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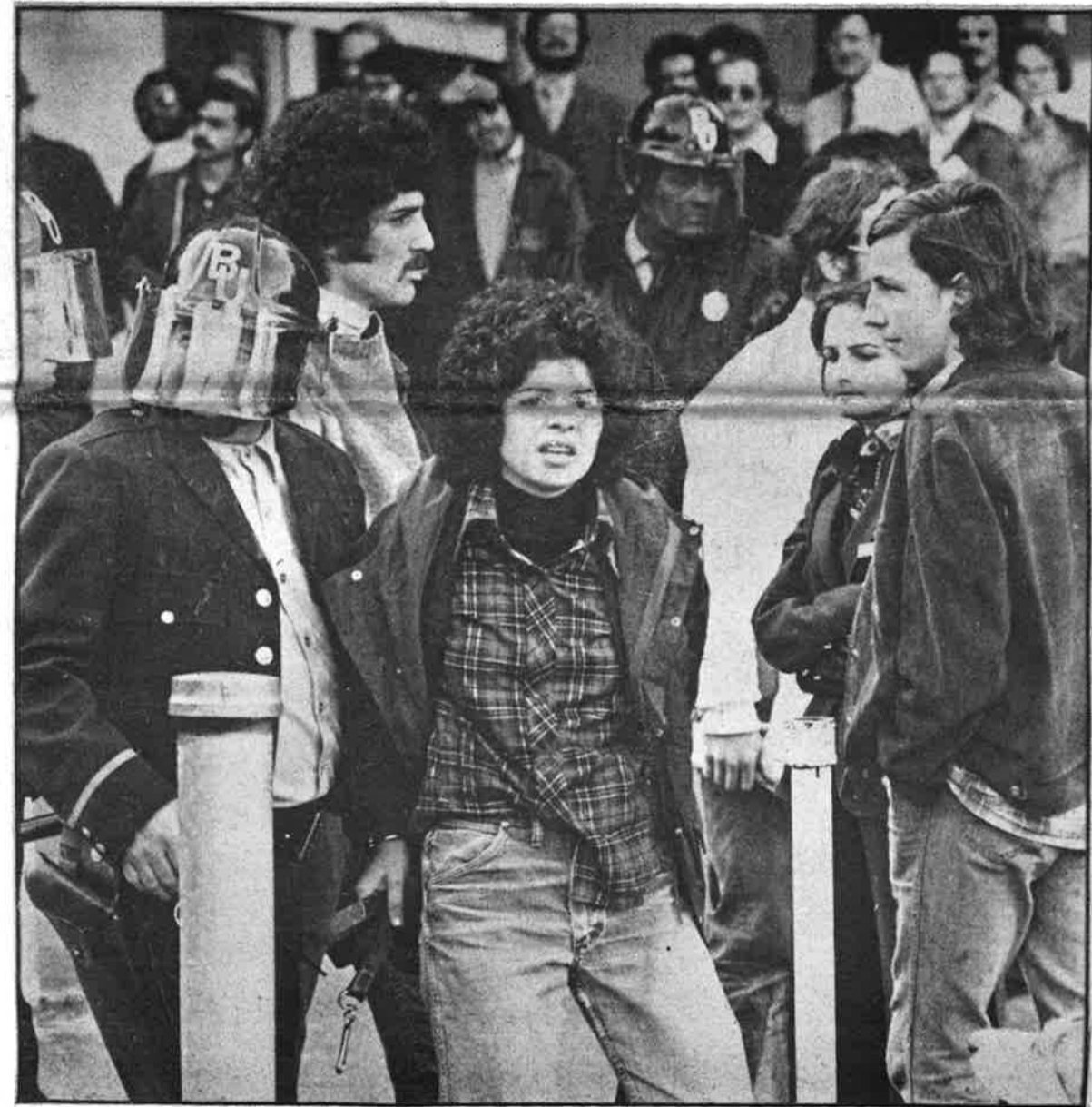


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DOWN WITH THE FASCIST JUNTA!
Seven arrested in Boston (left) while protesting U.S. support of Chile's fascist regime (p. 2).

And worldwide campaign goes on to free



CARMEN CASTILLO

who is in the hands of the junta's torturers (p. 3).

Mass N.Y.C. rally to demand a free P.R.

By JAIME VEVE

NEW YORK, Oct. 20—On Sunday, October 27, more than 20,000 people will converge on Madison Square Garden here in what will be one of the biggest acts of solidarity with the struggle for independence in Puerto Rico ever held.

After many months of work and planning by the Puerto Rican Solidarity Day Committee, which includes many individuals and groups, most of the seats have been

sold out.

This act of solidarity with Puerto Rico, initiated by the Puerto Rican Socialist Party (PSP), is being dedicated to the five Nationalist prisoners—Lolita Lebron, Rafael Cancel Miranda, Andres Figueroa, Oscar Collazo, and Irving Flores—who have been in federal prisons for more than 20 years. Solidarity Day comes 3 days before the anniversary of the heroic Nationalist uprising of Jayuya in 1950, when hundreds of Nationalist Party

members launched an armed struggle against their oppressors, the United States government.

The day of solidarity with Puerto Rico has created a concrete opportunity for many organizations and individuals to speak out on the issue of independence for Puerto Rico. Nearly 30 nation-wide organizations have agreed to co-sponsor the event, including the African Liberation Support Committee, the American Indian Movement, the Congress of Afrikan People, the National Alliance Against Racism and Political Repression, Workers World Party, and Youth Against War & Fascism, among others.

PROGRAM TO BE BROADCAST

The Solidarity Day Committee

has also secured permission from the Federal Communications Commission to transmit the program from the Garden to both Puerto Rico and Los Angeles.

As October 27 draws closer and the publicity around the activity grows, the issue will attract the attention not only of supporters but also of enemies. One example is when the Madison Square Garden hierarchy recently attempted to cancel its commitment. Their decision was reversed due to the tremendous response in protest and because the Solidarity Day Committee's decision to hold the action in the streets surrounding the Garden if necessary.

The program to date includes Juan Mari Bras, Secretary General of the PSP; Jane Fonda;

Angela Davis; Russell Means of AIM; Virginia Collins of the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF); Ossie Davis; Ray Barretto, the Latin music star; and many others.

The Solidarity Day Committee has announced that thousands of people will come from different parts of the city in caravans that will honor the five Nationalist prisoners.

The October 27 activity at Madison Square Garden promises to be one of the biggest outpourings of solidarity from the people of the United States with the struggle for independence of Puerto Rico.

¡Despierta Boricua, Defiende lo Tuyo!

¡Que Viva Puerto Rico Libre y Socialista!

Former State Dept. official reveals

Chilean counter-revolution directly financed by CIA

By P. MEISNER

OCTOBER 20—A former high-level State Department liaison official to the CIA has revealed that Ford's statements on the CIA intervention in Chile did not tell half the truth on the extent of the U.S. role in overthrowing the Allende government. The official, Ray S. Cline, confirmed reports (denied up to now by the Ford Administration) that the CIA directly financed anti-Allende organizations and activities, including the truck owners whose "strike" (actually a lockout) was a key factor in bringing on the coup of Sept. 11, 1973.

The New York Times of October 17 considered Cline's disclosure significant:

"His account of the assistance to labor groups (really the truck owners, shopkeepers, etc.—P.M.) flatly contradicts both the public and private descriptions of the CIA role presented by President Ford and Secretary of State Kissinger."

Ford's admission of CIA in-

volvement in Chile, however, was dressed up as a mission to "preserve democratic institutions" in Chile. At his televised news conference on September 16, Ford stated that "the effort that was made in this case was to help and assist the preservation of opposition newspapers and electronic media and to preserve opposition political parties." (As your friend Richard Nixon did in Watergate, Mr. Ford?)

FORD FOR OPPOSITION PRESS? SINCE WHEN?

Ford did not explain why the CIA's intervention brought on one of the most brutal fascist regimes humankind has ever seen. Instead he told the Chilean people that the CIA-directed coup was carried out "in their best interests"—after the murder of more than 20,000 progressives and a galloping inflation never seen before in Chile! But it is clear that U.S. imperialism, which has milked billions of dollars out of Chile, could not tolerate a government in which the workers and peasants

were getting a stronger and stronger voice.

On October 15, one day prior to Cline's statements, Chilean capitalists "leaked" a story designed to cover up for the CIA by claiming that anti-Allende "strikes," such as the truck owners lockout, were backed by funds of approximately \$200,000 contributed by "sympathetic" businessmen in Mexico, Peru, and Venezuela. But one Chilean boss blew this cover by admitting, "I would have no way of knowing whether those funds were indirectly from the CIA."

The revelations which came out during last month's testimony by CIA director William Colby (see Workers World, Sept. 20) indicated that at least half of the \$8 million funneled into Chile by the CIA was for the truck owners' sabotage of the economy.

This newspaper within days of the coup drew attention to the fact that the CIA had financed the powerful truckers' "strikes" of 1972 and 1973. In the Sept. 21, 1973,

issue of Workers World we reprinted an item from Time magazine which remarked that, "While most of the country survived on short rations, the truckers seemed unusually well equipped for a lengthy holdout. Recently, Time correspondent Rudolph Rauch visited a group of truckers camped near Santiago who were enjoying a lavish communal meal of steak, vegetables, wine, and empanadas (meat pies). 'Where does the money for that come from?' he inquired. 'From the CIA,' the truckers answered laughingly. In Washington, the CIA denied the allegation."

In that same issue of Workers World, it was also revealed that U.S.-CIA plans to overthrow the legally elected Allende government could be traced back to a secret memo written to the U.S. State Department in March 1972 by Nathaniel P. Davis. He was U.S. ambassador to Chile in 1972 and 1973, but was actually working directly with the CIA. The memo advocated working toward a situation where "discontent" would be "so great, that military intervention is so overwhelmingly invited."

This was obviously the strategy behind the sabotage of transportation and communications which was at that time depicted as a "spontaneous" movement in Chile.

gear, went on the rampage. Of the seven arrested and beaten, four were charged with assault and battery with a deadly weapon (some with multiple counts), one with assault and battery (on cops), and two with being disorderly. The one Black person arrested, Alexander Lynn, was chased by police, taken to a paddy wagon by two white cops, and choked into unconsciousness.

This morning, as the seven were being arraigned in court, 100 demonstrators marched to the BU administration building where Vice President Finn was burned in effigy. One of those arrested, Bill Lang, remains in the hospital with a cerebral concussion and severed nerves in one hand.

This militant demonstration points to the growing awareness of American workers and students of our common bond with the people of Chile and the rest of Latin America, and our seriousness in acting in solidarity with them.

CIA promotion for Latin fascists fought by Boston protestors

By ALAN BALSAM

BOSTON, Oct. 18—Seven persons were arrested yesterday afternoon as protests against a Conference on Latin American Development (CLAD) entered their second day at Boston University.

The conference was to discuss ways in which Latin America can be further "developed" in accordance with the plans of U.S. imperialism, and was to include such "luminaries" as Eduardo Frei (former President of Chile and a prime mover in the fascist coup which ousted the left-wing Allende government last year) and Robert MacNamara (former U.S.

"defense" secretary and architect of the Vietnam War and now head of the World Bank). Functionaries from the bloody Brazilian dictatorship were also scheduled to attend.

Organizations including the Chile Action Group, Youth Against War & Fascism, and the Revolutionary Student Brigade led militant protests against this rogues' gathering. There was the occupation of the Boston University (BU) Law Auditorium, preventing the conference from convening, and the trashing of the Center for Latin American Development Studies on Wed-

nesday afternoon.

The following day the police were more prepared as over 100 demonstrators picketed outside the Law Auditorium. Protestors were refused entrance to the conference, which was supposed to be open, and decided that if they couldn't go in to expose the fascists, no one would. At that point two persons were arrested and beaten by Boston University cops, joined by BU Vice President Daniel Finn, who repeatedly kicked one of those arrested.

Shortly thereafter, a contingent of 20 Boston police arrived and the BU cops, by this time in full riot

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DECLINE AND FALL



AN HONEST DOCTOR FINDS UNEXPECTED POVERTY

Buffalo Courier Express, Sept. 11:

Aurora, Ill.—"Aurora's free medical clinic for the poor may be forced out of business because it is too successful.

"The clinic is the brainchild of Dr. Eugene R. Balthazar, who wanted to do something for this town 40 miles west of Chicago.

"But Dr. Balthazar, 72, didn't anticipate the tremendous need for free medical care in the community. His funds are running out.

"The elderly physician said his motives were not entirely altruistic: 'I enjoy it. Also, you know, maybe I would like to dispose of my money where I want it. You don't take it with you.'

"Balthazar said he expected to see about 25 to 35 patients a day. Up to 175 have used the clinic in one day."

... BUT FOR JOE, THE SEER, BUSINESS IS BOOMING

The National Tattler, Sept. 1:

"Tattler and psychic Joseph De Louise

have joined what may soon become America's most widespread search for a lost dog.

"The search is for Muffi, an ailing black French poodle.

"Peggy Johnson and her husband, Raymond, have been searching frantically for Muffi ever since her disappearance (Feb. 25).

"Peggy was almost in tears when she called Tattler.

"However, she didn't just give up. She:

"Spent about \$500 for 'lost dog' ads in Chicago's daily newspapers.

"Printed 2,500 letter-size flyers and 400 cards describing Muffi in detail.

"Typed 200 cards describing Muffi and tacked them on supermarket bulletin boards.

"Tattler had to agree that Peggy had done everything imaginable. Then we remembered Joe De Louise, whose extraordinary psychic feats have been reported throughout America and Europe.

"Holding some of the things Muffi loved

most, including a toy duck, a ball and a coat, Joe proceeded to probe for impressions

"'Muffi is still alive,' he said finally.

"'I feel she's somewhere west and south of St. Louis, Mo.'

"He feels the animal is somewhere in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma or Missouri."

ROCKY AND HAPPY LEAD SIMPLE LIFE

The New York Times, Oct. 13:

"He and his wife, Happy, are not jet setters. They rarely go to restaurants, preferring to entertain at their Fifth Avenue duplex or at their Gatsby-like mansion, one of several on the six-square-mile family estate at Pocantico Hills in Westchester County.

"Vacations are invariably at a more modest home on a point jutting into the Atlantic Ocean at Seal Harbor, Maine, or at a ranch in Venezuela. At the Maine estate, there are at least two symbols of the vast Rockefeller wealth. An inlet adjacent to the house has been dammed and heated to serve as a natural swimming pool. A large, ordinary and seemingly weather-beaten boat-house disguises a small, air-conditioned,

wood-paneled art gallery."

DODO NOT EXTINCT?

Wall Street Journal, Oct. 8:

"Rep. Earl Landgrebe says that back in Washington, he is a man 'standing on a mountainside with a machine gun,' trying to prevent the government from 'robbing' Indiana folk.

"His was the sole vote, for example, against a measure for cancer research. The price tag was too high, he says, and anyway, finding a cancer cure would only change 'which way you're going to go.'

"Two years ago, on a House committee trip to the Soviet Union, he sneaked in 100 pounds of Bibles and secretly distributed them until Moscow police caught up with him in a movie theatre, slipping Bibles down through his long overcoat and onto the floor.

"Mr Landgrebe says he opposes most federal programs because they amount to 'the poor stealing from the rich.' In campaign appearances he tells voters that 'the people in Alabama are sitting under a shade tree while we are working up here.' Many of his comments have an anti-black tone. 'All we need,' he says, 'is a Congressman to make sure that the ghettos of Chicago, Los Angeles and D.C. don't rob the shirts off our backs.'"

Homeless find life on street grim struggle for survival

By SHARON SHELTON
NEW YORK, Oct. 21—Call her Mary.

If you've every been in the area of 16th Street and 8th Avenue in Manhattan, chances are you've seen her.

Dressed in an old, worn, black wool coat, she spends her days looking through garbage cans or shyly approaching strangers for money for food. She carries all her belongings neatly folded in the two paper shopping bags that accompany her wherever she goes.

Mary has no home, except for the streets.

Once last winter she came to my apartment. I lived on the top floor of a fourth floor walkup with a shower in the hall. It was 8:30 on a cold Sunday morning when she knocked, asking to use the shower. Later when I invited her in for breakfast, she told me her story.

ONCE HAD WORKED

Mary explained that she once had been an office worker and had her own small apartment. But when she lost her job, she suffered a nervous breakdown and was placed in a mental institution.

"Losing my job was what did it," she said.

After being discharged from the mental institution, Mary was on welfare, but soon was cut off

although even her case worker admitted she was in no shape to work again.

"I wanted to fight to get my welfare back, but I couldn't afford a lawyer," she told me. "So I just gave up. Pretty soon I was evicted from my apartment and here I am."

Mary said that people she meets on the streets sometimes take her in for a few days and that occasionally on very cold nights she spends 35 cents on a subway token and sleeps on the trains. Mostly, however, she just searches for a building with an unlocked door and sleeps under the stairwell, shivering and fearful that she will be discovered and thrown out.

FOOD HARDER AND HARDER TO FIND

Getting enough to eat is as difficult as finding a place to sleep. Mary said that she looks in garbage cans behind supermarkets for damaged fruits and vegetables to eat, but that lately the stores weren't discarding so much. She added that she is ashamed to ask passersby for money, but usually must. She said that when she is given enough money for a bowl of soup, she puts "everything that is free"—catsup, mustard, salt, pepper, cream, and even relish—in it to make it as filling as possible.

Still, much of the time she is hungry.

Although each day is a struggle for survival for Mary, she admits that she is better off than many others. Mary is still young—in her forties—and has not yet lost her

Ranchers slaughter cattle to send beef prices higher

By GRACE STILES

On October 15, Gerald Ford demanded national television time to exhort the American people to "clean their plates," grow vegetable gardens, shop for bargains, and avoid waste. He used a convention of the Future Farmers of America as a forum for this farce.

Earlier that day some of the present "farmers" of America destroyed 658 perfectly healthy calves and threw their carcasses into an open pit. Saying they were "tired of rhetoric," the Wisconsin cattlemen engineered this enormous waste in a protest against "low cattle prices."

In the last few months, cattlemen in Texas have threatened a nation-wide campaign of cattle

health. She hasn't developed the sores that come with malnutrition. She has a pair of shoes and does not, like many, have to wrap her feet in rags to protect them from the cold. So far, she has been able to find places to take periodic showers.

ECONOMIC CRISIS LEAVES MORE HOMELESS

But Mary is not optimistic about her future. More people are competing for what food and shelter can be found in the streets. Unemployment is skyrocketing. Social security benefits no longer

can keep pace with inflated rents. And cuts in funding for social services mean that mental institutions and welfare will be sending more people into the streets. Already, Mary sees more and more who find their beds in doorways, abandoned cars, and under cardboard boxes.

For Mary and others like her it is a desperate situation. And as capitalist crisis daily intensifies it is one that can only get worse—until the system that breeds such misery is torn down and replaced with one that allows each person to live and work in dignity.

destruction, citing the impending "bankruptcy of dairy and beef cattle raisers." They have support from ranchers in Colorado, who dared say "they actually can save money by killing 1,000 cattle a day," rather than raising them to maturity.

The Texas slaughter hasn't come off yet, but Wisconsin set an example that may soon be followed by dairy farmers in New York State who have a kill scheduled for October 31.

Although these actions directly violate the anti-trust laws against restraint of trade, desecrate every moral principle in history, given the much discussed food crisis in the world; and are aimed at creating super-inflationary high prices that will aggravate that

crisis—the government has done nothing.

'WHERE ARE THE LOW PRICES'

The cattlemen's claim of "low prices" has met with exclamations of disbelief by consumers, who are hard put to find any piece of meat they can afford. "Where?" one woman asked this reporter, "Where are these low prices?" Many of the cattle slaughtered in Wisconsin were being raised for veal, which sells for \$3.00 a pound or more in the Supermarket.

At a time when the American poor and elderly have been reduced to eating pet food to survive, and when the prospect of mass starvation threatens much of the underdeveloped world, actions like these bring the basic contradiction of a food production system based on profit into sharp focus.

PROFIT OR NEED?

Any sensible person will tell you that increased food production should be a number one priority in the U.S., which has the land and technology to literally feed the world. But cattlemen claim they can't get enough profit to make growing food "worthwhile." The question of people's need to eat does not concern them. Their only incentive to produce is to make a profit.

So they will actually destroy food to achieve this end. The destruction serves a twofold purpose, both in creating a short supply and in threatening consumers with more hardship to come if their demands are not met. It demonstrates who controls the food and what they are capable of doing.

Most people are aware of the organization and monopolistic control in the food industry that make these crimes possible. We know that even if farm prices go down, no saving is passed along to us. Supermarket profits are soaring, as are those of processors and other agribusiness conglomerates.

There's little doubt that some marginal farm operations, deep in debt and squeezed by falling meat consumption and rising feed costs will be killed off. But the demand for higher prices will win no sympathy among the poor and working people who can't pay the higher prices. We know the monopolies are sitting in the background directing the whole show by manipulating both farm and supermarket prices to drive out competition and gouge the consumer.

In the capitalist world the production of life's most basic necessity is becoming a volatile issue. The ability to provide an abundance of food for all is there. It's only a profit-making system that stands in the way.



The irrational nature of capitalism shows in these two pictures. More and more homeless people roam the streets, living out of shopping bags [left] and eating out of garbage cans, while cattlemen dump calves [right] into mass graves, claiming they can't make a profit.



MIR calls for international campaign

Free Carmen Castillo!

By KEN FRANSON

On October 5, Miguel Enriquez, First Secretary General of the Chilean Movement of the Revolutionary Left (MIR), and his comrade, Carmen Castillo, were surrounded by forces of the fascist Chilean junta. Although they resisted the attacks for more than 2 hours, firing back with automatic weapons, Miguel Enriquez was killed and Carmen Castillo, in her seventh month of pregnancy, was

seriously wounded and captured.

Carmen Castillo, 29 years old, has been a member of the MIR since 1969 and is the daughter of Fernando Castillo, former rector of the Catholic University of Santiago. She is a university professor and a researcher in the field of social science. Her life is now in grave danger.

The Chilean junta, which since the bloody coup of September 1973 has murdered many thousands of

workers, is guilty of many other crimes as well. Torture of political prisoners is well documented. These prisoners include members of the former government of Salvador Allende (who was murdered during the fascist takeover) and many trade unionists who supported Allende or who have dared to demand an increase in wages for the workers. (In Chile, wages have been frozen by the junta while the inflation rate has

been 1100 percent since the coup.)

President Gerald Ford has admitted that the U.S. sent over \$8 million to Chile through the CIA to help overthrow the constitutionally elected government of Allende. There is much evidence that the U.S. aided in the coup in other ways, both directly and indirectly.

The MIR has asked for an international campaign of solidarity to prevent the murder or torture of Carmen Castillo. We in the United States must be in the forefront of this struggle, especially considering the role the U.S. government played in organizing the coup.

Free Carmen Castillo and all other political prisoners!

Long live the Chilean resistance!

Ford ends price controls on oil; profits will zoom

By LORRAINE BRESLOW
On the very day that Ford called on the American people to accept his new taxes as "necessary to win the fight against inflation", the President secretly issued an Executive Order insuring the giant U.S. oil monopolies even more billions in profits. He abolished price controls on 2.2 million barrels of crude oil produced in the U.S. each day.

Anticipating the results of Ford's October 8 directive, the Oil Daily of October 10 eagerly observed that "If the price of this oil was allowed to rise from the current controlled price of \$5.25 (per barrel) to the free market price of about \$9.75, the windfall on each barrel of the 2.2 million barrels would be about \$5.50 a day or \$4.4 billion a year." According to other petroleum industry sources, the actual profit increase will be more like \$5 billion annually.

THE MEANING OF 'WIN'

The oil executives who watched Ford sporting a "WIN" button (Whip Inflation Now) on his jacket during the October 8 press conference must have been having hearty laugh. After all, they're the ones who won.

Of course, Ford did not announce this conspiracy to further enrich the American oil billionaires in his public address. In fact, he tried to palm himself off as a champion of the people, denouncing "foreign

sources we cannot control" and "high cartel prices." This must have brought additional gales of laughter at the Dallas Petroleum Club.

Despite his promise to lower the notoriously lucrative oil depletion allowance by a few percentage points, Ford is no enemy of the American oil barons. Nor are the

men in Congress whose campaign coffers are filled each election with an uncontrolled flow of oil money. We can be sure that neither Ford nor Congress will substantially alter the oil depletion set-up. He has enabled the large oil companies to avoid paying more than 2 or 3 percent of their revenues in taxes each year—far less than

Why is the U.S. threatening new war in the Mideast?

By BOB McCUBBIN

The bourgeois press in this country has grown so used to portraying Henry Kissinger as the great international peacemaker that when Kissinger teamed up with President Ford in late September to threaten the oil-producing nations with economic reprisals and war, they hardly knew what to say. A mere 3 weeks later the hopscotching "peacemaker" was off again to the Mideast.

But all the ballyhoo notwithstanding, U.S. policy toward the Arab countries is not and never has been peaceful, and U.S. threats against the Arab oil producers did not start with the recent sabre-rattling of Kissinger and Ford.

In 1948 the garrison state of Israel was brought into being. The

major imperialist powers saw it as a weapon to smash the Arab revolution and to defend the imperialist interests (especially the oil interests) of the U.S. and Western Europe. Their interest in setting up Israel had nothing to do with sympathy for the Jewish people, who, except for a small trickle, were denied entry to the U.S. during the Nazi holocaust!

Israel's very creation was an aggressive, genocidal act against the Palestinians whose land was stolen from them by the Zionist settlers. The U.S. has been Israel's chief backer, providing billions upon billions of dollars worth of military hardware, year after year, which the Israelis have used in four successive wars against neighboring Arab lands.

American workers pay out of their modest incomes.

GOVERNMENT OF THE OIL BARONS

This latest scandal—like the revelation that Rockefeller paid no taxes in 1970 despite his family's control of 66 percent of the stock of the \$22 billion Exxon Corporation—underscores once again that the U.S. government is completely subservient to the great oil capitalists: the Hunts, the Gettys, the Mellons, and especially the family of the new Vice President Designate.

So when you hear Ford telling the American people to fight inflation by growing cabbages in our back yards and "shopping for bargains", remember he's giving the richest people in America the biggest bargain of all: \$5 billion that will be taken out of our paychecks in higher prices just when we can least afford it.

While Ford, Schlesinger, and Kissinger try to whip the American people into a rage against the Arabs as the promoters of "intolerably high fuel costs", it's quite apparent that the real enemy is at home.

profoundest sympathies lie with the Palestinian liberation fighters and the anti-imperialist policies that have sharply curtailed U.S. exploitation of Arab oil.

In fact, each nationalization or confiscation of U.S. and European oil holdings by Arab governments has been due, at least in part, to the pressure of the Arab masses for more and stronger blows against the imperialist powers, especially the U.S. The conservative Arab governments live in continual fear that if they do not make moderate moves, such as the oil embargo of last winter, the masses will take matters into their own hands.

PEOPLE HELD OFF PUPPET TROOPS

This power from below was dramatically demonstrated at the end of the 1973 October War when an Israeli force attempted to capture Suez City. The governor of Suez distributed arms to the populace only when the sound of Israeli tanks could be heard.

Yet with no training, no preparation, and no formal anti-tank weapons, the people of Suez held off the Israeli invaders, inflicting many casualties and destroying at least 32 tanks! They were able to do this despite terrible casualties on their own side, continuous shelling of the city from the ground, aerial bombardment, and the fact that the Israelis cut their water supply.

If the capitalist government of Egypt is reluctant to arm the masses of people even under such desperate circumstances, the imperialist government of the U.S. is, without exaggeration, panicked by the idea. The U.S. has already tasted bitter defeat at the hands of the people's army of Vietnam. It is not anxious to repeat that experience.

U.S. STILL WANTS AN ARAB EMPIRE

Yet the forces of expansion that drove the U.S. to attempt to militarily conquer Southeast Asia in the 1960s are essentially the same forces at work now in the Mideast. The U.S. capitalist system needs the super-profits that come from the exploitation of Mideast oil. One-half of all foreign profits generated by U.S. companies in recent years have come from U.S.-owned Mideast oil. They also need the other raw materials, the untapped markets, and the cheap labor of the Mideast.

Ford and Kissinger do not stand alone in their willingness to offer American lives, as well as the lives of Israeli workers, for the maintenance and expansion of imperialist exploitation in the Mideast. In May of 1973, Senator Fulbright, powerful head of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, "warned" the Arab nations of possible military action against them by the U.S. or "militarily potent surrogates." He characterized the Mideast as a "power vacuum" and bragged, "There is

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Marchers hit oil barons, frameup of Houston 12

HOUSTON, Oct. 12—"The Houston 12 stand firm against the vicious conspiracy against us and against all poor and working people. We will not be intimidated! Not by the oil monopolies; not by the courts and politicians like Mayor Hofheinz; not by the racist Houston Police Department!

"With the support of everyone here today and thousands of other people in Houston and around the country, we will defeat the big oil companies and their flunkies. The Houston 12 will win!"

With these words Alex Rodriguez brought to a close a spirited march

and rally held here today by the Houston 12 Defense Committee. Alex is one of the five members of the Houston 12 accused of "assault with intent to murder a police officer," a charge concocted after the police attacked a group of pickets on Oct. 9, 1973, who were protesting U.S. involvement in the Middle East.

The march started at 12 noon at Allen's Landing and proceeded along Main Street in downtown Houston. Targets of the march were the headquarters of the Gulf and Shell oil companies. The rally

was held on the steps of City Hall, which, appropriately, is directly across the street from One Shell Plaza.

NO VIETNAM IN THE MIDDLE EAST!

William Christiansen, another of the five accused of "attempted murder," told the rally, "Houston is the capital of the giant oil monopolies. It is clear that these corporations are responsible for the attack on us last October and the attempt to send the 12 to prison on these phony charges. The oil executives are determined to nip in the bud any movement that exposes their plan for a Vietnam in the Mideast and their crimes against the working people of this country and the world. By railroading the 12 to jail, they hope to silence all opposition to their

schemes."

But today's march showed that the supporters of the Houston 12 and critics of the oil barons are far from silenced. Chants of "Indict Gulf! Indict Shell! Free the Houston 12!" echoed through the streets of downtown Houston and were well received by Saturday shoppers.

Representatives of two major organizations of oppressed peoples spoke at the rally. Dwight Allen of the Congress of Afrikan People called for the greatest possible support for the 12 and the unity of all working people in the fight for their common interests. Maria Jimenez spoke for La Raza Unida Party and pledged full support for the Houston 12. She explained that the struggle of the 12 is a part of the movement by Chicano people to take control of their lives.

NEW TRIAL DATE TO BE SET

Miguel Trujillo, Alex Rodriguez, William Christiansen, Jose Barriga, and Bartee Haile will be in court again on October 31. The five young men will be arraigned on their third indictment, and the dates of the motions hearing and the trial will be set.

In the meantime the Houston 12 Defense Committee will mobilize to build even stronger support. Jody Sanchez, a committee activist, commented on the source of the Houston 12's support: "For every person in this march, there are thousands more in this town who hate the oil companies and the brutality of the Houston police. I'm talking about the working people who are ripped off every day by Gulf and Shell and who are beaten and thrown in jail by the police. They don't want to fight another war in the Middle East or anywhere else.

"I'm one of those people and that's how I feel and why I support the Houston 12."



The defense of the Houston 12 took to the streets last week in a march and rally against Houston-based oil companies. WW photo

Houston nurses continue to strike to improve bad hospital conditions

By BARBARA TIMKO

HOUSTON, Oct. 4—Last May, a baby born at county-operated Jeff Davis Hospital here fell to the floor on its head. Its umbilical cord was severed because the overworked and understaffed nurses couldn't get there in time to supervise the delivery.

This dangerous method of birth isn't anything new to the overburdened nurses on the Labor and Delivery Floor, who have been forced to make do with old and worn-out equipment. It is because of incidents like this that the nurses are now in the fifth month of a strike to improve conditions at the hospital.

Jeff Davis Hospital administrators have publicly said there was "only" one unsafe and unsterile delivery (in a bed or on a stretcher) per week. But the nurses, a majority of whom are Black, have witnessed 248 unsterile deliveries from January to June of this year. They decided to act in

order to change the deplorable conditions at the hospital, which serves the poor and near poor—Black, Chicano, and white—of Houston.

Together with 35 other hospital employees they staged a "sick out" at the end of May to demand quality health care for all Jeff Davis's patients. The administration rewarded this show of concern for the welfare of the patients by firing nine of the absent nurses. So the nurses set up picket lines at the hospital, declaring they were going on strike until conditions were changed.

STRIKE NOW IN FIFTH MONTH

With the strike entering its fifth month, the determined nurses show no sign of giving up. A coalition of concerned individuals and community organizations has been formed to help the nurses win their demands. During the past months, the Coalition to Support the Nurses has engaged in many

activities to help publicize and gain support for them.

It has picketed the hospital, held news conferences, distributed leaflets throughout the city, and conducted a successful petition campaign. Over 6,000 signatures demanding the nurses be rehired were collected.

Most recently the coalition sponsored a rally on September 28 attended by 150 people from Houston's various neighborhoods. Nancy Roberts, one of the most active strike leaders, spoke for the nurses. Holding up a Jeff Davis Hospital pamphlet for patients, she read the first line to the audience: "The most important person in the hospital is you."

"If you have ever been a patient at Jeff Davis Hospital you know this is a lie," she said. The hospital administrators are wealthy enough so they don't have to go to that hospital. They don't have to go down to see the mess on the floors, and, believe me, they don't."

She then went on to attack the

hospital grievance procedure, hailed in another hospital booklet as "the working woman's best friend." After attempting to use the grievance procedure for the past 4 months, she found it to be nerve wracking, expensive, and time consuming. "I found out from experience it is certainly no friend of the working woman," she concluded.

Telegrams of support for the nurses' strike read at the rally came from the African Liberation Support Committee, the Congress of Afrikan People, and Women United for Action, among others.

THREE DEMANDS

The striking nurses have three

demands. First, the fired nurses must be rehired. Second, the nurses want the results of an independent investigation into conditions at Jeff Davis Hospital made public. Third, they want the worn-out hospital equipment to be replaced.

With the help of the coalition and support from their co-workers, the nurses are confident that their demands will become a reality. They are striking so that in the future no mother who delivers a child at Jeff Davis will ever have to fear that the baby will be permanently damaged because of unsafe hospital conditions.

Chicago tenants present housing officials with 'cockroach cake'

By JEFF SARLES

CHICAGO, October 11—Have you ever wanted to pay back your landlord with some of the same grief he's been putting on you? Well, a group of angry tenants from this city's Uptown Community did just that today, presenting a chocolate cake decorated with a dead rat and filled with live cockroaches to federal housing officials.

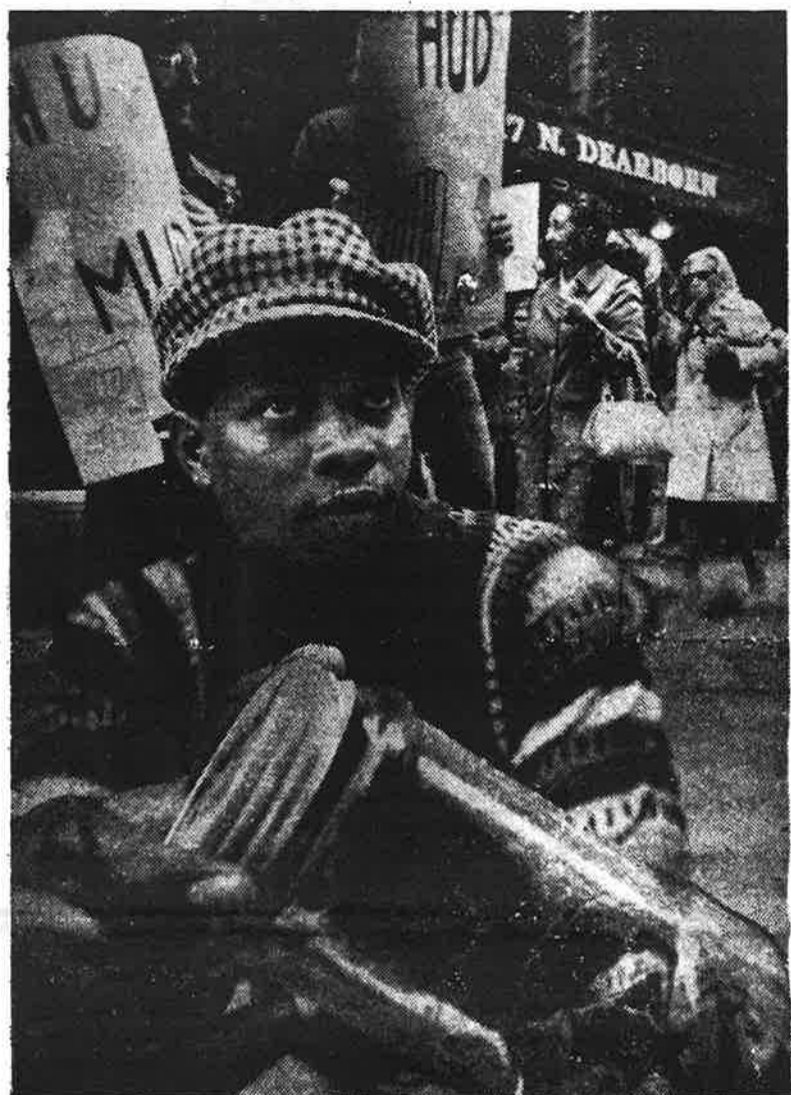
Their gift was part of a demonstration at the offices of the Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD) protesting miserable conditions in two

federally owned apartment buildings. Beside swarms of rats and roaches, the 109 apartments are filled with broken lights and windows, cracked plaster, peeling paint, and poor plumbing. HUD officials and the management firm, whose president is a former son-in-law of Chicago's Mayor Daley, have refused to spend the money needed for repairs.

So after 16 months of negotiation and protest, the tenants decided bolder action was necessary. About 30 of them went downtown to the HUD offices, carrying jars of roaches, preserved rats, and

paper-mache rat masks. The lobby doors were locked to keep them out, so they entered through a back door. They presented the 89 cent layer cake, stuffed with roaches and topped with a dead rat, to John Davis, a HUD director.

HUD is now threatening to press charges against the protesters, members of a community group called "ONE, the Organization of the North East. But the tenants know that their bold action served notice on HUD and other slumlords that tenants are ready to fight for decent housing and that if our demands are not met, bolder actions will follow.



This youth presents his landlord—The Housing and Urban Development Department—with a jar containing a dead rat found in his home.



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no question of our ability to take over the oil-producing states of the Middle East. They are militarily insignificant."

A bare 3 months later the Pentagon invited reporters to a site in the Mojave Desert where 9,000 Marines were undergoing desert combat training. Time magazine quoted a staff sergeant ordering his men aboard a helicopter: "Come on, men. We're out here to get practice so we can grab the oil." U.S. News and World Report, in its article on the desert training exercise, emphasized the "\$6 billion U.S. stake in Mideast oil and gas."

END IMPERIALIST WAR—SMASH U.S. IMPERIALISM

But whether the words out of Washington at any particular time are peaceful or belligerent is not

the point. The warmongers in Washington, when they are not actually engaged in warfare, are constantly planning for it. The "defense" budget alone, a very inadequate measure of the total cost of U.S. militarism, is approaching \$100 billion per year. The Pentagon admits to detailed computerized invasion plans for virtually every country in the world. The U.S. capitalist economy needs war for expansion; the U.S. profit system feeds on death and destruction.

Will there be another Mideast war? There can be no question about it! U.S. imperialism has not for an instant given up its dreams of securing the black gold of Arabia. It will use Israel, the CIA, and every trick at its disposal. It will use your life and mine. Unless

Government buys scab products to help bosses break strikes

By MIKE NIGBOR

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 18—Federal and municipal purchases of scab products are being used to bail out employers faced with community-supported strikes in Wisconsin.

Right in the middle of the UAW strike against Oshkosh Truck Co., the U.S. Army awarded the firm a \$1.6 million contract and illegally extended the expiration dates. Oshkosh is a strong union town and only the federal intervention prevented an immediate just settlement of the strike.

When Milwaukee taxpayers demanded that their wages not be used to purchase nonunion lettuce for school children, government officials agreed at first. Then, behind everyone's back, the city attorney falsely claimed this

we say no!

And unless we back, with our words and our deeds, the aspirations and struggles of the Arab people, and especially the Palestinians, to gain control of the vast natural resources of their lands and to remove from their necks the brutal yoke of exploitation and oppression.

amounted to support for a secondary boycott and promptly bought 225,000 pounds of scab lettuce!

But it's in the small community of Chippewa Falls that the official strike-breaking role of the State has been most clearly exposed. Workers at the Packerland Meat Packing Co. went on strike exactly 1 year ago over terrible conditions: low pay (half the industry's national average), 12-hour days, forced overtime, and daily injuries on the super-fast production line.

There was a unanimous strike vote among the meatcutters. Despite 12 percent unemployment in the area, community support was overwhelming.

So the owner Sigmund Franenthal resorted to an old union-busting technique. He rebaited the union—but in vain.

Then he recruited women workers after having systematically refused them jobs for years. He attempted to use racism by busing in unknowing Chicanos from Texas. When they arrived and saw a strike in progress, however, some headed back South, while many others got different jobs. Franenthal went

so far as to position himself on the plant roof with a gun to intimidate strikers. Everything failed.

So Packerland turned to the State. Police arrested workers on trumped-up charges; picket lines were greatly restricted by court injunctions; and the city leased the highway shoulder to the company to prevent picketing there. But the boss still couldn't break the strike. And he was about ready to sit down and bargain.

Then, lo and behold, the Federal Ground Beef and School Lunch Program decided to give Packerland 70 percent of their beef contracts for a 6-month period! And in came the Milwaukee School Board with a purchase of 147,715 pounds of meat to supplement their school lunch program. Franenthal was saved, and hasn't bargained with the union since July.

At this stage the union solidarity remains intense. The meatcutters and farmworkers unions are working together in Milwaukee and have begun actions to persuade the school board to reverse its decision.

Center for United Labor Action, along with other progressive groups, has provided support. Everyone concerned is convinced that the struggle will only end in victory for the workers, despite the strike-breaking role played by the State.

As the economy crumbles...

GNP plunges in U.S. while inflation climbs

By ANDY STAPP

The U.S. capitalist economy is in deep trouble. While stock prices leap up and down like a man with a hotfoot, the Commerce Department dropped some more bad news on the American people last Friday: the country's total output of goods and services declined during July-September for the third straight quarter while the inflation rate rose during the same period to 11.5 percent, a new high.

Before making this announcement, Secretary of Commerce Frederick Dent must have ransacked the dictionary looking for some substitute for the word "recession." "The current state of the economy," Dent observed with a straight face, "could be called sideways waffling." When reporters at the news conference could not contain their mirth at this absurd statement, Dent tried again, suggesting that "spasm" might be a better characterization.

Well, whatever the government chooses to call it, the reality of the latest 2.9 percent drop in the gross national product means

more layoffs for working people. It also promises to swell the ranks of the unemployed, which stood at an official (and understated) 5.3 million in September.

Commenting on the increase in the number of men and women thrown out of work, New York Post financial reporter Carol Mathews wrote on October 17, "The Ford Administration is looking at a probable unemployment rate of 7 percent without blinking an eye. Pressure from business for higher unemployment than the 4 percent considered acceptable in the post-war years has mounted significantly in the past years. Alarms have been sounded that efforts to fulfill the requirements of the Full Employment Act of 1946 have created the present inflation."

A TRILLION WASTED

The Full Employment Act is the cause of inflation? What a cynical lie!

Since the end of World War II, the U.S. government has given over \$1 trillion (\$1,000,000,000,000) to the

Pentagon for its monstrous war budget—over \$150 billion for Vietnam alone. This wild orgy of military spending is the main cause of inflation, coupled with Nixon's devaluation of the dollar and monopoly price fixing. The poor and working people are not responsible for any of these things, in fact they are the victims. Only the big businessmen, the armament makers, only the imperialist bourgeoisie have benefited in the form of billions of dollars in super-profits.

Commerce Secretary Dent says that the GNP will rise again if people step up "holiday purchasing." Ford says "Spend less." Caught between the steel jaws of inflation and depression, the capitalist system reels deeper and deeper into chaos.

While production slumps and workers are laid off throughout the capitalist world, the economies of the Soviet Union, China, and the other workers' states offer their people full employment and low, stable prices on all necessities.

Just two days after Dent announced the quarterly drop in U.S. production, The New York Times ran an article headlined "Output of industry in Soviet up 8.2 percent in first 3 quarters."

It's gotta make you think...

means U.S. companies can threaten the workers here with moving to South Korea, or somewhere else where wages are low, if U.S. workers' wage demands get "out of line."

One group of economists, the "Keynesians," tries to justify increased government spending by saying that it will stop inflation by creating jobs for the unemployed (not to mention for the capitalists). Such spending is of course financed by borrowing.

The problem with this is increased spending causes more inflation, which is the original cause of the recession we have now. This is like someone in a leaky boat saying the solution is to bore holes in the bottom of the boat to let the water out!

If the government increases spending, it will make the recession worse. But decreasing spending will have the same effect, as the companies with government contracts will lay off workers.

The capitalist class has no solution to the credit problem. Only the working class has a solution, and that is a socialist revolution.

pone, the collapse of the capitalist economy. They know that a contracting economy, without the hope of further external expansion into new markets, cannot afford another New Deal to ride out the storm of an inevitable working class rebellion.

These gentlemen can't conceive of a world without bosses and profits. To them, the collapse of capitalism means the collapse of "civilization," of everything. But workers and oppressed people don't share this gloomy outlook. The period of economic collapse of capitalism, however horrible it may be (and it will be hardest on the poor, not the rich), is the prelude for a struggle for socialism, for the control of society by the great mass of producers and not the parasites.

In the long run, the future is much, much brighter than the past.



Massive layoff hits Louisville GE workers

By a laid-off GE worker

LOUISVILLE, KY., Oct. 18—The unemployment lines in Louisville, Ky., are getting longer. Two thousand three hundred workers have been laid off at the huge General Electric Appliance Park here. Most of us laid off are members of IUE Local 761 which represents 16,000 of the 23,000 workers at GE.

The company blames the layoff on a drop in sales. However, on October 8 in the Louisville Times it was reported that GE had announced a 2 percent increase in profits on a 16 percent gain in sales in the third quarter of this year. GE sales increased from \$2.88 billion in 1973 to \$3.35 billion in 1974.

A union spokesman stated that the layoff would probably reach 5,000 workers. Although there are no official facts on who was hit hardest by the layoff, it is clear that this layoff does include large

numbers of Blacks and women, especially Black women.

Since the GE plant opened here in the early 1950s, it has discriminated against Blacks and women in hiring. From 1956 to 1966, 5,000 jobs were opened and not one woman was hired for those jobs. IUE Local 761 filed a discrimination suit and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission found GE guilty of discriminating against women.

As late as 1967, there were only 36 Black women working at GE and that was out of a total work force of 14,400!

These layoffs mean that Blacks and women, who were the last hired, are the first to go. The union leadership is offering no organized resistance to the layoff at this time, but there are a lot of angry workers who don't intend to let GE lay off to the point where once again there are only 36 Black women working at Appliance Park!

Macmillan fires 300 in union busting effort

By SUE DAVIS

NEW YORK, Oct. 21—On Monday, October 14, Macmillan, Inc., one of the nation's largest publishers, began a mass firing campaign in its New York City office after management had been notified the Friday before that its employees were filing for a union election with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB). Although Chairman of the Board Raymond C. Hagel blamed the layoffs on "belt tightening" because of a recent decline in profits, the 300 workers who were fired call it old-fashioned union busting.

In response, Local 153 of the Office and Professional Employees International Union (OPEIU), which has been organizing at Macmillan since March, filed on Tuesday for a hearing with the NLRB to have the layoffs declared illegal. "This obviously is a tactic management is using because they know that the majority of the employees want a union," said Donna Mobley, a union organizer. On Wednesday, the 300 fired workers voted to strike and set up a picket line the next day.

When this reporter walked the picket line during Friday's lunch hour, the line was primarily made up of those who were fired. But some workers had left the office to march on the line and joined in chanting, "Take your coat, take your hat, leave your desk, and don't come back" and "Hagel, Hagel, what's your pay—\$750 a day!"

Others had signs identifying them as workers from other publishing companies. Pat Bonder,

one of the fired workers, stressed that all publishing workers should support the strike because "if Macmillan can get away with it, other publishers will try. We have to stick together to win."

Kathy Roth, who was staffing the strike headquarters after a stint on the picket line this morning, said, "Less people are going in today than last week." She added, "One person told me that the majority of those inside support our line, but they're afraid for their jobs."

'PRESTIGE' AND LOW PAY

An added factor in the firings is that last month the Macmillan Women's Rights Committee filed a complaint with the State Division of Human Rights charging Macmillan with sex and race discrimination in its hiring and promotion policies. Although publishing is one profession where large numbers of women have been employed for decades, this is also one reason why wages of publishing workers are generally lower than those of other professionals. Just working in publishing, which has traditionally been called a "prestige" industry, was supposed to be sufficient compensation. And management has played on such a ploy to hinder union organizing in the past.

But with increasing inflation combined with a rising consciousness among women workers, demands for unionization in publishing are growing. The strike at Macmillan is crucial to organizing drives currently conducted by OPEIU and District 65 in numerous other publishing companies here.

The credit crunch: Part 4 Government borrowing fattens big corporations

By KEN FRANSON

At all levels of government, credit is an important source of cash for current expenses. What many people don't realize is the interest on these debts costs billions each year and is the third largest item in the federal budget. It's estimated to be \$24.6 billion in 1974.

The big banks and corporations, which buy most of the government bonds (or treasury bills, as the short-term ones are called), are subsidized in this way by the working class. That class pays nearly all the federal taxes, either directly or indirectly which are then turned over to the banks as interest.

What expenses are so necessary that the government must borrow money to pay them? The largest item in the federal budget is military spending—estimated at \$86 billion this year. How does this

spending benefit the workers who must pay for it?

It's easy to see how the corporations benefit from the military being sent all over the world to protect their interests. They also get the benefits of CIA operations like the one that overthrew the Chilean government (and in the process got back the nationalized properties for Anaconda, Kennecott, IT&T, and others). But the working class has no properties in foreign countries that need protecting.

MILITARY SPENDING HURTS THE WORKING CLASS

Military interventions and threats of intervention hurt the U.S. working class. They set up and maintain governments in Asia, Africa, and Latin America that oppress the workers there, keeping their wages at a minimum. This

Capitalists fear crash will bring end to their world

By MYRON JEFKA

NEW YORK, Oct. 18—The deepening economic crisis facing the entire capitalist world has had a profound effect upon the morale of the capitalist class. An example of the pessimism circulating throughout Wall Street was aired by Frank Cappiello, Jr., president of Monumental Capital Management, Inc.

In a speech to a semi-annual conference of stock analysts held October 9 in Detroit, Mr. Cappiello said of the plunging stock market, "If we are not near the bottom, this will be the worst depression the industrialized Western world has ever seen, and the capitalist

system is done for." Such an open display of horror is symptomatic of a growing trend of gloom among many who know the inner workings of the capitalist system.

Their fear of an economic collapse is far greater than that during the late 1920s. They know that capitalism has no future and that the armed might of the socialist countries makes a replay of World War II suicidal and the ensuing post-war capitalist boom impossible.

They know that the war economy, deficit spending, currency manipulations, and other capitalist maneuvers can only slow down, but not indefinitely post-



... what can workers do?



leadership, to get a hearing from the masses.

And today it is precisely the large number that is being awakened—not just a few radical or progressive workers coming to a boiling point, but millions, literally millions, coming to a point about 20 degrees hotter than normal, even though still some distance below the boil.

This year there have been more strikes than for many a year, more protests against high prices, more consumers' organizing committees formed, and so on.

Of course this still does not win back all that the bosses have taken from us in high prices and speedup on the job. For that, much greater struggles and rank-and-file organization are required.

FROM LITTLE ACORNS....

Beginnings have to be made. Somebody does have to start things. Somebody has to talk about simple actions, for instance, in the plant or in the neighborhood. Somebody has to have a little idea what the people like for a little action that is imaginative, but which they think they can get away with. Somebody has to start a committee, if it's only three people.

Somebody has to begin. And somebody has to begin organizing the whole working class itself. The most likely somebodies are the readers of this newspaper.

These workers at J.P. Stevens in North Carolina recently won a union. First they had to overcome racism.

Photo: TWUA

Fight the bosses and win? It can be done!

By VINCE COPELAND

The working people of the United States are beginning to find out quite a bit about the huge monopolies that are gouging them every day of their lives.

With the price of meat skyrocketing while live calves are being shot dead by the hundreds to make the price still higher...

With a President and Vice President of the United States both being proved common crooks after calling upon the working people to observe the "work ethic"...

With the news that the prospective new Vice President's oil and banking dynasty pulls the puppet strings on dozens of other "great leaders" who chisel the people too...

... A great many workers are beginning to wonder: who do we shoot?

Or putting it into more acceptable and immediately effective terms: How can we fight back against these colossal enemies of ours? And if we can, where do we start?

CAN WE DO IT?

How can we organize to fight against a billion-dollar company—or maybe \$20 billion—when we have no money at all and only our own overworked buddies to help us?

How can we act, how can we fight, when our union leaders are so soft that they hobnob with the wealthy bosses?

In a word, can we fight? And if we fight, can we possibly win?

The answer is yes to the first question and yes to the second question. Yes, yes, YES!

THE WORKERS' STRENGTH

The working people in this

country, employed and unemployed, are now over 90 million strong.

The owners and real controllers of industry are less than a hundred! (A scholar once boiled down the captains of high finance and industry to 60 families—and that was many mergers ago.) Including their families, their in-laws, and their kissing cousins, the real ruling class numbers not more than ten thousand.

But it is not numbers alone that give the ultimate advantage to the working class. It is the fact that everything produced, everything transported, everything communicated, is produced, carried, and communicated by the workers.

The top owners do absolutely nothing (except watch over their fortunes, and some don't even do that!) and without the workers they are absolutely helpless. They can be fought. The workers can fight them. And the workers can beat them.

A FEW PROOFS

Isn't it true that in July of 1973 the workers of the Jefferson Assembly plant in Detroit (owned by the \$6 billion Chrysler Company) shut down the plant for 14 hours to get rid of a racist foreman—and they succeeded?

Isn't it true that the workers of Harlan County, Kentucky, who worked at the Brookside mine there, went on strike for 13 months to get union recognition from a company worth hundreds of millions, and just a couple of months ago they succeeded?

Isn't it true that in plant after plant throughout the country there were wildcat walkouts this summer demanding fans or air conditioners and all sorts of other

things—and many of them succeeded?

Isn't it true that women's rights movements have fought for jobs and fought for equality on the job—and in many places they succeeded?

First and foremost, racism must be defeated

By DEIRDRE GRISWOLD

Here's a time when people are getting angry about a lot of things: angry about high prices; angry about crooked politicians milking the public treasury; angry about companies getting their high prices by bribing the crooked politicians; angry about deteriorating schools, public services, neighborhoods; angry about being lied to constantly by the government.

And all the talk in the air about layoffs and depression is tinging the anger with desperation and fear.

Then comes an ugly outburst of racism in Boston, a Northern "liberal" city. Black kids are attacked on their way to school; Black people are beaten up on the street; white parents who won't go along with the racist boycott of schools get threatening phone calls. "White power" slogans and even swastikas are painted up on the walls in some Boston white areas.

Just when poor people of all colors need to fight back against the powerful forces who own and control this country, racism rears its ugly head and diverts the anger and frustration of some of the whites against people who've been abused much more than they.

Is it just a coincidence?

Hell, no! Racism is a weapon of the bosses against the workers and poor. The racist campaign in Boston has the deliberate and sinister backing of a lot of wealthy people.

The trouble is that not enough workers strike at once, not enough people move at once. And another trouble is that the workers and all the poorer people have been misled and betrayed so many times that they hesitate to fight even when they are in a fighting mood. But when a large enough number wake up at approximately the same time, it becomes much easier for the new leadership, the honest

WHO IS THE KLAN?

Take the Ku Klux Klan, for instance. It has flown organizers into Boston to agitate against busing and develop a structure for more racist actions. The Klan was nothing but a trivial religious sect until the 1880s. But then the former slave owners poured fortunes into the group in order to break up the new-found unity of poor Black and white farmers. It was turned into a murderous army of night-riders and lynchers.

In the horrible years that followed, hangings, burnings, and mutilations were commonplace and made it possible for the old slave-owning class to emerge at the head of a plantation system in which pitiful wages for Black laborers replaced the actual practice of chattel slavery. The free South foreseen by poor farmers, Black and white, was not to be, and racist violence dominated everything.

BLACK STRUGGLE CHANGING THE SOUTH

Why have workers in the South finally made some progress in recent years? Why is union organizing now possible—for white and Black—when a few years ago unionists were as much the target of the Klan as those who believed in racial equality?

Because of the tremendous Black liberation struggle of the last few decades. It is the fight against racism in the South that has made it possible to organize plants like J.P. Stevens in North Carolina, for example, where the workers just

got a union after trying since the 1920s.

There can't be a strong movement by the people against the rich and powerful if racism is dividing the people. And the rich and powerful know that. Fascist movements (and racism is the main ingredient of U.S.-style fascism) have always received their heavy financial support from the bosses—even if they speak in anti-establishment terms. Mussolini said he was a socialist—and was backed by the Bank of Rome. Hitler talked about national socialism—and had the Krupp steel family behind him.

We can be sure that the racist groups organizing in Boston have their connections, too. What is more important, right now, is that there is no one among the ruling class and its politicians, from Ford on down, who is putting up a determined stand against them. The racists are being encouraged to organize their cowardly attacks because they know that the state isn't going to do anything about it.

Divided, the people are weak. United, there is no force stronger on earth. There is nothing the working people of this country can't accomplish if they fight together. But first they must defeat racism. The mayor of Boston isn't going to do it. The cops aren't going to do it. Federal troops aren't going to do it. The people themselves—all who believe in justice and social progress—must stand up now and take a determined stand in defense of the rights of Black people and all oppressed groups.



Capitalists sabotage economy for profits

When their profits are threatened, the ruling class are prepared to sabotage the economy.

In Connecticut, where a utility rate increase has been blocked by consumer court action, discharge notices have been posted on the bulletin boards of the two major electric companies that will affect up to 700 workers in the next year.

A company spokesman declared that the cuts, affecting nearly one in ten workers, will be in maintenance and new construction. "We're taking more risks," he pointed out.

WHERE PROFITS ARE AT STAKE . . .

Why are the bosses of Northeast Utilities, which owns Connecticut Power & Light Co. and the Hartford Electric Light Co., threatening not only layoffs but power failures and safety hazards that may cause disasters?

Northeast Utilities is still making huge profits *without* the rate increase. But rather than maintain services and accept a reduction in profits, the Northeast Utilities bosses are preparing to withhold services in order to protect the unearned income of their wealthy investors.

. . . CAPITALISM IGNORES THE 'PUBLIC INTEREST'

The utilities are supposed to be *public services*. There are laws forbidding strikes by public workers or in cases of "national emergency." But in the service of an inflationary increase in profits, Northeast Utilities is free to use its monopoly power to make extortionate demands on the poor and working people in Connecticut.

While workers are being fed patriotic propaganda about sacrificing in the fight against inflation, the capitalist class shows loyalty only to its profits. The real income of working people has already been cut so sharply that many millions of Americans are hungry, but the bosses would sooner have a recession than put profits on a diet.

Northeast Utilities is raising fears of breakdowns in power transmission partly as a scare tactic to swing votes to a pro-utilities candidate in the gubernatorial election. In this, it is behaving in the same way as the capitalists in Chile who disrupted the economy by cutting back production while the capitalist media blamed the Allende government for its policy of nationalization. Allende was overthrown Sept. 11, 1973, in a CIA-sponsored fascist coup that returned all business to capitalist control. Now the details are leaking out on the millions the U.S. spent to disrupt the Chilean economy during Allende's presidency.

In the United States today, the ruling class is not facing an immediate challenge for political power from working class parties. But as the general economic crisis of the U.S. deepens, the capitalists are showing the same total dedication to preserving their profits as did the Chilean bosses, even to the extent of disrupting the economy.

Capitalism is giving the working class the impossible choice between runaway inflation and depression. All the layoffs beginning to sweep the country as the recession advances, even as prices go up, are a kind of irrational sabotage caused by the capitalist drive to protect profit margins.

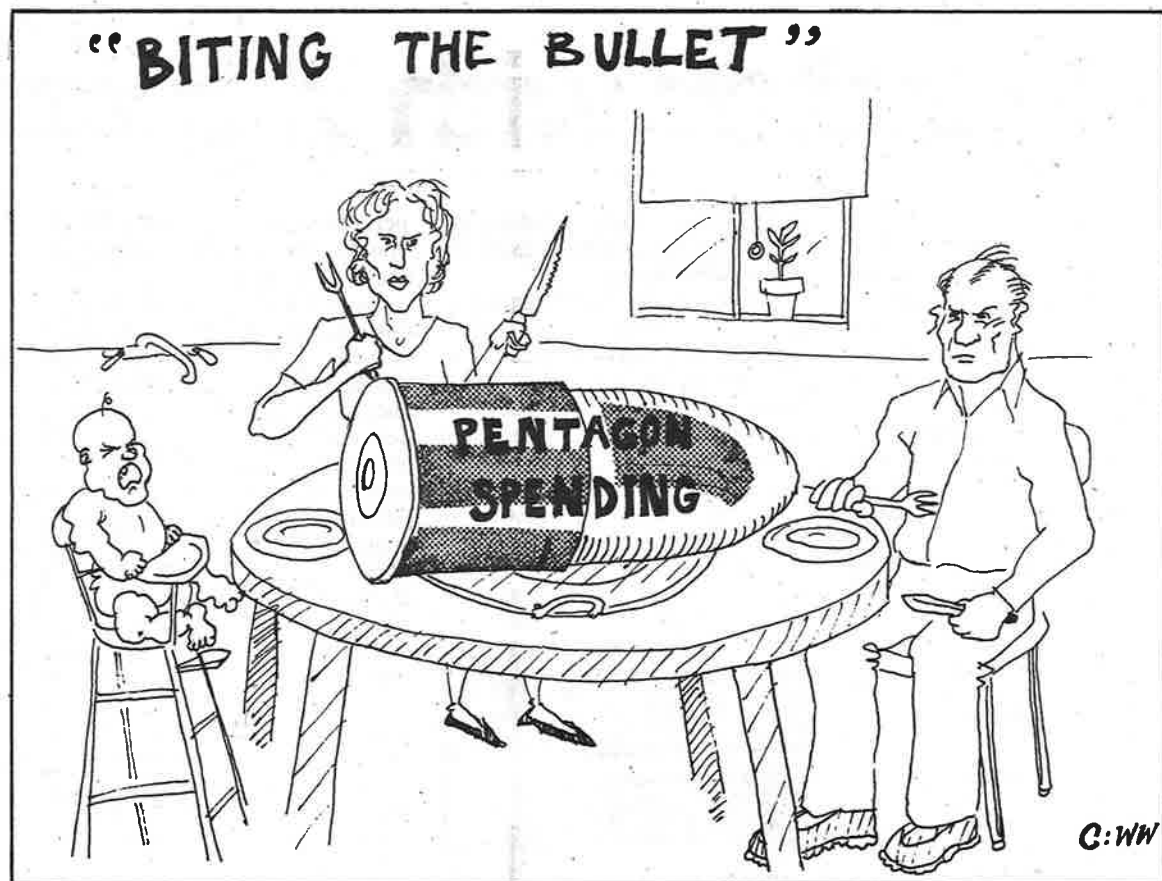
While the consumer activists in Connecticut are showing the way in truly combatting inflation, the retaliation of Northeast Utilities has raised the question that will grow larger in the days ahead: Which class shall control the economy, the capitalists or the workers?

Crisis at the top

With the resignation of Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski and the commencement of the Watergate trial of Nixon's top aides, it might appear that the book is being closed on the fierce internecine struggle among the various contending factions of the ruling class that culminated in Nixon's resignation.

But this would be a superficial assessment. On a closer look, it is clear that the axis of the fight has simply shifted from the debate over Nixon's guilt to the fight over the Rockefeller nomination.

Just as the second Nixon presidency was wracked by "a scandal a day," spread for all to see across the front pages of morning and evening newspapers, revelations about Rockefeller's crimes (bribes, tax evasion) are now appearing with regularity.



WHAT WE MEAN BY . . .

CAPITALISM

The bosses like to call it "free enterprise." But for the millions locked into hard, boring jobs with no relief except unemployment, the present system is neither free nor enterprising. What makes capitalism tick—and why does it so often leave the masses with a choice of war or depression?

Capitalism, like feudalism and slavery before it, is a society divided into classes where a few fabulously rich parasites are supported by the sweat and labor of vast numbers of toiling and oppressed people.

But capitalism is also very different from earlier forms of class society. For one thing, the laborers are legally "free." They are not owned outright as chattel slaves, nor are they bound to the land as serfs. Their labor is sold to the owners of capital (called the capitalists, the bosses, or the bourgeoisie) in a new and concealed form of bondage—wage slavery. The boss, who buys the workers' labor power in exchange for wages, always pays the workers less than the value they add to the finished product. The difference is surplus value, from which the boss extracts his profits.

This basic mechanism of capitalist production means that the workers are never paid enough

to buy back all the products they make—and this is the root cause of the crisis of "overproduction," when, even though people need goods, they cannot afford to buy them and the system goes into a tailspin.

Capitalism has been very dynamic in developing the means of production, however. Unlike feudalism, where the land owned by the lord or king was used to produce mainly what the nobleman and his court could consume themselves (with a bare subsistence going to the peasants), capitalist production is mainly for exchange. This means finding markets to buy what is produced. Capitalist competition for markets means that every effort is made to increase production and make it more efficient—most often at the direct expense of the workers themselves, who are exploited at an intensity and efficiency unknown under earlier systems.

This drive for efficiency in order to gain a competitive edge has led to a greater and greater concentration of production under the control of giant enterprises. Increasingly, corporations emerge that employ thousands of workers and control every step in the production of goods from extracting the raw materials to

delivering the finished product. In this way, production becomes more and more socialized.

The development of capitalism has also produced the force that must overthrow it—the modern working class or proletariat. Hundreds and thousands of workers are now brought together to labor cooperatively, often under the same roof.

SOCIALIZED PRODUCTION BUT INDIVIDUAL OWNERSHIP

But this social character of work and production is completely at odds with the individual ownership of production. There is a constant struggle going on between the workers and the bosses over the division of the surplus value, with the workers—Black and white, men and women, gay and straight—trying to raise their standard of living and the bosses trying to maximize their profits.

Capitalist efficiency, too, exists only within each corporate enterprise. Taken as a whole, the system is horribly inefficient, with millions of worker-hours being poured into parasitic industries like armaments and advertising. There is duplication and waste of effort because of secrecy and competition (patents, for example, and 40 different brands of toothpaste).

Moreover, as the world economy becomes more complex, it becomes ever clearer that humanity must plan production to use raw materials wisely and keep the earth beautiful and habitable. But overall planning is impossible under capitalism; production is geared to making profits, and every other consideration is sacrificed to this underlying motive. Also, capitalist rivalries and need for markets inevitably lead to war, which is the greatest destroyer and polluter of all and threatens the very foundations of life on this planet.

But capitalism as a world system is on the way out. Already, 40 percent of the world's people have expropriated the individual owners of productive property and have socialized the ownership of the means of production. It is inevitable that in the rest of the world, which includes most highly developed capitalist countries—the U.S., Western Europe, and Japan—the class that produces everything will rise to assume control over society's destiny.

The exposes buffeting Rockefeller and his hand-picked Secretary of State Kissinger, both of whom represent different wings of the capitalist class than Nixon's, underscore the inability of the bourgeoisie to settle on a figure from any clique around whom they can unite in the current economic-political crisis.

The ouster of Nixon and the short-lived euphoria manufactured by the media during Ford's first 30 days have almost completely disintegrated. The new President's popularity, so high

early in September, has dropped faster and lower in the polls than that of any other any other new chief executive in American history.

The great problems rending the fabric of U.S. capitalist society—inflation, a threatening depression, and the restless stirring of the working class beginning to break the "class peace" imposed on it for three decades—were merely papered over, not solved, by the change in administrations in Washington. New crises in the top political circles of the ruling class are sure to explode.

Whither Portugal—

Kornilov with a monocle

By SAM MARCY

OCTOBER 21—The political crisis in Portugal is deepening. On the surface everything is being done to present a picture of calm and serenity. Underneath, however, political tensions are rising. Class antagonisms are growing more acute. The workers, encouraged by the monumental and spectacular victory on September 28 over the fascist conspirators, are more confident than ever.

The mood, even according to the hostile Western capitalist press, is one of a growing sense of strength and solidarity. The possessing classes feel more threatened than ever. However, all the basic social and political forces which plotted the fascist conspiracy on September 28 and mounted the aborted march of the phony "silent majority" on Lisbon are still at large and free to pursue the same objective they set out to achieve then.

"Not a shot was fired," exclaimed General Costa Gomes in commenting on the victorious confrontation of the masses with the fascist conspirators. True enough, not a shot was fired. The masses are a thousand times more generous in their treatment of vanquished enemies than are the tormentors of the working class. That's been so ever since the Paris Commune, down to the last socialist revolution in Cuba.

ONLY RIGHT FRINGE ARRESTED

It should be noted that only about 200 of the fascist elements have been arrested. Almost all of them, without exception, are from three obscure, ultra-right groupings. The

offices of these three fascist groups have been occupied and closed by the security forces.

The core of the conspiracy, however, does not lie there. These are merely fringe groupings which the real conspirators can easily denounce and repudiate. They are really of no consequence so far as the general struggle is concerned.

The heart of the conspiracy lies within the summits of the Portuguese ruling class, which is relying on both the fascist right in the military and the covert support of the Western European im-



General Spínola. The intrigues continue.

perialists and the U.S. Surely CIA clandestine operations in Portugal are in full swing now.

It was to little avail that General Costa Gomes grovelled on all fours before President Ford and Secretary Kissinger in Washington last week, asserting that his visit here to the White House "helped to dissipate mutual concern." Nor can there be any comfort in the fact that Ford and Kissinger have dispatched a four-man team to Lisbon "to assess that the country's future direction was favorable enough to make the U.S. willing to help the crisis-ridden Portuguese economy." Any talk of U.S. "help" is a crude deception, a damnable lie deliberately calculated to sow confusion in Portuguese public opinion and above all to disorient the working class, which is deeply distrustful of any U.S. "favors" or "assistance."

They remember too well, even if their leaders prefer to forget, how the U.S. has really "helped" in the past.

U.S. STRATEGY ON PORTUGAL

The Ford-Kissinger strategy for Portugal is to talk sweet reasonableness, to try to intimidate, cajole, and bribe the provisional government and make them do Washington's bidding as much as possible within the limits of the present situation, while stealthily supporting the fascist reaction.

The Portuguese government's pledges to support NATO and to renew the lease on the Lejas air base in the Azores, while ignominious and shameless betrayals of the September 28

victory of the masses, will not satisfy the demands of the Pentagon—although it is undoubtedly delighted to receive Gomes's promises to that effect. The Ford-Kissinger strategy is aimed at crushing the revitalized working class movement and the revolutionary ferment of the

"The aims of the reactionaries in Portugal coincide exactly with those of Ford and Kissinger."

masses that has permeated all layers of the oppressed, including vast sections of the petty bourgeoisie.

The aims of the rightist reactionaries in Portugal, both those in the highest circles of big business as well as the rightist generals of the military, coincide exactly with those of Ford and Kissinger. This must be borne in mind. Those who take for good coin the soothing pronouncements of the provisional government are bound to be misled.

It would be far better if the eyes of the masses were fastened on the inner circle of the Confederation of Portuguese Industries (an organization like the National Association of Manufacturers in the U.S.) For public dissemination the confederation talks of the improved economic situation at home and seeks to assure that no real cause for alarm exists in the country. But in reality the lords of

high finance and industry and the MNCs (multi-national corporations) in Portugal are preparing for economic sabotage, if that is not already in progress.

ANTAGONISMS SHARPEN

The soaring inflation, the growing unemployment are grist to their mill. These are the intractable problems that only a truly socialist government can solve. No amount of chatter about democracy can cover this brutal fact. Nor will it be of any avail to beg for foreign investments, as did the Secretary General of the Portuguese Communist Party, Alvaro Cunhal.

The more the CP moderates its demands, the bolder and more insolent big business and their rightist military become. In fact, this whets their appetite.

It was Cunhal himself who wrote in early September, "The intrigues of the reactionaries are becoming increasingly insolent and unrestrained, because they are becoming aware of their imminent defeat."

The reaction has been halted for the moment, but by no means defeated. The intrigues are continuing, even if the insolence for the moment has been suppressed.

And who specifically has been at the center of the intrigues? Who was more insolent at the cabinet meeting on the eve of the September 28 confrontation? Who poured the vials of his wrath at Cunhal himself at that critical meeting? General Spínola.

It is Spínola who is still at the center of all the intrigues of the fascist reaction. It is he who summoned the phony "silent majority" for the Mussolini-type march on the Palacio De Bel'em (it corresponds to the U.S. White House). It is he who denounced the working class organizations and charged them with being bent on "bringing on a new slavery."

His resignation speech over radio and TV, after the victorious confrontation of the workers against the fascists, was not one of contrition, let alone a confession for plotting. It was one of insolent defiance and thinly disguised calls for renewed efforts at fascist mobilization.

The very fact that this butcher of the African people is still at large and is permitted to carry on his usual activities means that the ruling class and the rightist military are still organizing around him for the counter-revolution.

SPINOLA AT CENTER OF THE WEB

There is no doubt that he is serving as the symbol around which all the forces of conservatism and reaction are again gathering and rallying. All the platitudes about devotion to democracy cannot conceal this enormous and ominous fact. Nor should it be forgotten that the U.S. military, the CIA, and Ford and Kissinger have shared a common view with Spínola and his ilk and class supporters all these many years, and will at the proper moment throw him all possible support.

Like Russia's General Kornilov, who rallied the reactionary forces in the summer of 1917 in an attempt to overthrow the Kerensky Provisional Government, Spínola can be turned back by the organized and determined effort of the working class.

But Spínola-Kornilov and his military camarilla and big business supporters are still at large in Portugal, only awaiting the opportune moment. Only the broad masses of people, only the oppressed and exploited can stop them. This time, the Portuguese masses must go all the way.

—Britain

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contract "the biggest one ever attempted on the workers."

Strikes are on the increase, and there is generally an expectation of big class battles ahead. At the same time, there is a mobilization of the right wing. Police clubbed to death one student this summer who was part of a demonstration against the rising fascist movement.

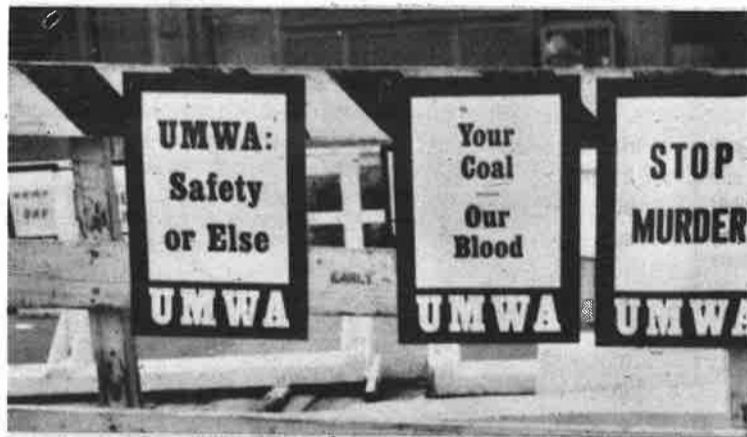
In the pages of the largest bourgeois papers, there is discussion going on as to whether there could be a military takeover in Britain. And this in a country that boasts of 300 years of uninterrupted Parliamentary rule! But it is clear that important sections of the English ruling class are supporting rightist groups like that

of Walter Walker, a former NATO commander in Europe, and Colonel David Sterling, a World War II officer. They have organized private armies to take over vital industries in the event of a major strike. In other words, their professed purpose is to serve as a weapon against the working class.

The British working class showed the bosses its militancy and class consciousness in the general strike of 1926. It was powerful enough then to bring economic production to a grinding halt.

Now as the capitalist world talks once again of a world depression and is figuring schemes to make the workers accept this horror, the question is again being raised: when are the workers going to take over the means of production and run them for the good of all?

Nat'l coal strike in November?



As we go to press, the latest developments in negotiations between the United Mine Workers of America (UMWA) and the Bituminous Coal Operators Association (BCOA) indicate that a nationwide coal strike by 120,000 miners is nearly certain.

UMWA President Arnold Miller said in a message to the union membership: "The inflexible position adopted by the BCOA all but insures a nationwide coal strike on November 12."

This announcement followed a "take-it-or-leave-it" offer by the BCOA which flatly rejected most of the union's noneconomic proposals and refused to even discuss the union's health and safety proposals. According to Miller's statement, "To reject negotiations on the life and death issue of mine safety is to reject negotiations at all and the BCOA knows it."

The union is charging that the operators are trying to "manipulate a strike situation and then demand governmental intervention in order to undermine the bargaining power of the UMWA." This conclusion is supported by the recent discovery of a secret government contingency plan to take over allocation of fuel supplies and otherwise intervene to break the strike.

Full details on this government scab plan and the UMWA contract talks will be contained in the next and future issues of Workers World.

response was swift and to the point. This reporter saw a group of 10 to 12 youths, mostly Black, back one Nazi against the wall and threaten to show him some Black Power (the Nazi paper is titled "White Power") by tossing him and his papers into the nearby river!

At another point when a Black worker was buying a WW, a Nazi began screaming, "It's a commie paper, don't buy it!" The Black worker gave him a withering look, said "I'm a communist," and bought two papers.

Many papers were sold simply by pointing out to people that they were confronted with a clear choice—Nazi lies or socialist truth.

Score: Workers World 40, Nazis 0

By STEVE GEDEN

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 12—Almost 40 Workers World newspapers were sold on Wisconsin Avenue here today.

The significant point of the sale is that while only four WW people were selling, 20 members of the National Socialist (Nazi) White Peoples' Party were attempting to sell their paper at the same time and on the same corners. They were unable to sell a single issue of their racist trash.

Today was also the first time the Nazis tried to bring their rag to the section of downtown most frequented by the Black and Latin people of Milwaukee, and the

POLITICAL PRISONERS



WOUNDED KNEE

By JOHN IVERSEN

PIERRE, S.D. Oct. 10—Today John Carlson of Minneapolis was sentenced to 3 years in prison as a result of pleading guilty to one count of arson in connection with the Feb. 6, 1973, disturbances and police riot in Custer, S.D. John is now the fourth Custer defendant to receive a jail sentence. Sarah Bad Heart Bull, Kenneth Dahl, and Robert High Eagle were sentenced earlier and are presently imprisoned without bond pending appeal of their case.

Carlson, originally charged with three counts of third-degree arson, two of riot, and one of third-degree burglary, pleaded guilty to the one charge since it was the only way he could escape being imprisoned for life. Each of the original six charges carried a life term since Carlson had a habitual offender rider on his indictment. Due to the prejudicial nature of juries in South Dakota, the defense thought the only avenue left was the 3-year plea bargain which the government had offered.

In Sioux Falls the defense has filed a writ of habeas corpus with Judge Bottum. Bottum has made no decision on bond for Bad Heart Bull, Dahl, or High Eagle. He had given the government over a month now to produce reasons as to why the three should be denied bond pending appeal. The defense expects bond to be set soon to the tune of \$30,000 since the three are such "dangerous criminals."

This is typical South Dakota justice—the same justice which acquitted the murderer of Sarah Bad Heart Bull's son, Wesley, the issue which sparked the Custer demonstration in the first place.

Meanwhile, in Lincoln, Neb., Roger Iron Cloud, Bo Little, Wallace Little, Jr., and Dale Red Boy won acquittal before the government finished its case based on the fact that the star prosecution witness, Eddie Cut Grass, a full-blood, refused to testify when he took the stand. The government's only other witness also refused to testify, even though she had been granted immunity. She stated, "Just because the government granted me immunity, at this point I cannot believe them since they have lied to my people for 300 years."

Presently four people, Mark Furry, Larry John, Collin Wesaw, and Raggie Dodge, are on trial in Lincoln for assaulting federal officers and for "conspiracy" to go to Wounded Knee. On October 10 the defense moved for judgment on acquittal due to government misconduct. According to defense spokespeople, it seems that either the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) officer who was supposedly assaulted has perjured

himself or that the FBI has suborned perjury by totally misstating the BIA officer's earlier accounts of what happened. Judgment on acquittal has been denied at this point because the judge wants to hear the rest of the government's case.

Treaty hearings are scheduled to begin in Lincoln on December 16 before Judge Urbom. Arguments will be presented to the court that government jurisdiction over the Wounded Knee cases is irrelevant since all events took place on Indian land at the request of Indian people.

We all must support the just struggle for Indian treaty rights. Drop the Wounded Knee-Custer charges and jail the real criminals who have time and again broken the treaties they have made with the Indian nations! For further information contact: Wounded Knee Defense, P.O. Box 80931, Lincoln, Neb. 68501.

LEAVENWORTH BROTHERS

WICHITA, Ks., Oct 7—Shouts directed to Judge Frank Theis and courtroom scuffles dominated the sentencing hearing of four Black Leavenworth Brothers, Odell Bennett, Jessie Lee Evans, Alf Hill, Jr., and Alfred Jasper.

On September 24, the four were found

guilty by an all-white jury after an 8-week trial on various charges of assault and inciting to riot in the July 31, 1973, rebellion at Leavenworth.

Evans and Hill were sentenced to 20 years and Bennett and Jasper to 10 years as they were shackled, beaten, and abused by the judge and the guards.

Motions for acquittal or new trials were made, based on the lack of evidence, conflicting evidence, racism among the jury panel, and governmental misconduct during the trial. All motions were denied by Judge Theis, who had forcefully denied the rights of the defendants throughout the frameup.

A second trial was scheduled to begin on October 15 for two Chicano Brothers, Jesse Lopez and Armando Miramon, on kidnapping charges. Lopez, who was asked during the rebellion to be a mediator with the warden at the request of the inmates, has pleaded innocent. Miramon has pleaded guilty by reason of temporary insanity for taking hostages in order to win a meeting for an inmate grievance committee with the warden and news media.

LETTER

In recent years, prison strikes and rebellions have "rocked" the federal prison

system. Lewisburg, Terre Haute, Danbury, El Reno, Texarkana, Marion, McNeil Island, and Leavenworth have all been scenes of strikes and "vicious" rebellions. Prisoner-slaves asking to be treated as humans.

In a last-ditch effort to curb this action, the U.S. Prison Bureau has instituted some of the most repressive methods of control known to mankind. Drug assault; isolation; U.S. courts; behavioral modification; and up and coming is psychosurgery. Varied, but effective, methods to make "men" accept slavery!

The Bureau of Prisons first tried a program called START in the mind-destroying center at Springfield, Mo. This program was so dreaded that several Prisoner-Slave designates committed suicide rather than submit. The more valiant fought and resisted. One would think the Pigs would have given up. Not so! They hung on until the courts ruled against it as "cruel and unusual punishment." On Feb. 7, 1974, START was stopped. We can't count the many "vicious" crimes committed in Springfield—crimes comparable to those for which the perpetrators were sentenced to death at "Nuremberg." Are these "butchers" to be permitted to continue?

An off-shoot of the START program is called, of all things, CARE. It has been implemented in most of the camps. As with START, the Prisoner-Slave has nothing to say about his enrollment, but they are resisting. PIGS!! Don't you know slaves will rebel?

Another method of repression is a long term "solitary." Prisoner-Slave(s), which the keepers consider a threat to their "stupid" games, are given "frame-up" misconduct reports by lying Pigs and are housed in Segregation for long periods, ranging from a few months to several years. This is to isolate him and his "disrupting influence" from the masses. . . .

Pigs, your new method, the courts, will fail also. At Leavenworth, 26 Prisoner-Slaves are being tried on various charges related to the slave uprising of July 24, 1973. Innocent though they be, as scapegoats, they suit your needs to "intimidate by fear" other slaves considering rebellion. The conspiracy law the Government has had no success with against the "left" is being used against men you consider animals and slaves. They will be convicted, naturally, because your "PIG" guards will lie, and our weaker brothers can be bribed with freedom for false testimony. But don't close your eyes too tight! The Prisoner-Slaves will rise again, and again, and again. We are "MEN," not "SLAVES" and we are willing to die for the right to be recognized as men, for we are part of the revolution, and the revolution will "succeed."

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On Oct. 4, supporters of the Atmore-Holman Brothers picketed the Jefferson County Courthouse in Birmingham, Ala. The nine Black inmates, charged with riot, assault, and murder resulting from a prison rebellion, were singled out by authorities for their efforts to organize prisoners.

WHAT IS '40 COMMITTEE' PLANNING

Since the latest wave of demonstrations began, Thieu has been visited by U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense William P. Clements, Jr. Clements is a member of the notorious "40 Committee" that plans and executes "covert action" on a global scale. What that means for Thieu is that Clements may be shopping around for a successor to Thieu in Saigon.

Speculation to this effect has been put forward from many sides, including the Provisional Revolutionary Government (PRG). Thieu's crisis is also military as well as political. Militarily the PRG has been making great strides forward, especially in the Mekong River Delta, where it has liberated over a third of the area during the past year and a half.

The Saigon regime is in near total defeat in the countryside and facing greater and greater difficulties in the cities as well. Ac-

ording to an October 12 column in the Washington Post, the desertion rate in the Saigon army is approximately 5,000 men per week, or 50 percent above what it was 1 year ago. And perhaps even more significant is the runaway rate of inflation that makes life impossible for the people in urban areas.

Whether Thieu will decide to try and hang on through increased repression or make the decision to resign after "talking it over" with Clements still remains to be seen. In either case the rising tide of socialist revolution and armed struggle is staring him straight in the face and inevitably seals the doom of the hated Saigon government. The struggle for total liberation of the Vietnamese people is moving dramatically forward.

Increasing demonstrations in Saigon against the fascist Thieu are contributing to a growing crisis that may topple his regime.



Anti-Thieu movement gains rapidly in Saigon

By PETE PERKINS

NEW YORK, Oct. 20—The puppet regime of President Nguyen Van Thieu, which came to power under Lyndon Johnson and out-survived Richard Nixon, may be a thing of the past before the end of this year. Over the last week and a half public demonstrations against the repressive and fascist Thieu regime have taken place on an almost daily basis. Speculation of an imminent Thieu resignation grows greater with each passing day.

The issue that people are out in the streets about is freedom of the press, or the total lack thereof. On October 10, over 1000 people, about a third from the media, marched through the streets of Saigon to

demand freedom of the press. Despite a number of beatings by Thieu's secret police, the demonstrations have been growing and are now taking on a broader character.

The role of the working press in the Nixon resignation has helped prompt many of Washington's stooges around the world to outlaw freedom of the press and institute rigid censorship. Thieu is but one of many who fear any sort of public disclosures of their acts both in and out of office. Thieu's practice of raiding newspapers has cost their owners sizable amounts of money in lost revenue and has greatly undercut Thieu's already negligible (if you don't count the Pentagon) base of support.

Labour victory offers British workers no end to deepening economic crisis

By NICK DE FREITAS

NEW YORK, Oct. 19—In the midst of a deepening economic crisis that shows no signs of abating, the Labour Party of Britain has once again been returned to office by a small 3-seat margin in the 635-seat House of Commons.

The voting turnout was 7 percent less than in last February's election. The only substantial gains made in this election were by the nationalist candidates in Scotland and Wales, who want to remove their countries from England's dominion.

The Labour victory may have shown that the British workers don't want a return to the Conservatives (who were defeated last winter after Prime Minister Heath took a strongly anti-labor stand toward the coal miners' strike), but it also showed little conviction or enthusiasm by the workers that the Labour Party can end their growing problems.

And the problems are great. The London Sunday Times has predicted over 1 million unemployed and a 20 percent rate of inflation this winter. The balance of payments deficit is expected to reach \$10 billion this year. The London stock exchange has plunged to the lowest level in 16 years, while the liquidity crisis has forced several major companies into bankruptcy.

BOSSSES SAY: MAKE THE WORKERS PAY

For the workers, price increases of an official 17 percent this year have wiped away the wage gains of the last several years. But the British bosses (and the many U.S. bosses who now have holdings in Britain) are not satisfied. All the economic witchdoctors of the capitalist class are united on one question: the workers must take a cut in their standard of living.

What will the response of the Labour Party be to this? Harold Wilson is already pledged to rescue the capitalist system by a plan of class collaboration known as the "social contract." This is an unwritten agreement in which labor (supposedly represented by Wilson

& Co.) promises not to seek wage increases in exchange for a redistribution of the wealth.

This is really no more than a political trick by which the ruling class hopes to gain acceptance for its austerity measures. The redistribution of wealth and the systematic control of prices are impossible in a capitalist economy (and Labour government or not, Britain is definitely a capitalist country). This is true even in boom times, let alone in times of crisis when the capitalists are scrambling over themselves in the fight for profits.

What kind of "redistribution of wealth" is it when the government is planning to inject "more than one thousand million pounds (\$2.4 billion—N.F.) of public funds into

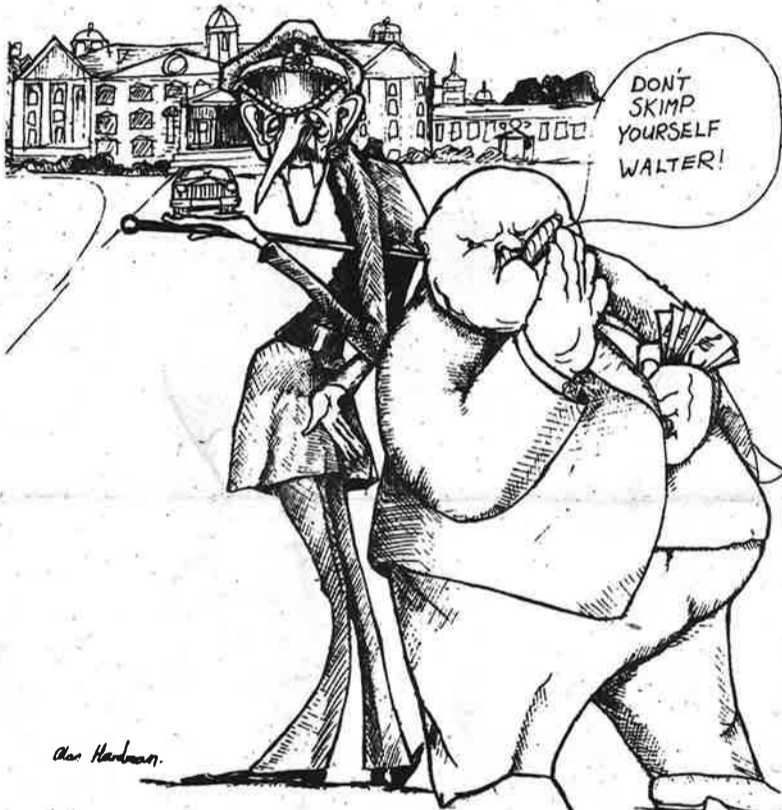
companies through the banking system in order to alleviate the growing cash crisis in industry" (Manchester Guardian, October 19)? The article goes on to say that the eventual sum needed could be three times as much.

'SOCIAL CONTRACT BIGGEST CON EVER'

However, the ruling class isn't finding it so easy to get the workers to swallow Wilson's "social contract." At the same time that big business is looking for ways to cut the workers' standard of living, the workers are finding ways to defend their hard-fought gains. Michael McGahey, leader of last winter's miners' strike, termed the social

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General Walker says "I'll be backed by 3,000,000"



Behind Walker's fascist campaign stands the money and power of England's capitalists.—From the British Weekly, Militant.

Strikes, workers' committees point to upsurge of class struggle in Spain

By BOB DOBROW

NEW YORK, Oct. 17—Spanish workers, still living under the heels of the oldest fascist dictatorship in the world, have begun to show optimistic signs of struggle against their exploiters.

Thirty-two thousand workers recently staged strikes in Valladolid, Bilbao (the major city in the Basque province), and Barcelona. In a country where all strikes are illegal, Spain now rates fourth highest in Europe for workdays lost through strikes!

The union structure under Franco is completely fused with the State apparatus. Workers, their foremen, and their bosses all belong to state-controlled "unions." But networks of comisiones obreras (workers' commissions) have been secretly set up throughout the country. These have been the organizing centers for the recent job actions, and are led by communists and radicals.

The coming resurgence in Spain

has been marked in recent months by the heightened activity of the super-oppressed Basque people and the assassination of Premier Luis Carrero Blanco last year.

This awakening is the result of a volatile mixture of the influence of neighboring Portugal, one of the highest inflation rates in Europe, and the coming succession struggle over Franco's anxiously awaited and long-overdue death.

SPAIN IN THE IMPERIALIST CAMP

Spain is a very poor and backward country, yet, in many ways it takes on the character of both an oppressed and an oppressing nation.

The U.S., which has supported Franco since the Civil War in the 1930s, now has strategic air and naval bases at Rota, Torrejon, Zaragoza, and the Canary Islands, and has thoroughly penetrated the economy.

The U.S. has over \$2 billion invested in Spain, with most major

U.S. companies represented—from Sears & Roebuck to Standard Oil. Also, 1,500 Spanish firms are controlled outright by U.S. interests.

But Spain is still an imperialist power in its own right, a member of NATO, and a possessor of colonies in Africa. The possibility exists that a colonial war like that which helped provoke the ongoing Portuguese revolution may soon develop over Spanish Morocco, long dominated by Spain.

At a time of a capitalist world economic crisis, Spain is being left holding the bag by her imperialist "allies." The same economic malaise that has struck Greece, Italy, and Portugal is likewise taking its toll in Spain.

Franco's days are literally numbered, for he is both very old and very sick. He has elected as his heir Prince Juan Carlos de Bourbon. But many speculate that Juan Carlos's possible reign may be that of "Carlos the Brief," for undoubtedly Franco's death will let loose a tidal wave of struggle.

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Boston rally says: Racism hurts all poor and working people!

By JULIO GHIGLIOTTY
BOSTON, Oct. 19—In the first major action to draw on progressive whites to counter the racist mobilization over the issue of busing, about 800 people marched from Copley Square through the South East end of Boston to the Boston Commons today. A rally was then held at the Commons in support of the Black community.

Organized by the Ad Hoc Committee to Defend the Right of Equal Education, a coalition of tenants' organizations, community groups, and militant labor and labor supportive organizations, the march and rally were the first signs that a growing movement against racism and in opposition to the antibusing forces is developing throughout Boston.

Frank Neisser from the Center for United Labor Action and a member of the coalition summarized the activities which have been organized against the racists in the past few weeks. He spoke of the different groups who have been actively fighting the racists, such as the Greater Boston Tenants Against Racism, which was central in organizing the coalition.

"We at the Center for United Labor Action," said Mr. Neisser, "have passed out 25,000 leaflets at subway stops in Dorchester, South Boston, Jamaica Plains, and East Boston calling on working people to support the struggle of Black and Latin people for equal education by whatever means they choose as the only way we can build a united movement for quality education for everyone."

STOPPED RACIST ATTACK

He described how, observing the attacks on the streets of South Boston, they have been able to "distract a rock-thrower and prevent an attack, and to assist a Black person caught in the crowd."

Another speaker, the director of the Hennigan School in Mission Hill-Jamaica Plains, described the organizing of defense squads in the Jamaica Plains community. The people there have also set up an information center at the school.

A speaker from the African Liberation Support Committee (ALSC) pointed out that "Boston doesn't offer quality schools to the Black community, and so far as I know doesn't offer them to the white community, either."

Other speakers, including a white mother from East Boston, described the slowly growing unity of whites with the Black community. Self-defense squads have been organized in Roxbury, Columbia Point, and in the Mission Hill-Jamaica Plain area at the Hennigan School. Freedom House in Roxbury has been having meetings drawing together that Black community to fight the racist attacks which have been staged against them and Columbia

Point.

At the end of the rally, buckets were passed around to collect funds for the expenses of the demonstration and future activities.

STRUGGLE CAN BE BROADENED

The indications of this demonstration are that there are thousands of white people in Boston who can be reached to fight the racist mobilizations against the Black community which are using

the busing issue as a coverup. During the march, not one incident of hostility was experienced and the people on the sidewalks expressed favorable comments on the anti-racist theme of the demonstration. One older white woman came out to shake the hands of the demonstrators as the march passed by a shopping area along the route. Another was clapping her hands.

The possibility of a counter-attack against the racist mobilization has potential in Boston and across the country as

progressives begin to get together and organize.

NEED FOR NATIONAL ACTION

Frank Neisser ended his talk with a hint of what is possible—a response to the racists that they neither want nor expect: "Many people have talked about different plans for the future, including the possibility of some kind of national activity to counteract the thrust of the national racist mobilization. Progressive people and groups from all over the country have called to give their support and ask

what they can do.

"There has been a call for local actions in many cities in support of the children. Discussion has gone on in the Black community and elsewhere on the possibility of a national demonstration of some sort in Boston.

"Such an action could be a clear answer to the national racist mobilization, which has seemed to have such free rein up to now. We must all come together and develop a plan, and put in the work to make it happen. Today is not the end, it is the beginning."



Last week hundreds of demonstrators—Black and white—marched in Boston to counter the racist mobilization around the busing issue. The success of this demonstration indicates the great potential for organizing a strong anti-racist campaign.

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Socialist Cuba shows how to defeat racism

By BILL DEL VECCHIO

In the same week that millions of TV viewers in the U.S. saw a Black man being beaten by a racist mob in Boston, a revealing article appeared in The New York Times about the status of Black people in Cuba.

Before the revolution, Cuba was so segregated even President Batista wasn't allowed into the Havana Yacht Club because he was considered a mulatto. Now only 15 years later a Times reporter writing from Havana for

the October 7 edition admits that racism hardly exists in Cuba.

"Besides free education and medical care," the article stated, "subtler but equally potent changes are under way."

It then quoted Black Cuban poet Nicolas Guillen as pointing out, "There was a clearly defined color line in Cuba, a product of 400 years of colonialism, which included 60 years of U.S. influence, particularly the Southern U.S. Now, racism is severely punished with fines and jail sentences. It hasn't

disappeared altogether, but we have a lot of mixed marriages now."

The Times article also disclosed that there was no concentration of Blacks in any one profession in Cuba. Black people work as factory administrators, construction workers, ambassadors, peasants, and newspaper editors.

Many of the Black people in Cuba are descendants of escaped slaves. Through the centuries, they have been able to retain their African heritage, performing traditional Yoruba dances and rituals in secret. These African dances, which survived the colonialists' suppression, are now incorporated into the repertoire of the Cuban National Ballet and regarded as the highest art.

Speaking on the topic of racism to the Venceremos Brigade in 1972, Fidel Castro explained, "The

revolution expropriated the property of the capitalists and great landowners, nationalized the schools, and placed them at the service of the people. This dealt a tremendous blow to the main basis of discrimination in Cuba."

He added, "But that does not mean that the simple change in structure eliminates prejudice. Some of the ideas of the old superstructure will persist in the new society. And it must be said that these old ideas have not been overcome completely. There exists prejudice in the attitudes of some of the older people, but there is no place for it in the consciousness of our youth."

The theory that racism is unchangeable has been smashed by the example of Cuba. Cuba has shown that racism can be overcome, when the system that profits from it is abolished.