued her speech in Spanish, telling of the years the defendants have fought for better conditions in the community and demanding the charges be dropped.

William Christiansen, one of the Houston 12, reminded the council

of the vicious attack by police on the picket line of 25 unarmed people last year. He blamed the oil industry for the attack, charging that the cops and the city government serve as tools of the big oil companies.

He told how their rights of free speech and free assembly had been denied because they dared to oppose the interests of the big corporations. He concluded his talk by informing the mayor and the council that the Houston 12 Defense Committee was planning a march against the oil companies the next Saturday, October 12, and demanded that Mayor Hofheinz keep the police from interfering with the march.

Much to the annoyance of Mayor Hofheinz and the city council, the Houston 12 received bursts of applause from the audience.

Demonstrators in N.Y. protest Texas frameup

By JOEL MEYERS

NEW YORK, Oct. 10—Over 100 people demonstrated at Times Square today to show support for the Houston 12.

The demonstration was timed to coincide with their appearance in court for pretrial motions. As reported in this paper, those motions resulted in another severe setback for the government's clumsy and crude frameup.

In banners and chants, the demonstration sharply contrasted the "pardon" given to former president Richard Nixon and the legal preparations to free Lieutenant William Calley with the strenuous efforts the government has been making to imprison the Houston 12, five of whom are facing life sentences.

Demonstrators also compared the railroading of the Houston 12 to the railroading of the Attica Brothers and other examples of U.S. racist and repressive in-

justice.

Police harassed the demonstration, hemmed in those trying to distribute leaflets to passersby, and at one point threatened to arrest one of the distributors. Only the militant chant "Let him go, let him go!" which was in fact a declaration of intent by the demonstrators that the cops would get more trouble than they would want to deal with, made them change their minds about arresting him.

When the demonstration was over, the cops gathered menacingly around the subway entrance into which the demonstrators were going, attempting in vain to intimidate them.

The fact that the frameup was set back in Texas mirrors the growing popular support for the Houston 12, of which this demonstration was but one small example.