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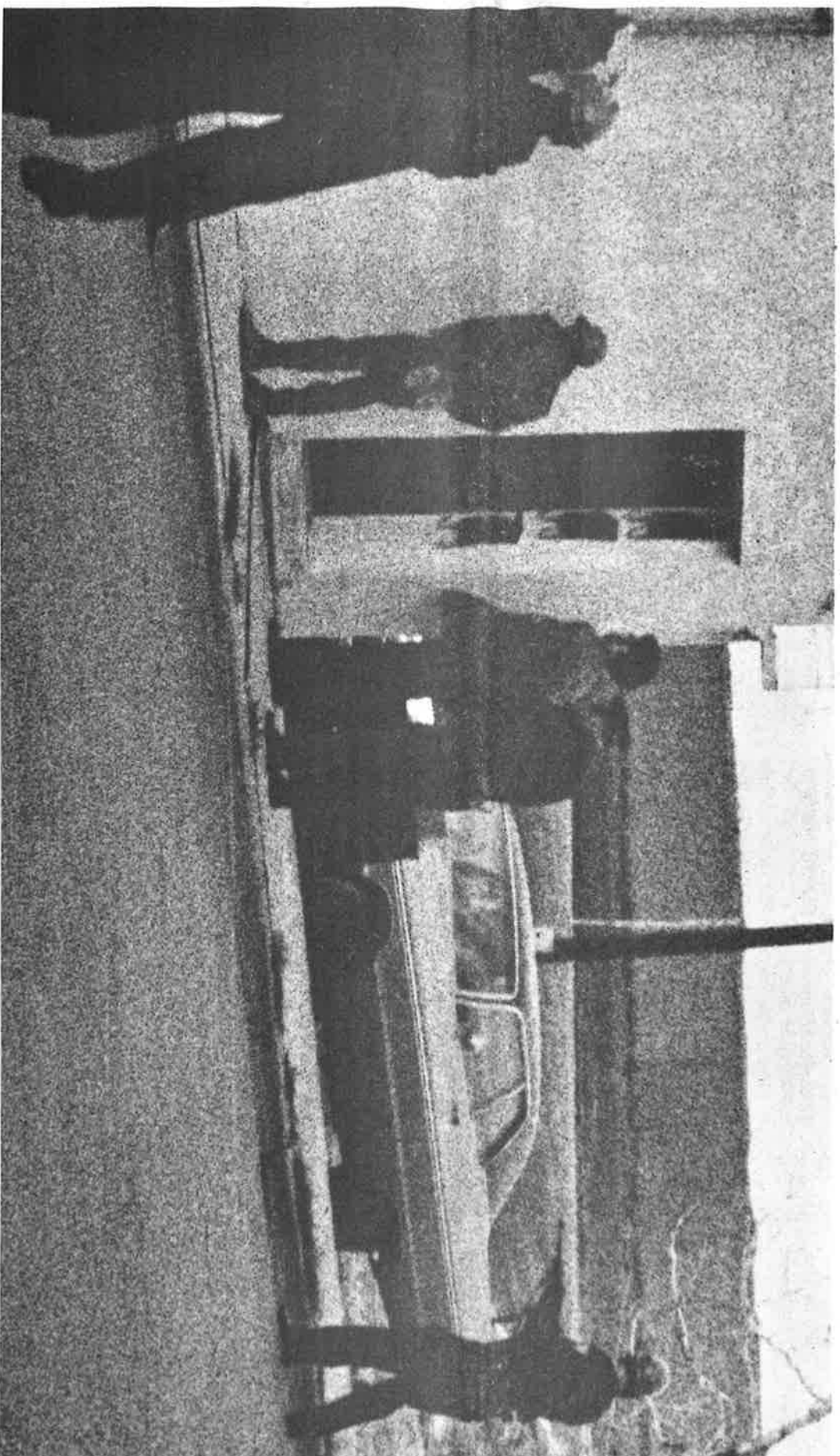
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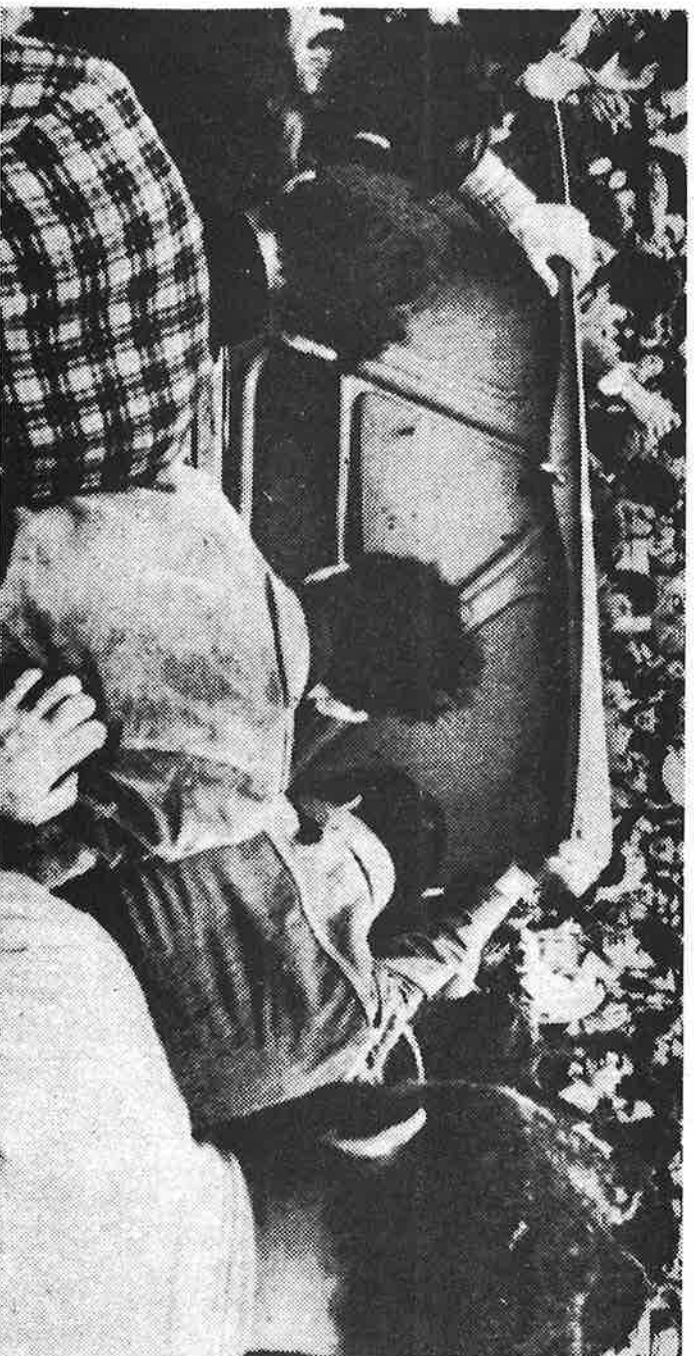
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Manipulating the stock market from P.O. Box 20

By BOB McCURBIN

Most economics teachers (together with a wide range of other propagandists for the capitalist class) have a standard line on the subject of stocks and the stock market.

Capitalism, you will be told, has invented a way for everybody to share in the wealth of this great nation. By investing your savings in the stock market, even you can play a modest role in the country's great industrial enterprises. Stock holdings, however small, allow you along with millions of other ordinary citizens to influence corporate decision making and to share in the profits of the great companies.

But the vast majority of working people know, without too much deliberation, that the stock market is not their cup of tea. Money they are able to set aside has a crucial value for most working people and often a specific object.

The stock market is a risky venture at best for small investors and is a full-time occupation for many of those parasites who live off it. In fact, though most workers wouldn't put it this way, perhaps, stocks and stock dividends are among the clearest examples of how workers are robbed of the full value of their labor.

The profits derived from stock holdings are part of what is called surplus value, that value which the workers produce beyond what he or she is paid in wages. Through the wonders of monopoly capitalism, that value is siphoned off into the coffers of those who already have more than they need.

CONCENTRATION OF CAPITAL IS THE RULE

On the issue of corporate control, it is only the largest stockholders who get any real say in policy. In fact, these big investors, banks, brokerage houses, etc., now account for 70 percent of the trading on the New York Stock Exchange, and in some stocks they account for 90 percent of the volume.

These figures certainly give lie to the mythology dished out in high school economics classes about "millions of ordinary citizens" owning the major corporations.

On the contrary, as was shown in an article in the last issue of Workers World ("Power of the banks in age of imperialism"), the major U.S. corporations are almost totally owned and controlled by a small number of banks and ruling class families.

Senators Muskie and Metcalf have said as much in their recent Senate committee report, "Disclosure of Corporate Owner-

ship." This report, which not surprisingly tries to reduce the problem to one of "information," consists mainly of listings of the top shareholders in some of the nation's largest corporations. In so doing, however, it also reveals the reluctance of these corporations to have their owners known.

In the first place, of the 324 companies polled, only 89 agreed to give the Muskie-Metcalf committee the information requested: that is, a list of the 30 top stockholders in the company. Another 74 provided partial information.

The reason given by most companies for refusing to comply was that it would violate "the stockholder's right to confidentiality." Others that did submit lists refused to name names, so that what the committee got read something like this: (1) a bank, (2) a bank, (3) a brokerage house, (4) a bank, and so on.

NOMINEES—THE MYSTERY MEN OF FINANCE

But even among the companies that did reply, there was a very curious feature about most of the list.

Would you believe that Kane & Co., Box 508, Church Street Station, N.Y., N.Y. is the largest shareholder in United Air Lines?

How to make a billion without really trying

By VINCE COPELAND

It took the old man—John D. the first—about half a century of the most careful planning, ruthless crushing of competitors, buying of state legislatures, and corruption of the U.S. Senate as well to accumulate a billion dollars.

But his much less penurious, less brilliant, less buccaneering, more respectable, and presumably more virtuous descendants can make a billion much easier and much quicker today.

Let's say that today's Rockefeller's did not own the Chase Manhattan Bank. Let's say they didn't have Exxon, Mobil, Continental, Marathon, Cities Service, Standard of Ohio, Standard of Indiana—and California. Let's say they didn't control AT&T, Con Edison, Pan American Airlines, Eastern, National, etc., along with 20 or 30 utility companies and pieces of Chrysler, Ford, Firestone, and Goodyear.

Let's say they just had only that billion dollars and didn't know any more about

(Couldn't they get United to at least lend them some office space?) Or that Cede (pronounced "seedy") & Co., Box 20, Bowling Green Station, N.Y., N.Y. is the largest shareholder in Xerox Corporation? Or that the list of the top shareholders in Mobil Oil includes Pitt & Co., Kane & Co., Cudd & Co., Bark & Co., and Pace & Co.?

Have you ever heard of these companies before? Do you know who owns them? Well, they are called "nominees" and without a copy of the annual Nominee List it is virtually impossible to tell whom each of these nominees represents. (There are over 6,000 nominees, representing about 2,000 banks and other financial institutions.)

According to the Muskie-Metcalf report, (Continued on page 4)



John D. Rockefeller. He squeezed out the first billion.

Wall Street or have any more influence in the U.S. government than you or me.

If they only had a billion to invest, and even assuming they were perfectly helpless idiots, they could put it in the bank at 6 percent interest and draw \$60 million a year just for leaving it there.

With that \$60 million, they could live austere on \$9 million a year. Then they could hire \$1 million worth of lawyers to keep the tax down on the other \$50 million. And even a legal dance could keep the tax under \$10 million. So they would have \$40 million left each year to put back into the bank.

With interest compounded every 3 months, this would give them a second billion in about 17 years.

And just think, they could get all that without robbing a single Arab, or superexploiting a single South American, or shooting a single Black African!

On the other hand, what the bank would do and how it would get that interest money is another question.

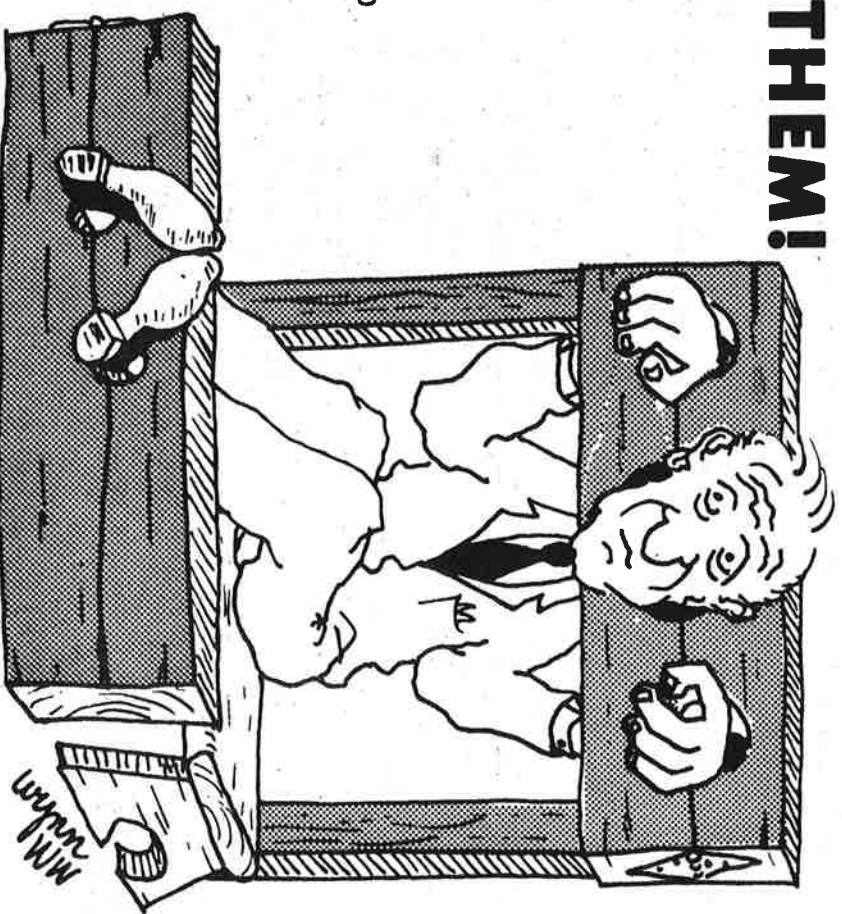
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Workers suffer hardships of capitalist 'slumpflation'

By JOSEPH WEXLER

NEW YORK, April 24—The cost of living for the first 3 months of 1974 rose at the annual rate of 10.8 percent a year, with consumer prices going up in March at an annual rate of 13.2 percent. This is the fastest rate of increase in 23 years.

At the same time, industrial production dropped at a yearly rate of 5.8 percent, the worst drop in 16 years.

The combined inflation and industrial stagnation, called "slumpflation" by ruling class economists, was the worst it has been since World War II saved the capitalist system from the 1930s depression.

Prices have continued to rise throughout 3 years of "controls." As if that weren't bad enough, worse is predicted for the future when the inadequate controls of Phase 4 are phased out. In spite of promises of "restraint" on the part of big business, costs for such items as medical care, housing, and canned goods can be expected to take off when remaining controls are lifted on April 30.

MILITARY SPENDING AGGRAVATES CRISIS

A major cause of the hardships workers are being forced to bear is the enormous \$95-billion-plus military budget. This money is put into the economy to buy socially useless weapons, aircraft, missiles, etc. This increases the supply of printed money while the supply of things to buy is actually decreased, due to the gigantic waste of steel, rubber, oil, and other items.

Think of how many essential items are wasted to build destructive weapons, keep enormous planes and ships in constant use, and maintain millions of troops and civilian employees of the military—who, although they work, do not contribute anything useful to the economy. The workers must pay for this criminal waste through high taxes, through money that actually buys less and less real goods, and through shortages.

DEBT AND INTEREST RATES SOARING

During the past month the prime rate, or rate of interest banks charge big businesses for loans, has reached 10 percent. This increase is a sign of the growing crisis of big capitalist enterprises, as their debts to the banks mount at a faster and faster rate and they borrow more to pay off

old loans with new ones.

This higher rate of interest shows itself in higher mortgage rates, higher rents, higher rates for all kinds of consumer loans. It is through this process that the big banks, such as BankAmerica and the Rockefeller-owned Chase Manhattan Bank, actually control almost all big business in this country and profit even when a company is supposedly going "broke."

Big businesses such as the Penn Central Railroad, Lockheed Aircraft, and lately New York's Consolidated Edison (gas and electric) then demand that the workers, through their taxes, bail them out through subsidies, government loans, and tax breaks (beyond the usual dodges of the corporations). Or they even insist that the government "buy" them, as in the case of mass-transit systems throughout the country.

PRODUCTION OFF

The rising prices of almost all goods and services are also forcing workers and middle class consumers to buy less food, clothing, and other necessities, as well as put off or give up buying "luxuries" such as cars and houses. The rising cost of raw materials also causes a drop in production, as does the higher cost of borrowing to build plants, put in new machinery, and install new equipment.

The rate of delinquent and bad debts has also gone up 20 percent from the end of 1973, as more and more workers find themselves unable to pay off debts because of layoffs, cutbacks in working hours, and rising prices for food, clothing, transportation, fuel, and shelter.

All this, combined with shortages of fuel, has caused a drop in production of all kinds of consumer goods, a slowdown in housing construction, and more hardships for poor and working people.

In socialist countries, such as China, Cuba, and the Soviet Union, where production is planned according to the needs of the people, prices and taxes are actually going down while production of food, clothing, and all the things people need rise daily.

Only when the poor and working people here end the chaos of capitalism, with its inflation, unemployment, and shortages, will we truly be able to solve these problems.

Lines of jobless workers stretch through 'Motor City'

By KAREN PAULICH

DETROIT, April 28—In many parts of Detroit these days, unemployed workers can be seen lined up for blocks, waiting up to 4 hours for their checks.

Michigan, the heart of the auto industry, now has the highest unemployment rate in the U.S., underestimated by the government at 10.9 percent.

Flint, Michigan, a company town where two-thirds of the workforce is employed by General Motors, has been hit by a virtual depression, with one out of every six workers laid off.

Despite layoffs which have reached the proportions of a disaster, the auto industry claims the hardships they have created are minimal because of the United Auto Workers' Supplemental Unemployment Benefits (SUB) program.

SUB HELPS WORKERS THROUGH CRISIS, BUT...

The SUB plan, which is funded by the company and handled by the union, provides a supplement to the unemployment check so that eligible auto workers get 95 percent of 40 hours' take home pay, minus \$7.50. In the steel industry, SUB makes up 85-90 percent of the average 40-hour take home pay.

But auto workers must have a minimum of 1-year seniority to qualify for SUB pay, while steel workers need 2 years. Auto workers need 2 years to qualify for a full 52 weeks of SUB pay.

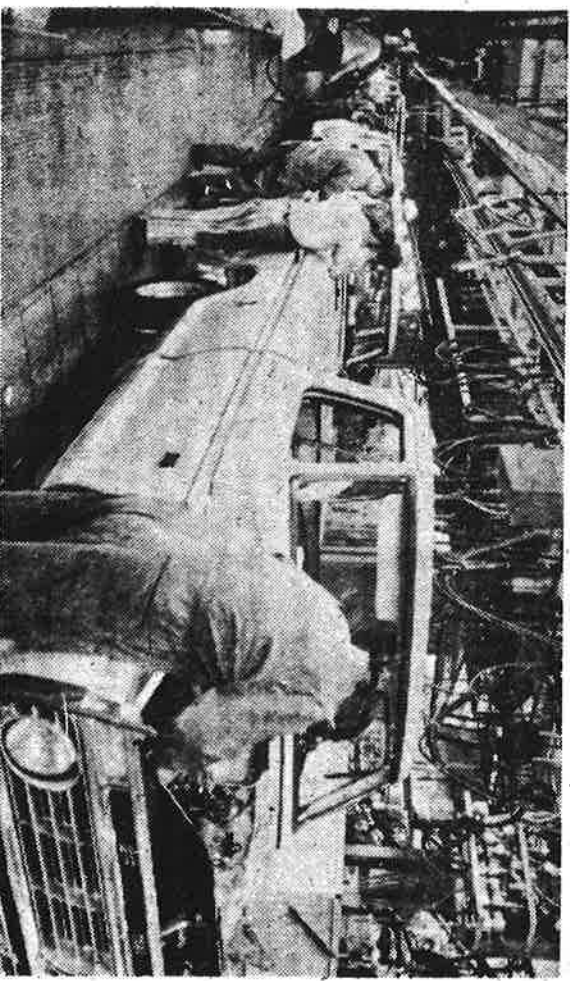
... IS IT ENOUGH?

Altogether, more than 410,000 Michigan workers are out of jobs, yet only around 100,000 are eligible for SUB pay. Out of 27,000 on an indefinite layoff from GM, nearly 15,000 don't qualify for SUB pay, and 1,100 can't even collect unemployment compensation of any kind!

Those workers who are collecting SUB pay aren't exactly living easy, either. Social security and income taxes are deducted from a check that already is based on wages after taxes. And in an industry where many normally work 60 or even 84 hours a week, SUB pay based on 40 hours is a drastic pay cut.

THIRD WORLD AND WOMEN WORKERS HIT HARDEST

It is especially Third World and women auto and steel workers who are ineligible for SUB pay, because they have only recently been hired. For example, at Great Lakes Steel, near Detroit, they are the majority of



precedented high profits.

Thus Exxon gasoline should be about 4 cents a gallon.

Furthermore, Pan American World Airlines, another Rockefeller company, actually lost \$24.4 million (it claims) for this year's first quarter.

So the company is asking the government for a subsidy—that is, a handout—of \$194 million.

Fine. But still another of Rockefellers' 60 or 70 companies, Mobil Oil (which provides fuel for Pan Am's planes), made a profit of \$271.6 million in the last 3 months of

A modest proposal on...

Chrysler prices and Exxon profits

Chrysler has just raised its prices about \$130 per car. That's the fifth increase since last December.

This is not because of wage increases during that period, the company has explained with disingenuous frankness, but because of a decrease in profits.

Due to the oil and gas situation, Chrysler sold less cars this spring and only made \$1.6 million profits in the first 3 months of 1974. So of course their customers are being asked to help them out.

Now, the biggest stockholder in Chrysler, next to the Chrysler family itself,

the victims in the wave of layoffs, since GLS only began to hire women last year, under great pressure.

In Detroit, many Black auto workers had only been hired in the last few years, due to concessions like "training programs," created because of the fear that rocked the ruling class after the great upheavals in the Black community in the late 1960s. These are the workers who bear the brunt of the layoffs.

FROM UNEMPLOYMENT SUBSISTENCE TO WELFARE

Along with the UAW and USW members who don't qualify for SUB benefits, there are thousands of unemployed workers who have no SUB plans at all. Michigan's unemployment compensation allows a single worker as little as \$16 per week, and even a large family is not entitled to more than \$92 a week.

Those who have exhausted their unemployment benefits, or who were ineligible in the first place, face an even more desperate situation. Since October 1973, when the Big Three auto bosses first began the wave of energy crisis layoffs, at least 5,000 have been added to the state's welfare rolls.

During January alone, over 2,000 went on welfare, and over half were laid-off workers.

HOW ARE THE AUTO BOSSES SACRIFICING?

Net sales and income records were set by GM during 1973 when the company's profits soared to nearly \$3 billion on sales of \$38.5 billion. Richard Gerstenberg, Chairman of General Motors, received the biggest salary of any executive in the country—\$923,000! He got a "noninflationary" 5.5 percent raise last year of \$48,000!

SUB benefits exist only because the auto and steel workers fought for them. The bosses hope by this measure to take the bite out of their periodic layoffs, just as the state thought it wise at this time to extend unemployment benefits from 26 to 39 weeks. SUB and unemployment benefits must be extended and improved. But that won't get at the source of the problem, the profit system which makes jobs expendable. The only real solution is jobs for all.

For the unemployed to be hired, workers must organize to put the capitalist class on a permanent layoff.

1973. And this was \$80 million more than it made in the last 3 months of 1972.

Using the same proportions as in the case of Pan American, we propose that the Mobil Company should give the government a subsidy of \$720 million.

Hoping that the Rockefeller will appreciate these points in simple arithmetic (which may have escaped their statisticians' notice), and knowing their reputation for great charities and benefactions, we await their acceptance of these modest proposals.

—But without holding our breath.

'Operation Zebra'

S.F. mayor, police unleash racist repression

By BOB DOBROW

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1—Under the code words "Operation Zebra," police here have initiated a campaign of unbridled racism and repression in the Black community. Using clearly fascist tactics of "stop-and-search," intimidation, and harassment, local and state authorities are attempting to create a climate of fear and terror.

Beginning on April 17, the police began making massive invasions into the Black community, using as an excuse a series of unsolved murders dating back to last November. All the victims have been white, they say, and the cops claim to have a composite drawing of the suspect. This drawing is so vague, however, that it has given the cops the green light to stop virtually any Black man on the streets.

As of this writing, Mayor Alioto has announced what appears to be a full-scale escalation of the original attempts at racist hysteria. The authorities are now claiming that the murders were part of a pattern involving 80 white victims starting from 1971, and that there isn't just one killer, but

probably four "killers on the loose."

What this "pattern" really consists of isn't explained. Aren't there any unsolved murders of Black people over this period? Why not include them in the "series" of murders?—except that then the "pattern" concocted by the racist authorities is broken.

The operation was dubbed "Zebra" supposedly because the police radio communications are done over the "Z" radio band, but the racist overtones are obvious. Taking tactics from apartheid South Africa, police have stopped, questioned, harassed, and issued identity cards to over 700 Blacks. This reporter spoke to one man who was stopped five times in Oakland! (The search is supposedly only in San Francisco.) Police have drawn on reserve units and are riding around with shotguns in their cars. There have been arrests every day.

IMMEDIATE RESPONSE

These actions prompted outrage and protest from within the community. Such groups as the Officers for Justice (a group of Black San Francisco police), the NAACP,

the Black Panther Party, and many church groups issued immediate statements opposing it. Legal actions have been taken by the NAACP, the ACLU, and the Mexican-American Legal Defense Fund.

On Monday, April 22, nearly 1,000 Black, Latino, and white protesters gathered at City Hall to display their outrage. When Mayor Alioto appeared during the middle of the picketing, the demonstrators descended on him. His security guards had to push him into his car as the outraged people chased him halfway around the block, surrounded his car, chanted, and pounded on the hood.

Even some of the moderate Black politicians in the Democratic Party whom Alioto was able to get to endorse his actions have deserted him and expressed their outrage.

On April 24, W.C. Washington, Southern California Black Coordinator for the Alioto for Governor Campaign, resigned and publicly attacked the mayor. Mrs. Westbrook, a school district employee who also withdrew her support for Alioto, stated, "Even more upsetting was the way in which he used me and some of his other Black

political supporters in his infamous press conference" (when some Black moderates were lined up to voice their support for the Zebra manhunt!).

FEDERAL RULING

In response to the tremendous protest building up in the community, a federal judge on April 25 issued a "cease and desist" order to the police and ruled their actions unconstitutional. Both the city and the police are appealing this decision and are flagrantly ignoring the injunction, as the manhunt continues to this day.

The police appeal is taking place despite the fact that Police Chief Donald Scott had publicly admitted police tactics were "ineffective and unproductive"; despite the fact that he said the court order "had not impeded police efforts"; and despite the fact that the court injunction was even weaker than the supposed voluntary police guidelines.

The press as well is contributing to the climate of racist hysteria. The San Francisco Chronicle and the Hearst-owned Examiner have both expressed firm support for Operation Zebra and have run banner headlines on the killings. The "liberal" Chronicle has even called for the arrest of the people protesting the police actions!

'ZEBRA'—CULMINATION OF VIOLENT RACISM

What is going on now in this city is in reality a test to see whether the population can be made to accept fascist tactics such as large manhunts and the issuance of passes to Black people. This is part and parcel of the general atmosphere of intense racism that has been unleashed here by the forces of extreme reaction. For example:

—Within the past month alone four children have been murdered in Oakland and Berkeley by policemen still on the force. The Oakland police are infamous throughout the community.

—The offices of the Black Panther Party were raided in Oakland in a pre-dawn attack on April 16. Police arrested 14 people and said they confiscated drugs and weapons. Thirty hours later the 14 were freed: all charges were dropped for lack of evidence.

In Sacramento, cops attacked a Black Muslim temple and arrested four Muslims!

NY YAWF demo hits 'Zebra searches'

NEW YORK, May 2—In the first demonstration to be called on the East Coast to protest the arrest of 7 Black men in San Francisco, 80 people marched and chanted in front of the offices of the San Francisco Chronicle-Examiner here today. In obvious anger over the outrageous frameup, the picketers chanted, "Stop Operation Zebra Alioto's fascist terror!" and "Stop the racist frameup. Free the Black brothers."

Today's demonstration was organized by the New York chapter of Youth Against War & Fascism (YAWF) before the arrests took place yesterday. YAWF had already begun a campaign in solidarity with the Black community of San Francisco which has been living under police terror as a result of "Operation Zebra."

controlled by the largest banks, especially the New York City banks. As with all the other gimmicks and tricks of the financial captains of industry, the nominees are clearly a device for obscuring the incredible concentration of wealth and power in the hands of a small group of billionaires.

But no matter how hard they try to hide, the people are beginning to find out who these modern oligarchs are and that they are definitely dispensable.



Angry demonstrators boo S. F. mayor Alioto for harassment of Black community in "Zebra" manhunt.

Concoct wild tale of 'Death Angels'

MAY 2—Striking at dawn in true gestapo fashion, 100 San Francisco cops arrested 7 Black men on charges of committing the so-called "Zebra" murders yesterday. Three of the men are alleged to be Muslims and several are former inmates in California's infamous prison system.

With indecent haste, Mayor Alioto rushed to hold a press conference just a few hours after the arrests to state that he was "satisfied that we have the men." He then proceeded to weave the fantastic tale of a supposed organization called the "Death Angels," which he asserted is responsible for over 80 deaths in California and many more nationwide. Without explaining how he got such "information," and with no concern that he was convicting the defendants without a trial, Alioto said that the "Death Angels" were directed by an unnamed man in the Midwest who rewarded members for decapitating or chopping up their victim.

(The allegations were so fantastic and sweeping that even California Attorney General Evelle Younger backed away from Alioto's claims.)

Yesterday's arrests are the culmination of a vicious, racist campaign begun in San Francisco against the entire Black population. A massive manhunt was launched under the pretext of solving

several murder cases. The manhunt became so widespread that any Black man walking on the streets could be picked up and harassed for no reason at all.

When the Black community, along with Chicano and white supporters, began to mobilize against this onslaught, Alioto decided to change his tactics. With the arrests and bogus scare stories of plots against whites he obviously hopes to whip up a hysteria against the Black people and prove how right he was in beginning the campaign in the first place.

(Alioto, by the way, is making a bid for the Democratic nomination for Governor of California and is said to be a poor third in the race. His campaign clearly needs an issue to get it off the ground.)

This crude racist frameup has all too many ugly precedents. The wild stories of plots against white people sound very similar to the so-called Blood Brothers case in Harlem in 1965. At that time, 6 young men were arrested for supposedly plotting to kill white people. The story was exploded in the newspapers with blood-curdling details. The young men were railroaded to prison before papers were pure fiction. Yet four of the youths (who came to be known as the Harlem 4) spent 8 years in prison before

winning their release.

In the same manner, several Black Vietnam veterans were arrested in Chicago last year amid tales that they were the De Mau Mau brothers, bent on killing white people. Convicted by a wild newspaper campaign, they remain in prison today, except for one, who died "mysteriously" in jail before he even got a trial.

After Alioto's racist remarks, it is clear that the 7 men arrested in San Francisco not only could not get a fair trial, but should be released immediately. In this case, no trial would be the only fair trial!

End the racist frameups!
Jail Alioto!

—Stock market

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(Cede & Co. is actually a nominee for a large number of other nominees. The report also notes that in 1971 a government official, a newspaper editor, and an attorney reported that the publisher of the "Nominee" List had refused to sell them a copy.)

For obvious reasons, little is known about the organization of these nominees, although it is known that most of them are

“OPERATION ZEBRA” (MOTHER NAME FOR THE SAME OLD THING)

for “attempted murder.”

—Since last December, most prisoners in California jails have been in virtual permanent lockup and with the new reclassification and strict parole systems, the prisons have taken on more and more the characteristics of Auschwitz and Dachau.

—On April 21, Popeye Jackson, a leader of the United Prisoners Union, was busted in San Francisco for “interfering with an officer.” This was an obvious and well-documented frameup.

—The Nazi Party in this city has felt emboldened enough to publicly appear at Board of Education meetings in full uniform. When one Black teacher attempted to give them what they deserved, she was arrested for inciting to riot.

THE TASK FOR ALL PROGRESSIVES

In light of the above, the newly surfaced FBI, counterintelligence documents from the last 6 years are instructive. These documents have revealed much information concerning coordinated efforts of local, state, and federal authorities in an attempt to crush the Black liberation movement in the late 1960s. Especially singled out then was the Black Panther Party. Clearly, the same tactics that were used then are being attempted again with renewed vigor.

Now the ruling class is even more desperate than it was then, with rampant inflation and disillusionment with the system growing every day. The billionaire rulers have always found that racism is the most effective tool in keeping the workers and oppressed down and dividing and dissipating their potential united power. What is happening now in San Francisco must be actively opposed by every

YAWF telegram to Alioto

The following telegram was sent to San Francisco's Mayor Alioto on April 22 by Youth Against War & Fascism.

We of Youth Against War & Fascism demand an immediate halt to your Nazi-like “Operation Zebra.” It is clear that your administration is the real criminal, and not the Black people of San Francisco whom you seek to terrorize.

You have imposed an open military occupation of the Black communities, something you would never conceive of

progressive person in the country. The racist hysteria must be turned around and the forces that are generating it stopped in their tracks.

doing in the white communities. Along with Reagan and Nixon, you are attempting to launch a nationwide campaign of racist hysteria.

We know that your fascist schemes will fail to intimidate the Black community, and instead will spark protest and resistance.

Stop the war against Black America!
Nick Frankel
National Office, YAWF
New York City

Minority vets of Vietnam demand benefits

By TONY CARRUTHERS

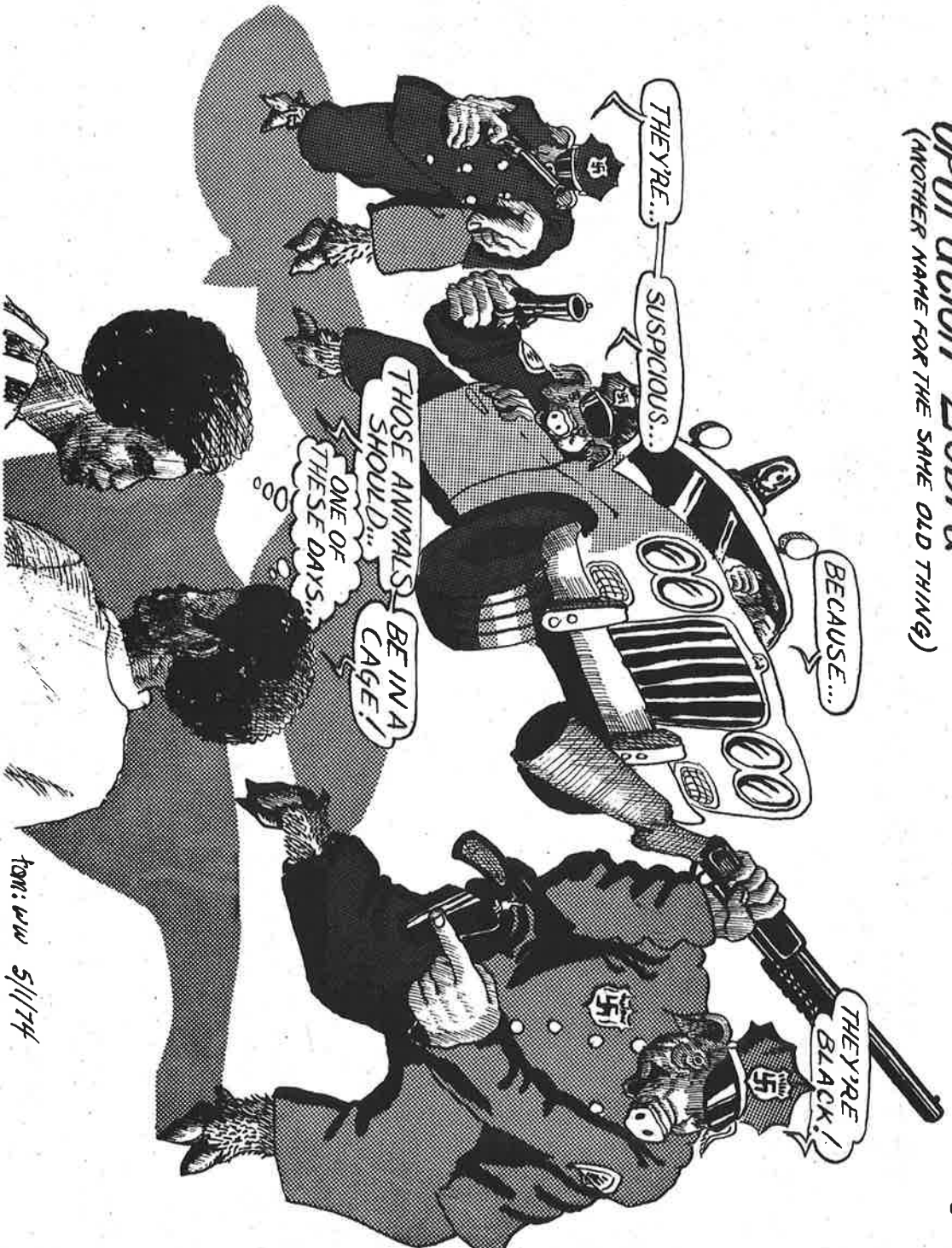
DETROIT, April 19—In conjunction with Interested Veterans for Social and Economic Progress (IVFSEP), 50 Black and minority Vietnam-era veterans demonstrated outside the Veterans Administration (VA) offices today. The main controversy was the gross inadequacy of the VA in Michigan and nationwide.

The incident was sparked on Monday, April 15, when a security guard at the VA pulled a gun on members on IVFSEP. The three IVFSEP members had gone there only to obtain paperwork and information for an outreach program.

Signs carried on the demonstration had slogans that read: “We paid our dues, now we want to collect”; “VA needs new leadership”; “We went 10,000 miles to fight, to return to slowly die.”

A list of demands included (1) the immediate dismissal of the director, Steve Killcullen, and his entire staff; (2) improved educational opportunities so vets can get decent jobs; (3) housing; (4) drug counseling and programs to end drugs and drug-related crime among vets.

There has been increasing irritation due to lack of response from established veterans organizations (VA, DAV, VFW, etc.). The demonstration was broken up when a large concentration of police cars and cops indicated that they intended to fully back the VA administrators against poor and minority veterans once again.



S.F. Apartheid Card

SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT ZEBRA CHECK

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Address _____

Driv. Lic. No. _____ S. S. No. _____

Date _____ Time _____

Location _____

Officer _____ Signed _____ Star No. _____

Copy of ID card given to Blacks who are stopped by Police in Zebra manhunt.

—Cancer

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Increasing number of synthetic materials and, in other circumstances, agents which may have existed on earth but were never part of the immediate human environment.”

How many of these strange pollutants are responsible for the estimated 655,000 new cases of cancer expected to be diagnosed among the American people this year? What about next year, and 20 and 50 years from now?

The World Health Organization has predicted that some 25 percent of human cancers are the result of exposure to “environmental agents.” Thus, scientists correctly say that since cancer doesn't usually show up until 20 or more years after the initial exposure to a cancer-causing element, prevention from cancer by the next century must begin today.

But this is not possible in a system where the government works hand in hand with big businesses to keep profits high—at any cost. We need protections on the job and as consumers, but only a government controlled by and for our interests and safety can truly insure that no products will ever be produced without careful examination of their long-range effects on our lives and environment.

Only socialism will end the use of “vinyl chlorides” completely—and some day even make cancer itself a thing of the past.



Vets demonstration in New York City, April 26. Exservicemen marched on Veterans Administration demanding their rights. Struggles such as this forced hated VA boss Donald Johnson to announce his resignation. WW photo: Julio



EDITORIAL

Open letter to the movement from Youth Against War & Fascism

Workers World is devoting its editorial space this issue to publishing this open letter to the movement from YAWF on events at the April 27 anti-Nixon demonstration in Washington, D.C.

Sisters and Brothers,

The disturbing and unprincipled behavior of the Attica Brigade and Revolutionary Union (RU) leaderships toward Youth Against War & Fascism (YAWF) at the April 27 anti-Nixon demonstration in Washington, D.C., compels us to write this letter to all progressives and militants active in the revolutionary struggle.

At that event the RU-Attica Brigade leaders publicly denounced Youth Against War & Fascism as the ones responsible for the problems incurred during the breakaway action at the Justice Department. They charged that YAWF provoked the cops and then, by not dropping our banners, blocked the Attica Brigade's retreat.

WHAT REALLY HAPPENED?

Let us examine the events as they actually occurred.

The Attica Brigade had called for a march following the rally at the Capitol. YAWF decided to join and support the march, as we would support any expression of progressive, militant opposition to Nixon. When the front of the march reached the Justice Department building, the YAWF contingent was still on the opposite side of Constitution Avenue. Hundreds more behind us were still rounding the corner or coming through the opening in a fenced-in lot. When the front half of the march, predominantly Attica Brigade and RU, was blocked by the cops, they turned and started running back across the avenue. The cops followed on scooter and foot.

The impact caused by those in the front of the march turning and running into the people packed behind them made a calm and orderly retreat impossible. This ignited a panic and stampede in which people were trampled and crushed up against and under

the fence. The pigs also seized the opportunity to club, pick off, and bust those left stranded.

In line with some of the elementary rules of street action, YAWF did its best to urge people to be calm and prevent further panic. And, unlike the RU policy of dropping their banners during an attack, YAWF continued to hold our banners high, a fundamental tactic in any revolutionary struggle. Ridiculously, the Attica Brigade and RU asserted that this "blocked their retreat."

It was upon returning to the Capitol rally sight that an RU spokesperson went to the microphone and made a scurrilous denunciation of Youth Against War & Fascism in an attempt to cover up their own failures. And it was during that slanderous speech that the Attica Brigade and RU declared "war on YAWF," as their members in the audience chanted "pigs," "Trotscum," "We'll get you with ice picks," and physically jumped several YAWF members, but retreated quickly after YAWF defended itself.

Although YAWF answered them immediately and effectively from the speakers' stand at the rally itself, we are addressing this open letter to the movement for the benefit of those not present at the action who could not see for themselves what really happened.

The hooliganism, name calling, and slanders employed by RU-Attica Brigade leaders against YAWF at that demonstration had been building for some time. They were only the culmination of a growing trend in those organizations to substitute, in place of political discussion, a policy of outright falsification and physical violence against revolutionaries in the movement, particularly YAWF.

The movement needs militant struggle and aggressive tactics; that is certain—but



Only as free as their money

From an advertisement on radio station WCBS and others:

"I pledge allegiance to the united state of Marine Midland, created by revolution, dedicated to the proposition that independent citizens of New York State are only as free as their money."

'Free' to be drafted, but can't get a divorce

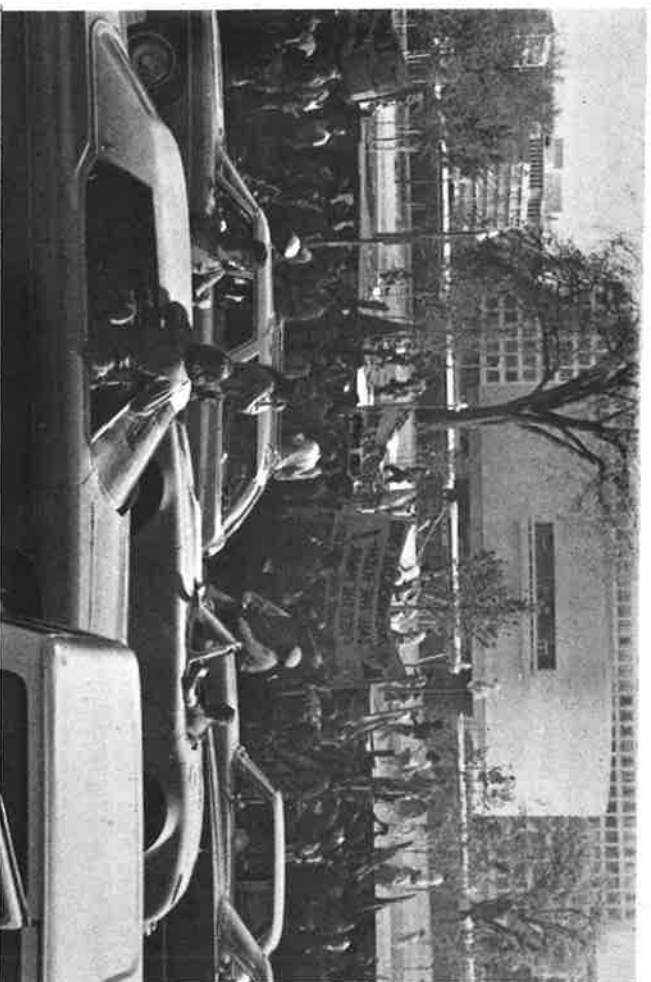
Chicago Tribune Magazine, April 14:

"A woman in Israel cannot divorce her husband even if he goes to jail as a suspected murderer; by law, she is her husband's property."

Look who's coming to dinner!

Baltimore, March 15 (AP):

"Dale Anderson, Baltimore county



Blocked by cops, RU-Attica Brigade run back to rally site while YAWF contingent (foreground) tries to prevent panic and continues to hold banners high. WW photo: Gregory

against whom? What must the awakened but uncommitted sections of the progressive masses think when they see a bunch of radicals carry out a struggle against another tendency with greater vehemence and passion than they exhibit toward the class enemy?

OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD OPPONENTS

Our attitude toward the question of how to deal with opponent tendencies is this: It is the ruling class that must be physically overthrown, not misguided or reformist tendencies in the workers' movement. They will be defeated politically by that tendency which proves it best understands how to overthrow the ruling class.

While the Attica Brigade and RU leaders have made their bizarre declaration of war on our organization, we will continue to carry on and build our war against



HERE DOGGIE
NICE DOGGIE

executive convicted last week of 32 counts of extortion, conspiracy, and tax evasion, was invited to dinner at the governor's mansion last night. Anderson said that though he was convicted for these crimes, he will 'not resign.'

"Rep. Lawrence Hogan (R-Md) who is currently running for governor has said he doesn't think Anderson should resign. 'Give the man the benefit of the doubt,' said Hogan, a member of the U.S. House of Representatives Judiciary Committee."

The precinct connection

The New York Times, April 22:

"A detective who was a member of the Police Department's special investigation unit for narcotics has said under oath that he and other detectives kept and shared \$420,000 during the course of nine narcotics investigations and that he perjured himself in 20 trials against drug pushers."

"The detective, Sgt. Aguirz, described how he had once seized 100 kilograms of heroin. He said he turned in 95 kilograms and sold the rest to a drug dealer for \$70,000. He said this was divided among the members of the narcotics team who were investigating the case.

"Asked what he had done with the

proceeds, he said he had spent the money on drink and other foolish diversions."

Vital statistics, East and West

Compiled from the Associated Press Almanacs, 1973 and 1974, Readers Digest Almanac, 1970, and New York Times Almanac, 1972.

West Germany: average annual income per person, \$1,667; East Germany: average annual income per person, \$2,440.

West Germany: 90 inhabitants per hospital bed; East Germany: 80 inhabitants per hospital bed.

West Germany: infant mortality, 23.3 per 1,000 hospital births; East Germany infant mortality, 20 per 1,000 hospital births.

West Germany: enrollment in higher education, 205 per 100,000; East Germany: enrollment in higher education, 666 per 100,000.

West Germany: GNP expended on higher education, 3.6 percent; East Germany: GNP expended on higher education, 4.8 percent.

West Germany: 331 newspaper copies per 1,000 inhabitants; East Germany: 475 newspaper copies per 1,000 inhabitants.

Before the destruction of Nazism and capitalism in East Germany, it was much poorer than the western part of Germany.

'Jail Nixon, jail Ford...'

10,000 demand Nixon out!

By ANDY STAPP

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 27—Ten thousand people marched here today in a demonstration called by the National Campaign to Impeach Nixon.

The crowd was predominantly young—for many it was their first demonstration. Among the marchers were a few small trade union delegations (UAW, Farm Workers, and AFSCME).

Many people carried homemade signs demanding Nixon's ouster and denouncing his racism, his attacks on poor people through budget cuts and impoundment of funds, his war crimes in Indochina, and his collusion with the oil barons during the energy crisis.

Although a majority of the slogans centered on Nixon himself ("Impeach Nixon" and the Revolutionary Union's (RU) "Throw the bum out"), Youth Against War & Fascism's (YAWF) placards against capitalism and imperialism in general ("Indict Nixon and the whole system") were very popular with the demonstrators. The demonstrators left the Washington Monument area shortly after noon and marched down Constitution Avenue to the mall area near the Capitol.

The main chants taken up by the marchers were initiated by the RU ("Throw the bum out") and YAWF ("Jail Nixon, jail Ford, jail the rich and free the poor").

ANGER AT INJUSTICE

The anger on people's faces was particularly evident as they passed in front of the hated "Justice" Department. Above its

doors are inscribed the words, "The place of justice is a sacred place." Shouts of derision and hatred greeted this platitude and the hated building where the frameups of left organizations and the extermination campaign carried out against the Black Panther Party were plotted.

The rally itself was addressed, among others, by Delores Huerta of the National Farm Workers Union; Beulah Sanders, a Black woman long active in the struggle of poor people and those on welfare; Dave Dellinger, a defendant in the Chicago conspiracy frameup aimed at the antiwar movement; and Herbert X Blyden, one of the Attica Brothers.

Huerta and Blyden both stressed the importance of the struggle against racism. Huerta stated that it was "this cancer of racism" which greatly aided Nixon in his 1972 reelection to the presidency.

Blyden called for support for the Attica prisoners, who survived the 1971 genocidal assault that took 43 lives only to face heavy charges stemming from the uprising. Some of the defendants are charged with murder, but not one of the cops who mowed down 43 unarmed men—nor Rockefeller himself, who ordered the massacre—has been indicted. Blyden condemned by the racist harassment being carried out by the police, under the code name of "Operation Zebra," against the Black people of San Francisco.

BREAKAWAY MARCH TURNS INTO STAMPEDE

Toward the end of the rally, the Attica Brigade, a student group reflecting the



Chanting "Jail racist Nixon and the whole profit system," thousands march in Washington, D.C. to demand ouster of Nixon.

views of the RU, marched away from the Capitol and over to the Justice Department. After throwing a few stones at the building, the RU leaders panicked as the police moved forward. A stampede ensued in which many people were clubbed and trampled.

Back at the rally site, Laura Rose, an RU leader speaking from the podium, attempted to place the blame for their failure on YAWF. Pam Kirkland got the microphone several minutes later and replied to the RU charges. Many in-

don't recall" and "I don't remember"?

The transcripts Nixon himself put out shows him coaching witnesses by advising them, "You can say, 'I don't remember.' And you can say, 'I don't recall.' Perjury is an awfully hard rap to prove."

Suborning perjury, which Nixon's carefully edited version of the tapes still clearly shows him doing, should not be hard to prove based on statements from his own mouth quoted above.

LIBERALS QUICKLY BUCKLED

In light of the extremely damaging evidence against Nixon revealed in the transcripts just released (not to mention that he has obviously destroyed 11 tapes and refuses to let experts see the remaining 31, clearly implying they have been altered), the capitulatory attitude of the liberals following Nixon's speech provided a nauseating spectacle indeed.

Television commentators on all three networks followed up Nixon's phony speech with remarks about what a "good impression he made," and how "the tide seems to be turning after the Mitchell-Stans acquittal and the frank speech of the President tonight."

The next day's papers were not far behind. James Reston of The New York Times wrote, "It probably was the most powerful and effective political speech Mr. Nixon ever made.... As seen by the television audience, the President's main target, it was probably an effective and even brilliant performance. He has released enough to create reasonable doubt" and that may be decisive in the end."

Most other liberal media big shots (who Nixon complains are "hostile" to him) poured out praise for Nixon's speech.

That Nixon refused to give up tapes on the ITT scandal, the milk trust bribe case, the Hughes-Rebozo loan, and other tapes relating to impeachable crimes which the special prosecutor has subpoenaed was forgotten by these gutless "opinion makers."

Why did so many TV and newspaper journalists rush with such obscene haste to prop up Nixon? Why did the House Judiciary Committee refuse to cite him for contempt of Congress? Because they have no differences with

Nixon TV speech only deepens W'gate crisis

By ANDY STAPP

NEW YORK, May 2—On Sunday, April 28, former Attorney General John Mitchell and former Commerce Secretary Maurice Stans beat charges of lying to a grand jury and blocking an investigation of close Nixon business associate Robert L. Vesco.

Although Mitchell and Stans are the only Watergate criminals who have gotten off free among the 27 so far brought to court, and both face another trial next September on charges of conspiracy and perjury, Nixon seized upon their acquittal to launch a counteroffensive aimed at rolling back the impeachment tidal wave which seems about to break over his guilty head.

'THE WHOLE TRUTH'—AGAIN

White House aide General Alexander Haig announced that Nixon was "elated" by the Mitchell-Stans verdict and would shortly go on national TV to "reveal the whole truth behind Watergate... once and for all" again.

Sure enough, on Tuesday, April 30, Nixon's face appeared again on TV sets across the country. The House Judiciary Committee would not get the tapes, he said. Rather, a carefully edited (leaving out such things as anti-Jewish remarks he made about Ellsberg) version of some of the 42 tapes requested by the House Committee would be released.

Only 2 of the 38 members of the committee would be allowed to hear any of the actual tapes themselves. No technical experts would be allowed to check to see if Nixon had found a more sophisticated way of altering the tapes since he had Rosemary Wood erase 18 minutes of one of the more damaging reels last fall.

And 11 of the 42 under subpoena had "disappeared."

"I have been reluctant to release these tapes," Nixon whined in vintage checkeresque manner, "not just because



they will be embarrassing to me—which they will—and not just because they will become the subjects of speculation and even ridicule—which they will—but because of the principle of confidentiality."

Apparently this "principle" was inoperative when Nixon bugged his offices and phones in the first place.

Of course, this self-serving nonsense has nothing to do with the reason Nixon fought to keep his conversations with the Watergate conspirators secret since the existence of the tapes was revealed last July.

OBSTRUCTION AND PERJURY

For even in the mangled form in which some of the "transcripts" were released, they show that Nixon was a direct participant in the conspiracy.

Nixon talking to John Dean and H.R. Haldeman on March 21, 1973:

"Don't you think you have to handle Hunt's financial situation damn soon? It seems to me we have to keep the cap on the bottle that much, or we don't have any options. For your immediate things you have no choice but to come up with the \$120,000, or whatever it is. Right?"

That night, \$70,000 hush money was paid to Hunt. This is, of course, a criminal obstruction of justice.

Remember all those witnesses on TV last summer who monotonously repeated 'I

him? No. A great deal of the answer is raw fear.

THINKING OF A COUP

The day before Reston wrote his groveling "analysis" of Nixon's speech in The Times, another article appeared in the same newspaper warning that the danger of Nixon ordering a military coup was still a real possibility. Stuart H. Loory, author of the article "Thinking the Unthinkable" and a man with close ties to one of the cliques in the Pentagon, presented the following possibility of Nixon's reaction to impeachment proceedings: Under the guise that foreign enemies "would take advantage of my impeachment," Nixon orders two or three battalions of soldiers into Washington to "prevent domestic disorder."

Could the Senate try Nixon when paratroopers are patrolling Pennsylvania Avenue? Loory says no.

But rather than call on the people to resist a military takeover, he begs the Pentagon militarists to be neutral in the current struggle between ruling class factions.

It is clear that the intermezzo war between the pro- and anti-Nixon groupings is heating up and breaking out in the open again after months of being "safely" contained in heavily guarded grand jury rooms and closed-door Senate committee meetings.

INNER STRUGGLE GOES ON

Nixon's refusal to turn over the tapes has caused what the bourgeoisie like to call a "constitutional crisis," their code word for the life-and-death struggle currently being carried on by two contending factions within the ruling class. Nixon's new offensive reveals just how much the Mitchell-Stans verdict has emboldened him. On the other hand, the anti-Nixon coalition which seemed in a state of utter confusion 24 hours after Nixon's April 29 TV appearance has already begun to make a fast recovery based on the evidence of Nixon's guilt found right in the tape "transcripts" Nixon gave up under extreme pressure.

The masses of the people, however, can never trust the anti-Nixon wing of the capitalist class to end the crisis, for it was capitalism, itself a dying system, that brought it about in the first place.

Kissinger uses 'divide and plunder' tactics at UN session

By MYRON JEFKA

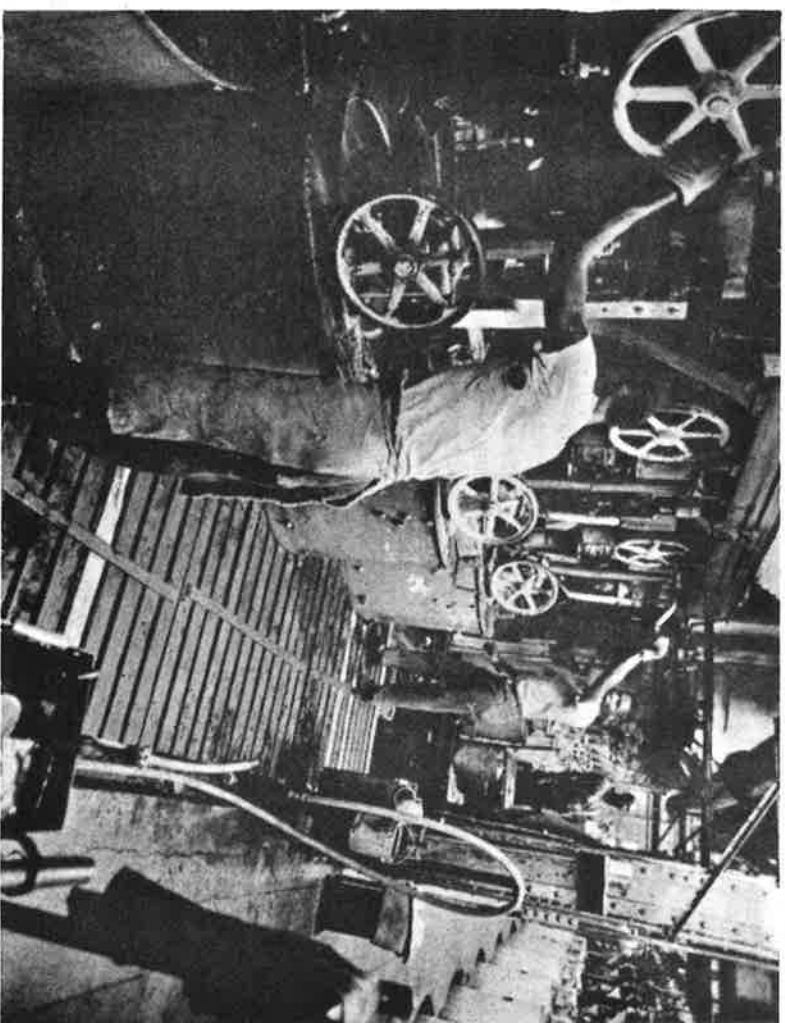
NEW YORK, May 1—Combining phony promises with bellicose threats—the old carrot and stick routine—U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger did everything he could to soften the militant, anti-imperialist tone of the current UN special session on raw materials and development.

The U.S. delegation originally opposed having a discussion in the UN on the vital economic problems concerning the overwhelming majority of the world's population. But when it became clear that, on the initiative of Algeria, the session would be held anyway, the imperialists sent their glib-tongued Secretary of State to try and divide the oppressed nations.

The UN debate, which attracted leading government figures from many of the countries oppressed by imperialism, was called to encourage countries exporting vital raw materials to follow the example of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), who recently banded together and raised oil prices.

WHO'LL SET PRICE OF RAW MATERIALS?

Algerian President Houari Boumediene pointed out that what most elicited the



Imperialists export capital to oppressed nations for one purpose: to take out more than they bring in. Here, Gulf & Western sugar refinery in the Dominican Republic. Photo: LNS

hatred of the oil "consumers" (the imperialist countries) at their recent Washington Conference was "the fact that for the first time in history, developing countries have been able to take the liberty of fixing prices of their raw materials themselves."

Many of the oppressed nations defended their right to nationalize their own natural resources, although few spoke of outright expropriation without compensation to the imperialists. However, even such talk was seen by the U.S. and other imperialist countries as dangerous.

Kissinger openly threatened the oppressed nations against exercising their sovereignty, saying that "cartels of raw material producers to negotiate for higher prices... could have serious consequences for all countries." He also warned against what he had the nerve to call "the politics of pressure and threats."

CARTELS AN OLD STORY

This is the height of arrogance and hypocrisy coming from a country which has more cartels dominating the world market than all the rest of the "developed" and

"developing" countries combined! It is the U.S.-based financial structure and multinational corporations which dominate world trade and perpetuate the poverty and misery of almost two-thirds of the world's population.

Not only did Kissinger threaten other poor countries against following the initiative of OPEC, he also wept crocodile tears for those "poorest nations" whom "a global economy under stress cannot allow... to be overwhelmed."

Not only are those countries who are "fortunate" enough to still have some natural resources remaining (after 400 years of plunder) responsible, according to the U.S., for "price increases coupled with production restrictions" and for "the danger of global inflation followed by global recession from which no nation could escape." They are also responsible for "the great burden on all consumers, one virtually impossible for some to bear!"

Kissinger weeps that a "substantial part of humanity which does not produce any raw materials, grows insufficient food for its needs, and has not adequately industrialized," suffers most from rising prices of raw materials.

DIVIDE'S POOR FROM POOREST

This is an obvious attempt to divide the victims of the capitalist's "global economy" by blaming those who are a little less unfortunate for the sufferings of the least fortunate. It is true that since they have united to claim a larger share of their own resources, the oil-producing countries of the Middle East are somewhat less robbed than they were in the past. It is also true that some countries may be able to follow their example and raise their own economic levels, and that some Latin American

countries are slightly industrialized.

Photo: LNS

But is it their fault that people on the Indian subcontinent or in sub-Saharan Africa are starving? Is it their fault that so many countries have been plundered of their natural resources, and so many peoples have been virtually annihilated by hundreds of years of imperialist oppression?

It is not them, but the imperialists they are attacking, who are to blame for the past and any new miseries that the "poorest nations" may suffer. President Boumediene pointed out that "for the 25 countries classified by the UN as least developed nations, the impact of the rising cost of food products was 70 percent greater on their balance of payments than the effect of the increased price of oil."

Although they may be slightly hurt by the increase in oil prices, they are hurt far more by the continuing increase in the prices of wheat, fertilizers, steel, and many other commodities produced almost solely in the imperialist countries.

The masses of poor and oppressed, many of whom face starvation as capitalist worldwide inflation wrecks their local

economies, will be forced to press harder and more furiously to control their own lands and resources.

The threats of imperialist spokesmen like Henry Kissinger are ominous, but they cannot turn back the clock of history.

An answer to China's 'three worlds' formulation

By DEIRDRE GRISWOLD

Since the European colonial powers first began dividing up the world over 4 centuries ago, the development and material progress of vast sections of the earth's peoples have been forcibly held back. Under the system of colonialism, the riches of Asia, Africa, and Latin America were drained off at gunpoint, enabling Western capitalism to advance materially while the colonies could barely maintain the levels previously achieved.

Then, beginning with the present century, came a qualitative leap in capitalist exploitation. Surplus capital in the hands of European and U.S. financial institutions cried out for labor and raw materials. The old colonial process of the simple extraction of goods—mostly agricultural products—from the subjugated lands gave way before a more voraciously productive and intensive form of labor exploitation: imperialism.

The export of capital to the once-colonized world created vast new industries; it brought "modern" adjuncts of production—electricity, roads, airports, mechanized agriculture, etc.—to countries that had been stilled from producing these things themselves. It created an industrial, and a rural, proletariat.

THE HOOK IN THE BAIT

But, as the people of the "underdeveloped" countries know only too well, imperialism brought in capital and capital goods for one purpose only: to take out more than they brought in, to superexploit the rest of the world.

The roads were built from the mills and plantations to the ports. The electricity was to run the installations of the Sun Oil Company and the United Fruit Company. The machines were to make the people work even harder, not to lighten their labors.

Imperialism has resulted in the forging ahead of the industrial and advanced capitalist countries—at the expense of the superexploited lands. But it has also resulted, in many parts of the world, in the absolute worsening of the conditions of life for the masses.

The vitamin, protein, and even calorie intake of the rural peoples of South America is lower today than it was before Columbus, UN food specialist Juan deCastro has argued. Certainly the people of India are worse off than before the British conquest. The same can be said for Indonesia and most of Africa.

THE SOCIALIST ANSWER

Only socialist revolutions have reversed this deadly trend in the poorer countries. Of all the countries where famine, disease, ignorance—and foreign oppression—were the rule, one in particular stands out as having remarkably conquered these seemingly hopeless problems.

That country is China. In the present atmosphere of detente, abundant evidence can be found even in the U.S. mass media to prove that China has reversed the trend toward starvation and poverty to be found in

other "underdeveloped" lands and is rapidly and consistently building a better life for its people through socialist planning.

CHINA AT UN SESSION

For this reason, if no other, the presentation of China's representative to the recent UN special session on raw materials and development should have contained an important message for oppressed peoples. But one will look in vain through the speech of Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping for any reference to the class divisions in the world today that produced the great Chinese Revolution. Nor can you find any allusion to the socialist solution needed so desperately by all the oppressed.

Instead, the Chinese special delegate to this UN session characterized the divisions in the world this way:

"The United States and the Soviet Union make up the First World. The developing countries in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and other regions make up the Third World. The developed countries between the two make up the Second World."

China, he said, is part of the "Third World" because it is "developing."

OPPOSITES LUMPED TOGETHER

Unfortunately, there is not a shred of Marxism in this whole concept. What does "developing" mean? Are India or Pakistan developing in the same way as Cuba or China? What about fascist Chile? Or semi-feudal Ethiopia?

To lump together all the countries which have historically been held back by colonialism and imperialism—without regard for their present social character—is to put the Saigon regime in the same bag with North Vietnam, and China with Taiwan.

The Chinese leadership may be looking for common ground with many of these countries on some international questions, such as the world market price of raw materials, hoping to somewhat loosen the grip of the imperialists. But in so doing, they have dropped the basic Marxist lesson that classes are in conflict in all the capitalist countries, and that only the victory of the workers and poor can in the long run break the hold of imperialism on the resources and labor of the oppressed countries.

The Chinese speaker also reiterated his party's position that the Soviet Union, as a "social-imperialist," "superpower," exploits the "underdeveloped" just as much as does the U.S. He even said that "the superpower which flouts the label of socialism is especially vicious."

USSR AND WORLD MARKET

Part of Mr. Teng's argument was that the Soviet Union, by trading with poor countries at the (capitalist) world market price, exploits them just as does the U.S.

It is to the shame of the Soviet bureaucratic leaders that they have helped perpetuate this unfair international price structure. But it should be remembered that

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Famine in India spurred by world capitalist inflation

By P. MEISNER

"India as a whole, living closer to the line between survival and disaster, ends up being more severely affected by adverse world economic currents than almost any other nation."

This is the Wall Street Journal's

Capitalist crisis hits

Oppressed nations

diagnosis of India's present political and economic crisis. While the analysis may be accurate, the Wall Street newspaper carefully conceals the identity of the economic culprits it calls "adverse world economic currents"—which when translated should read "global imperialism headed by U.S. imperialism."

During the past year, the most devastating effect on India of the capitalist world's energy crisis has been a severe drop in chemical fertilizer production. Without adequate stocks of fertilizers, total food production has decreased in India. It has mainly been the result of huge price increases in imported oil and other fuels, combined with a steady deterioration in the prices obtained for India's exports. Add the huge debt repayments made by India to the World Bank and other imperialist banks, and it can be seen that India was forced into a rollback of its basic industrial and food production.

But Washington and Wall Street have been trying to push the blame onto the oil-producing nations for the higher crude-oil prices charged to other poor nations. What the imperialist robber barons don't explain is that it is their international oil monopolies which have squeezed billions of dollars of profits from oil-producing nations and outright colonies. Moreover, the imperialist powers have always manipulated the prices of the poor and colonial nations' exports to the advantage of the imperialist nations and their monopolies.

In fact, India's foreign minister recently stated at the UN that he did not criticize OPEC (Organization of Oil-Producing Nations) for having raised crude-oil prices, but rather said that he was "glad that OPEC's action has revealed the inequities and the weaknesses of the international economic system in all its aspects." He added:

"I confess I have some difficulty in appreciating the justification for the enormous increase in the cost of our essential imports from developed countries."

At the same UN session, Egypt's petroleum minister blamed the Western imperialist nations for the world energy crisis. He said it is regarded as a "world disaster" when poor countries demand legitimate prices for their exports, but it is looked upon as normal trading when the industrial countries raise prices. He further stated:

"When mountains of butter and other food products are heaped in some highly developed countries and left to rot, while people in Africa and Asia are starving—when such disasters occur no one complains."

Meantime, while the giant U.S. oil monopolies are declaring first-quarter 1974 profit increases of 100 percent, 150 percent, and even of 740 percent, India may be approaching another catastrophic famine. Out of its population of almost 600 million, more than 200 million still earn less than \$40 a year. India's per capita income is expected to drop for the third year in a row. And the annual inflation rate is now at 25 percent. Nearly 80 percent of Indian children are malnourished. Food consumption is declining, while the population growth is 2.5 more than 70 percent of literate.

A moderate bourgeois critic of the Indira Gandhi government, the Hindustan Times, stated recently:

"Not since independence has the country faced such a deep and all-pervasive crisis as it does today. There are visible signs of disintegration. The rot has spread so far and so deep that it will not be easy to restore credibility to the Government."

Contrary to imperialist propaganda, the political disintegration of India is no mere "unfortunate turn of history." Actually, in

1947 British imperialism (with U.S. assistance) carved out from the colonial Indian subcontinent (which had included Pakistan and Bangladesh) a country which was based on the oppression of the numerous Indian national minorities by a Hindu ruling class—the old British imperialist "divide-and-conquer" policy.

Massive rebellions over food shortages have just erupted in two Indian states—Gujarat and Bihar. Almost 100 people have been killed in the former and 30 killed in the latter. Large street demonstrations organized by student organizations did bring down the local state government in Gujarat, and the struggle against the federal (New Delhi) government still persists. The demand for autonomy and self-determination has also long been heard in the states of Kerala, Madras, Uttar Pradesh, Orissa, Jammu and Kashmir, Nagaland, and West Bengal. Even the Wall Street Journal admits:

"India, more a continent than a country, remains divided by caste, class, language and a dozen other factors. . . ."

The Indian bourgeoisie (largely Hindu), in its 27-year-old rule and dependence on Western imperialism, has failed to solve any of the basic economic problems of the superimposed Indian masses. And they know that China provides for the Indian masses a vital socialist example of the road toward eliminating famine and dire poverty.

The yoke of imperialism must be rooted out of the Indian subcontinent and the politically bankrupt and oppressive capitalist class in India must be overthrown. A socialist revolution is the only solution to the economic liberation of the Indian subcontinent.

Ethiopian revolt reveals another weak spot in Wall St.'s empire

By SHARON SHELTON

NEW YORK, April 29—A regime that only a short time ago was one of the most stable allies of U.S. imperialism in Africa is now wracked by political and economic crisis and is facing a mass upheaval of revolutionary proportions.

Strategically located at the crossroads of the Middle East and the African continent, with outlets on the Red Sea through its colony Eritrea, Ethiopia has long been a secure haven for the imperialist U.S. military.

Yet now, a new round of strikes by government workers, bus drivers, railroad workers, and dock workers has hit the country. The workers have left their jobs to protest starvation wages, shortages, and lowering inflation, and to demand greater political freedom.

Although the per capita income is only a bare \$65 a year, the rate of inflation has soared to nearly 10 times that of the U.S. The minimum wage for Ethiopian workers is low—rising to 75 cents a day from 50 cents low—because of the militancy of recent strikes.

The unemployment rate in Ethiopia is steadily increasing, mainly due to the number of peasants forced off their land by foreclosures or because of famine. The peasants are in the cities looking for work—but there are no jobs.

DETERIORATING LIVING CONDITIONS

Prices have also soared. Food prices, for instance, have doubled in only 12 weeks.

Shortages are everywhere; Ethiopians are forced to import most manufactured goods, since the country's industrial development has been retarded by the needs of the imperialist system for markets and for coffee, which is Ethiopia's largest cash crop.

Earlier strikes against these inhuman conditions took place throughout March and into April. The first general strike in Ethiopian history, in fact, occurred in March, paralyzing the major cities for 4 days and cutting the country off from the outside world. The upheaval was sparked by a revolt of rank-and-file soldiers who demanded higher pay and political freedom. This nutdry quickly spread to the rest of the population.

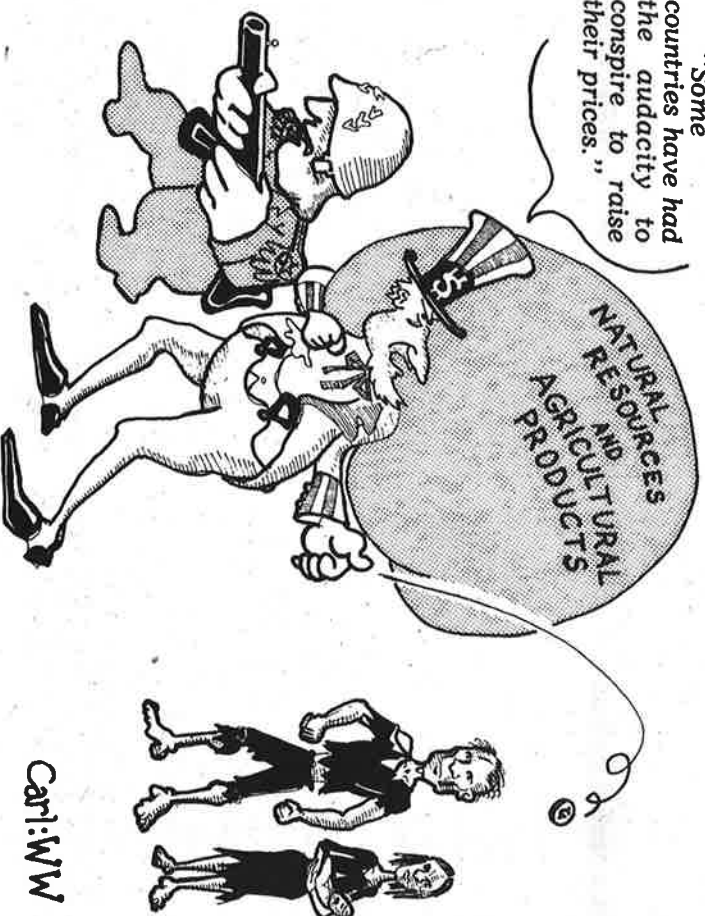
The strikes are only part of a mass upsurge that has taken place in response to the rapidly deteriorating living conditions in the country—the worst of which is a famine that hit the northern provinces last spring and even now leaves over 1,000 corpses a day.

Peasants in the southern provinces have begun to rise up against the widespread starvation that recently hit the south. The feudal landlord class pockets 80-90 percent of the peasants' harvest, leaving barely enough for them to survive. And now, with the famine, the landlords are stealing the peasants' land and livestock to offset their own economic woes. Left with nothing but the prospect of death from hunger, the peasants have responded by holding mass demonstrations and by burning down their farms. According to the Ethiopian Herald, the Selassie government has established a heavily armed emergency police force to suppress the peasant revolts.

ERITREAN LIBERATION STRUGGLE

Nowhere is the struggle against the Selassie regime and its U.S. backers so advanced as in the annexed colony of

"Some countries have had the audacity to conspire to raise their prices."



Carl WW

Eritrea. Selassie's control over Eritrea is vital for the U.S., both financially and militarily. Kagnew Base in Asmara is well known as a major strategic communications base for the U.S. imperialist military. What's more, the Eritrean seacoast provides convenient ports for the U.S. Seventh Fleet.

The People's Liberation Forces, the military arm of the Eritrean Liberation Front, has won significant victories in the struggle for self-determination. Only recently, Selassie was forced to declare martial law in Eritrean cities in a desperate attempt to curb the activities of the liberation forces. This followed a series of spectacular actions by the PLF, including a surprise attack on the headquarters of the Ethiopian Second Army Division, the sinking of an Ethiopian spy ship, and cutting the main highway that links Asmara with the principal port city of Eritrea. Currently, guerrilla forces control portions of the Eritrean countryside.

ERITREANS CRITICAL OF CHINA AID TO SELASSIE

The successes of the struggle in Eritrea

coupled with the tremendous upsurge inside Ethiopia itself are beginning to constitute a real danger to Selassie's feudal monarchy and the imperialist interests it serves. They deserve the support and solidarity of progressive people throughout the world, especially in those countries where the workers have taken power.

Yet, an item in the February 1974 Eritrean Review, published by the ELF, suggests that the People's Republic of China has offered heavy weaponry to the reactionary Ethiopian government on a free-of-charge basis. The weapons include tanks and fighter planes. (This was later confirmed by Eritreans here.)

The Eritrean Review article pointed out that the Chinese weapons would be used "to strike at the Eritrean revolution," and "to suppress the Ethiopian people who are exerting all that lies in their power to get rid of Haile Selassie's feudalist regime which is also a tool in the hands of imperialism and Zionism."

The justification for supporting Selassie's puppet government can be seen in an article which appeared in Peking Review just as Selassie himself was given a warm welcome to the People's Republic in 1971. The article said, "The Ethiopian government follows the nonaligned policy of peace and neutrality and opposes imperialist aggression against Asian and African countries, thus making useful contributions to the promotion of Afro-Asian unity against imperialism."

IS SELASSIE 'NONALIGNED'?

Could this by any stretch of the imagination be the case? Could Ethiopia under Haile Selassie—the same Selassie who sent troops to suppress the Eritrean liberation struggle, who has allowed the U.S. military free run of the Eritrean seacoast and Ethiopian airspace, who just

recently called in troops on the workers in his own country—could he possibly be characterized as "nonaligned"?

Not only is the Haile Selassie government completely in the service of the world capitalist class, but the very revolutionary upheaval going on in Ethiopia today is caused by the capitalist relations that so oppress the Ethiopian people.

The crisis that the Ethiopian workers and peasants are so wholeheartedly struggling against is part of a world capitalist crisis and is the same crisis facing U.S. imperialism, one manifested in losses in Vietnam, the devaluation of the dollar, and the recent energy shortages.

It is a crisis being felt strongest in countries like Ethiopia, because oppressed countries are always the weakest links in the world capitalist chain. Not only do the people suffer from the greed of the imperialists, who bleed the country of its wealth, but they are also brutally suppressed by the imperialists' puppet regime.

It should be no wonder, then, that with the increase of suffering and poverty, the Ethiopian and Eritrean masses are rising up in rebellion.

What now for Portuguese workers?

By DEIRDRE GRISWOLD

All eyes were on Portugal this May Day, as the people poured into the streets by the millions to celebrate the downfall of the fascist Caetano regime. For the first time in at least 46 years, the workers of Portugal were able to celebrate the international workers' holiday.

As though out of the air, a mass-based left movement of socialists and communists has materialized, clear testimony to the failure of the fascist regime to break the spirit and solidarity of the working class.

Reports from Portugal—of crowds burning the cars of the hated secret police, of mass demonstrations everywhere, even on the tiny island of Madeira, of actions by the masses to oust the fascists entrenched in every social institution—point to a genuine revolutionary situation in the making.

A 'POLITE' COUP

The military junta headed by General Antonio de Spínola, evidently surprised by the vehemence of the mass uprising, is maintaining a low profile in the streets while consolidating its powers. The junta took over in an almost bloodless coup when Premier Caetano relinquished his post after a "polite" talk with the general. Caetano and his Cabinet were jettied to the tourist island of Madeira the next morning, where they are being comfortably detained in the safety of a castle surrounded by troops.

It is obvious that, faced with rising rebellion at home and an unwinnable war in its African colonies, the Portuguese fascist regime had been tottering for some time. An attempted coup this March, after General Spínola had been relieved of his post for publishing a book admitting Portugal's inability to win the war, narrowly missed its mark. That was followed by the bombing of a troop ship about to leave for Africa—the work of a Marxist guerrilla group.

Over 40 percent of the nation's budget has been poured into the fascist regime's vain attempts to subjugate the peoples of Mozambique, Angola, and Guinea-Bissau. Only the continued handouts of U.S. and NATO money kept the country from complete bankruptcy.

SPINOLA OPPOSES FREEDOM

FOR COLONIES

But while the Portuguese workers so desperately want an end to the colonial war abroad and fascist repression at home, Spínola's program is very different. He has already made it clear that he is not for granting independence to the African territories. Instead he hopes to set up a compliant leadership there that will accept some sort of federation status with Portugal—that is, he intends to continue the exploitation of the African people, but in the more subtle form used by modern imperialism.

He has already freed some political

Two leaders, two tactics

LISBON, April 30, 1974—Alvaro Cunhal, leader of the long-suppressed Portuguese Communist party, returned from exile today. He indicated that he would like a place in the capitalist "democratic" government formed by the military junta which removed dictator Caetano. "The Communist party is ready to assume its responsibilities," he said.

Petersburg, April 3, 1917—Vladimir Lenin, leader of the long-outlawed Bolshevik party, returned from exile today and asked his followers why they were giving left-hand support to the capitalist "democratic" government which had replaced the Czar.

He rejected all suggestions that he join the new government of Kerensky, and said the point was not to criticize it now and then, but to overthrow it.

prisoners in Mozambique—but not those who have fought in or supported the guerrilla struggle. Leaders of Frelimo, the Mozambique liberation organization, have stated that if the objective of the coup was "to find new formulas to perpetrate the oppression of our people, then the Portuguese leaders are warned that they will face our firm determination."

SPINOLA'S FASCIST CAREER

Spínola and the elite military group he represents are no leftwingers, or even "democrats," for that matter. A volunteer with Franco in the Spanish Civil War, trained by the Wehrmacht in Nazi Germany, with the Germans at Leningrad, and an early volunteer in the war against the African liberation forces, Spínola couldn't have a more infamous background for a fascist officer.

Spínola is, if anything, to the right of the military junta which just last year brought fascism to Chile. He is no different than the officers around Colonel Franco in the 1930s. Only the times are different.

Commander in chief and military governor of Portuguese Guinea, recipient of Portugal's highest military honor for his role as exterminator of the African people, and finally deputy chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, Spínola has obviously acted to save Portuguese capital from disaster. If he is a bit more realistic about the interests of his class than some of his colleagues, that should make him no hero with the masses.

WHAT ROLE FOR WORKERS' PARTIES?

The junta has, for the present, opened the door for the return of the exiled leaders of the Socialist and Communist parties. Negotiations are now under way between them and the military.

But instead of seizing the time to mobilize the long-oppressed masses for a struggle aimed at the revolutionary seizure of power by the proletariat, all reports are that these leaders are offering their services to the junta to defuse the situation and to bring stability to the new regime.

Mário Soares, secretary general of the Socialist party, has said that independence must come to the African colonies "in an orderly way." Alvaro Cunhal, leader of the Communist party, told a tumultuous crowd welcoming him back after 12 years of exile, "The Communist party is ready to assume its responsibilities in the present political juncture."

None of this has the ring, certainly, of irreconcilable opposition to the junta. Rather, it is reported that both parties are seeking a place in a popular front government—that is, a government with the Portuguese bourgeoisie.

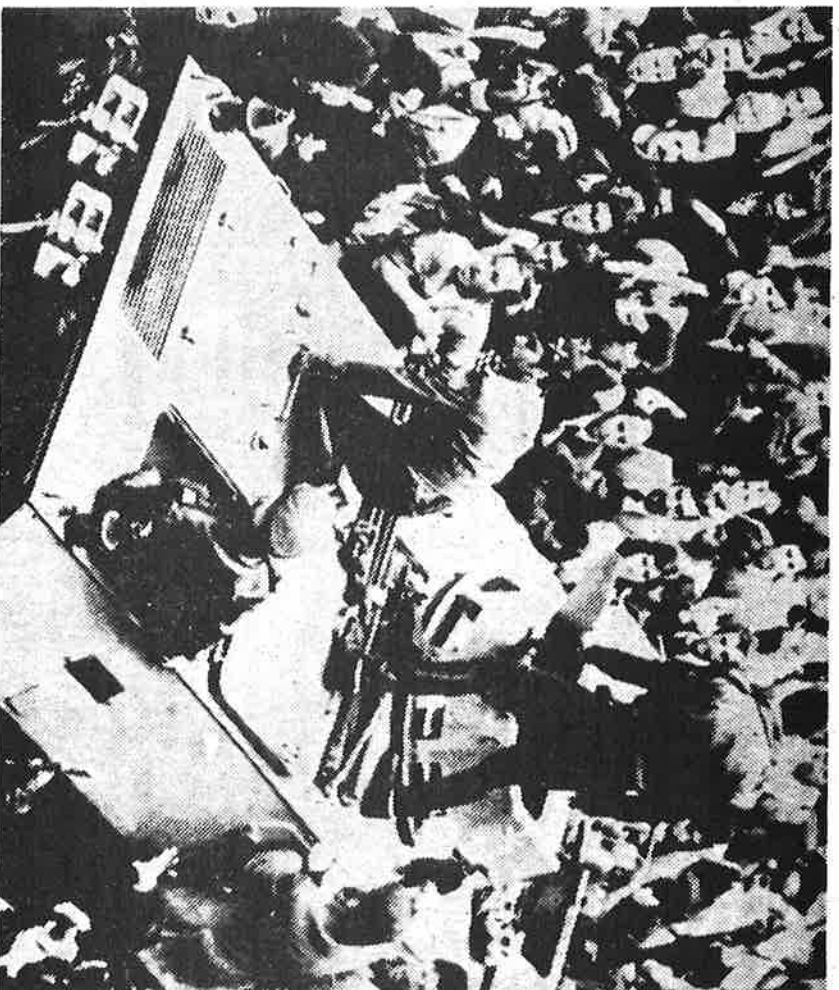
REVOLUTION OR COLLABORATION?

Class collaboration instead of class struggle by the workers' parties is the road to disaster and defeat, as was demonstrated once again so tragically just last year in Chile. The task ahead of the Portuguese workers is not just to purge the fascist elements from power—what representative of the bourgeois order in Portugal is not steeped in fascism?—but to tear down the capitalist state apparatus itself.

To project a peaceful development of "democratic" capitalism in Portugal now, when world capitalism is mired in crisis and the former empires are biting the dust, is to miserably deceive the masses.

The Portuguese socialists and communists must heed the words of their class brothers and sisters in Guinea-Bissau, who have felt the whip of fascism on their backs and whose struggle against it has opened up such great opportunities for the Portuguese workers. As Luis Cabral said just this week:

"Spínola talks a lot and he has been known to make a lot of promises. But we know that the only language he listens to comes from the guns of our forces hitting him and hitting him and hitting him again."



Angry Portuguese civilians surround an armored vehicle carrying some of the hated security police, who surrendered to the protection of the military.

'U.S., Portugal, NATO — out of Africa!'

By ALVIN LONG
NORFOLK, Va., April 27—Several hundred Black and white demonstrators today, in the midst of an annual parade honoring the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), demanded an end to the imperialist alliance.

Carrying signs and banners reading, "U.S., Portugal, NATO—out of Africa," "Down with NATO—tool for imperialist rule," and "U.S. troops out of Europe," 100 demonstrators walked on a loud and colorful picket line within sight of dignitaries and military brass assembled from all the NATO countries. About 300-400 more protesters massed farther up the parade route.

The demonstration was held during the yearly "Azalea Festival" parade, a tribute to NATO sponsored by Norfolk politicians and businessmen. Norfolk is the site of NATO's Supreme Allied Command Atlantic, as well as headquarters for the U.S. Sixth Fleet, stationed in the Mediterranean.

Two years ago, the same parade was attacked and disrupted by 1,000 anti-NATO demonstrators, mostly from the Black community of Norfolk. The festival's "queen" that year was a member of a prominent Portuguese ruling class family, and the festival was being held in honor of Portugal. The "queen" was driven from her float by a hail of rocks and bottles, as the people attacked the symbol of Portuguese colonialism and genocide in Africa.

FOR AFRICAN LIBERATION

This year, too, the focus of the predominantly Black demonstration was against the imperialist wars in Angola, Mozambique, and Guinea-Bissau, where U.S. companies have used Portugal and NATO as covers in a futile attempt to crush the liberation movements. Banners, signs, and chants expressed solidarity with the African liberation fighters and zeroed in on the United States and the other NATO countries for their role in financing and arming the Portuguese military.

The demonstrators also condemned the U.S. use of NATO bases to supply the Israeli military. As contingents of white men dressed in racist caricatures of Arab people marched by in the parade, the picketers chanted, "NATO out of the Middle East, Palestine will win."

Police security was heavy throughout the parade, as the militarists recalled being outmaneuvered and ambushed by the crowd 2 years ago. The "queen"—from Italy this year—was literally hidden from view by police guards. Nevertheless, both the Italian "queen" and the Portuguese "princess" were removed from the parade before they

reached the second anti-NATO contingent of several hundred people.

The demonstration was organized by three groups: the Tidewater Africans, a local organization composed mainly of Black sailors; the Black Student Union of Norfolk State College; and the Norfolk branch of Youth Against War & Fascism (YAWF). Also participating were the National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners; the African Liberation Support Committee; and the Defense Committee, an East Coast GI organization. Among the demonstrators were workers from several of the area's largest plants, including such multinational giants as General Electric and the Newport News Shipbuilding & Drydock Co. (Tenneco). A number of U.S. Navy enlisted men, Black and white, also participated.

NATO IN CRISIS

This year's demonstration came at a time when the NATO alliance is going through the worst crisis of its 25-year history. Reeling from the losses of the Portuguese military in Africa, from the growing strength of the liberation struggles in the Arab world, and from the inability of the British to crush the Irish independence movement, the NATO countries are now beset by deepening economic crises and growing revolutionary sentiments within their own borders.

NATO's primary objective—the undermining, subversion, and destruction of the East European socialist countries and the Soviet Union—has proved a failure, and now the growing strength and prosperity of the socialist countries stand in sharp contrast to the inflation-ridden economy and crumbling social structure of the NATO countries.

So shaken is the alliance that Portugal was the only NATO country to back the U.S. Mideast policy during the October War, and a planned celebration of NATO's 25th anniversary on April 5 had to be cancelled because of internal divisions. In the Netherlands and other NATO countries there have been large demonstrations demanding an end to the Atlantic alliance, and Dutch students declared the week of April 20 a week of protest against NATO.

In Norfolk the organizers of the anti-NATO action indicated that it is only the beginning of a continuing campaign to abolish NATO. The organizations will continue joint action to build a movement against NATO within the city that is its main base, and among the rank-and-file sailors and soldiers who fall under NATO com- mand.

Sadat invites U.S. arms, money into Egypt

By NAOMI COHEN

The recent overtures of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat to the U.S. mark a sharp turn towards imperialism and come as a severe blow to the Soviet Union, which has provided Egypt with massive economic and military aid for almost 20 years. However, Sadat's move does represent the logical development of Egyptian policy since the Egyptian leader staged a political coup in May of 1971.

At that time, Sadat arrested Vice President Ali Sabry on the pretext that Sabry and Communist elements were plotting a coup. Soon after Sabry's ouster and arrest, all but one member of the cabinet, as well as many lower-ranking officials, were similarly purged.

The purges, carried out on the eve of then-Secretary of State Rogers' visit to Cairo, signaled a sharp turn to the right. This turn, as Sam Marcy pointed out in the Workers World issue of May 21, 1971, was the outcome of the suppression of the Palestinians in September 1970 in Jordan—a defeat which strengthened rightwing elements all over the Middle East.

The political and military gains won by Egypt in last October's war may have tended to obscure this shift to the right. But it has again become abundantly clear in the last few weeks.

Sadat has now chosen to repeatedly praise the U.S. role in the "peace" negotiations going on in the Middle East—as if the U.S. were a disinterested peacemaker instead of the power with the greatest economic investment in the Middle East and a history of military interventions and proxy wars! On April 20 Sadat even went so far as to say that President Nixon and Secretary of State Kissinger had "made peace possible in this area for the first time in 26 years."

This is after the U.S. frantically rushed over \$2 billion worth of arms to Israel last October to try and revitalize its flagging puppet! And after Nixon declared a worldwide military alert as a warning to the Soviet Union not to intervene on behalf of the Arab states!

CALL FOR U.S. ARMS SAID

But even more than praising Nixon and Kissinger, Sadat announced on April 18 that Egypt would end its reliance on the Soviet Union for all its arms, after over 18 years. (To give a left cover to this turn to the right, he denounced the Soviet Union for not supplying Egypt with more arms since the October War.) This decision means, of

course, that Egypt will now turn to the Western capitalist countries for armaments, and in particular will welcome military aid from the U.S.

At the same time, Sadat promised to open up the door to foreign private capital in Egypt. The imperialist thieves are encouraged to invest by promises guaranteeing them against nationalization and expropriation. (On April 25, Sadat created the post of First Deputy Premier for Abdel-Aziz Hegazi, the former Finance Minister. Hegazi is a strong advocate of this new "open-door" policy.)

Washington has responded quickly to these overtures. President Nixon staged an unusually warm reception for the Egyptian ambassador; the U.S. carrier Iwo Jima was sent to Egypt to help clear the Suez Canal of mines (and to reestablish a U.S. naval presence in Egyptian waters after years of Soviet dominance in that area); and, on April 23, the administration asked Congress to appropriate \$250 million in economic aid to Egypt, the first such aid since 1967. In addition, a three-man team from the Agency for International Development, infamous as a U.S. subversive CIA front, has already completed a 9-day tour of Egypt.

'FRIENDSHIP' TREATY

In the course of wooing U.S. imperialism's favors, President Sadat recently remarked that he had even been tempted to break Egypt's friendship treaty of 1971 with the Soviet Union. This 15-year treaty was signed by the two countries just after Sadat's coup in May of that year. It provides for continued economic and military aid from the Soviet Union, bars interference in the internal affairs of each country, and includes a pledge by Egypt to "continue along the path of socialist development."

Of course, Sadat's reconciliation with U.S. imperialism should have been recognized in the making by the Soviet leaders. It should have been clear to them that the Egyptian leader was not constructing socialism, but rather represented a bourgeois nationalist regime whose tendency to ally with imperialism would inevitably assert itself. If nothing else, the 1971 coup should have made that abundantly clear.

The only thoroughly revolutionary forces in the Mideast are the Palestinian and Arab masses themselves. Only an alliance with them can put an end to the imperialist domination of the Middle East.

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these prices exist because the real imperialists, i.e., the advanced capitalist countries, set them long ago.

Even more important, the Soviet Union does not directly exploit any of the oppressed countries in the way that the U.S. imperialists, as Lenin explained. While the Soviet leaders are guilty of the crime of not breaking the unfair international price structure set up by imperialism, the economic system they represent is not



Sadat's right turn began after the 1970 suppression of the Palestinian liberation movement in Jordan. Above, ruins of a Palestinian refugee camp in Amman, Jordan.

Arab states move towards nationalization of oil

By TOM MITCHELL

NEW YORK, April 24—On April 16, the Libyan government announced that Exxon and Mobil had signed agreements recognizing the 51 percent nationalization ordered by Libya last Sept. 1.

Exxon, Mobil, Texaco, Standard Oil of California, Shell, and Atlantic Richfield had tried to resist the nationalization decree, not only for the sake of their Libyan booty but out of concern for their holdings throughout the Mideast.

In September, these six oil giants announced they would seek "international arbitration" against the "arbitrary and confiscatory" Libyan majority participation in oil production.

But Exxon and Mobil decided to abandon their campaign against the decree after watching Libya successfully take over the operations of the other companies, so far without compensation. Two smaller oil companies, Occidental Petroleum and a joint venture by Amnerada Hess and Marathon, accepted the 51 percent nationalization from the start.

That the British Petroleum Co., whose Libyan branch was nationalized in 1971, has been unable to effect an embargo against Libya in time of oil shortage, was also important in convincing Exxon and Mobil to sanction the 51 percent nationalization.

SURGE IN NATIONALIZATIONS OF OIL

Now Kuwait and Qatar have obtained agreement from the oil monopolies to immediately acquire 60 percent ownership, and Saudi Arabia is expected soon to announce majority control of the Arabian American Oil Co. Today, Saudi Arabia has 25 percent equity in Aramco, for which Exxon, Texaco, Standard of California, and Mobil were paid \$1 billion. Saudi Arabia is

to pull itself up out of starvation and backwardness while being almost totally cut off from the rest of the world. The prosperity that exists today is not stolen from the people of poorer lands, but is a proof of the tremendous superiority of the planned socialist mode of production—just as it is in China.

CLASSES AND THE 'THIRD WORLD'

Capitalist leaders—even reactionary ones—in the oppressed nations are at times capable of conducting a progressive struggle against imperialism. The recent oil embargo showed that. But the only forces capable of wrenching the national economies of poor countries out of the grip of imperialism are the oppressed classes led by a workers' party.

Look at Ethiopia. In the 1930s, Haile Selassie led a progressive struggle against

supposed to take 51 percent ownership by 1982 under the present arrangements.

Nationalization is not the same as outright revolutionary expropriation. The former represents an agreement with the oppressive imperialist corporations to alter the terms of their exploitation—rather than an outright move to dispossess them. However, even this more limited form of struggle has met with the greatest resistance from the imperialists, and can throw their system into grave crisis.

In the oil nationalizations, the monopolies are involuntarily being forced to allow participation in ownership and profit sharing by the host countries, and the monopolies are not satisfied with the prices they are being paid for giving over a share in ownership. But while oil production is passing more into the hands of the governments where the oil fields are, virtually all the marketing operation remains in the hand of the oil monopolies.

The threat to their imperialist superprofits is the real crisis for the oil giants. In the past, they intervened militarily every time their iron grip on the oil seemed at all threatened. But today the military successes of the Arab states, with Soviet help, and the revolutionary threat of the masses stands in the way of their desire to forcibly occupy the lucrative oilfields. Under the circumstances, the oil companies have to accept the nationalization measures for fear that if they don't, they will accelerate a revolutionary process which will culminate in the Arab masses reaping the full benefit of the enormous wealth beneath their feet.

Most of all, the oil monopolies fear the day when outright expropriation by revolutionary socialists will completely stop their exploitation.

Mussolini for national sovereignty. Today, Selassie heads a crisis-ridden, impoverished land where the rulers have for years been completely subservient to imperialism.

The history of recent coups in Bolivia, the Sudan, Uruguay, Chile, etc. gives a bitter, not-to-be-ignored lesson in the instability of the national bourgeoisie.

The speech of Mr. Teng—who was recently rehabilitated after being removed from party leadership during the Cultural Revolution—has nothing to offer the oppressed masses who must fight the class struggle in order to win national liberation. But the history of People's China itself—where the Communist movement liberated China only by defeating the national bourgeoisie and its leader, Chiang Kai-shek—will outlast the present line of China's leaders.

The racist use of the rape charge

*Southern trees bear a strange fruit,
Blood on the leaves and blood at the root,
Black body swinging from the Southern breeze,
Strange fruit hanging from the poplar trees,
Pastoral scene of the gallant South,
The bulging eyes and the twisted mouth,
Scent of magnolia sweet and fresh,
And the sudden smell of burring flesh.
Here is the fruit for the crows to pluck,
For the rain to gather,
For the wind to suck,
For the sun to rot,
For a tree to drop.
Here is a strange and bitter crop.*

Billie Holiday

By VERONICA GOLOS

NORFOLK, Va.—And this bitter crop grows. Killings, beatings, oppression and poverty, the use of the courts and prisons, legal lynchings... the Southern tree of "justice" is full of the blood of the people. But it will fall.

Throughout the history of the South, in fact, throughout the history of this country as a whole, terror has been used as a weapon against the people, especially Black people. But another weapon, one that has historically accompanied the most brutal terror, has been the charge of rape. It has been used against the entire Black community, and has created myth, falsehood, and hysteria among white people. The rape charge against Black men has historically served as a cover for the perpetuation of the lynching of Black people, both legally and illegally.

Rape first became an offense that was legally punishable by death during the



Rubin Stacy, lynched in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. on July 19, 1935, was accused of "frightening a white woman."

EASY DIVORCE:

A tale of two classes

By ELIZABETH ROSS

Smug moralists are complaining that divorce is too easy nowadays.

In the same year the birthrate in the United States dipped below the point of zero population growth (1.9 children born for every 2 living adults), the divorce rate reached a new high (18.3 divorces for every 1,000 married women—more than double the number of legally dissolved marriages only 15 years ago).

Although it is obviously not the whole story, there must be some connection between the low birthrate and the high divorce rate.

Divorce has always been an easily

period of Reconstruction after the Civil War, when wealthy whites, trying to regain control of the South, used violent night-riding tactics of intimidation against Black people. Members of the Ku Klux Klan, the Regulators, the White Camellias, and other racist, terrorist groups continued their campaigns of lynchings, murders, burnings, and rapes in spite of legislation passed to disband them.

Because the lynchers were directed by wealthy landowners and had judges and police in their midst, their savage acts were condoned, pardoned, and allowed to continue. By using the excuse of "rape," they covered these deeds and placed the Black man outside the pale of white sympathy. The lynch mobs, both "legal" and illegal, used the guise of the "protection" of women and the cry of white supremacy.

HISTORY OF LYNCHINGS

The following examples of this kind of "protection" of white womanhood are taken from newspaper articles of the time.

Kissimmee Valley Florida Gazette, April 28, 1899

Sam Holt, accused of the murder of Alfred Cranford and of assaulting Cranford's wife, was burned at the stake near Newman, Ga... A few smoldering ashes, a blackened stake were all that was left. Not even the bones of the Black man were left in peace. Mrs. Cranford, the alleged rape victim, was not permitted to identify the Negro. The crowd was satisfied with the identification of Holt by Mrs. Cranford's mother, who did not actually see Holt commit the act. On the trunk of a tree nearby was pinned the following placard: "We Must Protect Our Southern Women."

Washington Times, February 18, 1900

COLUMBIA, S.C., Feb. 17—Will Bits, a Negro, 19 years old, was lynched in Aiken county. Three days ago he attempted to outrage Mrs. C.L. Weeks and failed. A crowd of 250 tracked the Negro fifty miles. He was caught by a farmer who received \$100 from the posse... Bits was hoisted up and then shot to pieces.

Chicago Record, Jan. 4, 1901

ROME, Ga., Jan. 3—George Reed, a Negro charged with attempting to assault Mrs. J.M. Locklear... was hanged today to a tree. His body was then riddled with bullets by a mob of 150 men. Reed protested his innocence... After his arrest the Negro had been taken before Mrs. Locklear but she failed to identify him and he was returned to jail... However, the mob, which had been seeking the prisoner's life, was not satisfied. The demonstrators were so pronounced that Judge Henry of the Superior Court, not seeing any reason for holding Reed, ordered the sheriff to release him. The mob, learning

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arranged matter for the rich. Alimony and child support were no problem; heartbreak could always be compensated for by generous cash payments; and in many cases the "divorce" could be de facto without being de jure—wealthy couples could easily separate until death did them finally and legally part, without going through the sticky experience of the law courts, and both parties to the non-legal suit found a satisfactory settlement.

Take the case of the grandfather and grandmother of the young woman now most prominently in the news—Patty Hearst (Tania). William Randolph Hearst, the publications tycoon, evidently fell madly in

Guys fight for rights bill, battle bigots

By BOB McCUBBIN

NEW YORK, April 20—Following a 3½-year struggle, the New York City gay-civil-rights bill has finally been voted out of committee and onto the floor of the City Council.

Three times previously the bill had been sabotaged by the sexually bigoted majority of the City Council general welfare committee. Each slap in the face, however, only served to intensify the determination of this city's large homosexual community to force passage of the bill.

The struggle, led largely by the Gay Activists Alliance, has been very militant. At various times gay people have demonstrated in the City Council chambers, at the mayor's office, at the homes of anti-homosexual politicians, at "high-society" gatherings, and in the streets.

300 IN MARCH

The latest action on behalf of the pending legislation was a march today of over 300 people organized by the Gay Rights Action Coalition. While speaker after speaker urged passage of the gay-rights legislation, a small group of disrupters, members of the rightwing National Caucus of Labor Committees, tried unsuccessfully to break up the rally. This group shares with the police, the New York City firemen's organization, and various other rightwing groups, the view that homosexuals are degenerates and do not deserve civil rights.

Even now, though most sources predict passage of the bill into law within a few weeks, powerful forces are working behind the scenes in an attempt at sabotage. And the bill itself, which is supposed to guarantee homosexuals equal access to housing, jobs, and public accommodations, was weakened by the addition of an amendment before it even left the general welfare committee.

TRANSVESTITES NOT PROTECTED

The amendment, a statement to the effect that the bill shall not be construed as bearing upon standards of attire or dress, is specifically aimed, without openly saying so, at excluding transvestites from the bill's provisions. Transvestites, men who prefer to dress like women and women who prefer to dress like men, are certainly among the most oppressed of the sexual minorities. But what "terrible crime" these people are guilty of, it is hard to say.

Unfortunately, it is exactly the

love with a pretty young miss—while there was a Mrs. William Randolph Hearst still in the picture—and made a motion picture star of his girl friend, though her acting ability was generally considered much inferior to her physical charms.

Hearst built a highly decorative palace for Marion Davies somewhere in the neighborhood of Hollywood, and this fact was so well known that conductors of guided tours pointed out the place as "the love-nest of William Randolph Hearst and Marion Davies" to hushloads of sightseers.

Mr. and Mrs. Hearst did not go through the vulgar channels of the divorce mills. Mrs. Hearst interested herself in charitable works like milk funds for deprived children and, it is to be hoped, found a less-publicized love relationship as well.

Poor couples were not so fortunate. They stuck together through thick and thin in most cases. How could a working man keep up two establishments when it was nearly impossible to pay the bills for one?

Working class families were traditionally large—five, six, or seven children being common in the early part of this century. Love often transcended all the trials of greedy landlords, overdue mortgages, slim budgets, and noisy children.

But just as often love was not so obliging, and husbands as well as wives

"feminine-appearing" gay men and the "masculine-appearing" gay women who are the objects of the most open and brutal oppression. The feelings and sexual acts which define the category of homosexuality are, for the most part, private, and thus many homosexuals can avoid discrimination simply by "passing" in their public lives as heterosexuals.

The appearance and mannerisms of those homosexuals who differ markedly from the sexual stereotypes of what constitutes a man or a woman, however, make them easy targets all their waking hours for the abuse and discrimination that this bill is supposed to outlaw.

Less than 6 months ago, a 31-year-old Black man named William Battles was attacked, beaten, sexually mutilated, and then stabbed to death in New York City.

What provoked the attack? City police said that he was wearing women's clothes. Obviously, no piece of paper, not even a civil-rights law, can prevent murderous actions based on blind prejudice, hate, and fear. But the withholding of basic rights to oppressed groups directly sanctions the continuing oppression of those groups.

The City Council members are criminal accomplices to the murder of William Battles. They also sanction, by their inaction, the whole spectrum of crimes which continue to be perpetrated against New York's gay population. Equal rights now for all oppressed people!

NEW YORK, April 30—Measured by the \$10,000 they spent on ads, the free publicity generously provided by the bourgeois media, and the active collaboration of the Catholic Church, the anti-gay demonstration today at City Hall called by the Uniformed Fire Officers Association to oppose the pending gay rights bill was a distinct failure. Less than 100 hard-core bigots showed up. There were many gay people present to speak against the bigots, including an organized press conference of 50 representatives of the gay community. Nevertheless, this anti-gay mobilization must be seen as the fascist threat it is. It must be nipped in the bud! There will be a rally to denounce the anti-gay mobilization and press for passage of the gay rights bill on May 4 at noon at Sheridan Square in Manhattan. Be there!

were held in hateful bondage all the years of their lives. True, there were some husbands in every community who disappeared (even wives once in a great while threw over the traces), leaving their partners to face the hard task of rearing a family and earning a living alone.

But divorce was seldom resorted to. It was expensive, hard to get (since in many states adultery or insanity were the only grounds allowable), and frowned on by a society that held to the dictum: "You made your own bed, now you must lie in it." Now, with the greater accessibility of birth-control knowledge, and the profound questioning brought by the movement for women's liberation, there have been changes. But are even greater changes in store?

(On a beach near an industrial town in Massachusetts, in the summer of 1973, two young women not over 20, each accompanied by little lols playing in the sand, were overheard by this writer.

"Jack beat me up again last night something awful."

"Marty hasn't tried that on me for near a month. The last time I told him, 'Once more, and you're going to find yourself without a wife.' He got a little scared, I guess."

"I don't know. Was it worth it? All for that ring! Some girls nowadays don't bother. Maybe they're smarter."

Racism, repression, and layoffs at NYU

By an NYU worker

NEW YORK, April 24—Ira Glasser, a part-time instructor at New York University and Executive Director of the New York Civil Liberties Union, has been fired from his position for not signing a "loyalty oath." Until mid-April he taught a course in political freedom in the University's School of Continuing Education. Not only did NYU fire him, but they are refusing to pay his \$500 salary for services already rendered.

The firing of Ira Glasser is but one episode of blatant reaction coming down on the NYU community from its rich and rotten administration. On Tuesday, April 9, racist demagogue William Shockley was brought in to deliver his patented diatribe on "dysgenics," which winds up with a proposal for sterilizing Third World people (his inspiration is straight out of Nazi propaganda). Shockley was met by a determined coalition of Black and white students aimed at keeping him out.

To insure Shockley's presentation going over, NYU staged a full mobilization of its campus pigs and backed them up with a contingent of over 30 elite city Tactical Patrol Force porkers. In the face of all this, the demonstration managed to delay Shockley from speaking for almost 2 hours. As a reprisal, three students and one professor now face charges.

Shockley's appearance coincides with yet other developments. The administration now wants to reinstitute ROTC, which was driven off campus in 1970 shortly after the Kent State massacre. The university's unionized maintenance staff, which is over 90 percent Black and Latin, has been informed it will face a 25 percent layoff effective July 1, the day the union contract

calls for a meager \$10-a-week annual pay raise. Several pre-layoff firings have already taken place.

A quick look at the cast of characters who run the university provides some clues as to why the shit is coming down the way it is. For starters, there's university President "Diamond Jim" Hester of Union Carbide, one of the leading anti-ecology buffs in the country.

Not far behind him is Gustave Levy, head of the Business College, now under investigation for extralegal Nixon campaign contributions and past President of the New York Stock Exchange.

Still hanging in there is Elmer Holmes Bobst, the 90-year-old "Vitamin King" who brags of a "close personal friendship" with Richard Nixon. Bobst was an active Hitler supporter prior to the outbreak of World War II.

Just for good measure, we can't forget Mrs. Margaret Farkas, recently appointed Ambassador to Luxembourg, who left the university's Board of Directors only about a year ago following a \$300,000 campaign contribution to you-know-who.

To portray the whole university administration as Nixonite Creeps would not be entirely accurate. There are still a few liberals around, but they don't seem too much in evidence anymore.

The reemergence of the "conservative element" on campuses is not at all limited to NYU. They lurk under cover and concealment at even the most liberal educational institutions. They may feel that the time is ripe to start surfacing again, but their hopes of getting over easily will continue to be dashed.

Down with racist Shockley and all his running dogs!



WV photo

Milwaukee YAWF campaigns against Nazi Party.

Nazi brownshirts halted by anti-racist campaign

By PEGGY GEDEN

MILWAUKEE, April 9—After several weeks of distributing their racist, fascist literature, maintaining a "Dial-a-Nazi" number, and appearing at school-board meetings to oppose even the mildest integration efforts, the National Socialist White People's Party (Nazi Party) attempted yesterday to hold a public meeting in Milwaukee. They failed.

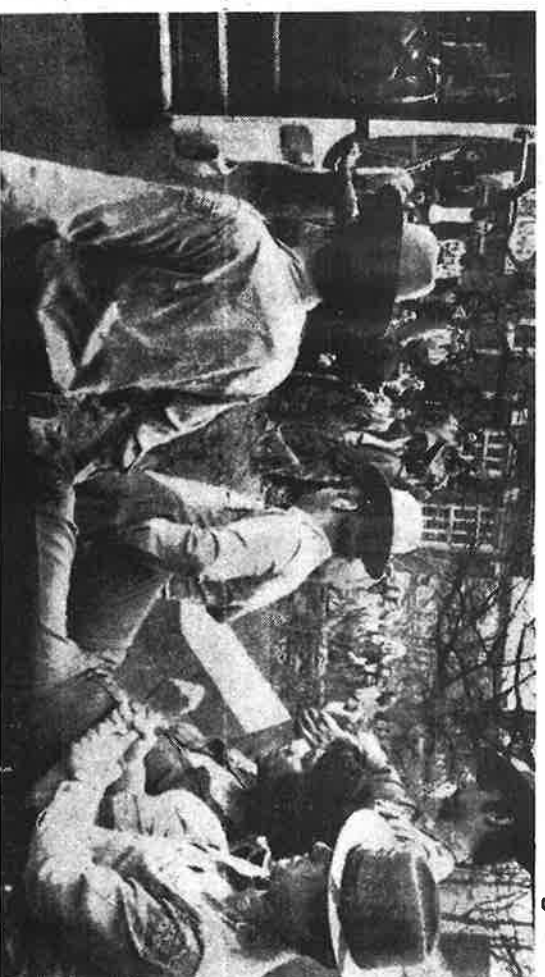
Members of Youth Against War & Fascism (YAWF) and other concerned people from the community have been consistently exposing and fighting the Nazis' efforts to surface here. The brown-shirted fascists were shouted down at school-board meetings, a leaflet campaign against them was initiated, their own leafleters were often stopped by outraged people, and an antifascist coalition is being

formed.

The Nazis had originally scheduled a public meeting at a motel in Milwaukee, which was immediately canceled. An attempt was then made to have it at a Holiday Inn in a racially mixed community, and they called in Matthias Koehl, the fuhrer from the Nazis' Atlanta headquarters.

After being besieged by phone calls, the Black innkeeper of the Holiday Inn told the Nazis that the room had already been booked. The Nazis immediately screamed that they were being discriminated against and sought an injunction against the Holiday Inn.

At the injunction hearing the Nazis appeared, complete with brown shirts and swastikas. They weren't very pleased to find a delegation from YAWF observing the



Students occupied the University of Connecticut library in protest over racist teachings. Over 200 were arrested. Photo: LNS

Storm of Black protest at UConn hits anthropocism

By KATE STOVALL.

STORRS, Conn.—About 250 Black students took over the University of Connecticut (UConn) library Monday night, April 22. They held it throughout the night, making it unmistakably clear that they no longer would accept the university's thoroughgoing, blatant racism.

A week and a half earlier, Thursday, April 11, about 350 Black students had marched around the newly formed Biocultural Anthropology Department and demonstrated at the administration building. There they presented the demands of the Organization of Afro-American Students (OAAAS), among them: an end to the split in the Anthropology Department, elimination of Biocultural, and censoring of William S. Laughlin's and Benson Ginsburg's racist writings, research and teachings; an adequate Afro-American Cultural Center; funding and academic recognition for Black campus organizations; recruitment and admission of more Black and Third World students to all the state campuses, plus financial aid; a permanent "task force" composed of all minorities; a Black and Third World studies section for the library. One of their signs read: "Assortative mating means assortative hating."

The Biocultural Anthropology Department received special attention because it is one of UConn's most obvious emblems of racism. The administration created this "department" (by splitting the former Anthropology Department into two departments, biocultural and sociocultural) for the sole purpose of abetting one of the most insidiously racist and master-class theories espoused to date. This division made William S. Laughlin and Benson Ginsburg, authors of the theory (who had been denounced by other anthropologists), the most powerful anthropologists at UConn.

Laughlin and Ginsburg are trying to prove that racism and a master class are genetically inevitable. (Geneticists have also denounced them.) They claim that all races are "potentially equal," but that an "assortative mating" process has been going on long enough to cause marked

proceeding. When the Black judge ruled that the Nazis were not being discriminated against, the Nazis issued a statement saying, "There is no question that blacks are unequal to whites. Our biggest mistake was bringing them over here. . . ." They then said they would hold a rally outside the Holiday Inn that night anyway.

Youth Against War & Fascism was there to give them the greeting such scum deserve. As 20 YAWF members and supporters approached the motel, 4 members of the Nazi party were spotted in their uniforms outside the building. Like the dogs they are, they beat a hasty retreat at the approach of the militant demonstrators.

A picket line was set up with banners reading "Stop the Nazis—Racism is the enemy of all working people" and "Power to

hereditary distinctions in abilities among groups of people.

Like the pseudo-theories of William Shockley and Arthur Jensen, the ideas of these professors are promoted by many ruling class circles because they shift the blame for poverty, unemployment, poor education, bad housing, etc., from the oppressors to their victims—just as the master-race theories of the German Nazis did. In a period of growing economic crisis, this racist ideology becomes particularly dangerous. While the workers' fight for full employment by shortening the workweek and opening up new jobs, the bosses are already saying there are too many people—especially poor people—and that sterilization and other forms of genocide must be used to avert disaster. Into this argument step the racist "theoreticians" who distort history and science in order to "prove" that the oppressed are inferior and should be eliminated.

When the students seized the library, they demanded to speak to President Glenn W. Ferguson (former U.S. Ambassador to Kenya, also connected with the "Peace" Corps) by 6 a.m. He responded by sending the state police about 5:30 a.m. They brutally removed the students from the building, injuring at least 2 and arresting 219. All those arrested were charged with first-degree criminal trespass, which carries as much as 1 year in prison and a \$1,000 fine.

The next night (Tuesday) about 80 white students occupied the library, demanding amnesty for the Black students and that the OAAAS demands be met. They were removed and arrested on the same charges.

Wednesday afternoon about 600 Black, Puerto Rican, and white students held a large rally at the administration building to militantly reiterate their demands.

The OAAAS has declared it will keep the issue alive this summer and renew the struggle in the fall. There is no way the "authorities," by trying to put out this one fire, can save themselves from the struggle of oppressed people, who have no intention of being dispensed with by an outmoded ruling class.

the people, smash Nazi racism." Loud chants of "Nazi scum must be hung" rang through the streets for over an hour until it was certain that the Nazis would not dare show their faces that night.

It is certain the Nazis will continue to attempt to sell their racist demagoguery to the people of Milwaukee. In a period following a costly and demoralizing war, with unemployment, inflation, spiraling prices, and general political chaos, the Nazis hope to find fertile soil among the white unemployed and middle class by making blatant appeals to racism and offering simple "solutions."

However, the recent confrontation proves that poor and working people understand that racism and the rest of the Nazi ideology are a deadly threat to all people, and must not be allowed to grow.

Political prisoners

Dennis Anderson

By STEPHEN GEDEN
MILWAUKEE, April 28—DENNIS ANDERSON's trial was scheduled to begin here, after months of delay, on Tuesday, April 23. Over 20 members and supporters of the Prisoners Solidarity Committee (PSC) demonstrated outside the courthouse for a half hour before the trial was to start.

A week before the trial date, the PSC went to District Attorney McCann's office and demanded that the charges against Dennis Anderson be dropped and that there be an investigation into the death of Howard Pierce. Pierce died in the Milwaukee House of Correction as a result of gross neglect on the part of the prison's medical and administrative staff. He had been incarcerated for failure to pay a \$25 fine and died of convulsions that lasted over a day. Instead of getting medical attention, he was thrown into isolation and died there.

McCann refused to drop the charges against Dennis or to indict those responsible for Pierce's death.

During the demonstration on the 23rd the demand was again raised to drop the charges against Anderson, who is on trial precisely because he is an ex- inmate who has continuously fought against the brutality and neglect which inmates are subjected to daily.

It was clear in the courtroom that the government was again unprepared for trial. One of its witnesses had failed to appear, and when he was found after several hours, he had apparently forgotten his story, because the prosecutor requested time to "interview" him before the trial. After still more delay the jury panel was dismissed because the DA confessed he was still not

ready. A new trial date has been set for July 8.

The state hopes that this further delay will cause the people to forget Dennis Anderson. But the PSC will use this delay to build even stronger and more widespread support. Free Dennis Anderson!

Karl Armstrong

KARL ARMSTRONG is imprisoned at Waupun State Prison in Wisconsin. He was convicted on state and federal charges of setting off a bomb in the Army Math Research Center in Madison on August 24, 1970, which accidentally killed a graduate student. The state trial resulted in a sentence of 25 years.

On March 29, 1974, during a visit by a friend, Karl was subjected to arbitrary harassment by the Assistant Warden, Harvey Winans. When Karl and his visitor protested, she was removed and he was dragged, face down, to the segregation building.

Not until a week later did news of the incident appear in the local press, and then it was the prison administration's falsified version. In an effort to influence the April 18 sentencing on federal charges, the prison officials had provoked Karl, locked him away in solitary, and fed lies to the press.

But other prisoners and visitors who witnessed the incident came to Armstrong's support, writing letters to the federal judge, Governor Lucey, prison officials, and the movement media. They called for Karl's release from segregation and for an investigation to be conducted by prisoners and the public, which would lead to the dismissal of prison officials.

On April 18, U.S. District Judge James

Doyle sentenced Karl to 10 years to run concurrently with the 25-year state sentence. He placed parole authority entirely in the hands of the federal government. In the statement issued by Doyle, he admitted that the Vietnam war was criminal and tried to justify Armstrong's incarceration with the argument that two wrongs don't make a right.

But it was precisely the militancy of the antiwar movement that hastened the U.S. retreat from Vietnam. And the judge who preaches about those who "attempt to impose their will on others by physical force rather than by persuasion" sees nothing of the sort in his own imprisoning of Karl.

What charges have been brought against the war criminals in the Pentagon? The prison administration has sentenced Karl to 120 days in segregation and 3 days in solitary, so that he cannot have any visitors except his parents until August.

He can get an unlimited amount of mail. People should write to: Karl Armstrong, Box C, Waupun State Prison, Waupun, Wisc. 53963. He can also get books if they are sent from the publisher or a bookstore.

David Carl Boswell

NORFOLK, Va., April 23—On Thursday, April 4, DAVID CARL BOSWELL was convicted in the Federal District Court at Norfolk, Va., on charges of bank robbery and sentenced to 15 years in Federal prison.

At the time of his trial, he had already served over 6 months in the Federal Prison Hospital at Springfield, Mo. (a behavior-modification center), ordered there by Judge Earl Hoffman for a "sanity evaluation." He had also served a month in

So said William Christiansen, who along with Alex Rodriguez, Miguel Trujillo, Jose Barriga, and Bartee Haile will go on trial May 20 on the phony charge of "assault with intent to murder a police officer."

"My husband Miguel was one of the 12 most badly beaten by the police during the October 9 picket, so I've been leafletting with the defense committee since it was first formed," said Becca Trujillo. "People really support us. They know it's true when we say the police attacked the picket line.

"I'll never forget the Black woman I gave a leaflet to a few weeks ago. Her son had been beaten and arrested by the police. She told me, 'That new Police Chief Carrol Lynn isn't one bit better than the old one, Herman Short. One is the same as the other.' Sometimes people who have just read a leaflet will help us pass them out, or they will ask for a stack of leaflets to take to their friends."

"Yes, that's right," added William Christiansen. "Last week a Chicano man took 40 leaflets from me to pass out at work."

When the day's leafletting was finished, members and friends of the defense committee continued to share their experiences.

"Once, during a rally, I met a woman whose son was killed in Vietnam," related Gloria Rodriguez. "I told her I was sorry she had lost her son and that he was one of many sacrificed by the U.S. government in an

him and when asked what she wanted done with him she said: "He ought to be killed." The Negro was then tied to a tree and members of the mob fired at him until he was literally cut to pieces.

July 27, 1903

SAVANNAH, Ga., July 27—Several days ago a Negro supposed to be Ed Claus was lynched near Eastman, Ga. The Negro protested he was not Claus and asked for time to prove his statement. . . . It now transpires that the Negro was not Claus and had never seen Miss Johnson.

Houston 12 trial set for May 20

By BARBARA TIMKO
HOUSTON, Texas, April 27—A recent conversation with members of the Houston 12 Defense Committee shows that the struggle to defeat the police frameup of these young activists is gaining ground.

The trial of those five of the Brothers who face life imprisonment will begin on May 20. The political issues behind their arrest—police brutality and the Midwest War—are arousing the sympathy of many Houston residents, particularly in the oppressed Chicano community.

"One of the biggest challenges faced by the Houston 12 Defense Committee since the police attack on us last October has been reaching the people on the street. There has been a news blackout about our case. With local newspapers announcing record profits by the oil companies for the first quarter of the year, the Oil Establishment doesn't want one wave to rock its boat.

"The only way the defense committee could deal with this was to conduct a massive leafletting campaign on the streets of Houston," said Alex Rodriguez one of the

five members of the Houston 12 who faces life in prison because of their participation in a demonstration opposing U.S. involvement in the Midwest.

He and other members of the Houston 12 Defense Committee were on their way from the Chicano Northside community to leaflet in the city's downtown area. Because they don't have any way to get to the newer shopping centers on the outskirts of the city, many Chicanos, Blacks, and white workers are forced to do their shopping downtown.

"The newspapers aren't the only ones who have refused to give our case coverage. Even the local listener-sponsored radio station, which is supposed to be liberal, canceled a program about the Houston 12 before our pre-trial hearing.

"But a few weeks ago, the station did a live 3-hour interview with Scott Nelson, leader of a new faction of the Ku Klux Klan in Houston. It makes me angry to see that station giving air time to a fascist like Nelson while denying it to the Houston 12. That proves all their talk about being the defenders of free speech is a hoax."

Chicago Record Herald, May 23, 1902

LANSING, Tex., May 22—Dudly Morgan, a Negro accused of assaulting Mrs. McKay, was hurried to death at an iron stake here today. A crowd of 4,000 men, most of whom were armed, snatched him from the officers on the arrival of his train.

Chicago Record Herald, July 15, 1903

EASTMAN, Ga., July 14—Ed Claus, a Negro, was lynched here tonight while his victim, Miss Susie Johnson was looking on. . . . He was brought here tonight by his captors and taken to the home of Miss Johnson. . . . The young woman identified

the Portsmouth, Va., City Jail in solitary confinement.

Boswell, a native of Tennessee, has received such treatment prior to any conviction, because he is openly gay, in the face of organized terror used against him by the courts, police, and prison officials. It was clear from the argument of the prosecutor, from the attitude of sentencing Judge Kellam (a member of one of Norfolk's richest old-Southern-Democrat, ruling class families, and a notorious racist), and from the "defense" of Boswell's public defender ("We have here, Your Honor, a very sick young man") that Boswell's real offense was his sexuality.

A parade of smirking witnesses for the prosecution, including three FBI agents and three Norfolk cops, each described in detail the contents of Boswell's car at the time of his arrest last October: "makeup, a 'woman's' wig, purse," etc. A copy of his fingerprints was introduced as evidence and it bore, under his name, an "alias Lana Turner." The Norfolk cop on the stand was asked about this by the prosecutor and answered, "Well, I guess some of the guys down in the lockup did that."

Before the sentencing, Boswell was allowed to make a statement to the court, in which he defended his right to live and love as he chooses, and in which he attacked the courts and prison system as vehicles of oppression. Judge Kellam repeatedly interrupted him, at one point saying, "You mean that you don't want to change?"

Boswell will be returned to Springfield to begin his sentence. Messages of support may be sent to: David C. Boswell, 21446-175, P.O. Box 4000, Springfield, Mo. 65802.

Fight back to end gay oppression!!

unjust war. I went on to explain that the U.S. was planning another Vietnam in the Middle East and added that my husband was facing life in prison because he was part of a demonstration against U.S. involvement in the Middle East.

"The woman then said she saw the connection between her dead son and my husband. She promised to be in court every day of the trial, sitting right in the front row."

Linda Rangel, another member of the defense committee, concluded, "I believe all the Brothers and members of the defense committee find the people's positive response to our cause a real source of encouragement. The media blackout won't hurt us because we have reached the people on the street and they continue the work started by the committee.

"One time, after a young woman read a Houston 12 leaflet that I gave her, she came back to me and said she hoped the Brothers would win. As she was waiting for a bus to take her home, she saw a young man refuse a leaflet I offered him. She then took her own leaflet to him saying, 'Hey, don't you know this is important?' Soon he was reading the leaflet and agreeing with us.

"That is a great example of how the people carry on the work of the defense committee. With the support of people like that young woman, we know the Houston 12 will win."

Montgomery Advertiser, April 10, 1912

SHREVEPORT, La., April 9—Tom Miles, a Negro aged 29, was hanged to a tree here and his body was filled with bullets. He had been tried in police court yesterday on a charge of writing insulting notes to a white girl. . . . but was acquitted for lack of proof.

Birmingham News, September 23, 1913

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Sept. 21—Henry Crosby, a Negro, yesterday entered the farm house of Mrs. J.C. Carroll. . . . and asked her whether her husband was home. The woman, frightened by the question, grabbed up her infant and fled to a nearby

Rape and racism

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of his release. . . . look him. . . . and lynched him.

Chicago Record Herald, May 12, 1901

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 11—A Negro supposed to be James Brown accused of assaulting Miss Della Garrett. . . . was shot and killed by a number of white men. The coroner is of the opinion that the wrong man had been killed.

Malcolm Jefferson, James Washington

The following are excerpts from a message of solidarity with MALCOLM JEFFERSON and JAMES WASHINGTON and the many members and friends of the Prisoners Solidarity Committee who have mounted a campaign to free these two Black prisoners. They are facing execution in the Virginia State Penitentiary in Richmond for the alleged murder of a prison guard in the Appomattox County Courthouse 2 years ago, as part of an alleged "escape attempt." Their executions would be the first in the U.S. since the Supreme Court's Furman Decision in 1972. The 1974 session of the Virginia General Assembly recently established new death penalty legislation. This means that the fight to free Jefferson and Washington is now more crucial than ever.

The writer of this message is incarcerated in the Virginia State Penitentiary.

"People of all languages, your protest

has risen in a chorus of the universal language of human solidarity, a tremendous shout, thundering against death, for real and complete human liberty.

"At the root of your decisive rejection of this legal assassination is solidarity with my people who are starving to death, and who are fighting to liberate themselves, solidarity with all colonial and semicolonial countries who are breaking their age-old chains, and with mankind, in general, fighting to achieve abundance in a complete and universal brotherhood.

"If this murder is carried out, I will die certain that your powerful voice will stop many assassins' pig bullets and will tear down their jails.

"If these criminals don't kill Malcolm, James, and numerous other Brothers and Sisters that are under the death sentence, it will not be because they lack the desire, but because of the power of your solidarity.

"With a heartfelt and fraternal embrace,

'Free Malcolm and James!'

Ja Ja Omar Kenyatta

A Soldier of the People's Army



In a strong show of support for the Attica Rebellion, whose trials are coming up soon, 150 people rally (left) in Buffalo's Lafayette Square on April 27, later

KKK yesterday and today

By BARTHEE HAILE

HOUSTON, April 27—"We were here yesterday, 1866. We are here today, 1920. We will be here forever!" So proclaimed the banner carried by the Ku Klux Klan contingent in the Confederate Veterans Day parade in downtown Houston the afternoon of October 9, 1920. Complete with hoods and shiny sheets, several hundred newly recruited Klansmen marched in memory of the justly defeated slave system.

More than half a century later, the racist plague known as the Klan still haunts this society and threatens to make a comeback in this period of the chaotic decline of U.S. imperialism.

Throughout the country die-hard racists are seizing upon various issues to launch a full-fledged revival of the Ku Klux Klan. For example, in Michigan and other areas, Klansmen are prominent in the crusade against busing. Anticommunism, hatred of workers and their struggles, support for imperialist wars, anti-Semitism, defense of police brutality, opposition to equal rights for women and gays—these are some of the reactionary stands the "new" Klan utilizes in its current campaign.

First and foremost, of course, their house. Officers searching for Crosby this morning found his body hanging from a limb of a tree.

Montgomery Advertiser, Oct. 23, 1913

MONROE, La., Oct. 23—Warren Eton, a Negro who made an insulting remark to a white woman Monday, was taken from the jail here early this morning by a mob and hanged to a nearby telegraph pole.

Boston Guardian, April 30

MARSHALL, Tex., April 29—Because he is alleged to have hugged and kissed a

AIM

STOUX FALLS, S.D., April 30—Twenty members and supporters of the American Indian Movement (AIM) battled South Dakota state troopers in the courtroom of Judge Joseph Bottum, who is presiding over the trial of DAVID HILL and SARAH BAD HEART BULL.

Last week Judge Bottum jailed AIM chief attorney, Ramon Roubideaux, for protesting when Bottum seated several jurors who openly and candidly admitted they were prejudiced against AIM and Indian people. In addition, Bottum fired the defense attorney team, essentially destroying the entire defense.

Today, the 20 AIM activists refused to stand when Bottum entered the courtroom. Bottum ordered the courtroom cleared and called in the Highway Patrol. The Indians fought back with fists and chairs. Am-bulances carried away at least six Indians, and two troopers were seen bleeding from head wounds.

Outside, about 100 supporters threw rocks, smashing the windows and glass



Marching past the jail where several of the defendants are imprisoned. In New York City (right) on April 25, supporters of the Attica Brothers protested at a luncheon at which murderer Rockefeller received a "humanitarian" award.

like the Klan out from under their rocks. In a short time, fiercely reactionary trends can gain a foothold and build a following if allowed to do so freely and without opposition. Exploiting the confused consciousness and growing desperation of backward whites, especially in the middle class, the Ku Klux Klan dreams of reconstructing its infamous "Invisible Empire" of years past.

The Klan presents a real danger that all progressives must recognize, study, and organize to combat.

TEXAS KLAN 'ALLS FOR LYNNING:

Scott Nelson is one of these self-appointed fuhrers who seeks to lead a hooded army. Last year Nelson announced in Houston the formation of a new splintered group of Klansmen, the Texas Fiery Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Denouncing the leadership of the United Klans of America as "a bunch of do-nothing old men," Nelson promised a militant Klan that would "take care of business." He declared war on all "communists," saying that Angela Davis should be the first lynched.

Since then Nelson and his followers have begun to combine threats of violence and terrorism with various kinds of public activity. Last fall Nelson was a candidate for the Houston school board and polled several thousand votes. The media aided the Klan's cause greatly by providing extensive

he would swear his innocence and put the blame on a Black man... Everyone would believe him, he said.

New York Negro World, May 29, 1920

LAKELAND, Fla., May 10—The motive behind the lynching of Henry Scott, a Negro pullman porter by a mob... was revealed today in greater detail. Scott was lynched because he had allegedly insulted a white woman according to the woman's own story. Scott denied having insulted her. His story was that the woman had asked him to arrange her berth while he was engaged in

doors of the Winnebago County Courthouse. The troopers used tear gas to disperse the demonstrators.

The defendants on trial here are among 22 persons indicted for their alleged roles in a protest Feb. 6, 1973, in Custer, S.D., shortly before the Wounded Knee occupation.

On that day, the AIM organized a protest over the fact that a white man who viciously killed an Indian was being charged with manslaughter, not murder. On that day, the Custer County Courthouse was virtually destroyed.

The conduct of Judge Bottum in this trial is utterly illegal. This absolute travesty of justice is typical of the racist violation of constitutional rights and the persecution that all AIM and Indian people have suffered in the aftermath of Wounded Knee.

In this same courthouse, the government is also in the process of trying 127 federal cases on charges related to Wounded Knee, in the largest mass trial in U.S. history.

In the face of this outright judicial fascism, AIM is determined to win the release of Roubideaux and put the U.S. government on trial.

coverage of Nelson's appearance at a school board meeting wearing his ornate Klan uniform complete with fancy hood and flowing sheet.

The newspapers, radio stations, and television have faithfully given the Klan wide publicity for every press conference and activity—something no progressive organization ever receives. Such rap attention from the media indicates, of course, that Scott Nelson and his gang have the backing of some of the most reactionary businessmen in this capital of the oil barons. Such support for the KKK and other fascist groups from big business is nothing new.

After their dramatic march down Houston's Main Street in (October 1920, the first KKK chapter in the city was ordained. Near the suburb of Bellaire, in a field lighted by burning crosses, the new faithful were initiated into the racist order—the first members of the Ku Klux Klan not only in Houston but in Texas and the entire South-west.

Within a year, there were more than 100 KKK chapters in the state and the Texas Klan had gained national notoriety through its bloody terror.

(In the next issue of Workers World, Part II of "The Klan Yesterday and Today" will discuss the Klan during the 1920s; its rapid growth and sudden decline; the Klan menace today; and the building of the mass movement to smash it.)

arranging another woman's berth. He asked her to wait until he was finished... She became highly indignant. The woman sent a telegram to the next station stating that Scott had insulted her. When the train stopped the mob overpowered the sheriff and killed the Negro.

This is the first of a series of articles on the racist use of the rape charge.

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Poison gas injures hundreds due to criminal negligence

By MIKE ROSI

CHICAGO, April 29—Hundreds of people were injured and thousands evacuated from their homes in the wake of a poisonous gas cloud which enveloped a 5-mile strip of the far South Side this weekend. To date, more than 50 people have been admitted to area hospitals, scores more treated at evacuation centers, and hundreds more left to care for themselves after being denied admittance to hospitals.

According to the Bulk Terminal Company, which was storing 500,000 gallons of silicon tetrachloride for the Cabot Corporation, a leak developed in the holding tank at about 12:30 in the afternoon on Friday. By 6:00 p.m., 10,000 gallons of the chemical had leaked out. When mixed with moisture, it formed a deadly cloud of hydrochloric-acid gas.

However, the police, thinking it was unimportant, made no attempt to warn the residents in the area. A full 6½ hours passed before an evacuation order was issued. By then it was already too late for many people.

'AS THICK AS FOG'

Most severely hit was the Altgeld-Murray Housing Project, which is the home for almost 9,000 Black residents. On Saturday, April 27, this reporter spoke to some of the youth who had returned to their homes.

They described how the cloud had crept up on the community. Some people thought maybe it was smoke from a barbecue. By the time police came to tell them to get out, the gas was a thick fog. You couldn't even see across the street.

Mothers were running around blinded by the gas searching for their children. People were passing out. Ambulances had to

come in to take out the injured.

On Friday night, over 16,000 people had been forced out of their homes. Some spent the night in their cars. Others went to stay with relatives. But thousands found themselves refugees at high schools set up as evacuation centers in the area.

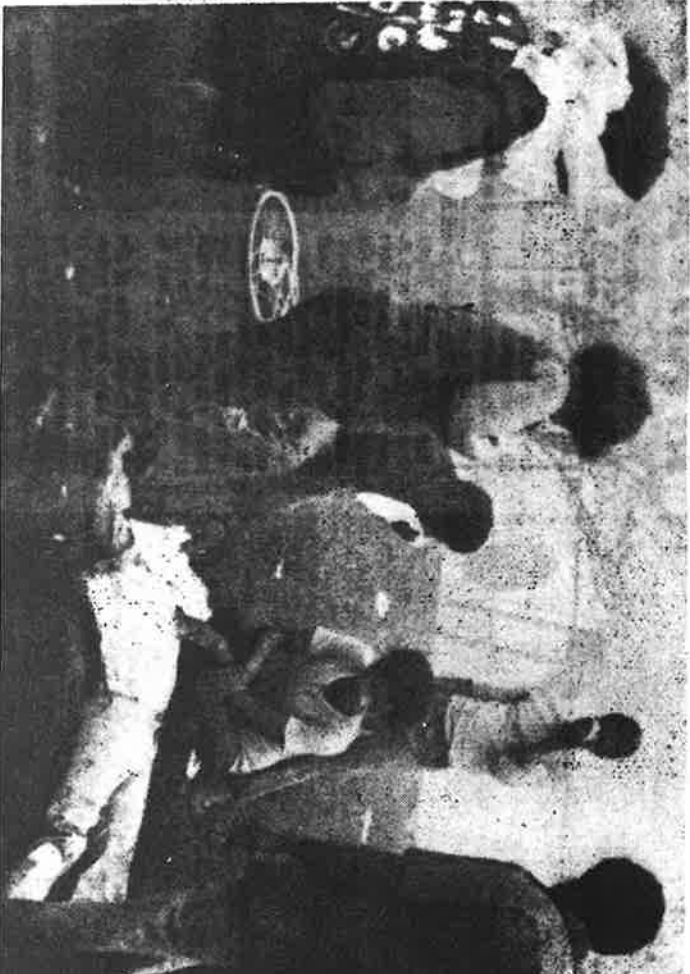
At Fenger High School in a predominantly Black area on Chicago's South Side, several miles from the cloud of gas, such a center was set up. A resident told us that there were no adequate facilities to handle the large number of refugees. People sat up all night in the gym; others were forced into the streets. For food, some of the

youths opened up the school's lunchroom freezers. With no food and sleep, it's no wonder that people started to trek home even before the gas had completely cleared.

CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE

The responsibility for this disaster rests on the shoulders of the Bulk Terminal Company and the Cabot Corporation. With \$18 million reported profits in 1972, they refused to spend even a dime on safety features, such as installing a second or third valve to empty the tank in the event of an emergency.

Just as criminal was the totally



Driven from their homes by "industrial accident," neighbors stop to aid Chicago gas victims.

Chemically induced cancers threaten workers' lives

By JOAN MARQUARDT

BUFFALO, April 29—Breathing, the very sign of life, is turning into its opposite. For today, along with life-giving oxygen, we inhale with every breath deadly chemical impurities. One of these is vinyl chloride.

Both as the gas, and as the powdery substance the gas is often converted into, polyvinyl chloride, it is a lethal pollutant.

Vinyl-chloride-related deaths were recently made known when the number of workers dying from a rare form of liver cancer, angiosarcoma, became alarmingly high in plants handling the chemical.

In January, the B.F. Goodrich Co. had to admit that seven workers at the Louisville, Ky., plant had developed angiosarcoma from their exposure to polyvinyl chloride on the job. Four of these workers are already dead.

It is not yet known how many workers in the Niagara Falls Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. plant are developing cancer from their exposure to the lethal chemical, but three workers have died there from angiosarcoma over the past 28 years.

Because of all the publicity about the cancer and resulting deaths, the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration issued an

emergency temporary health standard, effective April 8. It reduces the permissible exposure to vinyl chloride from the previous average of 500 parts-per-million (ppm) air concentration, to 50 ppm. But scientists are not sure that level is "safe."

NO 'SAFE' LEVEL

According to the Manufacturing Chemists Association, mice exposed to 50 ppm of vinyl chloride, 7 hours per day for 7 months, developed angiosarcoma. Scientists at the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health would limit exposure to the cancer-causing agent to no detectable levels at all. In other words, there can be no safe level of exposure established, in their opinion.

But in the meantime many more workers are demanding protection now.

The United Rubber Workers, AFL-CIO, represents the workers at the Goodyear Niagara Falls plant. Peter Bommarito, the union's international President, says that "the emergency temporary standards should be immediately revised." But such a request to the Department of Labor has "fallen on deaf ears." "I feel this is a figurative and literal life and death

struggle," says Bommarito. The union is also demanding that Goodyear start a medical surveillance program of the workers and provide them with the necessary protective equipment.

The union demands point out the need for control of chemical agents both used in the manufacturing process and present in finished products.

Workers in plants across the U.S. have been deliberately used as guinea pigs by companies using vinyl chloride in products such as aerosols. Until recently, the government agencies responsible would rarely name dangerous products.

RECALL OF AEROSOLS

But forced to produce this information, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has finally done what it should do before a product reaches the market. Just last month the FDA recalled 20 hair sprays, all made by Chairrol and Bonat; Quick-Aid medicated room spray vaporizer, made by the Adams Drug Co.; and 29 other aerosol products, including medicated vaporizers, foot sprays, hair sprays, and wig spray and cleaner, all made by the Shield Chemical Co.

And most recently, on April 24, the

inadequate response of the government agencies and the state apparatus, accomplices of the big corporations. Governor Walker, for one, got a look at the disaster from the safety of an airplane and then proceeded to mobilize three battalions of the National Guard.

Did he send them to the leaking tank to seal it? No.

They were sent into the community to occupy it. On Saturday, one battalion was left to "protect against looting."

The police also ringed the community, putting up blockades and forcing the residents to identify themselves before they could gain entrance.

Alderman Edward R. Erdolyak is proposing legislation to govern storage of toxic chemicals. State's Attorney Bernard Carey will investigate negligence on the part of the company, and the Department of Environmental Control is thinking about holding hearings.

But despite all this talk, not one company official is being held in jail on any charges. (They have been slapped on the wrist with a new citation issued each day since the leak for polluting the air.) Nor are there any proposals from government officials to compensate the thousands of people who suffered injuries and financial losses due to this negligence.

Finally, the racist and criminal actions of the government will probably be covered up. Justice and compensation for the victims of the poison gas, and the removal of potential gas chambers from populated areas, must be demanded of these multimillion-dollar corporations and their government, who put higher profits before the needs and safety of the poor and workers of Chicago.

ALL AIR POLLUTED

Not only workers and consumers are being exposed to this serious hazard. So is every human now breathing outside an oxygen tent.

For the past 30 years or more vinyl chloride has been used in industry in the U.S. Each year over 300 million pounds of vinyl chloride escape into the environment in the manufacturing process of plastics alone!

It is just this kind of industrial ruthlessness that leads cancer-research scientists to sincerely worry. Dr. Hammond of the American Cancer Society said recently that "vinyl chloride is only an example of a much broader problem.

"In the past 40 years, the environment in which we live has been altered to an extraordinary extent. The air we breathe contains gases and particles that never before entered the human lung... we touch, ingest, inhale, absorb an ever-

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