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"Unless and until the real nature of the crisis is understood and profit levels become such that the industry is confident that its investments will bear fruit, the supply of energy required will not be forthcoming."
--Allan Hamilton, Treasurer Standard Oil, New Jersey (Exxon)

ROOM TEMPERATURE--68 degrees. Gas--50,60¢ a gallon, except on Sunday when you can't buy it at all. Speed limit--50mph. Massive layoffs in industry, and the ruin of thousands of small businesses and independent truckers. The energy crisis is here. Tricky Dick announced it himself on nationwide T.V. Nov.2nd.

Despite the fact that there will be drastic cuts in oil for home delivery, that schools may close, that many people are going to be cold this winter, he assured us that the fuel crisis will not mean "genuine hardship." And Tricky is right. It certainly won't mean hardship for him and his pals--the Rockefellers, Gettys, etc. They are going to get even richer. And if 200 million people have to make a few sacrifices, what is that compared to the bundle the oil companies are making?
--What's it all about, Tricky?

If we believe Nixon and the oil magnates--and we know from Watergate what the odds are on them telling the truth about anything--there are two reasons: one is the disgusting wasteful habits of millions of consumers who indulge themselves with things like heat, hot water and light bulbs. Second is those dirty Arabs who have turned off the world's oil faucet. Now while it is clear there is a very real crisis, the shortage of oil itself is a phony. It's a sham created by the oil monopolies in their unquenchable thirst for profits.

--What are the Facts?
***Private consumption amounts to only 30% of the nation's total consumption.

***Despite the claim that there is an actual physical shortage, the U.S. exported three and a half million barrels of oil in Sept. and Oct. alone--a huge increase over last year.
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Editorial:

U.S. OUT OF INDOCHINA!

The war in Indochina is not over. As we near the first anniversary of the Paris agreements the likelihood of U.S. re-intervention in Southeast Asia is greater now than at any time since the troops left.

Many of us had hoped that with the signing of the Paris Agreements last Jan. 27 U.S. involvement would be brought to an end. Although ground troops have left, the U.S. has violated the agreements repeatedly. In Vietnam, the U.S. has provided Saigon with 600 tanks, 200 ships, 200,000 tons of artillery shells and 150,000 tons of arms. In October U.S. planes carried out reconnaissance flights over Thanh Hoa province in North Vietnam. The U.S. also maintains some 20,000 military advisors disguised as civilians, some of which have led Saigon forces in land-grabbing and "pacification operations". The U.S. continued to carry out bombing raids in Cambodia until August 15. Since then, U.S. military and economic aid has been the only thing keeping the Lon Nol regime alive.

While the PRG (Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam) has begun to rebuild the zones it governs, conditions in the rest of South Vietnam get worse.

The Saigon economy is on the verge of collapse. The price of rice has doubled, and nearly 50% of the population is unemployed.

And the Saigon regime continues to violate the treaty by attacking the PRG zones with ground attacks and as many as 600 air sorties a day.

In the last 9 months, Thieu has continued to arrest political opponents, adding 30,000 more prisoners to the 300,000 already there.

All of this is very quickly coming to a head. December starts the dry season in Indochina. In Cambodia, the forces of national liberation (FUNC) are on the verge of an offensive which will probably wipe out the last strongholds of the U.S. flunky Lon Nol.

But the imperialists and their puppets are also planning an offensive

under the cover of "North Vietnamese aggression". This has been the lie Washington has used from the beginning to hide their own aggression.

As the media starts putting out reports about NLF attacks the plans are being laid for renewed U.S. involvement. Leslie Gelb, N.Y. Times columnist wrote on Nov. 30, "In hand also at the Pentagon are contingency plans providing for air support to South Vietnam forces and the bombing of targets in North Vietnam.

It is becoming clearer every day that the Lon Nol regime cannot stand up under an offensive by the liberated forces. He controls only a tiny part of Cambodia and has no support from the people. The only way he can even just hold on would be through massive U.S. intervention. Thieu's economy is in chaos, his attacks on the liberated zones are failing. His offensive will end up destroying him without tremendous backing from Washington.

At home Nixon is facing a growing movement of people who are demanding that he be thrown out. In the past Nixon has launched military offensives to distract the people from domestic problems. We must link the demand to get rid of Nixon to our demands about Indochina and make sure that it doesn't become just another one of Nixon's diversions.

We must go on the offensive. The best way to prevent re-intervention is to keep the imperialist busy on all fronts--Nixon, Energy, Cutbacks... and we must demand once and for all that the U.S. get out of Indochina and stay out.

Why a newspaper?

FIGHT BACK! is the monthly newspaper of the Attica Brigade. We see it serving several purposes. We know that the bourgeois media never presents the peoples side of struggles - whether it be a student strike, a tenant strike, or a worker strike. **FIGHT BACK!** will be a way to spread the growing anti-imperialist struggles and consciousness to campuses throughout the country.

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January 20, 1973 Wash. DC

Brigade Conference

On January 11 and 12, 1974, the third Quarterly Meeting of the Attica Brigade will take place at Kent State University in Ohio. The purpose of the Quarterly is to bring the entire Brigade together to sum up work, make political decisions for the Brigade as a whole, and set our direction for the next four months.

Among the items on the agenda of this Quarterly are sum-ups of work from each area in the Brigade, sum-ups of **FIGHT BACK!** and of the Interim Committee, a discussion of our fall program and proposals for a new program for the spring. In addition there will be a discussion as to what position the Brigade should take on the Middle East conflict, & on Nixon. Also the conference will hear a speaker from the People's Republic of Guinea Bissau. A new Interim Committee will be elected, there will be a cultural presentation and then a party. (whew!)

Students who are interested in working with the Attica Brigade in the spring are invited to come to our conference. To make arrangements for transportation and lodging contact the Brigade in the city closest to you.

See you at Kent!

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NYU SERVES FASCISTS

THE NEW YORK UNIVERSITY administration rented out NYU-owned Town Hall for a "cultural" presentation by the Chilean fascist junta on December 6. Many students and faculty were outraged that the university would rent its facilities to the fascists, whose only aim is to legitimize the terrorist coup and let American corporations know that Chile is once again "open for business."

In a meeting called by the NYU Attica Brigade to fight against the rental, it was decided to go directly to the Dean in charge. Surrounded by angry students, the Dean hemmed and hawed and made it clear that he would do nothing.

About 300 signatures were then collected on a petition calling for the program to be cancelled, and were brought to NYU president James Hester. After about ten minutes of his jive ("You students are the fascists for not wanting to grant the junta freedom of speech...") the students were able to understand even better the position played by the universities in the imperialist system.

On the night of the performance there was a spirited demonstration of over 500 people (including many NYU students) in front of Town Hall.



UCLA: HANDS OFF CHILE

WITH THE COUP IN CHILE not yet out of our immediate memories American universities are already playing a role in supporting the fascist junta that daily continues to murder and imprison thousands of people.

In mid-October, only weeks after the coup, a representative of the junta came to the campus of the University of California at Los Angeles to meet with the chancellors. Students at UCLA including an anti-imperialist student group, Fanshen, quickly organized a demonstration.

150 students confronted the fascist and literally chased him off the campus.

Research by the students turned up the reason for the visit. It seems that the University of California received a 10 million dollar grant from the Ford Foundation to help run the University of Chile in Santiago. The programs to be instituted were to change the university into a technical school. A second intention was to squash political discussion and action at the university, which has been the center of militant student struggle in the past.

In response to this information, students formed the Los Angeles Group for Latin American Solidarity and demanded to know what was going on at the University of Santiago--why students who were supposed to come to UCLA had not arrived--what had happened to professors with whom contact was lost. They also demanded that the University of California break its ties with the University of Chile.

At the end of November the L.A. Group for Latin American Solidarity sent an open letter to Chancellor Young and Vice-chancellor Svenson, through the campus paper, the Bruin, demanding a meeting. Young refused to meet with the students.

Reports coming out of Chile tell us that the University was taken over by the military, which purged most of the faculty. Students at UCLA plan to escalate the fight on behalf of the Chilean people with a huge campus action in January.

MADISON STUDENTS SAY

"ITT OFF CAMPUS"

MADISON, WISCONSIN

Nearly 300 students took part in a militant protest against the presence of ITT (International Telephone and Telegraph) at the Madison campus on November 7. The demonstration was

called by a coalition of groups Community Action on Latin America (CALA), Madison Area Committee on Latin America (MACLA), the Attica Brigade, and other groups.



ITT, a large multinational corporation, has become notorious for its reactionary role around the world. This was especially true in Chile, where ITT helped to overthrow the Allende government through subversion and sabotage.

The university administration moved the recruiters to an isolated part of the campus upon hearing of the plans for a protest. "They moved the interviews to the engineering building because they realize that there will be a hell of a lot of people on campus to kick them out," said a speaker for CALA.

The protesters marched to the building following a rally, chanting "Smash ITT, People of the world will be free." Campus security used Mace when the demonstrators moved on the recruiting office. Three members of the Attica Brigade were arrested after an attempt to push through police lines.

The arrests did not stop the demo, as a militant picket line was set up for the rest of the day. Court dates for those arrested were set up for this month. One Brigade member summed up the feeling of many people: "If Hanson and the rest of the pig administration at the University of Wisconsin think that through more arrests they can stop the movement from building on this campus, they are wrong. Each time they pull this shit we only get stronger and more militant. Next time they will face a larger and more militant crowd. We are determined to stop imperialists' recruiting--whether it's ITT, the Army, or Gulf."



PROTESTS ON CAMPUSES AND IN THE STREETS- LIKE THIS ONE OF 500 IN NY-WILL CONTINUE UNTIL THE U.S AND THE JUNTA ARE THROWN OUT OF CHILE !

'AFRICAN SUN' Eclipsed in Philadelphia



BLACK STUDENTS FROM SOUTHERN UNIV. DEMONSTRATE AGAINST RHODESIAN CHROME--MARCH 1972

PHILADELPHIA (Dec 1)--Black and white longshoremen respected a 24 hour picket line of students and workers who sought to stop the unloading of 500 tons of Rhodesian asbestos from the U.S. flagship African Sun.

It was the first such boycott of Rhodesian products in Philadelphia and it completely paralyzed the vessel, costing the owners more than \$1700 for the use of the pier alone. The boycott began Nov. 30 when a picket line was set up by members of the Temple and Philadelphia College Attica Brigades, the Puerto Rican Socialist Party, American Friends Service Com-

mittee, Black United Liberation Front, Resistance, Revolutionary Union, the Philadelphia Free Press and others. Approximately 60 people took part in the vigil.

Longer boycotts and larger demonstrations are being organized in Philadelphia since it was learned that all Rhodesian asbestos is shipped to that port. The African Sun was unloaded by scabs and unidentified individuals on Dec. 1. Richard Askew, Black president of Local 1291, International Longshoremen's Association, supported the boycott and later denounced the scabs.

No Arms To Israel

--Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, Nov. 3

"Wright Patterson loads bombs, Arab people die." Chanting demonstrators marched to Wright Patterson Air Force Base today to protest U.S. arms shipments supporting Israeli aggression in the Mideast.

Despite the cease fire, 85 demonstrators turned out, knowing that the U.S. is continuing its arms build-up in the Mideast. The demonstration was sponsored by a number of organizations including the Antioch, Ohio State and Kent State chapters of the Attica Brigade, the Palestine Support Committee, Revolutionary Union, and a number of Arab and Third World student groups.

The demonstrators, remaining militant and spirited, chanted, "No more money, No more planes, No more aid for Zionist aims!"



OHIO STUDENTS PROTEST ARMS SHIPMENTS TO ISRAEL

MASS. STUDENTS UPSET PLAN

BOSTON, MASS.--The Massachusetts State College Board of Trustees had a few surprises at their last meeting. About 100 students and teachers from Boston, Westfield and Lowell State showed up to let them know what we thought of their Master Plan (or Agenda for Renewal) for State colleges.

The Master Plan proposes cutbacks for Massachusetts schools similar to those working class and Third World students are facing around the country. If implemented, it will turn state colleges into technical training schools, adding majors like Law Enforcement, Computer Science and Food Science. Colleges will be required only to have "basic instructional capability" but "not necessarily majors" in liberal arts. This means that students who can't afford to attend a private university will be denied the right to a liberal arts education. Faculty size will be cut back, with one teacher working at several different schools. At Boston State, 14 teachers have already been fired, to be replaced by part time teachers who work for lower pay and without benefits. The Master Plan also advocates cutbacks in tenure and replacement of classroom teaching with videotapes and cassettes to be used at home.

When we confronted the Trustees about these cutbacks, they assured us that they had our best interests at heart, and proceeded to pass the Plan. The Mass. Master Plan, like the pro-

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N.J. STUDENTS FIGHT CUTS

NEW JERSEY (Nov. 15)--At Ramapo college in N.J. 15 Black students took over the Student Life building. The demands centered around financial aid cuts including guaranteed financial aid packages for all EOF (Equal Opportunity Fund) students in the coming semester and that all campus jobs for students be allocated according to need.

Students supporting the takeover gathered at the Student Life Building doors. The crowd grew and included not only supporters but also people questioning the validity of the demands. In a spontaneous meeting later in the day, EOF students answered questions about their demands, and stressed the point that fighting among the students would only serve to strengthen the position of the administration.

Threatened with police and court action, the students left the building the next morning. Since that time they have received support from many other students. They intend to continue actions until the administration agrees to consider their demands.

FLASH, DEC 10--100 chanting Black students from Livingston and Douglas colleges swarmed through the Administrative Services Building today. Minor damage was done to the building. "It's going to be a hot winter at Rutgers", said a student.

LIVINGSTON, N.J. (Nov. 5)--A group of about 100 Black students took over the Administration offices at the Livingston branch of Rutgers Univ. Earlier that same day they had presented Dean of Student Affairs Luis Nieves with a list of demands: 1) An end to harassment of Black and Puerto Rican students by the campus patrol; 2) student health facilities open 24 hours a day; 3) more financial aid for students on EOF & EOG (Educational Opportunity Fund & Grant); 4) The firing of Luis Nieves and his two assistants for the unfair treatment of Black students.

The takeover, which had the support of many students and teachers at Livingston only lasted about 24 hrs. At 11 pm the students agreed to leave, giving university president Bloustein 48 hours to meet their demands.

Since then, support has grown. The demand about the health center has already been met. Pressure is being put on the school to deal with the others.

Since then, support has grown. On Dec. 4th, 100 Black students forced the cancellation of Rutgers's first home basketball game when they sat down on the court to "emphasize the immediacy of our demands." One of the demonstrators said, "There will not be another home game until our demands are met in the proper perspective."

NO RIGHTS FOR RACISTS

PRINCETON, N.J. DEC. 4

Doc Shoc (Dr. William Shockley, Nobel Prize winner in Physics) came to Princeton on Dec. 4th to debate the genetic inferiority of Black people. Shockley is conducting a university tour and peddling his pseudo-scientific racism to justify attacks on Black people. As he sees it, "Nature has color-coded groups of individuals so that statistically reliable predictions of their adaptability to intellectually rewarding and effective lives can easily be made and profitable used by the pragmatic man on the street." In other words "Blacks are black so we will know they're stupid and should get the worst jobs."

But students all over are saying that racists have no right to speak. He was kept out of Harvard, drowned out of Dartmouth and heckled out of Staten Island Community College.

At Princeton more than 800 demonstrators gathered outside the speaking hall chanting, "Is there a Nobel Prize for genocide?" and "Man is Man, it's not debatable!" Princeton changed the time of the debate to the afternoon and set up tight security on who would be allowed in. But, a member of the Attica Brigade, managed to read a statement inside protesting Princeton's role in providing him with a forum, and led a small walkout to join the demonstrators outside. One Black student inside stood with

his back to the audience in defiance of the phoney debate. Outside an effigy of Shockley was burned by a contingent of Third World students led by the Association of Black Collegians (ABC). And, at one point a group of students tried to break through the heavily guarded barricades protecting the entrance.

The demonstrators, though overwhelmingly from Princeton, also included students from all over New Jersey, New York City, Long Island and Philadelphia. It was organized by a coalition of groups including ABC, the Association of Asian Students, Attica Brigade, Union of Radical Political Economists, Mobilization Against the Famine and other groups. An ABC speaker at the end of the demo spoke of the strength of a multinational coalition in the struggle against Shockley. Why is Shockley's shit so dangerous?

Most blatantly, it justifies genocide. (Shockley has said, "The lesson of Nazi Germany is not that eugenics is intolerable.") But on another level it justifies the oppression and exploitation of Black people. It says that it's okay for them to be kept out of the schools and in the lowest paying jobs. It justifies the white chauvinism of white people. It says you're superior and they're inferior, so don't unite. That makes it impossible for people to get together to fight their common enemy. And now, when the crunch is coming down harder at home (cutbacks, unemployment) they send Shockley around to justify what will inevitably happen--that it will come down hardest on Third World people.

The struggle against Shockley is not just a struggle against his racist ideas. It's got to be a fight for the rights of Black people. He's got to learn that he can't speak anywhere, in any of our schools. And our school administrators must learn that the fight won't end with Shockley, but will be a fight against cutbacks, attacks on Third World studies, and for open admissions.

SMASH SHOCKLEY!
DEFEND THE RIGHTS OF BLACK PEOPLE!

REMEMBER FRED HAMPTON

DECEMBER 4TH MARKED the fourth anniversary of the brutal murder of Fred Hampton, chairman of the Illinois Black Panther Party. Chairman Fred was killed in his bed by Chicago police. This was part of a campaign, waged by the ruling class, to eliminate and crush the growing Black liberation movement. The Black Panther Party was its prime target.

Why were the Panthers so dangerous? Because they identified the real enemy--the monopoly capitalist ruling class and worked to build the Black liberation struggle. Because they stood for the unity of all oppressed and exploited people, Black, Latin, Asian and white, in the face of the monster. And because they put forward, and practiced, that the people of this country will have to engage in armed struggle to bring the beast down.

The Watergate exposures and recent FBI revelations simply confirmed what many people knew at the time--that the murder of Hampton and dozens of other freedom fighters was a conscious and systematic campaign, coming from the "highest parts of government"--namely Nixon.

We will not forget Fred Hampton. Chairman Fred said it best: "You can murder a liberator, but you can't murder liberation."

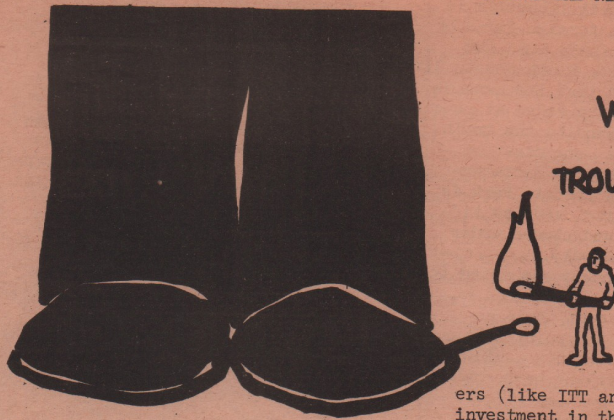


WHO WE ARE

WE ARE THE ATTICA BRIGADE. We are students at campuses on the East Coast and the Midwest. What brings us together is an understanding that the problems and struggles we have as students--such as cutbacks, or the fight for open admissions--are also part of a larger fight. It is the fight of the people around the world to live free of the misery and oppression that U.S. Imperialism imposes upon us. On the campuses, at the workplaces, in Indochina, at Attica--there is one enemy.

We have two principles of unity. We support all national liberation struggles around the world, as exemplified NLF-PRG of S. Vietnam. We also support the fight of oppressed people here in the United States.

We believe that as students we have an important role to play. Through our mass activities against imperialism at home and abroad we can spread anti-imperialist ideas to large portions of the population other than students. For example, the student movement in the '60s did a lot to spread consciousness against the Vietnam War to all the American people. We must do the same thing with Indochina, Attica, the Farah strike, and



more. Also, we must fight imperialism where we are--in the universities. The right of all people to an education must be defended. Third world and working class students are being denied access to the universities because of admissions policies, cuts in financial aid and special programs, and rising tuition. University complicity with U.S. imperialism--like ROTC, corporate recruit-

ers (like IIT and Gulf), university investment in these companies--must be attacked.

The Attica Brigade is a multinational organization, for all students--Black, Latin, Asian and white. We understand that in unity there is strength.

We also understand that the monopoly capitalists--the imperialists--are in trouble all over the world. We want to add to their troubles. Now is the time to rebuild the student movement and FIGHT BACK!

WE ARE THE TROUBLEMAKERS!

WE TURN OUTRAGE INTO ENERGY

All Around The World

STUDENT



Students battle police in Seoul, South Korea.

SOUTH KOREA

South Korea has been rocked for over a month by demonstrations calling for the ouster of dictator Park Chung He and closer ties with North Korea. Thousands of students fought a fierce battle with police in November, and most schools in the capital city of Seoul have been closed down to prevent more outbursts. On Dec. third the entire South Korean cabinet resigned as the protests continued to spread. Park had hoped that, in placing "responsibility for a series of incidents that occurred in the country recently" on the cabinet, he could stop the growing insurrection.

The protests started on Oct. 2 when over three hundred students from the Liberal Arts and Sciences College of Seoul University gathered to protest the institution of martial law a year ago. This was followed by strikes and protests at the women's university, three seminaries, and five of the colleges of Seoul University. Other schools responded with hunger strikes, classroom takeovers and exam boycotts.

The students are demanding a restoration of civil liberties in South Korea, that foreign firms be thrown out (especially U.S. and Japanese), that the South Korean CIA be dissolved, and that the censorship of the press be ended at once. They are also demanding the truth about the Kim Dae Jong case (he was an opponent of the dictatorship who narrowly lost to Park in the last "election" and was kidnapped in Japan and placed under house arrest in Seoul).

The Park government has tried to

visciously put down the protests. Dictator Park has 700,000 military men, 300,000 CIA agents and more than 400,000 police at his disposal. They have been detaining and torturing students for "violation of the law of assembly and demonstration". A law professor, Choe Jong Gil, was recently murdered by the police while in jail.

But this has not stopped the movement against the government. Instead, the demonstrations have spread to other schools as well as other segments of the population. As it becomes more apparent that Park won't allow any real changes that might threaten his personal power, his troubles get deeper. The first dictator put in by the U.S., Syngman Rhee, was overthrown following militant student demonstrations in 1960. Park's crisis is just as deep. Korean students are fighting back!



GREECE

Huge student-led demonstrations in Greece have brought down the fascist regime of George Papadopolous. On Nov. 25 a group of right wing generals led by Phaiion Gizikis took power because of Papodopolous' inability to end the demonstrations.

The protests started with a four day occupation of the Athens Poly-Technic University. The students demanded academic freedom for the university as well as "restoration of national independence from foreign interests that have supported the tyranny." The students then took over a radio station and broadcast an appeal for mass action against the government. Within hours there were similar uprisings at colleges throughout the country. In Athens a crowd of 15,000, led by construction workers marched, chanting "U.S. and their lackey's out" and "Tyranny must end."

On Nov. 17 the government attacked Polytechnic with tanks and troops. At least 13-and perhaps as many as 200 people were killed, with thousands arrested as the troops swept through Athens.

Although peace has been temporarily restored, no one believes the revolt is over. The coup shows that the fascists and their U.S. backers have so little control that they cannot afford to give an inch. The struggle of the brave Greek people for democracy and national independence will continue.



ATHENS STUDENTS REFUSED TO GIVE UP CONTROL OF ATHENS UNIV. LAW SCHOOL LAST MONTH. SIGNS READ: "FREEDOM" AND "FREEDOM TO ALL STUDENTS".

STUDENTS FIGHT BACK

QUEBEC

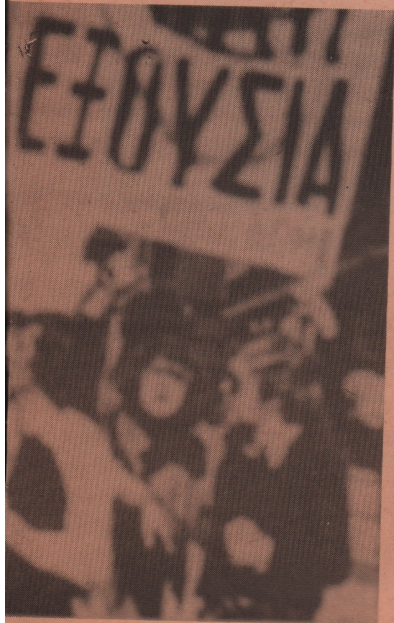
Militant unity between workers and both student and faculty supporters helped bring victory after only four days to a strike by 260 maintenance workers at McGill university, in October.

Most of the workers at McGill are Italian immigrants. Their exploitation by the McGill administration is typical of the English ruling class in Quebec which continues to hold out against a growing national liberation struggle there.

A student Strike Support Committee organized with the help of the Mouvement Revolutionnaire des Etudiants du Quebec (MREQ) played a key role in bringing hundreds of students to the picket lines and thousands more to boycott classes. 3000 students signed petitions in support of the worker's demands.

Other campus workers risked reprisals and respected picket lines, and were key to bringing about the victory. Major concessions were won on every demand.

Unity between workers and students is an important development and another step toward national liberation.



PUERTO RICO

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF Puerto Rico 40,000 striking students and 5,000 clerical and office workers shut down the university's 13 campuses for 25 days in October and November.

The goal of the students was to end the "divorce" between the community and the university. Their demands centered around the mediocrity of educational standards, political repression, the lack of democratic rights and the exploitation of university workers.

Strike support committees were organized in virtually every city and town throughout Puerto Rico. Funds and food poured in from every section of the population.

The university, which at first refused to negotiate with the students, finally gave in. A special committee was formed which will set up plans to take university control out of the hands of the U.S.-dominated Council of Higher Education. Among the demands the students are making are: (1) Student election of all administrators, (2) Replacement of security guards with students and the outlawing of all weapons for guards, and (3) an end to rules restricting political activity.

To the strikers, the question of who will run the university is the same as who will run Puerto Rico. They see their fight on the campus for free speech and democratic rights as part of the overall fight for liberation from the U.S.



THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS AND WORKERS FILL STREETS IN PUERTO RICO TO PRESS DEMANDS

Manhattan Community College

"ONE BIG OBSTACLE COURSE"

NEW YORK, N.Y. Dec. 6 --

Students to fight cutbacks (a committee made up of people from Black Anti-Imperialist Student Caucus, Attica Brigade, Union Estudiantil de Betances and independent students) presented the President of Manhattan Community College with demands focusing on financial aid and protesting the firing of the child care center director. The president, facing 20 students in his office, said, "I can't consider these anonymous requests." Students then gave him more than 800 names--those on the petition against cuts in aid and attacks on Open Admissions. The pres has until Dec. 10 to reply to the demands, when further action will be taken.

The right of Third World and white working-class students to go to college, won through Open Admissions, is now being attacked throughout City University. One of the most blatant forms of this attack is the overall cuts in financial aid. At Manhattan Community College, the total aid cut is close to \$300,000.

In concrete terms, what does this mean?

"My work-study was cut in half for the whole year. If I work more hours this term I can make it but I'll have nothing for next term. If I spread it out I won't make it either way."

"Carfare kills off what I get from work-study. I can't live on it--I have to take out loans, and then they take back the loan money out of my checks."

"I've got two kids and I get \$34 every two weeks. I can't do it. I'm broke all the time and have to borrow."

"I am currently receiving \$44 every two weeks. I am now an independent student with a wife and a baby due in January--paying \$150 a month rent. I also have to buy food, plus have money to go to school and eat lunch, being that I'm a full-time student, plus my other bills...I would say I've been cut off, not cut back."

"I don't get anything at all except bullshit. They never told me why I didn't get any money, and they give you the run around, I live with my parents, and now I have to live off them when they can't afford it."

"Your life is all written down on a piece of paper in terms of what you owe."

"Every week I have to borrow. I'll never catch up."

In order to put these cutbacks in their full context, you have to know what its like going to a community college in Manhattan. What are the students like? At MCC, three-quarters of us are Black, Latin or Asian; one-quarter of us are white. All of us, white or Third World, are poor. 88% of us come from families making less than \$7500 a year 42% of us receiving financial aid have incomes (or family incomes) of 0-\$3,000 a year. We usually have to work, a lot of us are veterans, and a lot of us have families to support.

What are the physical facilities like? Slums. Holes in the walls, or no walls, no ventilations, bad acoustics, etc. And we have to take the subway between buildings. Courses? At a two-year college most of them are required, but they don't run enough sections, so its very hard to get into them. Counselors? No where near enough; and only 5 financial aid counselors for 12,000 students.

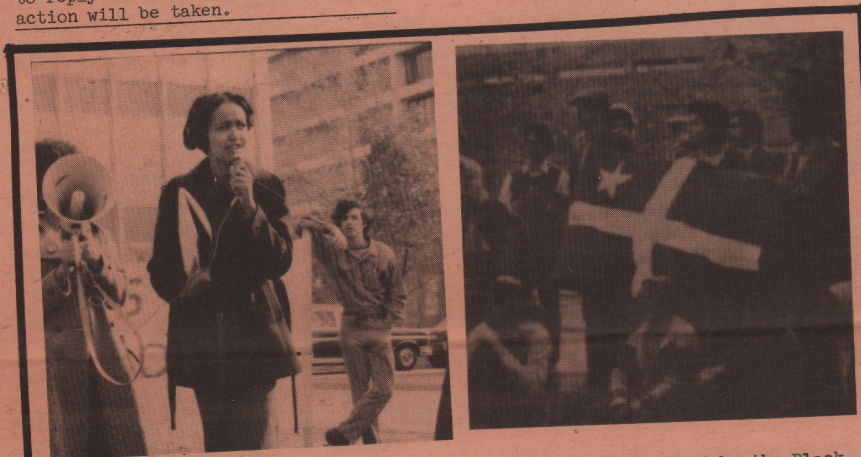
You can see why students say, "This place is just one big obstacle course", or, "It makes me feel like a welfare client."

But being at Mcc, and facing these conditions, means something else too. When he was inaugurated, the president of the school said that BCC students have to be kept off the streets, off unemployment, out of jail (places he's convinced we belong) or we'll take "organized revenge" revenge against what's wrong with this society. But being at MCC doesn't offer us many golden alternatives. Instead, it makes it clear to us what the game is.

We're here to be trained for jobs to meet big business' needs--not ours. And its clear how the school carries out these policies. Like the Nursing

It is clear that when we fight for more money so we can stay in school, we're fighting a system that says education is still a privilege, not a right.

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OVER 100 STUDENTS rallied at City College on Nov. 15 to commemorate the deaths of two Southern University students murdered in 1972 by Louisiana State Police. The rally also launched a campaign against financial aid cutbacks and other attacks on Open Admissions throughout the City University.

The rally was called by the Black Anti-Imperialist Student Caucus. Speakers included a sister from Southern University, and representatives of BAISC, Third World CUNY Coalition and the Attica Brigade.

BROOKLYN COLLEGE REMEDIAL COUNSELORS FIRED

BROOKLYN COLLEGE has just fired 17 Black and Puerto Rican counselors in the Department of Educational Services. No reason was given for the firings. The counselors work in the college's SEEK and Educational Opportunities Programs.

This action by the college administration is more than a case of unjust firings. It represents a clear attack on the right to an education for working class and other Black and Latin students.

SEEK is a financial aid program that is part of the City University's Open Admissions program. In 1969 Open Admissions was won when thousands of students mobilized to demand the right to a college education.

During the Open Admissions struggle at Brooklyn College, 19 Black and Puerto Rican students were arrested. They faced sentences of 128 years each, if convicted, on trumped-up charges. Mass student and community protests forced the District Attorney to drop the charges. As a result of these struggles, Afro-American and Puerto Rican Studies were set up at Brooklyn College with the implementation of Open Admissions.

Today, firings and budget cuts in SEEK at Brooklyn and other campuses spell out an organized attack on Open Admissions.

On November 19, 300 Brooklyn College students rallied in support of the 17 fired counselors, demanding their reinstatement. Speakers at the rally emphasized that the fight will continue, and that we must protect our gains through mass, united action.

"SELL-OUT"



LIFE IN "COLON"-IZED PUERTO RICO

Dec. 6, 1973

700 ANGRY STUDENTS at Bronx Community College, a predominately Third World school in New York City, "greeted" Puerto Rican governor Rafael Hernandez Colon when he appeared here today.

Colon was introduced to the crowd by Luis Quiero Chiesa, the new chairman of the Board of Higher Education (also a Puerto Rican). As he spoke, the audience responded, turning his introduction into an angry people's dialogue:

Quiero: "The new governor represents the new Puerto Rico."

Crowd: "No! The colonized Puerto Rico!"

Quiero: "He and I were born in the same town."

Crowd: "And you were both born lackeys!"

Quiero: "He went to a fine American university."

Crowd: "Did he get financial aid?"

Master Plan cont'd.

posals for cutbacks in other states, is based on recommendations drawn up by monopoly-capitalist backed educational commissions, like the Carnegie Commission or the Academy for Educational Development. The plans reflect a general attitude on the part of the ruling class, that the student movement is dead and that they can take back the victories we won in the 60's.

After 2½ hours of heated debate, we left the Board of Trustees meeting to continue the struggle against the implementation of the Master Plan at our campuses. We left with a spirit of militancy, a sense of our strength, possibilities for the formation of a statewide coalition against the Master Plan, and the determination to broaden the struggle.

At Boston State people have been fighting all year against cutbacks in faculty, and particularly against the firings of 2 progressive and popular teachers. We had a debate with the college president, occupied his office, and have had a boycott of classes, 95% effective at the liberal arts school.

At Lowell State, the Attica Brigade helped form a Committee of Concerned Students which held a teach-in on the Master Plan. The struggle against the Master Plan has shown the Lowell State Brigade the advantages of being part of a national organiza-

P.R. GOVERNOR DENOUNCED

As Colon moved forward to speak, the crowd stood up and booed. Shouts of "Que viva Puerto Rico Libre" rose from the audience. Throughout his speech shouts of "pimp", "thief," "sell-out", and "reactionary!" rang out. Signs were raised saying "Superport, No!" and "Independence for Puerto Rico." Colon, looking like an idiot, continued to speak, smiling and waving at his hostile audience.

The students' anger is easy to understand. Colon, elected colonial governor in 1972, looks like he just walked off Madison Avenue. Since he took office he has done nothing for the people of Puerto Rico except act as a go-between for American companies who exploit them. Prices are skyrocketing. When workers struck last summer he called out the National Guard to attack them. Colon has approved the construction of the Super Port--a huge new oil receiving and refining facility which will devastate the island's ecology and probably force one million people to leave their homes.

After Colon spoke, he allowed several questions and statements. David Perez, of the Puerto Rican Revolutionary Workers Organization, asked "Who fought for the rights of Puerto Ricans? Who fought in the schools in 1968-69? Not Rafael Hernandez Colon." A member of the Puerto Rican Students Union asked why Colon supported the Super port after so many American cities had turned it down.

Colon's "charm" wore thin, and everyone's anger began to rise. As the meeting closed, the crowd was on its feet chanting. Colon, who entered through the front door, had to sneak out through the back.

tion. We got a lot of help in understanding our own Master Plan from the U. of Connecticut Brigade, which is trying to fight a similar Master Plan in their state. We plan to write a pamphlet on the 2 Master Plans and other educational cutbacks for use throughout New England. Most important, our contact with Brigades in other areas has enabled us to see the Master Plan as one part of a national trend.



Throw Him Out

MADISON, WISCONSIN

ON NOV. 10, 250 people demonstrated in Madison saying "Throw the bum out," and "Organize to Fight." People first assembled at the University mall where they had two speakers. One of these speakers, a member of the Attica Brigade, talked about the importance of building a mass movement to throw Nixon out. She said that Nixon and other rulers would see the people's united strength that would confront them if they continued to constantly attack the people at home and abroad. After the speeches, people filed into the streets and marched in a militant and spirited way to the State Capitol.

At the capitol we listened to a number of other speakers, representing different groups in Madison supporting the campaign to throw Nixon out. Speakers at the capitol were a member of the Revolutionary Union, the Black Peoples' Political Alliance (a local Black organization), Science for the People, the Lawyers Guild, and the Teamsters for Democracy. After the speeches 100 people marched over to Rundell's clothing store, where people picketed to demand the store stop selling Farah pants.

In January the coalition is planning a mock trial to convict Nixon of his numerous crimes. There will also be lots of other ongoing agitational work done on campus and in the community to build for another demonstration late in January.

5 ARRESTED --

"Tiger Cage" Maker Gets Prize



NEARLY 400 STUDENTS and faculty at the University of Texas in Austin turned out October 26 to protest the presentation of an alumni award to George Brown, Chairman of the Board of Brown & Root Co. of Houston, Texas. Brown's company is the primary manufacturer of the infamous tiger cages used by the Saigon regime for political prisoners.

Five demonstrators were arrested during the three hour protest staged inside and outside the auditorium where the award was presented. Chants of "the rich live high, while the Vietnamese die!" echoed through the auditorium.

Several students went into the auditorium to offer Brown another award. "From the university students," this award was a picture of a tiger cage and a copy of the contract Brown signed with the U.S. Navy. The action was organized by Direct Action and the Indochina Peace Campaign.

GURU--PAY UP, BLISS OUT

Boy, don't you wish that when you were 9 years old, you're mother had decided you were actually God and hired a good press agent to tell the world about it? Just think how happy you'd be with a stream of suckers not only desperate to touch your feet, but desperate to give you enough cash to build a small corporate empire and keep you in Rolls-Royces, fancy food, anything your heart would desire. Well, according to the Guru Maharaj Ji, 15 year old "Perfect Master", you can be just as happy joining the crowd of disciples thronging to touch the Sacred Feet. The Kid only turned out some 20 odd thousand in Houston this fall instead of the predicted 100,000; but he's doing o.k. He is the biggest hit in the Oriental mystic racket since the Beatles kicked it off by hooking up with Maharishi Mahesh Yogi in 1967. His success comes from a much sharper analysis of modern American society than the rest of the crowd.

RUNAWAYS FROM REALITY

All of the Swamis, Gurus and Yogis etc. share a common program with drugs and Jesus Freakism: escape from a decaying system whose guiding principles are selfishness, corruption and indifference. Facing the problems of fitting themselves into this society, it is no wonder many in our generation want to run away. And every flavor of wise man is there to tell us: "Its o.k., my children, all this thinking has ruined your karma; you must stop thinking, come out of yourself and vibrate as one with the Cosmic All."

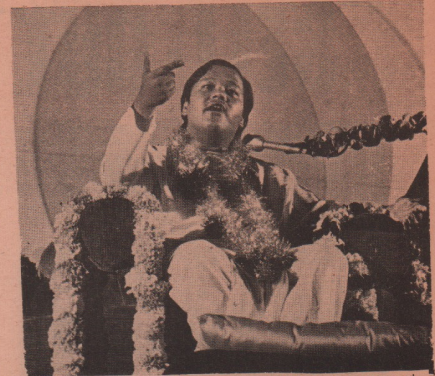
And, uh, since worldly goods interfere with the Metaphysical Oneness of the Universe, uh, perhaps we should pool them all in my Perfect Hands."

HOW HE DOES IT

But the Kid is slick. He knows that what students and young people are really concerned about is more than just their own selves. They want a decent society or at least some answers to the problems that surround us-- racism, poverty, meaningless work, exploitation, crummy education. So he passes himself off as the answer. "Believe in me and spread the Knowledge," says the Kid, "and I will usher in 1,000 years of Perfect Peace." No shit, he's also gonna cure famine, racism, ignorance, greed and acne. He'll take care of our problems. Just believe, never doubt and you will find your self in a state of indescribable joy--"blissed out." Nor must we shave our heads, wear saffron robes or US Keds like Hare Krishna. Just be ourselves and keep the money flowing in-- he'll keep us "blissed out".

PARASITE ON PEOPLE'S STRUGGLES

The Twerp is sponging off the peoples movement that students played a great role in building up over the last ten years. The N. American franchise of Twerp Worship has been given to Rennie Davis, a well known movement figure who bailed out of the anti-war struggle in search of a new career. Under his influence, Guru fans are trying to move in on



With all his bliss, the doctors report the Kid has an ulcer and the body of a 35 year old businessman.

the student movement, the Chicano movement, etc. They want Black "premies" (Guru freaks) to go into the ghettos "to aid in propagation of "Knowledge" through community service activities (i.e. daycare centers, tutoring, counseling, free food programs)."

DON'T JUST SIT THERE VIBRATING, FIGHT!

Needless to say, the ruling class and their politicians just love the kid. The mayor of Boulder, Colorado, a city with a history of student struggle, dug his "positive influence" so much he invited him back and made him an honorary citizen. The same kind of thing has happened in Cleveland and other cities. The Twerp's biggest service to the imperialists is to say don't worry about why things are screwed up and don't fight to change them; I'll take care of everything.

Well, we don't need a fifteen year old lump of Devine Baby Fat to tell us things aren't what they should be. The Attica Brigade and other anti-imperialist students have something the Twerp doesn't. We know who's running things and we know what they fear--the unity and struggle of the world's people against the imperialist monster. We are proud to play a part in building that unity and struggle, and we are not about to give it up for the "privelege" of grovelling at the feet of a smirking, teenage egomaniac.

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Program: there's no money for the city to hire more nurses (although there's a nurse shortage), so the program is cut back, and we're left hanging on waiting lists, forced to take courses we don't need to stay in school.

And being at a school like MCC teaches us that we have to fight, and keep fighting, for everything we get.

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When we fight for our needs--like Black and Puerto Rican studies and a child care center we're fighting the Board of Higher Education and Rockefeller, and the big business interests they represent. And when we fight together, Third world and white, we're fighting the imperialist system which uses racism to divide us.

FIGHT BACK



STRUGGLE FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION CONTINUES THROUGHOUT INDOCHINA

U.S. Robs G.R.U.N.C. of UN Seat

NEW YORK (Dec.6)--The question of granting U.N. recognition to the Cambodian Government of Royal National Union (GRUNC) as the legitimate government of Cambodia was tabled for one year as a result of an underhanded move by U.S. ambassador John Scali.

The resolution which put the item on the U.N. agenda had been co-sponsored by sixty-nine nations. Several weeks earlier the GRUNC had been recognized unanimously by a conference of seventy-six non-aligned nations as the sole and legitimate government of the Cambodian people. Regular U.N. observers predicted that if a vote was taken in the U.N. the GRUNC would get the seat now held by Lon Nol.

As the debate dragged on for several hours, many of the General Assembly delegates left the hall for other business. Keeping careful count of who was around, Ambassador Scali, in a surprise move, called for a vote on tabling the question. By a vote of fifty-three to fifty-one the issue was tabled for another year.

After the vote, Scali said that it was a good thing that the U.N. "was not going to interfere with the internal affairs of independent nations." Look who's talking!

ENERGY *cont'd*

and a huge increase in profit over selling the same oil here. US News and World Report states that the U.S. has deposits of 400 billion barrels lying untapped underground. There exists enough oil in the ground for the next 200 years at 1970 rates of consumption.

***Out of 80 billion dollars a year in sales, the oil industry spends only 2% on worldwide drilling and exploration, and only .07% on research and development. And if there is going to be any research and development, it's clear the monopolies are not going to pay for it. Once again, the people will pay--through tax allowances, government projects, higher taxes, etc.--for their right to make a profit.

***Only 6% of domestic oil consumption comes from the Middle East. On the other hand, U.S. monopoly oil profits from the Mideast amount to almost half the total profit made abroad.

***The Department of Commerce reported that the profit ratio for major oil companies in 1970 was 79.2%--compared to 5-15% for most industries. For the most recent quarter in 1973, Exxon reported profits up 80%--Gulf up 91%.

--Why the Crisis?

Oil in the U.S. lies untapped because there is not as much profit to be made in the U.S. as in the exploitation of other countries. In addition, by keeping this oil off the market, prices are boosted even more. And the oil companies know what they are doing--they started cutting down on refinery capacity years ago. So today there is a shortage--but of refined oil, not oil itself. Under imperialism, it is more profitable to keep things off the market than on it.

Very little Mideast oil is used in the U.S. But much Mideast oil is sold by American monopolies to Europe and Japan. Here is where the oil cut-off hurts--in the pocketbooks of the Rockefeller's. So the almost unbelievable profit these vampires have been sucking out of the Third World they now have to get out of the masses of people at home.

U.S. Oil Companies: Profits Rise Sharply

	Net Earnings (1973, July-Sept. millions of dollars)	Per Cent Gain (Over a year ago)
Exxon	638	80%
Mobil	231	64%
Gulf Oil	210	91%
Standard Oil (Indiana)	147	37%
Shell	82	23%
Phillips	54	43%
Continental	54	30%
Getty	32	71%
Marathon	31	35%
Cities Service Co.	27	61%
Ashland	24	17%
Standard, Ohio	18	14%

Business Week, Nov. 10, 1973

Unemployment rates of 8 and 10% are projected. Inflation continues--cost of living goes up 9.6% in October and cutbacks in education and social welfare increase.

--The Real Culprit--Imperialism

Its pretty clear somebody is being taken for a ride--and not in a limousine. The crises, the sacrifice, the hardship, is not that of the rich--they are busy counting the booty. And its not just the oil monopolies who are benefitting. In the name of saving energy, pollution control laws are being lifted and industry is being given the go ahead to further destroy the environment. This plays right into their hands as the pollution laws were cutting into their profits. The fuel shortage is even being used as an excuse to stop school busing in the South! And while we shiver, Nixon makes sure his puppet in South Vietnam gets enough oil for his tanks and planes.

While the oil companies are raking it in right now, it should be recognized that this "crisis" was made by the law of profit. Monopoly capitalism is in trouble. Third World countries are no longer willing to let themselves be bled dry--from the Mideast to Latin America to Vietnam. So somebody has to get squeezed--and its us. But all the conservation measures, sweater-wearing, etc. won't work--because that is not the cause

of the problem. And just as people all over the world are fighting back, so will the people here. Already there are signs of growing rebellion. Truck drivers have blocked highways all over the country protesting the high price of gas. And that's just the beginning. People who live in apartment houses are going to have to turn the heat on the landlords. workers are not going to be too happy about being laid off because of lack of industrial fuels. If they close the schools during the winter, students for sure are not going to go to school during the hot summer months.

As if it isn't enough with the rest of their crap- the Tapes, food prices, etc. There is a point when push comes to shove. Energy shortage? TURN OUTRAGE INTO ENERGY!!!



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FILM REVIEW:

THE WAY WE WERE



THE WAY WE WERE is a love story about a dedicated member of the YCL in the 1930's (Barbara Streisand) who meets a rich white all-American track star (Robert Redford). The Young Communist League was an organization of young people and students which was close to the Communist Party and led the mass student movement. So you'd think a movie who's central character is a Young Communist should have a pretty heavy political message, right? Well don't hold your breath. 'Cause there's politics and there's politics.

And in spite of the great number of leaflets, picket signs and petitions which appear in this movie, politics just doesn't seem to be very important. Especially not to the

YCL'er Streisand plays. Take this kind of dialogue, for instance: Streisand-"I think the racist, anti-working class ideas of your friends are disgusting." Redford-"Well, if thats the way you feel about it, maybe we shouldn't get married." Streisand-"On second thought, maybe they're not so bad."

Not only does Streisand give up the YCL, but almost everything else she believes in to go live with Redford in Hollywood.

To be sure, the movie does give a much fairer and more sympathetic view of communists, left-wingers, and political issues (like the Hollywood Ten) than most of the other movies which even mention the subjects. It portrays Communists as real human beings instead of cold lifeless machines. On the other hand, they may be human, but they're not very appealing. Streisand plays a high-strung, moralistic, social misfit and her YCL sidekick looks and acts about as militant as a rained-out Boy Scout picnic.

One good thing the movie shows

is the class differences between the characters. Streisand may be a loud mouth, but she's also shown as a hard worker who holds down two part-time jobs while going to school. Redford and his pals are clearly idle, rich, and somewhat decadent.

But in the end, the message of the movie is that all the differences really don't matter. As a matter of fact, there really didn't seem to be any reason for them to break up in the end, except that it made for a real tear jerker of an ending.

In the end we see Streisand return to "politics" by joining Women's Strike for Peace, while Redford goes on to a high class life as a TV writer. Does the movie comment on who's right or wrong? Not really. Instead you get the picture of two star-crossed lovers who just never made it, (sigh!) But those political differences, while they may not be important to the makers of this film, are life and death issues to millions of people around the world. What this is really saying is: If you must be political, don't get too serious a about it.



FARAH/UFW ONE FIGHT

DAYTON, OHIO, Nov. 17-- 75 workers and students picketed and marched in downtown Dayton today, linking the struggles of the Farmworkers and the Farah strikers. Demonstrators picketed at Rikes and Elder-Beerman Department Stores, and then marched to a Liberal supermarket, which has been the target of the lettuce and grape boycott in Dayton. The demonstrators demanded that no scab products, whether they be Farah pants or non-union lettuce and grapes, be sold in Dayton.

The demonstration was called by a Dayton committee of rank and file workers and was joined by the Attica Brigade chapters at the University of Dayton and Antioch College.

NEW YORK. THANKSGIVINGDAY-- 75 members of the Attica Brigade marched along with the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, handing out over 40,000 leaflets and 2000 balloons which said "Macy's Sells Scab Pants" and "Boycott Farah Pants". Macy's has been the target of Brigade actions weekly for two months, with picket lines being set up at 4 different locations in the New York area.

IN BOSTON-

FARAH RUNS SCARED

FRIDAY, DEC. 4--Christmas shoppers at Kennedy's Department Store in downtown Boston were greeted with a militant picket line of 75 students from several schools in the Boston area. The students called on shoppers not to buy Farah pants and to support the struggle of 3,000 Chicana women in southwest Texas and New Mexico who have been on strike for 18 months demanding a union and decent working conditions.

Kennedy's as well as two other stores in the area which carry Farah pants--Filenes and Jordan's--were heavily guarded by security police. Students reported that in Jordan's, uniformed guards stood at each end of each row of Farah slacks. Students also learned that all three

stores had had a joint security meeting earlier that afternoon. When students tried to march into Jordan's they found the entrances lined with security. They did march into Filenes where they carried on several minutes of chanting before being herded out.

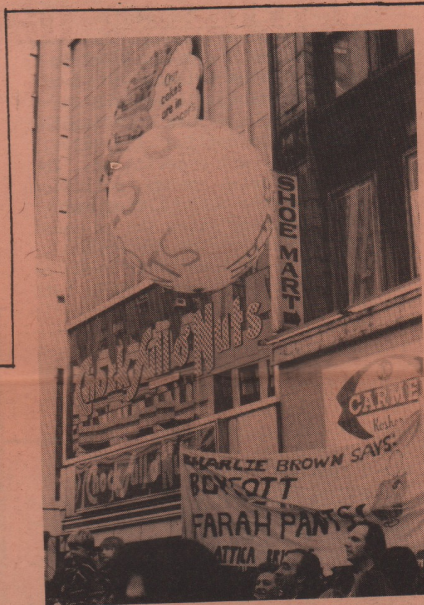
The picket line was jointly called by several chapters of the Attica Brigade in Boston. Big department stores in Boston must have heard that a month earlier, during an action called by the Brigade at Macy's in New York, \$20,000 worth of pants had been spray painted. In the last issue of *Fight Back* we said, "wherever there's a Brigade, there won't be any Farah pants." Department stores are taking heed, but until they stop selling them, the Brigade will keep on coming back.

250 RALLY

SATURDAY, NOV. 3-- A rally and march supporting the Farah strikers drew over 250 people here Nov. 3. At the rally, members of the Boston Farah Strike Support Committee spoke about the relevance of the strike to New England--about the threat of runaway shops and the need to support unionization struggles throughout the country--about the relationship of the struggle of Chicano people to the struggle of Afro-American and Puerto Rican people--and about the leading role of women in the struggle.

Following the rally, picketers marched to Filenes and Jordan Marsh where they picketed all afternoon, with chants like, "workers are right, Farah is wrong! Show Filenes that we are strong!"

The rally was organized by the Boston Farah Strike Support Committee, which includes representatives of the Attica Brigade, Revolutionary Union, and October League.



STONYBROOK COALITION:

No Armed Security

THE STRUGGLE AGAINST armed security at Stony Brook is stepping up. At a rally of 200 students, members of the Coalition Against the Training and Arming of Security challenged campus administrators on the issue.

University president John Toll told the students that he is "opposed to arming security at present" but is "implementing plans to train security in the use of firearms." A coalition member pointed out that "it doesn't make sense to train security unless you plan to arm them at some point. We want to know why you are going ahead with plans to arm them despite overwhelming student opposition."

Toll responded that security would only be armed in the event of "certain contingencies" but refused to say what these contingencies were. Security Chief Joe Kimble admitted that armed police would not reduce crime on campus. "If you're not arming them to stop crime," a student asked, "then what the hell are you

arming them for? We think it's to stop us--to stop us from protesting against your budget cuts and tuition hikes."



The coalition was organized by the Attica Brigade and includes the Bergad, the Puerto Rican Students Organization, and the Political Organization of Women. It plans to continue the struggle with rallies and demonstrations next semester.

CAN YOU IMAGINE IF THEY WERE ARMED?
(Columbia--1972)