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# Carter uses war scare to cover U.S. aggression

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By DEIRDRE GRISWOLD

MAY 31—An avalanche of propaganda against Cuba and the Soviet Union from top U.S. officials this week was timed to cover up Washington's aggressive moves in Africa and elsewhere.

Anticipating worldwide criticism at the UN Special Session on Disarmament because of its role as the world's number one militarist and arms salesman, the Carter administration ignited a firestorm of accusations and charges against the socialist countries over their support to national liberation movements in Africa.

Carter opened up the campaign last Thursday with a speech in Chicago attacking Congress for having placed too many "restraints" on his ability to intervene in Angola. He was primarily referring to the Clark amendment, which prohibits any further covert aid to mercenary groups there. The amendment was passed after the CIA spent \$50 million in Angola in 1975 trying to install a puppet regime, but lost out because the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola called in Cuban support just in time to prevent a South African-led column of puppet troops from capturing the capital.

#### CIA, CARTER PRESSURE CONGRESS

Carter's speech came right after revelations in the press that Admiral Stansfield Turner, head of the CIA, had met with Senator Dick Clark, author of the Clark amendment and a member of the powerful Senate Foreign Relations Committee, to try and pressure him into changing his position. Carter then stifled any opposition in Congress to these strong-arm tactics by taking the offensive and picturing Angola as a threat and a base for Cuban "aggression" against mineral-rich Zaire.

No doubt sensing another "Gulf of Tonkin" hoax, in which the administration would bludgeon Congress into ratifying a major intervention abroad by calculatedly creating a mood of war hysteria, Senator George McGovern questioned Carter's claims about any Cuban or Soviet role in the Zaire events, and demanded that the administration provide proof of its charges to Congress.

The administration followed up with an even more ominous statement by Carter's "National Security Adviser," Zbigniew Brzezinski. Appearing on "Meet the Press" on Sunday, he accused

Cuba, the Soviet Union, and even East Germany of having been behind the rebellion in Shaba Province of Zaire. His talk was widely viewed by the press as representing a highly significant escalation of a hard-line approach against the socialist countries, particularly the Soviet Union and Cuba.

The "Red scare" propaganda reached its crescendo this Tuesday when President Carter again captured the headlines with a speech to a NATO meeting in Washington calling for a major build-up in European force levels and arms. This was a contemptuous slap at the disarmament conference taking place at the same time at the UN.

#### CUBA, USSR REBUT CARTER CHARGES

While Carter was trying to bulldoze acquiescence for further U.S. intervention in Africa by charging the Soviet Union and Cuba with "responsibility" for the rebellion in Zaire, those countries were categorically denying the charges. Ambassador Gromyko of the USSR met personally with Carter on Saturday and assured him that his information was incorrect. Premier Fidel Castro of Cuba, in an unusual move, last week called in the U.S. representative in Havana to state very definitely that Cuba was not in any way involved in the rebellion.

And just yesterday, Cuban Foreign Minister Carlos Rafael Rodriguez answered Carter's charges even more directly. He told the special session of the UN:

"I would like to reaffirm that the imputations formulated last Thursday in Chicago by President Carter against Cuba with reference to the recent events in Shaba are absolutely false, and that the Government of the United States has sufficient reasons to know that they are based on impudently repeated lies. I can reaffirm before this Assembly that Cuba has not participated directly or indirectly in the events in Shaba; that not only were there no Cubans present in this action but that, furthermore, Cuba did not supply the arms for that purpose nor did it train those who attacked. Neither does Cuba have political ties with the organization which claimed responsibility for the said events."

#### PRESS OBLITERATES CAUSES OF REBELLION

The media blitz by the administration has virtually wiped out any truthful reporting on what is

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## 1,000 demonstrate against Carter in Chicago

By JEFF SOREL

CHICAGO, May 25—Over one thousand people demonstrated here tonight against Jimmy Carter and his attacks against poor and working people both at home and abroad.

The protesters challenged Carter's lies, deceptions, and broken promises outside a \$1000-a-person cocktail party in the Conrad Hilton Hotel here that he attended. Earlier today, Carter made a threatening speech against the USSR and Cuba's support for African liberation struggles, in an attempt to divert attention from the economic crisis here at home and from his administration's active support for the most reactionary forces in Africa.

The variety of issues raised by the demonstrators reflected the many-sided attacks which Carter has launched against poor people and working people here and abroad.

A contingent of several hundred persons from the Committee to Save Cook County Hospital demanded an end to the massive cutbacks taking place at the Chicago area's major hospital for poor people. They pointed out that the billions of dollars being wasted by the Carter administration on military buildup are desperately needed to provide decent health care in the oppressed communities.

Members of the Coalition in Defense of Immigrants demanded that the Carter Plan, which would intensify the repression against undocumented immigrant workers, be stopped.

Workers World Party focused on Carter's support for the racist apartheid regimes of southern Africa and his part in the U.S.-NATO invasion of Zaire's Shaba Province. Its slogan "Fight unemployment. Not Black

Africa!" expressed the link between the fight against oppression here and abroad.

A large contingent from the National Organization for Women urged passage of the Equal Rights Amendment. A delegation from the National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression protested Carter's failure to recognize the human rights of the Wilmington Ten. Carter's friendly ties to the fascist Shah of Iran were strongly protested by one hundred members of the Iranian Students Association.

Hopefully, this demonstration will be followed by others. Carter and his imperialist, racist, pro-big business policies should be confronted wherever he goes during this congressional campaign year. As the demonstration's main chant so forcefully stated, "The people united will never be defeated!"



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**THE STRUGGLE IN BRIEF**

**Chicago**

**Community hits redlining**

CHICAGO, May 15—Below, some of the more than 500 protesters disrupted a Sears stockholders meeting today, demanding that Allstate Insurance Co., owned by Sears, stop its practice of redlining poor communities.

The protesters, representing a coalition of 12 community groups, charged that Allstate imposes higher rates and special requirements for homeowners' coverage in poor neighborhoods, particularly in the Black community. The special requirements include higher down payments and outrageous deductibles on theft insurance.

As a result of the protest, Allstate's president, Robert Sheppard, agreed to a series of community meetings on redlining. But the community groups were far from satisfied, given Allstate's refusal to stop its racist practices.

A spokesperson from the Auburn-Gresham Concerned Citizens Council said his and other groups are calling for a boycott of Sears. "Allstate redlines us, we redline Sears," he said. "It's as simple as that."



**Detroit**

**Autoworkers wildcat**

DETROIT, May 18—For a week and a half, the Ford Romeo Tractor Plant, United Autoworkers (UAW) Local 400, was shut down by a militant wildcat strike as a response to speedup and high production standards, health and safety problems, and tremendous harassment by management in the plant, and the failure of the grievance procedure to resolve these problems.

The wildcat was triggered by the firing of a welder, despite his clean record, for failure to meet production standards. Continual harassment by a superintendent and the general foreman preceded the firing.

After the welder was fired, his co-workers in the department spread throughout the plant, calling on other workers to walk out. The plant was shut down.

The wildcat began on May 11 and for the next week, the rank and file displayed remarkable initiative and organization in maintaining the strike. Despite repeated orders from the union leaders to return to work, the membership organized 24-hour picket lines and kept the plant totally shut down.

The company sent out telegrams firing 17 workers for their role in this strike, some with as much as 14 years seniority.

**COMPANY OBTAINS ANTI-STRIKE INJUNCTION**

On May 18, when the company was about to obtain a court injunction against the strike, the union organized a meeting for the strikers. UAW Region 1B Director Ken Morris said the union would not back the wildcat strike. But under pressure from the rank and file, he did pledge to file grievances to fight for the jobs of the 17 fired workers. He also stated that the union would file 2,000 grievances over conditions in the plant and grant a legal strike very quickly if the problems weren't resolved.

Faced with a union leadership that wouldn't back their strike as well as the court injunction, the workers voted to return to work Monday morning. However, they left the meeting determined to make the UAW leadership live up to its pledges after they return to work.



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**New York City**

**Action marks death of gay men**

NEW YORK, May 25—"Eugene, St. Paul, Wichita, We won't take it any more" and "We won't go back, we'll fight back" were some of the many militant chants heard here today in a strong demonstration and rally held to mark the death, one year ago, of nine gay men killed in a fire at the Everard Bath House in New York.

Called by the Committee of Lesbian and Gay Male Socialists, (CLGMS), and supported by Dykes and Tykes, Youth Against War & Fascism, and the Gay Activists Alliance, a rally was held at the site of the historic Stonewall Rebellion, where in 1969 thousands of gay people fought cops in the streets for several days protesting police harassment.

Peter Goodman, one of several speakers from CLGMS, said "We came here not to mourn, but to organize and show that we are not going to take it any more." Arnold House explained that the Everard, a notorious fire trap, was a clear example of how gay people, forced out of jobs, decent housing, and social gathering places, are exploited by wealthy landlords who reap large profits from anti-gay bigotry.

Jonathan Boyarin, referring to the recent defeat of a gay rights ordinance in Eugene, Ore., declared that "We will never allow a referendum on gay rights in New York, because we know that these basic rights are ours to take."

Connie Harris, of Youth Against War & Fascism, explained that "Gay people are fighting for the same rights that all poor and working people need, the right to a job, safe housing, and the right to raise our children."

The demonstrators marched down Christopher St., gathering many supporters along the way. Numbering nearly 200 people, the march then proceeded to the residence of New York Mayor Edward Koch, who, despite any of his numerous campaign promises, has led a vicious campaign against all poor and working people in this city. Chanting "Koch must go!" and "We're fired up, won't take no more," the marchers made clear that gay people, in unity with all working and oppressed people, would continue their struggle.

**San Francisco**

**'Chile si, junta no!'**

MAY 29—Hundreds of demonstrators, some in small boats, protested against the Chilean torture ship Esmeralda when it arrived in San Francisco on May 16 at the invitation of the U.S. Navy.

Organized by the Ad Hoc Committee to Stop the Esmeralda, the protests, which spanned a period of four days, focused on the use of the Esmeralda as a floating prison and torture chamber following the fascist CIA-engineered coup in Chile in 1973. Juan Dotte, a 26-year-old ex-sailor in the Chilean navy who was arrested and incarcerated for over three years for his opposition to the military coup, said recently, "From what I know of the Esmeralda, most of those who were tortured there were sailors who refused to go along with the coup, and women."

At a rally on Saturday, May 20, several hundred people demonstrated on Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco. During the rally, some people boarded the ship and hung banners declaring "Support the Chilean Resistance" and "Chile si, junta no." One protester, 66-year-old Robert Schneider, was beaten and shoved down a flight of stairs when he attempted to put up a sign opposing the fascist Chilean government.

The ship is now going to San Diego where more protests are expected.

**Western New York**

**Nuclear storage protest set**

BUFFALO, May 10—The growing danger from the Nuclear Fuel Services (NFS) reprocessing plant at West Valley (a Getty Oil subsidiary) has prompted a call for a demonstration at the site on June 24.

Recent reports indicate that nuclear wastes are leaking into the area's water table. The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority which disclosed the nuclear waste leakage on April 28 said, "There is a chance that water can accumulate in trenches on the site, absorb nuclear materials, and overflow."

Two workers at the facility have come down with radiation-related Hodgkins disease. Clearly the 50 workers at NFS, the surrounding communities and all those whose drinking water comes from Lakes Erie and Ontario, face increasing danger from radioactive leakage. While it will take thousands of centuries for the radioactive wastes to decay to safe levels, the carbon steel storage tanks which contain it can only last about 30 years.

On March 18, about 500 people gathered in the West Valley Central School and heard speakers argue that the local plant should be decommissioned and decontaminated and that Western New York should not become a national nuclear garbage dump.

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**Now Senate Voted for Escalation And Called it a "Motion to Table!"**

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**\$80 billion for new weapons****U.S. imperialists, NATO step up anti-Soviet crusade**

By FRED GOLDSTEIN  
MAY 30—The Carter administration is stepping up its campaign to revive the sagging NATO alliance on the basis of messianic anti-Sovietism characteristic of the Cold War crusade of the 1950s. Carter himself went to the NATO summit meeting in Washington this week and delivered a blistering attack on the USSR.

Just a week ago Carter sent the "liberal" Vice President Walter Mondale to the United Nations session on disarmament to read an aggressive speech which did not contain one single proposal for disarmament. Instead, Mondale launched into a tirade against the USSR and then told the outraged delegates that not only was the U.S. not going to reduce armaments, but that the entire NATO alliance was going to increase its military budget.

**\$80 BILLION IN ARMS**

This planned NATO increase in war spending is the solid substance behind Carter's blustering war

talk. Washington's program for NATO "calls on the 15 members to spend up to an additional \$80 billion over the next decade on some 100 new programs designed to increase combat effectiveness" wrote Richard Burt in the New York Times of May 29.

Two days before Mondale's speech, Secretary of Defense Harold Brown revealed at a NATO foreign ministers meeting that the U.S. has completed plans for a lightning airlift of 200,000 additional troops and 1,200 military aircraft to Europe in the event of any "crisis" for imperialism. Ammunition, weapons, and supporting material are already being placed in forward positions to support such an invasion.

The proposals put forward this week at the NATO summit meeting indicate that the invasion plan is only part of a much broader military buildup. This buildup includes "doubling of antitank weapons in Central Europe...joint production of 15 new naval and land missiles, a new

emphasis on electronic warfare, an increase in ammunition stocks to allow armies to fight for up to 30 days," and a capacity for fighting chemical warfare, according to the New York Times.

This new \$80 billion for militarism was one of the first proposals by the Carter administration when it took office last year. At a London meeting of NATO a year ago nine "task forces" were set up at the urging of Washington and these 100 new programs are the result. They were completed this March "largely under American pressure," according to the New York Times. The new plans are "said to reflect American priorities by and large, so Administration officials are hailing it as a major victory."

**"ROBERT THE BUTCHER"**

It is worth noting that one of the prime architects of the new war program is none other than Robert Komer, now Secretary of Defense Brown's special assistant for NATO affairs. Not long ago he was

hated throughout the entire world as the head of the "Phoenix Program" in Vietnam under which 20,000 Vietnamese were assassinated. The program was designed to "eliminate," or "neutralize," in CIA parlance, anyone suspected of being a member of the Vietnamese National Liberation Front. It is quite fitting that the man known as "Robert the Butcher" is now in charge of planning for counterrevolution in Africa, the Mideast, and Europe, which is what NATO is all about.

**TARGET AFRICA**

Coming in the wake of brutal NATO intervention against the liberation struggle in Zaire, Carter's new drive to galvanize NATO for war is particularly ominous for Africa. Discussing the Ethiopian Revolution and Soviet support for it, Drew Middleton writes in the New York Times of May 29, that "the United States, West Germany, Britain, France and Italy sought to deal with this problem [the Ethiopian

Revolution—F.G.] in January when they agreed that they would not respond to pressure for direct military intervention in the Horn of Africa. There are strong indications in Bonn, Paris and London [and Washington—F.G.] that this position is now regretted."

This veiled threat to attack Ethiopia, floated by Middleton, who is a mouthpiece for the Pentagon, was coupled with another "speculation" about possible NATO intervention in Yugoslavia should there be a socialist revival and a turn toward the socialist camp after the death of Tito.

Carter has dropped the traditional demagoguery of capitalist leaders who always want to appear before the masses as peace lovers who are forced to go to war. Now Carter is openly building up the war fever. This is a danger signal to all the workers and oppressed who must now be on guard and prepared to stop the war makers in their tracks should they launch any new military adventures.

**Thousands march for end to arms race**

By KATHY DURKIN

NEW YORK, May 27—Today 15,000 people marched to the United Nations to demand a ban on nuclear weapons, an end to the arms race, and funding for human needs, not arms. The marchers, coming from across the country and even across the globe in the largest anti-war demonstration since the Vietnam War, voiced opposition to the growing war danger.

Organized by the Mobilization for Survival, a nationwide alliance of peace, environmental, labor and other groups, today's march was one of a series of anti-nuclear power activities held in New York throughout the week of May 22-29 and timed to coincide with the United Nations Special Session on Disarmament. There was also a march and rally for disarmament today in San Francisco.

Those who participated in the march and rally represented a broad spectrum of organizations and viewpoints from environmentalists to anti-imperialists. They included many who had participated in the anti-Vietnam War protests and many who were new to the anti-war movement. For many of the hundreds of young people attending the rally, it was their first anti-war activity.

Hundreds of members of a Japanese National Delegation participated, many of whom were victims of the U.S. bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945. They had traveled to the U.S. to attend the UN Special Session on Disarmament to demand an end to the arms race and an international ban on nuclear weapons and their use. Their banners read, "No More Hiroshimas! No More Hibakusha! Stop the Arms Race!"

While the rally was getting underway at Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza, Native leader Jimmie Durham, Director of the International Indian Treaty Council, led a delegation to the United States Mission where they delivered petitions with thousands of signatures calling on the U.S. to take the lead in cutting back on nuclear weapons.

**U.S. SHOULD TAKE THE INITIATIVE**

Speakers at the rally included

Dr. Helen Caldicott, a founder of the anti-nuclear movement in Australia, Marian Stamps of the National Tenants Organization, actor Ossie Davis, anti-war activist Dave Dellinger, and Masuto Higasaki, an 83-year-old victim of the U.S. atomic bomb destruction of Hiroshima. A letter by William Winpisinger, International President of the International Association of Machinists and Aero-Space Workers, was read to the crowd which stressed the crucial need to organize against the military budget.

Many of today's speakers pointed to the U.S. as having the largest arsenal of weapons—nuclear and "conventional"—and called on the U.S. to take the initiative in disarmament. When Jimmie Durham spoke and said that "it's not the Soviet Union who's armed Marcos and the Shah of Iran and it's not the Soviet Union that's armed every repressive regime in the world," the crowd applauded and cheered.

One of the most militant speeches was given by Ron Kovic, a paraplegic and Vietnam War veteran who has spoken out against U.S. militarism in Southeast Asia for many years. During his speech he joined hands with Masuto Higasaki and said, "My friend and I are symbols of living death. We are here to hold the leaders of this country accountable" When Kovic stated, "We're going to march, we're going to sit in, we're going to picket, we're going to fill the jails," the crowd burst into cheers.

Throughout the march and rally members of Youth Against War & Fascism and Workers World Party carried banners exposing the role of the U.S. in escalating the war danger. Banners read, "NATO storm troops out of Africa" and "U.S. troops and nuclear weapons out of Korea." A large banner raised high over the Workers World literature table read, "Stop U.S. nuclear threats against the USSR, all socialist countries, and liberation movements."

In recent months there has been a wave of anti-nuclear activities at Rocky Flats, Colorado; Barnwell, South Carolina; and the Trident Submarine Base in Washington. Today's march of 15,000 reflected the growing



Some of the 15,000 who marched in New York City on May 27.

WW photo: Mark Doran

concern over the danger of arms escalation and nuclear weapons. Anti-nuclear activities and

demonstrations that are being organized for the coming months will provide more opportunities to

mobilize against the arms race and to demand funds for people, not for nuclear arms.

**Demand removal of U.S. nuclear weapons in Korea****A-bomb victims warn of new threat**

By DEE KNIGHT

NEW YORK, May 27—Two representatives of Korean atom-bomb victims were among the more than 500 special delegates from Japan to the UN conference on disarmament which took place here this week. Mr. Ri Sil Gun and Mr. Paik Chang Gi, president and vice president respectively of the Korean A-Bomb Victims Council in Hiroshima, held a press conference here yesterday to explain the plight of the Korean bomb victims (who were in Japan at the time because their country had been colonized by imperial Japan), and the extreme danger all Koreans still face because of the presence of nuclear bombs in their country today.

"There are more than 680 nuclear warheads in south Korea, brought there by the United States," Mr. Ri said. "I believe each of these weapons is more than 4,000 times as powerful as the Hiroshima-Nagasaki type. The people who will be killed will be Korean. Only those who have experienced it can know the horror of atomic weapons. Therefore I appeal strongly on behalf of the Hiroshima-Nagasaki bomb victims that the U.S. remove all nuclear weapons from south Korea. I very much hope the American people will understand our appeal and support it."

Of more than 300,000 people killed by the A-bombs the U.S.

dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945, Mr. Ri said some 45,000 were Korean. Two-thirds of these were killed immediately after the bombs fell, he said, and the other third have died since then, from the many bomb and radiation-related diseases—especially leukemia, and cancer of the skin or liver.

Another 5,000 Korean bomb victims remain in Japan, while about 20,000 have returned to their own country. Of these, about 15,000 live in the south, where there is no special medical treatment available to them. In the northern, socialist half of divided Korea, the roughly 5,000 bomb victims receive free medical care like all citizens of the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea, as well as whatever special rehabilitative care they need.

**DOUBLE YOKE OF U.S. AND JAPANESE IMPERIALISM**

Mr. Ri made a special appeal on behalf of the Korean bomb victims remaining in Japan, who suffer the discrimination of a colonized people living in the imperialist metropolis. They are denied the special care given to Japanese bomb victims by the Japanese government, even though, as Mr. Ri pointed out, they would not even have been bombed if they had not been forced by the Japanese imperialists to leave their homeland and work

as slaves in the Japanese war effort.

Koreans today in Japan and south Korea suffer under the double yoke of U.S. and Japanese imperialism. Both dominant powers have the responsibility, Mr. Ri said, to care for the Korean victims of the U.S. A-bomb attack on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Neither the U.S. nor Japan has accepted this responsibility, but Mr. Ri's organization has won widespread popular support in Japan for its just demand, and he now hopes to begin the long process of winning popular support of people in the U.S.

During the U.S. invasion of Korea which began on June 25, 1950 under cover of a "UN Police Action," Pres. Harry Truman threatened to use A-bombs in Korea, as he had in Japan. But a mass protest campaign was launched in Japan, where the U.S. by then had valuable investments. And by 1950 the Soviet Union had developed an atom bomb in order to deter the U.S. Under these two threats, as well as fear of popular reaction at home and in the rest of the world, Truman decided against using the bomb again.

But the threat of nuclear holocaust looms more ominously today than ever—especially in Korea. Only a massive outcry of the world's people, especially here in the U.S., can stay the hand of the war planners in Washington.



# Longest Walk in Midwest supports jailed AIM leaders

Special to Workers World

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., May 20—Marches and pipe ceremonies were held in support of two American Indian Movement (AIM) political prisoners this week as the Longest Walk moves across the Midwest on its 3,000-mile journey to Washington, D.C.

Some 500 Native people and supporters marched to the gates of Marion Federal Prison (Ill.) on May 16 and 17 to support Leonard Peltier, whose unjust conviction for "aiding and abetting" in the deaths of two FBI agents in South Dakota in 1975 for which he was sentenced to two life terms, is presently under appeal.

Marion officials, who have denied Peltier the right to see his lawyer or to practice his religion, relented under the pressure of the walk and allowed visits by spiritual leaders of the walk. In a moving gesture of solidarity, the six Indian prisoners at Marion donated \$150 to the walk, money saved from their low prison wages.

Today, walkers hiked over 20 miles to the gates of the Federal Prison in Terre Haute, where Herb Powless is jailed. Powless was one of three men jailed in 1976 on firearms charges. These charges were the result of the federal campaign against AIM. Powless was transferred from Sioux Falls, S.D. Penitentiary this spring, in part, because of his organizing activity among the prisoners there.

Many of his relatives and friends joined the walk into Terre Haute to show their support for Powless and for the walk. His family and walk spiritual leaders visited him and conducted ceremonies today.

## WALK OPPOSES RACIST LEGISLATION

Throughout U.S. history, Native people have been subjected to racist and genocidal attacks—from the military campaigns and germ warfare of the 19th Century to the FBI covert operations and forced sterilization of Native women today. The latest of these attacks comes in the form of eleven bills before Congress which take away Indian treaty rights and civil rights. The Longest Walk has been organized to demonstrate op-



The Longest Walk, over 400 Native people and supporters, is now in the Midwest on its journey to Washington to oppose racist bills

in Congress. The Walkers are shown here near the Illinois-Indiana border along Interstate 70. WW photo

position to these bills, which Native people view as a final attack on their land, culture, and sovereignty.

Several of these bills would take away fishing rights guaranteed by treaty. Others restrict the powers of tribal government to control tribal affairs and to use tribal courts to prosecute non-Indians for offenses committed on Indian land.

The worst of these bills is HR-9054, a bill that would nullify all treaties between the U.S. government and Native nations. This bill would end all federal programs for Native people despite the poverty, unemployment, and poor housing both on and off

reservations. All hunting, fishing, water, and mineral rights guaranteed by treaty would be taken away. Provisions are made in this bill for the break-up and sale of reservation land. Native people have struggled for centuries to hold onto their land base, and many view this land theft as a deliberate attempt to destroy their culture and end their existence as a people. Opposition to the bills is so widespread that over 90 Native nations have been represented on the walk.

## REASONS FOR U.S. GOVT'S LAND GRAB

The power of U.S. imperialism to exploit the resources of other countries has been greatly limited

in recent years, so the government is now pushing "domestic" sources of natural resources. A large portion of the reserves of coal, uranium, and oil within U.S. borders lies on reservation land. Despite collusion between the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the corporations, Native people have resisted and, in some cases, stopped corporate-government plans to strip-mine their lands or steal their resources with little or no compensation. Last month's occupation of Utah oil fields by Native people is an example of the resistance which the corporations fear. The corporations want these bills passed so Native nations will have no power to stop this destruction of their homelands.

The walk began February 11 at Alcatraz Island in San Francisco. It is scheduled to arrive in Washington around July 9. During its two-week stay there, plans call for an International Indian Treaty Council, a survival school conference, a major concert, workshops, spiritual ceremonies, and meetings with U.S. and international representatives to discuss the treaties and the needs and demands of Native people.

Donations of food, clothing, first-aid supplies, and money are needed to keep the walkers going. Contact: The Longest Walk, c/o D.Q. University, P.O. Box 409, Davis, CA 95616.

A people's sovereignty cannot be legislated away.

## Workers World interview with Yvonne Wanrow

# Corporations out to grab Indian land

By DIANE FEINBERG

NEW YORK, May 19—"I believe the courts pursue cases of Native people of the Americas because the Native people stand in the way of the white man's 'progress'—because we are the land owners and these corporations that assume power in this country are wanting natural resources that they know is on Indian land. They feel that if they completely do away with our rights then they will be able to move in and continue their rape and pillage of the land."

The speaker was Yvonne Wanrow, a member of the Lake Band of the Colville Confederated Tribes, in a telephone interview with *Workers World*. Wanrow, herself a victim of the courts, was convicted of second-degree murder and possession of a deadly weapon after defending herself and her children from a drunken racist and his friend who broke into their home in the middle of the night and attacked one of her children. Though her conviction and sentence were finally overturned by the Washington Court of Appeals in 1975 and a new trial was ordered, the Native woman

and her supporters are demanding that she not be put through the ordeal of a second trial.

"My case is going into its sixth year now," Wanrow said. "The second trial is postponed while an argument is settled on an appeal in the Washington Supreme Court. The argument, raised by my all-woman defense team from the Center for Constitutional Rights is challenging the constitutionality of the second-degree felony murder statute." She added, "The prosecuting attorneys have the option later to decide on retrying me so it could go on for two more years.

"I want to thank those people who have supported me and ask them to continue to do so because it is so needed now. I've just returned from West Germany, from a two-week tour. They formed a Hamburg Yvonne Wanrow Defense Committee there.

"There are many Native people filling the prisons and it's not because they are criminals, it's because of the movement to carry out this plan that began years ago to steal the land.

"There is no balance. And it's

not a question of justice when people are characterized because of their color, lifestyle, national status, political views, and their courage to change things that have needed to be changed for a long time.

"I see the Longest Walk as part of my life which is now in progress" Wanrow said, adding that the walk is first of all a spiritual walk.

"There are Congressmen involved trying to get bills passed that will make it legal for them to take our land and treaty rights away from us and they are hoping to get this done while American people are unaware. If the bills pass it will hurt not only Indian but all people." Wanrow said that Black, Asian and white people have also participated in the walk "because they know that once the Indian people are stopped then it will be just a matter of time before the rest of the people are also stopped. It's a very critical time in our lives.

"I urge people to support this effort and to join us in the Longest Walk and to be there when we reach Washington, D.C."



Yvonne Wanrow.

WW photo

# Carter blocks OSHA on Brown Lung disease

By BEVERLY SLAPIN

MAY 30—"We're shocked that they continue to make a political football out of cotton dust standards while people continue to die," a spokesman for the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union told **Workers World** today.

He was reacting to the Carter administration's order last week that the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) delay implementation of a broad new rule designed to reduce the high incidence of Brown Lung disease among textile workers. There are over a million workers in the textile industry who are affected by this order.

On the same day, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the OSHA enforcement mechanism, effectively crippling the occupational health and safety agency. The Court ruled that OSHA inspectors must obtain a warrant before they may enter a workplace over the employer's objections.

The proposed standards, due to be published tomorrow, would have set strict limits on cotton dust levels and require the mills to install modern dust-catching equipment. But the government's objection, according to last Wednesday's New York Times, "was based on a concern that it might have an inflationary impact on the economy."

More than 35,000 workers in the cotton mills, mostly in the South, are disabled each year by byssinosis, the crippling Brown Lung disease. Byssinosis, caused by exposure to high levels of cotton dust, leads to chronic coughing, reduced breathing capacity, total disability, and finally, death.

## "COTTON IN MY THROAT"

What the new rules would have acted against (at least on paper) was described by Lundee Cannon, a J.P. Stevens worker, who testified last year in a union-produced documentary film:

"The dust problem where I work is terrible. Workin' at the pace we have to work; I get lint and cotton in my throat and mouth. I spit up wads of cotton half as big as my thumb. And this is not once a day, but it's every hour. Sometimes every .30 or 40 minutes."

But the government, seldom noted for its compassion towards workers, is going out of its way to prevent any "hardship" to industry. In a May 2 memo to the Regulatory Analysis Review Group, Charles L. Schultze, president of the President's Council of Economic Advisors, said that because of the President's concern about inflation, "it is important to ensure that any new regulations do not impose unnecessary or uneconomic costs on American industry."

"Inflation doesn't matter if you're dead," Charlotte Brody told **Workers World** today. Brody is an organizer for the Carolina Brown Lung Association (CBLA) in Roanoke, N.C., an advocate organization for workers who have contracted Brown Lung. The CBLA, founded in 1975, challenges insurance and textile companies, most notably J.P. Stevens, a billion-dollar corporation that has been labeled the number one corporate law breaker in the country.

And anyway, citing "inflation" is a ruse, a lie, to protect the multi-million-dollar corporations from spending the few cents per worker that is needed to install the dust-catching equipment.



More than 35,000 workers in the cotton mills, mostly in the South, are disabled each year by byssinosis, the crippling Brown Lung disease. Above, some of more than 3,500 pickets who demonstrated outside J.P. Stevens' NYC headquarters last year. WW photo: B. Slapin

## Fighting inflation—or fooling the workers?

# The million dollar five-percenters

MAY 28—General Motors, AT&T, and Ford Motor Co. have all joined Carter's fight against inflation, they say, by agreeing to hold their top executives' pay raises to 5% this year.

What a sacrifice!

AT&T's chairman of the board draws down \$573,000 a year. Five percent of that is \$28,650.

Quite a raise.

If that's such a small pay increase, what about the telephone operators who work in the same company? Their total income per year is less than one-third of that raise!

Douglas Frazer, President of the United Auto Workers, says that GM's chairman of the board would net a still bigger raise by this formula—nearly \$50,000.

Henry Ford II, president of Ford Motors, would get a little less than

a \$50,000 raise. But that would be only in his salary. His dividends every year on over a billion dollars worth of inherited stock in the company are at least 50 million dollars. And they are going up all the time.

## FRINGE BENEFITS FOR EXECUTIVES

Top executives are not usually as rich as Mr. Ford, but they get plenty of fringe benefits besides their six-figure salaries.

Company cars, lush expense accounts with three-martini lunches, first class trips to the East and West coasts and to foreign countries are just some of the usual perquisites—or "perks" as they are called in the trade.

On top of that, they get large stock options that permit them to buy the company's stock at bargain rates.

The executive 5%, whether a \$50,000 raise or a mere \$28,650, is an unrealizable fantasy as far as the workers are concerned. But it is obviously meant to convince the

workers that they should be satisfied with only 5% increase on their meager wages when the cost of living is rising by 10% and more.

And yet there is some doubt whether many companies will heed Carter's plea and follow the self-denying example of those mentioned above. The big corporations and their top brass are so greedy and piggish that most of them may not even settle for 5%, much as it may bamboozle some of their workers.

For example, Edwin S. Mruk, a director of Arthur Young & Company, the big accounting firm, probably speaks for the majority of corporations when he says that a 5% "freeze" on executive pay would be "counterproductive and unfair." It would cause "chaos in the executive world," he moans. "Inflation and higher taxes have hit senior executives especially hard since 1970," he adds.

—Senior workers have been hit quite a bit harder, buddy, and junior workers too! They think it's

time those overpaid, plush-bottomed characters had their salaries cut down and the workers' had their wages really raised!

## Equality of sacrifice?

New York Times Editorial of May 28:

"There was some welcome news on the inflation front this week: a number of large companies responded to the President's appeal to resist wage pressure. American Telephone and Telegraph, General Motors, and Time Inc. all announced that they would hold salary increases for their top executives below last year's.

"In the same spirit, a group of major unions pledged to avoid strikes and to eliminate inefficient work practices. . . ."

Like coffee breaks and going to the bathroom?

# Who guards the guards

By ANDY STAPP

MAY 30—In the Koreagate bribe scandal, the crooks in Congress have finished investigating themselves and have found—surprise—that almost all are innocent.

Is this perhaps too harsh a judgement to make, now that the south Korea bribe case has been officially closed? Hardly. Two years ago when the case first broke into the open, the Justice Department announced that over 100 Congressmen had taken payoffs from south Korean CIA agent Park Tong Sun. The money had been paid out to buy votes in Congress to support the fascist regime in south Korea. Ford, Kissinger, and other officials of the Executive Branch were implicated as well as members of Congress.

Last April 3 and 4 Park Tong Sun testified before the House Ethics Committee, naming 30 Congressmen who received almost \$1 million in payola. Now even for Washington, D.C., that's a big scandal.

But as the saying goes, who guards the guards? Congress just isn't about to indict itself, so the investigation has been shut down with only two (2) ex-Congressmen indicted. They are former Louisiana Representative Otto E. Passman and former California Representative Richard T. Hanna. No member currently sitting in Congress has been brought before the bar of justice. All of which shows, among other things, that the capitalist system is utterly incapable of self-reform, even where the corruption is most glaringly evident.

# Meat costs up at rate of 41% a year

By ELIZABETH ROSS

MAY 29—Meat prices have jumped at the rate of 41% a year, according to the President's Council on Wage and Price Stability. At that rate, many people will barely be able to eat meat next year.

About 50 years ago Republican Herbert Hoover promised "a chicken in every pot and two cars in every garage."

Instead, his era became famous for the super-slums made of packing boxes and tin cans, christened Hoovervilles, and for "Bums Jungles"—wilderness gathering-places for the desperate people roaming the country to find nonexistent jobs. Anyone staying there who ever got a chicken to eat or a pot to put it in had to steal them both.

Others lived on canned dog food

instead of chicken or, even hamburger, forcing the makers of Ken-L-Ration to remove the label from their cans which had proclaimed it "fit for human food."

In 1975 Democrat James Carter, less daring in his predictions than the usually cautious Hoover, promised only to lower the arms budget and slow up inflation.

Everybody knows how well he kept his first promise; the arms budget is the biggest in U.S. history. And now inflation is moving up into double digits again.

Maybe both Republican Hoover and Democrat Carter wanted to keep their campaign promises—if only to assure reelection when they ran again. But clearly, no President can stop the economic downswing which is part of the

capitalist cycle of boom and bust. Perhaps not so clearly, but just as truly, no President can resist the mighty power of the bankers, the arms manufacturers, the transnational corporations and the meat packers. They conspired to get him his job, and if he seriously resists them they can get rid of him, either by character assassination or the other kind, and he knows that very well.

Neither Democratic nor Republican politicians can or will end poverty in the U.S. The only way to assure a decent diet for all is to get rid of them and their outworn system and replace it with a system that meets the needs of the people.

No more Hoovervilles! Let's bulldoze the Cartervilles before they're built!

# Boycott J.P. Stevens!



**Repression by machine gun follows protests****The rising revolt in Iran**

By V. COPELAND  
MAY 29—After a series of revolutionary struggles over the past few decades, another wave of mass protest is shaking the throne of the U.S.-propped-up dictator, the Shah of Iran.

For nearly seven months the popular wrath has been simmering and boiling over into one kind of fight or another.

The most recent wave swept over 30 cities including Tehran, the

capital, two weeks ago. The other large cities—Shiraz, Tabriz, Qom and Kirman were also involved. And the Shah had to send out the army as well as the police—tanks as well as machineguns—to put it down even temporarily.

The cities of Qom, Tabriz and Tehran are under martial law. But the people are so aroused that they may strike again very shortly.

A popular organization called a general strike on May 15 and they

burned down a couple of banks and stores that refused to close in honor of the protest.

(The strike was to commemorate the deaths of those who had been shot down by the army several weeks earlier.)

**THE SHAH'S ROLE**

The Iranian regime is a key pillar of U.S. imperialist strategy in the Middle East. The oil-rich Shah has billions of dollars worth of U.S. planes to be used against the revolutionary Africans and the pro-Palestinian Arab regimes, as well as against his own long-suffering subjects.

He is the enthusiastic supporter of South African apartheid and Rhodesian Minority Rule. He is the willing and ready instrument of U.S. repression in the area.

During Carter's January trip to Europe and the Middle East, the Shah was supposed to have "complained" to him that the Ethiopian Revolution was endangering Iranian "freedom." (Actually, Carter talked to him and made sure that the Shah was fully informed about U.S. intentions to strangle Ethiopia and he gave the Shah his instructions in that regard.)

**NOT A "MUSLIM" REVOLUTION!**

Press reports have persistently emphasized the religious character of the long Iranian rebellion, saying that the Muslim hierarchy is behind it, demanding the

restoration of its confiscated lands and a return to the former complete subjugation of women.

But the Shah is talking about "Islam Marxists" being in the picture and the long illegal Tudeh (Communist) Party is known to be active in the struggle.

The great masses are obviously not risking their lives to take land away from the peasants or to put the veil back on women's faces. But it is apparently true that the orthodox Muslim's hierarchy played a key role in beginning the revolt last November and again in February.

Powerful as the mosque may be in Iranian life, however, the presence of U.S. transnational corporations is more powerful; the oil monopolies and the U.S.-supplied Iranian armed forces are more powerful, too. And the masses' hunger for better food and a better life is still more powerful.

What begins as a struggle to bring back the past must end as a revolution to bring about the future. In such a revolution the veil of mysticism will drop from the eyes of the people just as the veil of submission has dropped from the faces of women.

Without giving one penny's worth of political confidence to the hierarchy, the heroic revolutionaries can freely shoot in the same direction as the most extreme Muslim—that is, against the Shah—with the greatest confidence that whatever the battle cries of Islam may say, the victory will be—socialism.

**Iranian students in U.S. protest news blockade**

By SHARON BLACK  
WASHINGTON, D.C., May 19—Close to 400 Iranian students and progressives took to the streets here today to protest the virtual news blockade of recent events in Iran.

During the past eight days Iran has been the scene of continuous demonstrations and strikes. In response the Shah's armed forces and SAVAK (secret police) have killed hundreds and injured and arrested thousands more. Already over 100,000 Iranian progressives are languishing in the Shah's torture chambers. It is appalling that while all the major cities of Iran have been the battleground between the Shah's U.S.-equipped armed forces and the people of Iran, the U.S. news media has barely reported these events.

While marching through the crowded downtown shopping area here, demonstrators explained to interested and friendly spectators the role of the U.S. government in backing the fascist Shah.

The march then proceeded to the White House for a picket line and then on to the Pentagon. Here a member of the Iranian student movement pointed out that this was the place "where the bombing of Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos were master-minded and also where the vicious repression of the Iranian people is also master-minded." Picketers shouted, "Down with U.S. imperialism! Shah is a U.S. puppet, Down with the Shah!"

The action ended with a spirited march to the Iranian Embassy where the group picketed.



French soldier in Zaire pulls an old man. Backed by the U.S. government the French "policemen of Africa."

**—Carter's war so**

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really going on in Africa, or in Europe itself, for that matter, where there has been rising opposition to the intervention of U.S.-supplied French and Belgian troops in Zaire.

In the screaming headlines about "massacres" against whites in Zaire (which it has been shown can largely be attributed to the Zairian army and to the French Foreign Legion), the daily murderous assaults on the African people which have caused them to rise up in so many countries on the continent have been totally ignored or denied.

The real massacre of at least 1,000 African civilians in Kolwezi by the French Foreign Legion and Mobutu's army in "mopping up" operations has barely been mentioned by the press—and not at all by Mr. "Human Rights" Carter. The Mobutu regime, notorious for its ruthless suppression of all opposition, is held worthy of support at all costs because it is "pro-West."

In Angola, which Carter is openly putting forward as an "enemy" which must be undermined by the CIA, a terrible massacre took place just a month ago in the town of Kassinga. But this too has been forgotten by the press, since it was a massacre of Namibian refugees carried out by the fascist South African Army in a Nazi-like raid across the border. The grisly pictures of the mass grave into which they threw their 600 victims is a horrible reminder of what South Africa represents.

And only two weeks ago, Rhodesian police and soldiers opened fire on an unarmed rally in a small town where people had gathered to oppose Ian Smith's phony "interim government." Ninety-four people were killed in that attack, making it a worse slaughter than the infamous massacre at Sharpeville in South Africa in 1960.

This is what lies behind the "racial animosities" in Africa that Carter claims are being "stirred up" by the socialist countries. It is the cruel and predatory character of the imperialist system in Africa with its lingering colonial settler states and neocolonial puppet regimes, all bent on extracting the last ounce of wealth from the land and people.

**OPPOSITION TO U.S.-NATO INVASION**

The tremendous mass opposition to any direct U.S. intervention in Africa has so far pre-



U.S.-made tanks patrol the streets of Tehran to intimidate anti-Shah protestors.

**Lawyer for Bangkok 18 speaks****Solidarity meeting held for Thailand political prisoners**

By TANA MARIE LOY  
NEW YORK, May 26—Over 150 people attended an evening of solidarity with Thai political prisoners here tonight organized by the Union of Democratic Thais (UDT) and sponsored by many progressive groups.

The special reason for the gathering was the presence of guest speaker Tongbai Tongpao, who is making a world-wide speaking tour to gain international support for all Thai political prisoners and in particular for the Bangkok 18. Tongbai is himself a former political prisoner, of seven years and is now the chief defense lawyer for the Bangkok 18.

The Bangkok 18 are 14 students, a labor leader, two workers and a public official who face the death penalty for their participation in a mass student protest on Oct. 6, 1976. The U.S.-supported Thai military responded to this demonstration by staging a

military coup that day and declaring martial law. It has been estimated that over 100 people were killed that day, many of whom were burned alive. Three thousand people were arrested, and many were beaten or raped. Those who were able fled into the jungle.

The fascist regime of Thailand wants to use this case as an example in order to intimidate the Thai people.

**U.S. PROPS UP FASCIST REGIME**

However, through meetings like this and other activities international attention is being focused not only on the Bangkok 18 and the repressive regime of Prime Minister Kriangsak Chamanan, but also on U.S. imperialism, which has given this regime many millions of dollars in military aid despite the demagoguery of Jimmy "human rights" Carter.

A spokesperson for the UDT read a statement tonight indicating that the U.S. was negotiating a deal with Thailand to give it 18 F-5E fighters. On May 4, Vice President Mondale visited Thailand pledging continued military support.

The three main demands of the UDT were also read: that the U.S. immediately stop all military support of the fascist regime; that the regime remove all fascist laws now in effect; that the government release all political prisoners.

Tongbai Tongpao illustrated the repressive character of the regime by relating that anyone using the word "comrade" could be imprisoned under the Communist Suppression Act, only one of many laws under which thousands of people have been detained. These range from article 20, by which officers may detain anyone as a "danger to society," to article 27, by which a person may be arrested

for "insulting" the Prime Minister!

The case of the Bangkok 18 has drawn world wide attention. These political prisoners were denied defense attorneys originally and also the right of appeal. They were brought into court shackled like animals. But the support gained has made a difference and Tongbai stressed the need for its continuation.

He used the idea of the close harmony of the Thai people with nature to illustrate the idea of a peaceful and loving people whose very existence as such is now disrupted by the incredible brutality of the military regime. Because of the destruction of the land by the government, close to one third of Thailand's rich soil is parched dry. Some 80% of Thailand's workers are peasants, earning not more than \$1 a day. Rice, the mainstay of the population, now has to be imported.



# Mobutu: CIA puppet in Zaire

By ANDY STAPP

MAY 30—"Once again," boasted the New York Times (May 28), "foreigners have salvaged Zaire's mineral-laden Shaba Province for the shaky government of Mobutu Sese Seko."

And that, in a nutshell, is imperialist policy for all of Africa: NATO-based intervention to prevent revolution, especially where large financial investments by European and U.S. capitalism are at stake.

That is what the invasion of Zaire by the U.S., Belgium, and France amounts to, although the news media in this country have done their best to obscure the facts with a smokescreen of super-racist atrocity propaganda.

For over a week now, the press in Europe, including even the capitalist newspapers, have reported that it was Mobutu's demoralized forces that shot civilians, but the media in the U.S. still pretends that it was the rebels.

Even the current Newsweek (June 5), however, admits that "1,000 Africans" had been killed compared to less than "100 whites." It is now apparent that the French Foreign Legion, under the command of Colonel F. Herulin, a notorious torturer of Algerian freedom fighters, went berserk in the Zaire fighting, slaughtering Africans at random. According to U.S. News & World Report, the Foreign Legion killed "more than 300" people in Kolwezi on May 19 alone.

## TRANSNATIONALS' PLUNDER OF ZAIRE

It is clear that the imperialists were prepared to go to great lengths to keep Zaire within the capitalist orbit, and no wonder! The West German company OTRAG virtually owns one tenth of the country, and Peugeot, Leyland Motors, Fiat, Citibank, Chase Manhattan, Chemical Bank, the First National Bank of Chicago, Standard Oil of Indiana, and the Belgium firm, Gecamines, (owner of the richest copper mine in the world, located at Kolwezi) are all heavily invested into Zaire.

According to the Wall Street Journal (May 26), "Zaire produces about 8% of the world's copper and more than 50% of the cobalt." The country also supplies about one-third the world's output in industrial diamonds.

Nonetheless, the Journal admits, "Zaire has piled up a massive total foreign debt estimated at \$2 billion to \$2.8 billion."

"The stake in Zaire," the Journal concludes greedily, "is considerable."

## PENTAGON "AID" TO MOBUTU

Because of these fabulous natural and human resources, U.S. big business (over 50 large U.S. banks and firms operate in Zaire) makes sure that the U.S. government keeps the reactionary Mobutu in power as long as possible. Zaire, in fact, receives half of the Pentagon "aid" given to all of Africa, even though even the New York Times (March 30, 1977) concedes that Mobutu is "a corrupt dictator, unpopular and even hated in much of the country."

So unstable is Mobutu, in fact, that last month he executed 14 officers in his own army!

According to this April's issue of Africa magazine, "government troops massacred 2,000 people in the Idiofa Kikwit-Gungu area. An unspecified number of women and children were killed in the village of Mulembe during January when

officials discovered an underground political meeting. Also in January, paratroopers from the town of Kikwit made mass arrests in surrounding villages, and several people were put to death.

"In March about 20 people were

reported executed in the village of Banda in the same region," Africa magazine added.

Is it any wonder that the people of Zaire rebelled against such a regime?

The issue is not Cuba and the

USSR, as Carter claims. The issue is the right of the people of Zaire to liberate themselves from a dictatorship fastened on their backs by the U.S. CIA and kept there by the hired guns and paratroopers of the NATO powers.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF

### East Timor

#### May Day message

MAY 30—The following message was issued on May 1 by Alarico Fernandes, Minister for Information and National Security in the Democratic Republic of East Timor through the Revolutionary Front for an Independent East Timor (Fretilin). Fretilin is waging an armed struggle to free their land from the U.S.-trained and armed occupation forces of the Indonesian regime of General Suharto.

"Today is the workers' world day. On this date the working class around the world should become more aware of their condition of oppression and exploitation, in order to reinforce their unity and militant solidarity against their oppressors and exploiters: the imperialists and their puppets.

"The workers of East Timor, fully aware of their historic responsibility under the leadership of their revolutionary vanguard, the glorious, wise and intrepid Fretilin Central Committee, affirm their militant solidarity with all workers around the world, and their determination as well to continue fighting the murdering aggression carried out by the corrupt Suharto and his running dogs, till the total and integral liberation of the Democratic Republic of East Timor, and contributing by this manner to the liberation of the oppressed peoples of the world."

### Ireland

#### Freedom fighters demand prisoner of war status

MAY 29—Pushed to the wall in a British-run northern Ireland concentration camp, 300 Irish Republican prisoners have begun a no-wash campaign to dramatize their demand for treatment as prisoners of war.

Prior to March, 1976 Irish freedom fighters convicted, of so-called "terrorist acts" in their just struggle against British colonial rule in northern Ireland, maintained the right to wear their own clothing, choose leaders within the prison, and hold military drills.

Frustrated by futile attempts to stifle the Irish liberation struggle, British authorities began a repressive campaign behind the walls of the Maze Prison (Long Kesh) to try and break the spirit of imprisoned nationalist militants. Beginning in March, 1976 many of the 300 Republican prisoners, in response to this British effort, balked at wearing prison uniforms and have worn only blankets for two years.

The dire situation of imprisoned Irish nationalists was further punctuated by the murder May 10 of 27-year-old Brian Maguire, a Republican fighter who was found hanged at Castlereagh interrogation center and whose death sparked a groundswell of protest by Irish nationalists.

### Brazil

#### Strike surges in Sao Paulo

At the end of last week, tens of thousands of workers were on strike in Sao Paulo, the major industrial city of Brazil. This strike wave, which began May 12 at the SAAB auto plant and then spread to Ford, Chrysler, and Volkswagen, is the largest since a U.S.-backed military junta overthrew the legally elected Joao Goulart government in 1964.

Since all strikes are illegal under the military regime, the workers are defying not only their bosses but the government.

### Santo Domingo

#### Masses vote out dictator

In the Dominican Republic last week opposition presidential candidate Antonio Guzman unseated President Joaquin Balaguer, who had ruled that country's six million people since his military regime

was installed by 25,000 U.S. troops in 1965-66.

The week before, army troops had seized ballots during the counting. This raised the threat that the military would not allow Balaguer to be defeated. When a statement by U.S. president Jimmy Carter implied that the unpopular dictator Balaguer might have outlived his usefulness to U.S. imperialism, the Dominican military returned the ballots.

Unofficial results showed that Guzman had 832,000 votes to 669,000 for Balaguer. This was despite a constant campaign of threats, harassment, and open brutality by the military and national police against opposition election workers. Over 500 workers from Guzman's Dominican Revolutionary Party (PRD) were arrested during the campaign.

Under those conditions, the outcome represents overwhelming mass disgust with Balaguer's corrupt regime.

The PRD is a bourgeois opposition party, with roots in the progressive movement which supported Juan Bosch before and during the U.S. intervention in 1965. Currently, it has made clear its intention not to break with U.S. imperialism nor to seize the property of the rich. Nevertheless, the Dominican people voted for the PRD because they were sick of repression. The electoral victory for the PRD both illustrates and encourages the mass feeling about Washington and its puppet dictators.

### France

#### Women win against rape

MAY 14—On Aug. 21, 1974, two Belgian women, Anne Marie Tonglet and Aracelli Castellano, were sleeping in a tent on the beach in a fishing village near Marseilles when three local men forced their way into the tent and assaulted and raped the women during a violent four-hour pitched battle. One of the women had to have an abortion due to pregnancy resulting from the rape.

However, the women dared to fight back—both during the attack and later in the courts. Nearly four years later, on May 2-3, 1978, after the case dragged through a series of courts, it became the first rape case in French history to be heard by the Cours d'Assises, the highest level of criminal court. Due to pressure exerted by women's groups and other progressive organizations, the court found the men guilty and gave them sentences of 4 to 6 years. None other than the men's lawyer observed that "This is no longer the trial of two young women but of all women."

That the two women were a lesbian couple proved to be decisive in the legal case. The accused men had admitted the facts of the rape, basing their defense on the classic chauvinist argument that since the women finally had been raped, their consent was implied! This defense had regularly been accepted by French courts in the past.

The confrontation that took place in the courtroom was repeated in the streets as the French women's movement, with the support of unions and the Socialist and Communist parties, held demonstrations in support of the women during the two-day trial.

During the trial, local men emboldened by centuries of patriarchal privilege menaced and even hit the women lawyers, journalists, and spectators. "Much of the violence was directed toward the plaintiffs," according to the May 4 New York Times, "their families and Gisele Halimi, the controversial lawyer whose previous legal victories included the landmark case that led to legalization of abortion in France."

### Egypt

#### Progressives repressed

MAY 30—President Anwar el-Sadat is cracking the whip of repression in Egypt.

On May 21, Sadat, whose policies have left Egypt economically dependent upon the U.S., began a crackdown on political opposition. Progressive politicians and journalists were banned from speaking or writing, and the left-wing newspaper Al Ahaly,

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old man's beard during interrogation. the French imperialists are becoming

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vented Washington from committing troops there openly. In Europe, a movement is already building to get the French and Belgian troops out of Zaire, with demonstrations having taken place in Brussels and in Paris and a number of other French cities. In Belgium, workers in the television industry walked off their jobs when a Flemish-language station was prevented by the government from showing a film that criticized Zaire's puppet President Mobutu.

The Congressional Black Caucus in the U.S. has opposed any resumption of U.S. covert activity in Angola as a way of "countering a perceived Soviet-Cuban influence in that region." No one in the government is more aware than these Black politicians of how the oppressed Black people here would react to U.S. intervention against the African liberation struggles.

All politically aware people know only too well that any U.S. "covert action" project in Angola right now would not only be targeted against the efforts of that beleaguered country to develop a socialist future but would also be aimed at crushing the Namibian struggle to free South West Africa from the fascist rulers in Pretoria, since Angola is the major refuge for the Namibian guerrilla fighters.

Thus the whole struggle in Africa boils down to, not "Soviet and Cuban aggression," but the right of the national liberation movements to exist and to call for help when their adversaries are armed to the teeth by imperialism. This was admitted in so many words in today's New York Times which says quite candidly (to its bourgeois readers) that Carter and other administration officials have taken the position that "better relations" with the Soviet Union "cannot be pursued on a 'selective' basis and that Soviet support for national liberation movements in Africa and elsewhere is inconsistent with the concept." (Our emphasis.)

This is the truth in a nutshell. It is the liberation of the oppressed peoples from neocolonial slavery that is at issue, and the imperialists are saying that they will risk a war rather than allow the socialist countries to help out the oppressed!

## CUBA: DETENTE CANNOT BE A COVER FOR MAINTAINING NEOCOLONIES

The Cuban delegate answered

## Mobilization for survival

The "Mobilization for Survival," which took place this past weekend in New York City, was an impressive and significant demonstration of anti-war sentiment. It was impressive because of its size—15,000 people—making it the largest anti-war protest in the U.S. since the Vietnam War. And it was significant because it came right on the heels of Carter's latest war threats against Cuba and the Soviet Union and of the U.S.-led NATO invasion of Zaire.

Also, a week earlier on the West Coast, 5,000 people demonstrated against the Trident nuclear submarine base at Bangor, Washington. These two demonstrations served notice on the Carter administration that a new generation of anti-war activists would resist the mounting war-drive of the mad bombers in the Pentagon. Referring to the debate on disarmament that was going on inside the United Nations, one of the speakers at the New York rally declared, "There's been enough talk, we want action!" and the crowd cheered its approval.

Action is precisely what is needed. There should be no doubt that Carter and the Pentagon are embarked on a dangerous course that can only lead to war. The U.S. military establishment is clearly girding itself for new acts of aggression. The U.S. has increased its overseas troop strength for the first time in nine years. There are now 490,000 Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marine personnel stationed at U.S. bases around the world.

### PENTAGON BUILDUP

Nuclear armed submarines are prowling the earth's waters while U.S. strategic bombers fly non-stop overhead. The Pentagon budget is now at its highest level ever, nearly \$120 billion, and is scheduled to rise to \$172 billion by 1982. The Pentagon has even become one of Madison Avenue's biggest clients, spending \$100 million annually on recruitment campaigns.

The purpose of this huge military buildup was revealed in Carter's March 17 speech at Wake Forest University. Carter's speech signalled a sharp escalation in U.S. war threats against the Soviet Union. Also, the U.S. is pushing an expansion of NATO forces in anticipation of new Zaire-type counter-revolutionary assignments in Africa, the Middle East, and in Europe. That the Carter Wake Forest speech was not mere bluster can be seen in the fact that it came only three days after the U.S.-sponsored Israeli invasion of Lebanon. Also, ten days earlier, the U.S. conducted massive war "games" in south Korea, the largest such maneuvers since the end of the Korean War in 1953.

But while each new day seems to bring fresh evidence of the Carter administration's hostile intentions, the underlying reasons for these war threats and preparations are less obvious. The explanation for the escalation in the U.S. war drive does not lie in a militaristic bent in Carter or Brzezinski or Haig, or in faulty intelligence reports propping up a mistaken policy. Militarism and the present war drive of the U.S. are deeply rooted in the economic and political system of monopoly capitalism.

### U.S. FOREIGN POLICY

In a study done by the Brookings Institute, it was shown that the U.S. has deployed its military forces at least 215 times for purposes of political intervention abroad since 1945, exclusive of the Korean and Vietnam wars. The U.S. has also built up proxy armies to fight in its stead, as evidenced by an increase in arms sales since 1968 of 1,200%.

But what interests has the U.S. abroad?

U.S. corporations have billions of dollars in investments throughout the world, from auto plants in Brazil to mines in South Africa, from textile factories in south Korea to oil fields in Saudi Arabia. Billions in profits flow back to Wall Street from the super-exploitation of the workers in these countries. Protecting these imperialist super-profits from the threat of socialist revolution is the aim of U.S. foreign policy and its military arm, the Pentagon.

But as in the case of Ethiopia, and earlier in Angola or Vietnam or Cuba or China, the U.S. military was unable to rescue the corporate parasites. That this imperialist failure was due in large part to the support which the revolutionaries received from the Soviet Union has not been lost on Carter and Company. This explains the growing inclination by the U.S. to threaten and bully and prepare for war.

The American people have no interest in a new war. The beginnings of an anti-war movement can already be seen. But a struggle against war alone will not present a real challenge to the rulers of this country unless it becomes a struggle against the economic system which spawns war, which makes it inevitable. Nor can there be a genuine struggle against U.S. imperialism without a defense of the Soviet Union, the world's first workers' state and the main opponent of Wall Street in the world today.

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Zbigniew Brzezinski, Carter's National Security Advisor, said on May 28:

"The Soviet Union is stirring up racial difficulties in Africa."

### TRANSLATION

THEM PEOPLE WAS REAL  
HAPPY. SINGING, DANCING,  
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UNTIL THOSE COMMIES CAME  
ALONG!

## Vietnam answers Chinese gov't charges on situation of ethnic Chinese

The Chinese government on May 24 accused Vietnam of "persecuting and expelling" ethnic Chinese [Hoa people] from Vietnam, and at the same time launched an emotional campaign in the media. The Vietnamese Foreign Ministry replied with a statement on May 27 "energetically rejecting" these charges as "sheer fabrications utterly contrary to the policy of the Party and the Government of Viet Nam." Major portions of the Vietnamese statement follow. [For an analysis of this question, see the article by Sam Marcy on page 9.]

1. As regards Hoa people in Viet Nam, as early as 1955, the Central Committee of the Vietnamese Party and the Central Committee of the Chinese Party agreed that Chinese residents in Viet Nam would be placed under the leadership of the Viet Nam Workers' Party and gradually turned into Vietnamese citizens....

For the past twenty years and more, the Vietnamese side has consistently respected and correctly implemented the aforesaid agreement. Hoa people in Viet Nam have the same rights and obligations as Vietnamese citizens.

The great majority of the Hoa people in North Viet Nam are workers employed in cooperatives, factories, State offices and mass organizations. Their children study in Vietnamese schools; a great number of them have become teachers, engineers, doctors, high-level technicians....

In South Viet Nam, since 1956, almost all Chinese residents have adopted Vietnamese nationality. They are no longer Chinese residents but Vietnamese of Chinese origin. Since the complete liberation of South Viet Nam, Vietnamese of Chinese stock have had the same rights and obligations as Vietnamese citizens....

At present, a campaign to transform the private capitalist commerce and industry is going on in South Viet Nam. Among the capitalist traders there, there are Vietnamese and Vietnamese of Chinese origin. Many of them have complied with the policies of our Party and State, but a few of them, because of their class enmity, have tried by every means to elude the transformation. The socialist transformation of private

capitalist commerce and industry is a correct policy in keeping with the laws of socialist revolution, which China and other socialist countries have applied. The overwhelming majority of the working people, including Vietnamese of Chinese origin in South Viet Nam, have enthusiastically taken part in this campaign.

2. Since early 1977, the Kampuchean Administration has stepped up a large-scale war of aggression all along the border of Viet Nam. Particularly since December 31, 1977, when the Kampuchean authorities intensified their military attacks and launched a public campaign against Viet Nam, information has been spread among Hoa people in Viet Nam that "China supports Kampuchea against Viet Nam, war will break out between China and Viet Nam, Hoa people in Viet Nam will suffer losses; they must therefore find ways to leave Viet Nam quickly." "The Chinese Government calls upon the overseas Chinese to come back, those who do not do so are traitors to their country," etc. A number of bad elements among the Hoa people have deceived, instigated, threatened, and coerced Hoa people to leave Viet Nam. This is precisely what has caused many Hoa people to be so frightened as to abandon their peaceful life in Viet Nam and to return en masse to China in an illegal manner. The Vietnamese Government has advised them that they should not allow themselves to be deceived by bad elements and that they should remain in Viet Nam and continue their normal life. Those who have left have taken their property with them; may have sold cumbersome articles to buy easily portable valuables. After reaching China, many have realized that they had been fooled and have escaped back to Viet Nam.

Facts have shown that the deception and coercion of Hoa people in Viet Nam to go to China and then the allegation that Viet Nam is "ostracizing, persecuting, and expelling" Hoa people are premeditated actions aimed at creating difficulties to the construction of socialism in Viet Nam, dividing Vietnamese and Hoa people, and undermining the friendship between the Vietnamese and the Chinese peoples....

After so many years of destructive war, the Vietnamese people, more than any other people, are longing for peace and wish to have relations of friendship and cooperation with all other peoples in order to reconstruct their country. There is no reason why Viet Nam should provoke a border conflict with Kampuchea. Nor is there any reason for Viet Nam to create complexities in her relations with neighboring socialist China, as the two countries have been united and supported each other in their respective revolutionary cause.

4. The basic interests of the peoples of Viet Nam and China lie in their solidarity and friendship and in their mutual support and assistance in their effort to reach the common goal of building socialism and communism. This is a decisive factor for the victory of each people's revolutionary cause. Over the past few decades, the Communist Party, the Government and people of Viet Nam have always made every effort to preserve and consolidate the militant friendship between the two peoples. Even when the relations between Viet Nam and China were undermined by bad elements, the Vietnamese people remained unchanged in their solidarity and friendship with the Chinese people. Likewise, the Vietnamese people, imbued with genuine patriotism and proletarian internationalism, are now determined to preserve and consolidate the friendship between the two peoples who are both "comrades and brothers" as President Ho Chi Minh has said.

Between Viet Nam and China, as between a number of other socialist countries, there exist certain differences. In dealing with these differences, the Vietnamese Party and Government always stand for a negotiated settlement. Proceeding from this policy, the Vietnamese side proposes that propaganda aimed at playing upon people's feelings, harmful to the friendship between the two peoples, be stopped, and that representatives of the two governments meet soon to settle the differences over the Hoa people question in a spirit of friendship for the benefit of the two peoples.



# A Peking-Washington axis?

By SAM MARCY

MAY 31—Why did Brzezinski come back from Peking so emboldened? What enabled him to deliver such a vitriolic, anti-Soviet attack last Sunday? And why did President Carter follow up on the anti-Soviet attack made by Brzezinski at the opening of the two-day meeting of NATO in Washington on May 30?

Carter's attack differed little in form and in substance from the hard line enunciated by Brzezinski the day before.

After all, it is only a year since May 22, 1977, when Carter delivered a commencement address on foreign policy at Notre Dame University. That speech was hailed in all the capitalist world as imparting a new, moderate tone and perspective in relation to the Soviet Union and other socialist countries. The speech generally was considered to lay the groundwork for reigning in the military and pulling back from military adventures abroad.

"Being confident of our own future," he said, "we are now free of that inordinate fear of Communism which once led us to embrace any dictator who joined us in our fear. For too many years we have been willing to adopt the flawed principles and tactics of our adversaries [meaning mostly the USSR, of course—SM]. . . . We fought fire with fire, never thinking that fire is better fought with water. This approach failed, with Vietnam the best example of its intellectual and moral poverty."

## CARTER AND ETHIOPIA

At that time, just a year ago, the Carter administration was looking forward to what it thought would be victories in Africa. First and foremost it was expecting, to reverse the Ethiopian Revolution. It was secretly supporting a Somali invasion of Ethiopia which it thought would begin the process of dismembering the Revolution. It was also looking forward to a counter-revolutionary coup inside the Ethiopian leadership, and this was openly speculated on in the Western imperialist press.

Now that the Revolution has consolidated itself to a substantial degree, the imperialists, with the U.S. at their head, are feverishly working to poison the relationship between the Ethiopian revolutionary government and its principal supporters, Cuba and the USSR.

At the same time, they are seeking to sow internal dissension and are preparing the groundwork for a possible Kronstadt-type rebellion in the interests of the counter-revolution. That would give a blow against the Revolution the necessary leftist coloration and make it acceptable to bourgeois liberal opinion in the imperialist countries and their radical, anti-Soviet hangers-on.

## "WHEN THE LEADERS SPEAK OF PEACE. . ."

But back last May, Washington was pursuing a different tactic that called for a more pacific-sounding approach.

Revolutionary Marxists long ago learned that whenever the chieftains of an imperialist state speak in sugar-coated phrases about

peace and moral values and "not fighting fire with fire," etc., etc., that is merely a cover for war preparations. Even more so, when the head of an imperialist state and his principal cohorts and advisors begin to beat the war drums, the working class should not regard it as mere verbal gymnastics, but should take their words seriously and prepare as best they can for the criminal launching of imperialist adventures.

Carter's Notre Dame speech, sad to say for those who actually believed in his words, was soon followed by a record-breaking defense budget and actions in relation to the Soviet Union and other socialist countries which belied the peaceful rhetoric of the administration's foreign policy. For even as the President was speaking at Notre Dame University, the neutron bomb was already in the works and plans for strengthening NATO militarily were already in progress. American soldiers were still in bases all around the world and the strength of the armed forces was being increased, not decreased, in south Korea and even more in Europe.

But Carter's militarist position reached new heights in his saber-rattling Wake Forest University speech this March 17 and was reinforced only last week at his Chicago press conference. His second speech yesterday following Brzezinski's unprecedented attack on the USSR marked a new stage of hostility by the Pentagon and the White House, not only against the USSR and Cuba but against all the national liberation movements, most particularly those on the embattled African continent.

The suddenness with which Brzezinski launched his attack and the manner in which Carter followed it up, and for all practical purposes endorsed it, can be understood best if one sees it in the light of the U.S. relationship with Peking.

Brzezinski came back emboldened from his visit to China. The reason for it can be seen by a study of the speech made by Huang Hua, the Foreign Minister of the Peoples Republic of China (PRC), at the UN General Assembly on May 29.

## HUA'S SPEECH TO UN TOTALLY REACTIONARY

This speech is so thoroughly reactionary and so totally devoid of any progressive, let alone revolutionary, class content, as to make it almost unbelievable that it is an authentic representation of the viewpoint of a socialist government. Nevertheless, it is entirely in harmony with the pronouncements from the Chinese leaders for the last several years, except that it carries its reactionary foreign policy further than before so that in some vital aspects it is identical with the position of U.S. imperialism.

Almost at the outset of his talk Huang Hua states, "The people of Zaire, after successfully repelling last year an invasion engineered by the Soviet Union and executed by a force of mercenaries, are now valiantly repulsing a new invasion of mercenaries engineered by the

Soviet Union and Cuba." This could only be regarded as music to the ears of Brzezinski, Carter, and the Pentagon. In fact, it goes much further than what either Carter or Brzezinski said.

Who is repulsing whom in Zaire? Was it not the Belgian paratroopers who invaded the country and began indiscriminately shooting up the rebellious people? Is it not the French who have occupied Shaba Province and are mercilessly using the Foreign Legionnaires to exterminate the people who are struggling for national liberation from the yoke of imperialism?

Under whose yoke has Zaire been all this time? It seems that

and military assistance? Is this a crime for a rebellious people in the struggle against what the Chinese leaders once well understood? Who was it who coined the slogan, "Dare to struggle, dare to win"?

To get around all this, the Chinese Communist Party leaders invented the theory of "social-imperialism" to justify their treacherous support to imperialism.

## HUA AIDS U.S. DECEPTION OF THE MASSES

Thus Huang Hua tosses off a single sentence concerning the liberation struggle of Zaire as though it were some isolated minor skirmish. But the struggle in Zaire

regime? And for years after the Revolution, China received aid from the Soviet Union to ward off imperialism.

Everything else in Huang Hua's speech points in the same anti-Soviet and pro-imperialist direction. Praise for Egypt, now completely under the thumb of the U.S., is made all the more offensive by the deliberate omission of any word regarding the Palestinians. Praise for the Sudan and Somalia for abrogating their treaties with the Soviet Union is equally offensive and downright reactionary.

Where once they used to attack Japanese imperialism for its unbridled militarism, the Japanese



*Patrice Lumumba, martyred Prime Minister of the Congo, before his murder in 1961 at the hands of the CIA. China well understood then that the national liberation movement in the Congo was suppressed by the British, French, and Belgian imperialists. But today China's leaders have taken an identical line on the Congo [Zaire] as the imperialists and are helping them deceive world public opinion.*

the Chinese CP leaders once knew well what the situation was. Back in 1963 they wrote the following about the struggle in what was then called the Congo:

"On July 10, [1961] Belgium launched armed intervention in the Congo. Three days later the UN Security Council adopted a resolution under which a 'United Nations force' arrived in the Congo to put down the national liberation movement there. . . . The 'United Nations force' serving U.S. neo-colonialism continued its suppression of the Congolese people. Early in 1961 Lumumba, national hero of the Congo, was murdered by the hirelings of the U.S. and Belgian imperialists and on their instructions. From September 1961 to the end of the following year, the U.S. manipulated UN force mounted three armed attacks on Katanga, which was under the control of the British, French, and Belgian imperialists." (Quoted in **Workers of all Countries, Unite, Oppose our Common Enemy!**, Peking Foreign Language Press, 1963.)

That's how the Chinese CP leaders understood the situation in 1961. There has been no change in the status of the Congo except the change of name and the installation of the puppet Mobutu.

Both Cuba and the USSR have categorically denied that they either have troops there or have in any way intervened in the situation. But what if the Congolese people had asked for and received fraternal material

is of central significance on the African continent and has worldwide importance for the oppressed and the international working class. By taking an identical line on it with that of the imperialists, and in fact going further, the Chinese leaders serve the predatory aims of the multinational corporations, cover up for them, and aid them on a mass scale to deceive world public opinion. And this at a time when the world imperialist press is carrying on the most rabidly racist attack against the Congolese people, which to this day has not let up.

The value of China's position on Zaire to U.S. imperialism is enormous because, aside from the imperialists, there is virtually no other regime in the world which would dare repeat the canard about the Soviet Union engineering the intervention and the Cubans being used as so-called mercenaries.

**The identity of political position between the U.S. and the PRC on the Zairian liberation struggle is of key significance. It points to the emergence of a Sino-U.S. alliance against the USSR. This has been reinforced by Brzezinski's visit to Peking and is affirmed in the speech by Huang Hua.**

## DON'T OPPRESSED HAVE RIGHT TO ASSISTANCE?

There can scarcely be a world political issue that is more clear cut than the character of the brutal, neocolonial regime in Zaire. Nor can it be in any way denied that the Zairian (Congolese) people have the right to rebel and to take assistance from wherever they possibly can in order to liberate themselves.

Is this not what China herself did in the course of the struggle against the Chiang Kai-shek

people are now being praised for—what? For "putting up a strong opposition to Soviet hegemonist behavior," as though Japan were not the imperialist ally in Asia which, in alliance with the U.S., sought and continues to seek to rob, plunder, and exploit all of Asia.

Western European imperialism comes in for flattery for its growing tendency towards unity—against whom? Hegemonism—a codeword for the USSR.

## NO MENTION OF INDOCHINA OR KOREA

Whereas in earlier years one of the first tributes to be paid by the chairman of the Chinese delegation to the UN was to praise the "brilliant victories of the Indochinese people," of Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos, no mention of this is made at all in the talk by Huang Hua. Since this session of the UN is devoted to disarmament and a great deal of Huang Hua's talk deals with it, it would be all so pertinent to point out how the people of Southeast Asia disarmed one of the "super-powers" in the face of nuclear threats and half a million U.S. soldiers. But not a word.

The omission is not accidental. China's foreign policy has done much to injure its relations with the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, so much so that the SRV was obligated to characterize the attacks made by the Peoples Republic of China on the matter of ethnic Chinese in Vietnam as "sheer fabrications utterly contrary to the policy of the Party and the Government of Viet Nam." This was in response to a hostile move by the PRC on May 24, 1971, when it authorized the State Council of the PRC to release through the Chinese news agency a report that

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Picketing a Nazi nest in Detroit last April before it was closed down. An attempt last week to open another one sparked two days and nights of street demonstrations by anti-fascists.

## Detroit community fights to close Nazi center

By DEBRA FIELD  
 DETROIT, May 22—Anti-Nazi demonstrations continued today for the third day in front of a newly opened Nazi headquarters here. Today's demonstrations follow two days and nights of street fighting. The Nazi's second attempt to open a bookstore (which serves them as an organizing center) in Detroit comes only two months after a committee made up of labor, community and church groups ousted them from a similar bookstore in southwest Detroit. Community residents of this multi-national neighborhood in

northwest Detroit have virtually poured into the streets to make it clear that the Nazi bookstore is not welcome here. As a motorcyclist from a club down the street told this reporter "The people of this area get along fine, we don't want those creeps."

Neighborhood residents with home-made placards came out Saturday within hours after the bookstore opened. Over a thousand people gathered Saturday and Sunday night jeering the fascists and fighting the cops who protected them. Detroit police assigned to guard the building and its Nazi occupants moved to disperse the crowd. When a fight broke out between people of the area and three of the uniformed and helmeted fascists, the cops moved in and arrested some angry area residents. What followed was

all-night street fighting.

### COPS PROTECT NAZIS

Sunday the area looked like an occupied war zone with five square blocks around the Nazi office blockaded to all car and foot traffic. Detroit police patrolled in cars, helicopters, and helmeted footcops waved billyclubs at anyone who got close to their line. Several people who live nearby, including an older man and a pregnant woman, were beaten by the cops.

Area block clubs, merchants, motorcycle clubs, unions, and other community groups are forming an anti-Nazi coalition. The coalition from Southwest Detroit, which closed the Nazi bookstore there, offered support in the fight to oust the Nazis from this city altogether.

## Charges dropped against innocent Black man due to mass support

By DOUG LAWSON  
 BALTIMORE, May 29—On May 4 a young Black man in the Harwood area of Baltimore was harassed, arrested and beaten by racist cops for no particular reason. When the young man was on the ground with a cop's knee on his head a crowd began to gather. The residents of this poor neighborhood have long been the victims of racist police assault, and the sight of another one in the making sickened and angered a good many people.

One of those neighbors was Bob Cheeks, an activist with the Baltimore Welfare Rights Organization (BWRO). When Brother Cheeks insisted that the cops stop beating the youth, the cops arrested Cheeks, the young man, and his brother. The youth required hospital treatment and Cheeks was charged with murderous assault, disorderly interference, and mayhem. This case of the victim being accused of the crime only strengthened the neighbors' resolve to fight this injustice. The charges against Bob Cheeks have been dropped because of

massive community support but Cheeks stands the danger of being reindicted by a grand jury because he filed a complaint of police misconduct and brutality.

The two young men, Cheeks and the Harwood neighbors are determined to carry on the fight against police brutality. Currently supporters are planning a fund raising disco for Saturday, June 3, at St. Martin's Church, where BWRO is headquartered. Donation is \$3.50. For more information call (301) 233-4700.

## —Repression in Egypt

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which has nearly tripled its circulation in the last four months, has been suppressed for the last two weeks.

The recent betrayal of the Palestinian people through Sadat's capitulation to Israel and its U.S. master was, according to the Egyptian president, supposed to provide an economic boom to Egypt by reducing the threat of a war. Instead, despite massive U.S. aid of about \$1 billion a year, the Egyptian economy has continued to decline due to the penetration and exploitation by transnational corporations and banks, led by

those in the U.S. The Sadat regime's policies have "earned some tidy profits for a relatively few investors," the New York Times reports today. "But it has yet to produce any real benefits for average Egyptians, who find themselves generally worse off than before."

The yearly rate of inflation there is now 25%, and in the capital city of Cairo people are faced with a severe food shortage. It is the rising mass anger to rising food prices, scarcity, and economic hardship that Sadat is now attempting to stop with his campaign of repression.

## Transvestite tortured by cops, but wins court battle

### 'It certainly took a lot of courage'

By DIANE FEINBERG  
 MAY 29—Sexually oppressed people in this country, particularly transvestite and transsexual women and men, have always been a special target of the police. Police harassment and brutality often becomes sadistic torture and in some cases outright murder. For example, two transsexual men, one Black and one Latin, have been murdered by Denver police in less than one year.

an admitted gay and transvestite man. In closing arguments, the prosecutor said that the four Hot Springs county so-called law enforcement officers had caused "an orgy of terror" last year for Lee Roy Watson who prefers to be known as Linda Sue Jackson.

Jackson, who dared to fight back, is seeking damages of more than two million dollars against the four cops. A fifth person will be tried separately.

Eddie Sandifer, the co-chair of the Mississippi Alliance for Human Rights (Lesbians and Gay Men) commented on the unprecedented victory in that state. The state of "Arkansas has been one of the most oppressive towards all minorities and gay people in the

South, possibly in the nation. They don't have the activists and organizations there, probably because of the repression.

"It certainly took a lot of courage on that individual's part to carry that through into the courts and be willing to buck the oppressive establishment knowing what the consequences are and how harsh the laws are."

### ARRESTS AND SADISTIC TORTURE

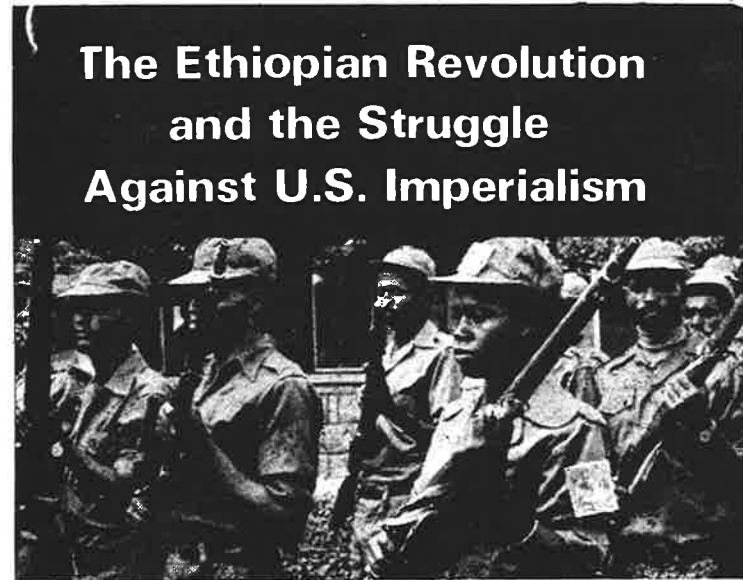
Jackson was subjected to harassment arrests twice last year in Hot Springs County on several misdemeanor charges because of being a transvestite. At the time of the second arrest, Jackson testified that while in custody in Malvern City Jail he was forced to appear naked in front of several women while he was teased by one of the cops. Later he was beaten with a nightstick. Several witnesses confirmed the account.

On June 25, Jackson was attacked in a remote part of Hot Springs County and tortured in a systematic and sadistic way by these sexist bigots in police uniforms.

Jackson suffered an injured ear from being beaten with nightsticks and a flashlight. The cops then cut Jackson's hair and poured turpentine in his rectum. Finally they provoked two Doberman pinchers owned by one of the cops into attacking Jackson resulting in bites on the wrist and inner thigh. Then one of the cops poured alcohol on the wounds.

A police officer who interviewed Jackson two days later testified that he had observed "welts across his buttocks as big as your finger."

Federal Judge Oren Harris allowed the four cops to remain free on bond pending his passing sentence, probably within a month.



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# —Peking-Washington axis?

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Vietnam was "ostracizing, persecuting, and expelling" Chinese nationals from Vietnam.

Even the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea (DPRK) was not mentioned in Hua's speech, although in previous UN presentations by the PRC the U.S. was always attacked as an imperialist aggressor and occupier of south Korea. This is particularly important now because the U.S. under the Carter administration is brazenly lying about withdrawing troops from south Korea when at the same time it is reinforcing its fire power all around the peninsula.

The Chairman of the PRC only recently visited the DPRK and renewed a pledge of support to the DPRK. In its struggle to unify the country and rid it of imperialist occupation, the DPRK sorely needs worldwide public support of the kind particularly fitting in a UN forum, if the UN is to serve any useful purpose at all. It would have been all the more appropriate for Huang Hua to make the pledge in his UN address.

But that would have meant a direct attack against the U.S. at a world forum where all ears were attuned to what was being said about the U.S. role as an imperialist aggressor. Its omission is therefore significant and confirms what the imperialist press has been hinting, that the Korean pledge by China's leader during his visit there was not much more than ceremonial.

### "SECRET BRIEFING" OKAY WITH ULTRA-RIGHT

When Brzezinski returned from Peking to the U.S., the New York Times of May 28 reported that he

and his aides "gave Chinese officials an unprecedented, detailed briefing on the status of Soviet-American strategic arms talks and explained at length the contents of some secret White House memorandums on American security goals," meaning of course war preparations. Brzezinski is quoted directly as having said, "the basic significance of the trip was to underline the long-term strategic nature of the U.S. relationship to China."

The phrase "long-term strategic nature" is another of their diplomatic euphemisms for relations with the USSR. Ordinarily when a presidential aide goes to a foreign country and gives a detailed briefing on American strategic arms talks, he takes a great risk of being called to order by the ultra-right for divulging such secrets or perhaps for making secret agreements without consulting Congress. In this case, however, there was not a whisper against Brzezinski from that point of view.

The eagerness of the American ruling class for an alliance with China with whom it has "parallel" interests, to quote Brzezinski, is of the most far-reaching importance. The only question they have is whether it is really achievable.

There can be no question, however, that taken all together, the Brzezinski visit, the Huang Hua speech at the UN, Brzezinski's violent attacks against the USSR, and the follow-up by Carter indicate, at least in some measure, the emergence of a Peking-Washington axis against the USSR, Cuba, and the world revolutionary struggle of the oppressed people.

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# —War scare

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this in his address to the UN this week, and received the sustained applause of the majority of the delegates. Carlos Rafael Rodriguez told the General Assembly, "The Non-Aligned Movement, with the support of the socialist countries, has proclaimed the necessary universality of peace. A mere absence of conflict between the great powers of this period would not be real peace, although this is undoubtedly the main prerequisite for peaceful coexistence. But if, under the umbrella of a necessary detente, an attempt is made to maintain domination over colonial enclaves,

or to gain strategic advantages by creating new centers of neocolonial control and, in so doing, engage in subversive actions such as the one which snatched away the people's power headed by President Allende from the people of Chile and replaced it by a fascist-style Junta of assassins, then peace will be neither real, nor total or lasting.

"Events in Lebanon, Mozambique, Namibia, Angola also remind us... that when we look at the problem of disarmament, we cannot fail to take into account, as we have already noted, the right of the peoples struggling for their liberation and of those who defend their independence to receive the support and military aid needed to assure these legitimate aspirations, linked as they are to universal demands for peace."

# POLITICAL PRISONERS

## Rochester march defends Imani

By H. GREEN  
ROCHESTER, N.Y., May 20—A spirited march took place in downtown Rochester today to protest the government's plans to execute Black prison activist Imani (Johnny Harris), incarcerated in Alabama. The demonstration also demanded an end to the death penalty altogether because of its use by the capitalist state as a tool of racism and repression.

The march was well received by many of the working people and youth that filled the downtown shopping district. Thousands of leaflets were distributed that explained the situation facing Imani and hundreds of other death row prisoners across the country. Many people stopped to talk about the issues involved as the marchers chanted, "Stop the racist death penalty! Free Imani now!"

Imani was sentenced to death for his part in a 1974 prison rebellion in Atmore prison's (now G.K. Fountain Correctional Center) segregation unit during which a guard and a prisoner died. No direct evidence was ever introduced to link Imani with the stabbing of the guard-hostage. The jury, however, had been instructed by the Attorney General and by the trial judge to convict Imani if they found that he had participated in the rebellion and was therefore "as guilty as if he had stabbed the guard himself."

Imani would have never received the 1971 life sentences had he not been Black. His was the only Black family in a white neighborhood and was the target of an intense campaign of bigotry and harassment. It was during this racist harassment campaign that Imani was falsely arrested on his way to work and later charged with robberies of \$11, \$67, \$90, and \$205, and with rape. Following his arrest, he was coerced by his lawyers to enter a plea of guilt, even though he told them he had done nothing. His current lawyers are arguing that the original charges should be thrown out on the basis that he had not been represented by competent counsel.

### COPS MOBILIZED

Today's demonstration was met by one of the largest mobilizations of city cops for a demonstration since anti-war protests in Rochester in the early 70s. At least ten police cars encircled the demonstration with even more cops out of uniform saturating the area. A provocateur with KKK



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### Norfolk public meeting on June 10 to raise Imani's case

NORFOLK, May 27—The Norfolk Prisoners Solidarity Committee of Workers World Party will be having a public meeting Saturday, June 10, at 3:30 p.m. to focus on the case of Imani (Johnny Harris), a Black prisoner activist in Alabama who is facing the electric chair on frameup charges of killing a

prison guard. A national spokesperson will address the meeting on Imani's case and there will be reports on the plight of prisoners in Virginia and North Carolina, including the Wilmington 10 and JoAnne Little. The meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church 232 Chapel Street in Norfolk. This meeting is free to the public.

tattooed on his arm openly moved between the cops and the picketline. March leaders were able to keep the police agent separated from the march, avoiding a fight and attack by the cops who stood waiting across the street.

Gary English, spokesman for the Committee to Defend Imani and Stop the Death Penalty stated, "The cops are here in large numbers today to try to stop the growing movement in this country

and around the world in defense of Imani. The ruling class wants to reintroduce the death penalty as a means of repressing the oppressed peoples and progressive forces in this country." English added, "If not for the international outcry against Alabama's plans to murder Imani he probably would not be alive today. We must continue and expand our activities in his defense and against the racist death penalty."

### Carter, Artis ask verdict be set aside

## Charge DA lied to win conviction

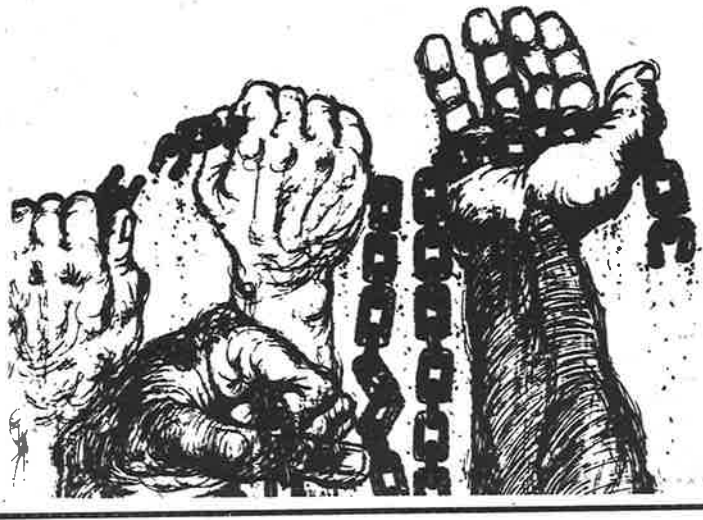
NEW YORK, May 25—Lawyers for Rubin (Hurricane) Carter and John Artis have asked that the New Jersey Appellate Division set aside the 1976 second murder

conviction of the two Black men on grounds that the Passaic County prosecutor Burrell Humphrey lied to the lawyers, the judge and the jury in order to win

the conviction. Humphrey lied about the results of a lie detector test in order to coerce false testimony against the two men.

Carter, a well known boxer, was a strong progressive who spoke out against racism. He and Artis, both serving multiple life sentences, were framed up by the state for the 1967 shooting deaths of three people in a Paterson, New Jersey bar. The trial followed in the wake of a bold rebellion by the Black community in Paterson against repressive conditions there. Both Carter and Artis have spent over a decade in prison for a crime they did not commit.

After massive public outcry, the two Black men won a second trial. However, the 1976 courtroom proceedings were again a sham of justice when the racism of the jury was openly appealed to in order to get another conviction.



**American Indian Movement leaders beat FBI frameup**

## Skyhorse and Mohawk acquitted!

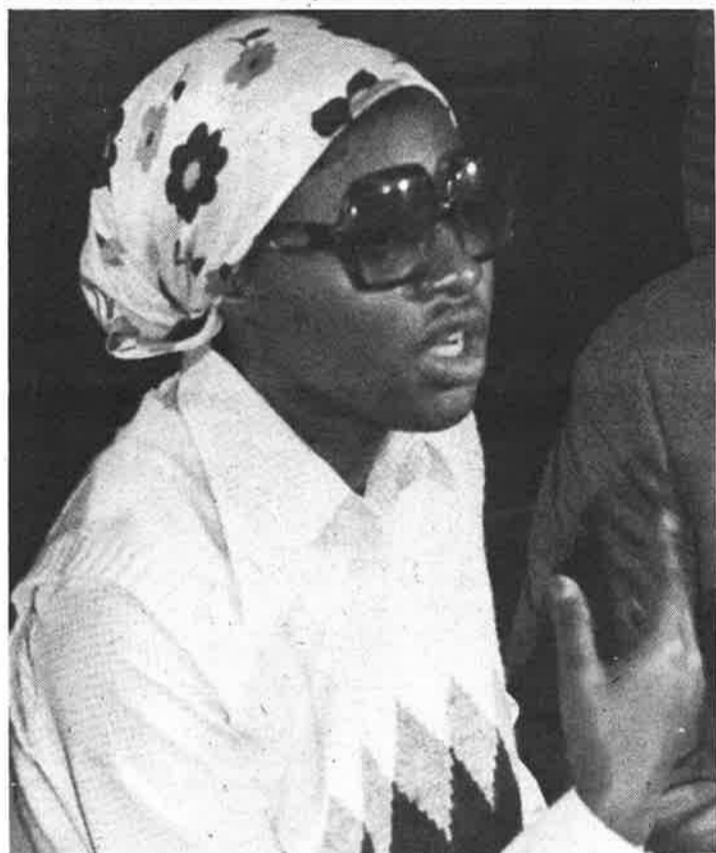
By **DIANE FEINBERG**  
MAY 24—A stunning victory was won today by Native peoples and their supporters of every color—Paul Skyhorse and Richard Mohawk were acquitted in California. This victory for the two leaders of the American Indian Movement (AIM) was won at a terrible cost for both men and they still face threats of more charges by the vindictive and racist state. Although there was no evidence against either man, Skyhorse and Mohawk were charged with killing a cab driver at a camp in the Box

Canyon Hills of Venture County in 1974. Skyhorse, an Anishnabe Chippewa from Minnesota and Mohawk, a Tuscarora Mohawk from upstate New York have been imprisoned ever since and severely beaten by guards more than once. Amnesty International is currently investigating the brutal beating of the two men at Ventura County Jail last year. The trial was transferred from Ventura County to Los Angeles County after it was learned that the first prosecutor and the first judge in the year-long trial were



Victory! Paul Skyhorse and Richard Mohawk with their lawyers.

### JoAnne Little wins stay of extradition



JoAnne Little.

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MAY 30—JoAnne Little has won an emergency stay of extradition until Thursday. Justice Thurgood Marshall granted the stay pending a review before the Supreme Court's nine justices Thursday for a longer postponement of the extradition. William Kunstler, Little's attorney, is requesting a further postponement of her extradition from New York to North Carolina in order to prepare a writ asking the high court to grant a hearing where it could be shown that Little's life is in grave danger if she is returned to North Carolina. The danger could be documented by a number of witnesses, including one witness who Kunstler has said can testify to overhearing a plot to murder Little if she is returned to that state. However, so far the courts have refused to grant a hearing where these witnesses could testify.

The impact of JoAnne Little's acquittal on charges of murder stemming from her self-defense against a rape attack by a racist prison guard, set a national and historical precedent for the right of self-defense for prisoners, and nationally and sexually oppressed people. She is today still a target of the forces of racism and reaction in the state of North Carolina and the vindictive prison system itself.

involved in a skit entitled "The People vs. Tonto" which mocked the trial and stank of vile racism.

The next judge, Floyd Dodson, who finished hearing the trial, is the only sitting judge ever to lose an election in his county. He lost amid charges of corruption, arrogance and racism.

The defense attorneys, in summation to the jury, pointed out that there was no physical evidence linking the two men to the murder and no believable eye-witness. Marvin Redshirt, Marcie Eaglestaff, and Holly Broussard were all arrested and charged initially with the murder of the cab driver.

Redshirt and Broussard admitted lying in exchange for immunity. Another witness, Carmie Fish, a young Menominee woman, explained that she lied under pressure from the prosecutor while under arrest. Later she took the stand and asserted, "I believe my brothers

are innocent."

#### PIVOTAL ROLE OF FBI

The pivotal role of the FBI deserves close attention in this case since it clearly shows the unabated war being carried out by the U.S. government against Native people in the U.S.

On the day the murder was to take place Virginia DeLuce (pseudonym: Blue Dove), a non-Indian and identified FBI informant, drove Skyhorse and Mohawk to the camp and spent the day with them. That was the only way the state could place the two men there on the day of the crime. During a demonstration that day, the two AIM organizers were photographed by members of the police intelligence unit.

In addition, an admitted FBI operative, Douglass Durham, then acting as National Security Director for AIM, assured the organization that the two should not be defended. His testimony was used to give the go-ahead in

the frame-up trial.

After Durham was exposed, AIM actively became involved in the defense of Skyhorse and Mohawk. Durham is now touring the country as an anti-Indian speaker for the John Birch Society.

Both Skyhorse and Mohawk still stand face to face with a hostile and racist state. Louis Samonsky, the prosecutor, said that more trumped-up charges are still waiting to be heaped on the men. Skyhorse faces robbery and escape charges in a 1973 Chicago case. Mohawk may be prosecuted on charges of possession of heroin while in the Ventura County Jail four years ago (!), arson, escape charges in Chicago, and robbery and assault charges in Syracuse.

These continued threats and harassment, and slanders point to a fact well known by both men—that the war against Native and all working and oppressed people will not end without unceasing struggle—but it will end in ultimate victory.

## South Boston racists beat Black man with shovel and bricks

By **JULIAN FRANK**

BOSTON, May 25—On May 10, Eugene Stokes, a 40-year-old Black man, was attacked by 40 racists in South Boston. He was stoned, beaten about the face with a shovel, chased until he fell from exhaustion, then beaten unconscious with stones and bricks. He was hospitalized with three fractures to the cheekbone as a result of this vicious assault.

Then, in an obscene frame-up showing police collaboration with the racist South Boston organization ROAR (which became known by attacking Black children during a busing program), Stokes was arrested while in the hospital on charges of rape and assault and battery. Blatant collaboration by the police with ROAR was revealed when James Kelly, the leader of ROAR in South Boston, called a Black TV program and told them about Stokes' arrest three days before it happened! This prior knowledge could only have come from the police.

There is great confusion surrounding the identification of Stokes in the rape case. The incident allegedly occurred on

March 23 but Stokes was not arrested until Monday, May 15, even though police had his address and that of his lawyer. Stokes made no attempt to hide his identity when admitted to the hospital. The woman accusing Stokes picked his picture out of a set of mug shots police showed her even though she said the man who raped her weighed 200 pounds or more and Stokes only weighs 140.

Stokes was arrested in the hospital and taken to Charles St. jail only three hours after surgery. He was held on \$50,000 bail until his release on his own recognizance following his arraignment in court today. His trial date is June 15.

Meanwhile Timothy J. Martin, a 20-year-old South Boston man, was arraigned on May 12 for hitting Stokes with the shovel. He was released on \$3,000 bail.

Stokes has said that the charges against him were trumped up and an effort to put him in jail and prevent him from appearing on TV or otherwise talking publicly about the South Boston beating. "This was no joke," Stokes said. "I was almost beaten to death. I

want people to know so something will be done about this problem."

#### RISE IN PATTERN OF ATTACKS

The attack on Eugene Stokes is but the latest of a rising tide of racist attacks in Boston. At the same time Stokes was assaulted a Black man in Dorchester was attacked by a group of bigots and shot one of them in self-defense. In March, Vincent Alexander was shot to death in Boston's North End. Only public pressure from the Citywide Coalition for Justice and Equality forced an arrest in the case, and the arrested man is out on the street on bail.

The Citywide Coalition for Justice and Equality is organizing around all of these cases and more and against racist attacks and the double standard of justice in Boston. They have obtained lawyers, held press conferences, and held rallies. They will be holding a benefit on June 24 at Northeastern University here for all the victims of racist attacks. All progressive people must mobilize to put an end to racist assaults and the double standard of justice once and for all.

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