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Ethiopian Unions Challenge Army

BY MELODY FARROW

The General Strike called by the 140,000 member Confederation of Labor Unions in Ethiopia was abruptly called off without explanation, six hours after it began on September 25.

The Confederation had issued the strike call on September 23 after two of its leaders, General Secretary Fisehatsion Tekie, and Beyene Solomon were arrested by the Army.

But a confrontation between the Ethiopian labor movement and the new provisional military government of General Aman Andom cannot be postponed.

No sooner did the Army depose Emperor Haile Selassie, who is still being held at an undisclosed spot, than they passed decrees outlawing the right to strike, the right to free assembly and to demonstrate.

In the past weeks, union delegates have been in constant session to discuss policy towards the new government and have refused to even receive representatives of the Military Council.

The unions and the students are demanding that the Army step down immediately and a civilian government be created.

The Teachers Union is demanding that Selassie be placed on trial and the Association of Ethiopian Journalists have refused to give "unconditional support" to the junta and have pledged to fight any censorship of the press.

The students have refused to cooperate with the military's scheme to send them en masse to the provinces, allegedly to teach the peasants about the "revolution," but in reality to prevent them from leading struggles in the capital, Addis Ababa. The University still has not reopened.

One student told a foreign correspondent, "Do not forget that the Army and the police before fired on the students. Don't forget that it was we who launched the movement, taken up later by the Army, and now they are trying to take it over."

A student rally in front of the Fourth Army headquarters division and demonstrations of the unemployed have been brutally suppressed.

The determination of the most advanced sections of the Ethiopian working class to defend democratic rights and living standards has already produced the first splits in the regime.

A group of functionaries connected to the Finance Ministry have announced formation of a civilian Cabinet and have declared support for the workers and students.

INDEPENDENCE

At the same time, the military faces a continuing struggle for independence by the Eritrean Liberation Front in the north and the threat of a counter-coup by provincial tribal chiefs who represent the most reactionary feudal interests.

There is strong evidence that these tribal chiefs are getting encouragement from the United States which has no confidence in the military to prevent a revolutionary situation from developing.

Two weeks ago, Ali Mirah,

chief of the Afar tribes, paid a 45-day visit to the US at the request of American officials. The military has attempted to counter this threat, by playing rival chiefs against each other.

Mengesha Seyoum, governor of Tigre province and a son-in-law of Selassie, has disappeared and there is speculation that he is organizing a guerrilla army to fight the military.

STRATEGIC

The US cannot be indifferent to developments in Ethiopia because it holds a geographically strategic position, especially in relation to the Middle East oil producing countries. The US has maintained an electronic surveillance base at Kagnev station in the north which is now being converted to a naval station.

The revolutionary situation in Ethiopia reveals the inability of any section of the weak bourgeoisie or the Army to resolve the economic crisis which is part of the international crisis in capitalism. It is only the Ethiopian working class that can smash feudalism and capitalism through taking power and establishing socialism.



The Ethiopian Army continues to guard the palace of Emperor Haile Selassie, who was recently deposed. The trade unions are demanding a civilian government.

USSR Denies US War Threat

Andrei Gromyko, foreign minister of the Soviet Union, declared last Tuesday at the General Assembly that "For the first time international detente has gone further than good wishes and verbal assurances."

This statement was made just one day after Secretary of State Henry Kissinger told the United Nations that "Nuclear catastrophe looms more plausible... We have no guarantee that some local crisis—perhaps the next—will not explode beyond control."

The contradiction between the statement of Kissinger and that of Gromyko exposes the complete bankruptcy of the Stalinist perspective of peaceful coexistence. While Kissinger speaks of war, the Stalinists seek to disarm the working class with ludicrous claims that the prospects for peace have never been brighter.

But Gromyko's assertion is not based on total blindness to reality but rather on the determination of the Stalinists to maintain their relations with the American imperialists through conscious betrayals of the working class.

This is spelled out by Gromyko when he stated that the Soviet Union was anxious to improve its relations with Israel and is prepared to guarantee the survival of the Zionist state.

ONE-SIDED

"There are some who try to present the Soviet Union's positions as one sided and only serving the Arab states. Yes, we do support, and we will support, the legitimate demands of the Arabs. But it would be wrong to

see only this particular aspect in our policies."

Gromyko stressed the other "aspect" of Kremlin policy:

"Furthermore, the Soviet Union stands in favor of Israel existing and developing as an independent sovereign state. We have said so many times and reaffirm it once again. Real, not illusory, progress toward a Middle East settlement will create prerequisites for the development of relations between the Soviet Union and all the states of the Middle East, including Israel."

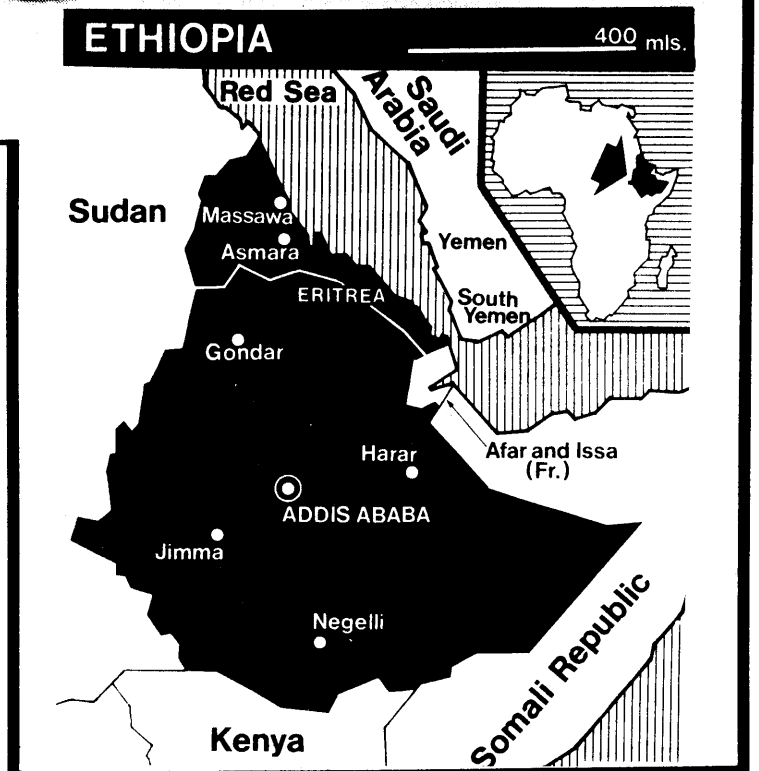
These gestures to the reactionary Zionist client state of American imperialism comes as the Israeli air force has been launching bombing raids against southern Lebanon in an attempt to exterminate guerrilla forces and terrorize the population.

The Soviet foreign minister called for a treaty that would bar countries from altering the natural environment for military purposes, but sources reported that the Kremlin has assured the Ford government that this proposal would not apply to chemical warfare against liberation forces in South Vietnam.

The Daily World, organ of the Communist Party, has welcomed Gromyko's betrayal of the Arab struggle against Zionism with a sharp attack on last year's Yom Kippur (October) War which caught the Zionists by surprise.

"Democratic and peace-minded people throughout the world honor the right of the Israeli people to celebrate their New Year and Holy Days, and their right to do so in the greatest security and prosperity."

This is nothing less than a condemnation of the Yom Kippur war as well as back-handed support for the bombing of Lebanon, which the Israeli military justified as a precaution against a surprise attack during the Jewish holidays.



Government Lets Hondurans Starve

BY FRANK MARTIN

According to the latest Honduras government figures, at least 10,000 people are dead and 600,000 people homeless in the wake of Hurricane Fifi. The government has declared the entire country of 3,000,000 people a disaster area.

As late as 4 days ago, only 15 planes and 7 helicopters were available to lift supplies into the worst hit areas. There were reports of profiteering and hoarding of essential goods like food and shoes. Even people who were reaching refugee camps were facing starvation.

Despite its claims of a massive relief effort, the US government has done practically nothing to help the victims. A US Army team sent to Honduras even disputed the extent of the damage, claiming that only 1000 people were killed.

BEFORE

One economist commented on the situation: "One thing to remember is that the Honduran economy was a disaster before the disaster." Honduras is the poorest country in Latin America with an average per capita income of \$270 per year.

The country depends almost entirely on its banana exports for its income. The banana farms and operations are controlled by two US firms—United Brands and Standard Fruit.

The banana crop, worth nearly \$100 million, was almost totally destroyed in the hurricane. The two firms have indicated that they might pull out entirely.

This natural disaster has laid bare the social and economic disaster that is Honduras. While thousands of people are being left to die literally hanging from trees and rooftops or starving in refugee camps, big firms are making money shipping "relief" supplies.

These people were murdered, not so much by a hurricane, which is a common enough event in Central America, but by the fact that absolutely no preparations were made to save lives in such cases. No transportation facilities, no relief centers, no medical teams—this is why thousands were left at the mercy of the hurricane.

The only people that have donated anything to help the Honduran workers and farmers are the American dockers and truckers who worked overtime for free in order to transport and load the supplies.

At Meeting With European Leaders

Kissinger Plans Counterrevolution

BY DAVID NORTH

Extraordinary secrecy surrounded the emergency meetings being held this weekend between Henry Kissinger and the leaders of the world's major capitalist governments.

The foreign and finance ministers of Britain, France, West Germany, and Japan arrived under heavy guard on Saturday in Washington, DC.

The meeting had been set up by Dr. Kissinger through a series of long-distance phone calls following the collapse of the economic talks of central bankers in Basel and Paris.

It had been officially reported that the purpose of the talks is to review the prospects of finding a solution to the economic crisis, particularly the danger of national bankruptcy resulting from the high cost of oil.

However this explanation is not sufficient. There can be no doubt that Kissinger summoned the leaders of European and Japanese capitalism not simply to discuss the economic crisis but to prepare the policies to confront revolutionary struggles by the working class.

The emergency nature of the conference was made even clearer by recent announcements from the petroleum producing countries that they would not be blackmailed into lowering oil prices.

Certainly Kissinger raised with his allies the possibility of joint action against the Arab states by no means excluding the use of military measures.

SOCIALIST REVOLUTION

The principal preoccupation of Kissinger, according to those who have spoken with him, is his fear that a socialist revolution is becoming very likely in a number of European countries.

Other associates of Kissinger told reporters confidentially that Kissinger has repeatedly expressed the fear that Italy is "going communist."

He reportedly told the Congressmen that covert activities by the CIA would be necessary if the United States is to prevent a socialist revolution in Italy.

President Giovanni Leone of Italy is one of the many foreign leaders Kissinger met with before the secret weekend talks. Preparations for counterrevolution was certainly a prime topic of their discussion.

At a dinner for Leone on Wednesday, Kissinger said in a toast that "as a result of circumstances outside the control of

Italy," the country "faces economic difficulty."

"When Italy's friends, therefore, attempt to work out cooperative arrangements," stated Kissinger, "It is not something that they do for Italy; it is something they do for themselves and for the structure of the modern world."

Kissinger's concern with the danger of revolution in Europe is based on the fact that the monetary crisis has now strained rivalries between the US and the rest of the capitalist world to the breaking point.

Huge flows of Arab petrodollars out of Europe and into the United States are placing the banks of Europe at the point that they do not have the reserves to keep industry going.

While starving Europe of cash, US capitalism is preparing measures to cut the budget and take protectionist measures to close the American market to Europe.

This is a blueprint for the destruction of European capitalism. It places massive revolutionary struggles immediately on the agenda.

Kissinger is now obsessed with the need to prepare for counterrevolution and there can be no question that the CIA is expected to play a major role in this.

•In Chile, the latest information reveals that Kissinger demanded a "get-tougher" policy against Allende in mid-October 1971. The notorious "march of the empty pots" by upper middle-class women was organized and financed by the CIA. It was the first major demonstration against Allende. This was followed by more violent clashes that left more than 100 injured. One inside source has reported that the US Ambassador to Chile, Nathaniel M. Davis, received a message from Washington that said, in effect, "from now on you may aid the opposition by any means possible" and that the Ambassador was instructed to "get a little rougher."

The CIA stepped up its activity after Allende announced, on September 28, 1971, that he had approved the deduction of \$774 million of excess profits from the Anaconda and Kennecott Copper companies.

Kissinger remains the watchdog of the Chilean junta. He recently reprimanded the new Ambassador to Chile, David Popper, for raising the issue of torture with General Pinochet. This enraged Kissinger and he sent a communique to Santiago which read: "Tell Popper to cut out the political science lectures."

•In Australia, a former employee of the state-owned radio and television network has charged that the CIA funneled money into the country to prevent the reelection of the Labor



government of Prime Minister Gough Whitlam. The employee, Ray Aitcheson, said that he had been told that the CIA would have no trouble giving whatever amount of money was needed to defeat Whitlam. American companies in Australia could be used as a front, he said.

•England has become a major field of operations for the CIA. It is seeking to get trade union officials and Labor Party leaders on its payroll as well as buy up informers in British intelligence and Scotland Yard.

The CIA build-up has been going on since the successful miners' strike last February that brought down the Tory government. The man in charge of these activities, whose principal aim is to infiltrate and break up left wing movements, is Cord Meyer, formerly assistant deputy director of the CIA's Planning Department in Washington, DC.

Meyer works closely with the

US Embassy in London, which—as in Chile—is the laboratory of right-wing and fascist plots.

Kissinger's CIA will provide ample financial backing for right-wing extremist groups that are being prepared by the capitalists for physical attacks on the working class.

Another indication of the extensive preparations being made by the Ford government for intervention against the European working class and the Soviet Union is the appointment of General Alexander Haig as the commander of NATO forces.

The frantic speed with which these conspiratorial preparations are being made reflect the rapid development of the economic crisis and the knowledge within the ruling circles that an economic collapse is unavoidable.

Kissinger told an aide that he included the United States among those countries which are

threatened with a political and economic collapse.

He is so outspoken in his defense of the CIA because Kissinger and the ruling class which he represents feel that time was lost in confronting the political implications of the economic crisis during the final months of Nixon's paralyzed presidency.

Despite the mountains of evidence linking this government to these ruthlessly anti-working class conspiracies, the leadership of the AFL-CIO sat complacently through the summit meeting in the White House on Friday and Saturday.

This policy of collaboration with the ruling class conspirators must be rejected by American workers. The defense of every gain and basic right of American workers and the working class in every country requires the building of a revolutionary leadership in the trade unions to throw out the bankrupt bureaucracy.

Steel Delegates Denounce ENA

special report
by David North

ATLANTIC CITY, NJ—The Seventeenth Constitutional Convention of the United Steelworkers of America (USWA) which ended Friday was definitely the stormiest in the recent history of the union.

The disagreements raised on the floor of the Convention Hall reflected in only the most limited way the massive opposition among steel workers to Abel's policies.

The sharpest attacks were made on Abel's Experimental Negotiating Agreement, which surrendered the right to strike in basic steel and put in its place a system of compulsory arbitration. Under the ENA, union members received the worst contract ever: a three percent wage hike.

As usual, for a USWA Convention, the bureaucracy had taken many precautions to deal with dissident delegates. All the microphones were controlled by a switch on the stage where they could be turned on or off.

Despite these precautions, Abel was forced to devote a major portion of his convention speech to the opposition.

"In all my years at every level of leadership in the United Steelworkers of America, I have never seen so many outside meddlers trying to horn in on this union...I would not bother you with this matter, at this time, if it weren't for the fact that some of our own members have been duped into helping these outsiders. Some of our own members, mind you, who should know better, are being used maliciously by these uninvited intruders...I ask you to reject the intruders out of hand. Anyone trying to engineer or foment discontent in our union cannot have your best interests in mind. I urge you to turn them away—not only at this convention but back at home."

This was just too much for hundreds of the delegates, who could not help but voice the opposition of angry steel workers to Abel's demand for a further dues increase and a personal salary hike of \$15,000. As Abel sells out the basic rights of steel workers and helps the company destroy their working conditions and living standards, he rewards himself with an annual salary of \$75,000.

Many delegates opposed the dues increase because they see no reason to fatten the \$90-million strike fund controlled by the International which will not permit strikes. Abel uses this financial power against the steel workers locals which are all close to bankruptcy.

Abel's fear of opposition comes at a time when he has emerged—along with UAW President Leonard Woodcock—as the strongest advocate

of direct trade union collaboration with the Government on dealing with the economic crisis. As the convention was in session, Abel was preparing to enter the labor-management board to police the working class which Gerald Ford unveiled at the economic summit on Saturday.

The role of the Communist Party at the USWA convention was to prevent any opposition to Abel from taking the form of a political fight against this notorious participation in this anti-working class conspiracy.

Although the CP-influenced caucus, the National Steelworkers Rank-and-File Committee, won a number of delegate positions, never did it take the floor to fight Abel's political collaboration with the government or raise the demand for a break with the big business politicians of the Democratic Party.

The NSRFC would not take up this fight because the Communist Party itself has called on Ford to allow it to participate at the economic summit. Its policies are set by the ruling bureaucratic clique in Moscow, which subordinates the interests of American workers to the policy of "peaceful coexistence" with capitalism.

The ENA represented the first step by the trade union bureaucracy toward surrendering basic rights of the working class. Confronted by the breakup of the capitalist system, the bureaucracy is prepared to negotiate

layoffs, speedups and wage cuts rather than fight the government.

The widest campaign must now be mobilized in the United Steelworkers among the ranks to force Abel off the Labor-Management Board.

The Trade Union Alliance for a Labor Party calls on steel workers to demand that the union break off talks with the Ford administration and bosses and rally the entire labor movement against the attacks being prepared by the government on the working class.

The plans of Ford for recession will have disastrous consequences for steel workers. The slump in auto and construction threatens thousands of steel workers with unemployment.

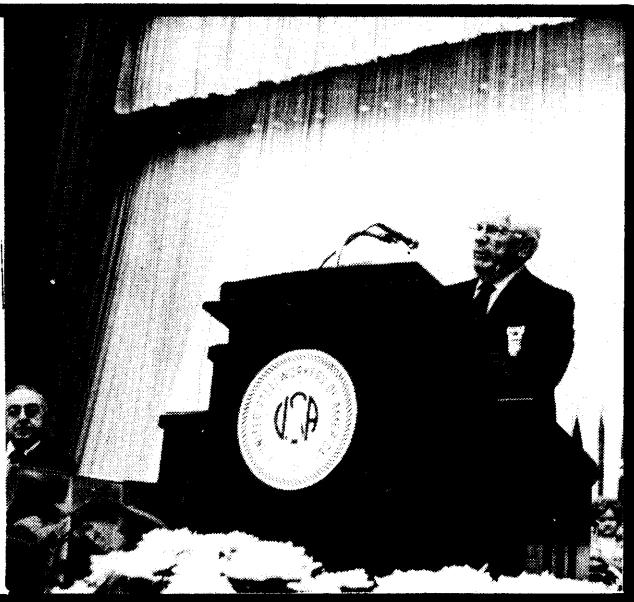
The ranks must meet this threat by demanding that the USWA, as the largest affiliate of the AFL-CIO, call for the convening of a Congress of Labor to construct a labor party.

This fight must be taken forward in the USWA in a campaign against Abel's collaboration with the steel bosses.

- Smash ENA! Reopen the contract in basic steel to win an immediate 20 percent wage hike with a 100 percent cost-of-living escalator clause.

- Stop all layoffs! Jobs must be guaranteed by winning a 30 hour week at 40 hours pay.

- No cooperation with any productivity deals; no crew-cutting or speedup.



Workers Party Holds Rally On Claude Reese

BY A REPORTER

Candidates of the Workers Party and speakers from the Workers League and Young Socialists held a campaign rally in Brownsville on Saturday, September 28, to take forward a struggle against the police repression that led to the killing of 14-year-old Claude Reese last week.



Helen Halyard

The two candidates of the Workers Party, Terry Delgado, who is running in the 12th Congressional district which includes Brownsville, and Helen Halyard in the 14th district, have entered this campaign to fight for the building of an alternative to the Democrats and Republicans, a labor party, and for the need for a socialist program to fight the attacks on all the basic rights and conditions of the working people.

Adele Sinclair, editor of the Young Socialist, opened the rally by saying:

"The meaning of the summit

talks on inflation by the Ford government is that they are preparing a new scale of attacks on the working class. We must see the murder of Claude Reese in this context.

"It is not an isolated incident. The government is preparing to destroy the conditions of the working class as a whole. We can see in Boston how the politicians are trying to turn white and black workers and youth against each other, under conditions where the white workers are facing the same unemployment, bad schools, and low wages as the black worker.

"We must answer this collaboration between the Democrats and the Republicans with a fight to build a labor party to defend the needs of all workers and youth and to stop the police repression.

"We must demand that the unions investigate Claude Reese's murder and the whole conspiracy of this government to use the same violence against all workers.



Terry Delgado, (l), and Adele Sinclair.

"We call on everyone in Brownsville to support the Workers Party candidates in the November elections, to build the revolutionary leadership in the unions and communities that is going to fight for this all the way."

Terry Delgado said that, "While Ford's economic advisor, Greenspan, says that the stockbrokers are hit the hardest by inflation, the reality of the conditions in Brownsville and in every area of the country shows the opposite. Billions of dollars have been cut from the schools, housing and hospitals.

"The projects are even worse. The city has just raised rents 12 percent and what are we paying for? There are 500,000 construction workers unemployed, not counting the youth who could be trained in this skill, but there are no jobs and no housing being built. This shows the anarchy and crisis of the capitalist system.

Helen Halyard, candidate for the 14th congressional district, said that the nationalists, led by Imamu Baraka, were deliberately helping the government by turning the killing of Claude Reese into a racial issue.

"We say that it is not black against white but the working class against the ruling class and that Baraka's proposals for an all-black police force will only be a cover for more repression. Why is Shirley Chisholm, the Democratic congresswoman from the 12th district, silent about the actions of the police?"

Pan Am Workers

A new move is underway to solve the crisis of the nearly bankrupt Pan American World Airways by shoving it onto the backs of the airline's 32,000 employees.

Pan Am is working out a strategy to get its employees to accept wage cuts to prop up the tottering company.

In rejecting Pan Am requests for a \$10 million a month subsidy the Civilian Aeronautics Board declared that it was "not convinced that the carrier has undertaken all of the belt tightening measures normally associated with a cash crisis."

Since the rejection, the management has been busy encouraging the development of employee groups to save the airline.

One such group of flight crew members has been mobilized to lobby Congress for legislative assistance. More than \$50,000 has been raised from employees for a newspaper advertising campaign.

The Journal of Commerce recently reported on one such employee group which is demanding the passage of a bill to require the government to buy all official travel on US flag airlines.

The Journal quotes flight engineer Dennis Panzer, the head of this group as stating that meetings are going on now that could result in proposals for across-the-board salary cuts.

These suggestions are nothing more than a swindle designed to involve Pan Am Workers in a massive campaign to bail out Pan Am's creditors with no possibility of saving the line.

Won't Pay For Crisis



BY JEFF SEBASTIAN

Pan Am is now in a situation in which it will be unable to meet its cash bills by next month. It has sustained losses of \$174 million from 1969 to 1973. This year it has already

lost \$28 million. Overall it is in debt to banks and insurance companies by more than \$800 million.

It is the banks that stand to take huge losses from its collapse. For example Pan Am owes Rockefeller's Chase Manhattan Bank well over \$20 million. Chase owned, until recently, 6.7 percent of Pan Am stock.

Equitable Life, a mutual company, also controlled by Rockefeller interests, has a massive investment in Pan Am stock.

A collapse of Pan Am would leave Chase with bad debts and a lot of old airplanes to unload under very poor market conditions. Chase also controls TWA with about 6 percent of the stock. The recent proposals for a merger between the two represent a method whereby the banks could get TWA to take over the Pan American debts.

The struggle behind the scenes has nothing to do with saving the airline but involves methods for apportioning the losses among the creditors.

The Pan Am maneuvers are only the first in a campaign that will be used to smash up labor organization of the airlines.

The Pan Am collapse can only be fought through a campaign in the labor movement for the construction of a labor party committed to nationalizing the airlines under workers' control.

ROCKEFELLER AND ATTICA

BY CYNTHIA BLAKE
On September 14, 1971,
Nelson Rockefeller ordered state troopers
massed outside Attica
State Prison to enter the
"D" yard.

The crushing of the Attica revolt was the bloodiest one-day battle in America since the Indian massacres of the last 1800s.

Thirty-three prisoners and ten guards held as hostages died at Attica, 39 of them on September 14 after a helicopter filled the yard with choking C-S gas.

The convicts had stationed eight men and eight hostages on an open catwalk, expecting that the troops would then use just gas, clubs, and rubber bullets. Instead, they were mowed down by automatic weapons, deer rifles, scattering O-O shot and dum-dum bullets that have been outlawed for use in international warfare.

Surviving prisoners were then stripped, forced to run a gauntlet of troopers with clubs and then low-crawl back to the cell-blocks. Some of the dead were gunned down as they moved across the yard through the mud, according to witnesses, and two leaders were summarily executed after they were back in their cells.

The Rockefeller-appointed Special State Commission on Attica (the McKay Commission) reported that prison guards fired without authorization to cause the deaths of at least two hostages and two prisoners. They also charged that guards and troopers beat the prisoners after the prison was retaken.

The state of New York has spent over six million dollars to fund three separate Grand Juries in the three years since. Sixty-one men face trial beginning this month on forty-three charges handed down by a jury that has since been ordered disbanded because of its blatantly discriminatory composition.

Nineteen of these men have been held in solitary confinement since they were shackled and led into the courtroom for indictment in the spring of 1973. They have been held in cells with blacked-out windows and denied access to work or education programs, religious services, library privileges and recreation.

Not one prison guard, not one state trooper has been indicted. And Nelson Rockefeller, who ignored his closest aides to give the invasion order, is now certain to be confirmed as Vice-President.

Rockefeller is brought into the administration today because the ruling class is preparing to expand these bloody methods as they move to force the entire working class into the very suppression and inhuman living conditions which lay behind the prison revolts.

Attica defendant Dalou Asahi wrote of these conditions: "You'll receive one shower, once a week...state shaves, once a week...change of clothes, once a week...and haircuts, toilet paper and state wages (\$5.00 if you work) once a month..."

Kimanthi wrote of the racism in the prison: "The first day at Attica I saw a correctional officer with a 'Black Nightstick' that had the word 'Nigger' carved on it...I have seen a Black Brother go to the doctor and tell the doctor he had

a problem breathing and that his chest hurt him every time he breathed, and the doctor told him, 'Why don't you stop breathing?'"

Mounting tension over these conditions exploded on August 9 as guards interfered with a ball game between black and white prisoners in the yard, saying that it was a "fight." During the entire rebellion, government officials tried to deny the solidarity which was consciously fought for between black, white and Puerto Rican prisoners, a solidarity that was the highest expression of the class consciousness of the rebels.

The committee that was set up to lead the occupation was biracial and won the disciplined support of the prisoners for its handling of food distribution, medical care and the protection of the 38 hostages. Their list of demands included prison reforms plus guarantees that no legal or physical reprisals would be allowed. They also demanded safe passage to a nonimperialist nation.

Rebel leaders negotiated with state prison officials who were backed up with state troopers armed with clubs, rifles, pistols, shotguns and tear gas launchers.

Rockefeller refused all requests that he come to the prison site because the prisoners were demanding total freedom from prosecutions from the takeover. "I do not have the constitutional authority to grant such a demand and I would not even if I had the authority because to do so would undermine the very essence of our free society—the fair and impartial application of the law."

This from the man that has just called Ford's pardon of Nixon an "act of conscience, compassion and courage"!

This week, Rockefeller arrogantly defended every move he had made during the Attica rebellion. Although his own Commission criticized him for not going to the scene to "stabilize" the situation, Rockefeller told the Senate Rules Committee that "I do not believe in negotiating with people who are holding hostages on threat of death."

More than that, Rockefeller invented a whole new justification for the ruthless assault. He now claims that the troops had been ordered "not to use weapons unless it was to defend one of their own" and that the order to shoot was not given until after the prisoners "seized a young state police lieutenant who was leading his men."

In all of the mountains of documents, all of the hours of testimony on Attica, this is the first time that this claim has been made!

While Rockefeller creates a new Attica "scenario" three years after the fact, the military methods and ruthlessness of Attica have already been aimed toward youth and trade unionists across the country.

Troops and police have occupied Midwest highways to stop the strike of independent truckers. Green berets have used Indian land as training areas.

Massive police operations have been mounted in the Mission Fillmore district of San Francisco, in Los Angeles and Newark.

Just as the courts have condoned Rockefeller and the troopers for the cold-blooded murders at Attica, they have stood by as Clifford Glover of Queens, Claude Reese of



Brownsville and miner Lawrence Jones of Harlan County were gunned down.

The Ford-Rockefeller government today prepares police state measures against the entire working class while they prepare mass unemployment and intolerable inflation precisely for this reason. Their actions prove they do not believe their own lies that class battles are the work of "militants" and "outside forces."

The conditions at Attica State Prison are the conditions of the decaying capitalist system. Today, those conditions are essentially unchanged, in spite of the courage of the Attica rebels, even in spite of the class consciousness of some of their leaders.

It is only now, as whole layers of the working class enter battles that will rival and surpass Attica, that the essential changes can be made.

Only the working class at the point of production has the power to mobilize for the defeat of the government and the destruction of the system it serves.

It is with this understanding that the Workers League and Young Socialists commemorate the third anniversary of the Attica revolt by moving forward with the training of the revolutionary forces necessary to mobilize and lead the working class through the battles ahead.

We are publishing below the Election Manifesto of the Workers Revolutionary Party, British section of the International Committee of the Fourth International, which is running 10 candidates.

The General Election is being held in the shadow of a threatening economic catastrophe. Britain is on the brink of national bankruptcy.

The jobs, wages and living standards of millions of working people are threatened with destruction. The capitalist system of private ownership for profit is entirely to blame.

The Workers Revolutionary Party is the only party fighting this election on a socialist program. We say that the right to a decent standard of living for millions of workers and their families can only be defended by nationalizing the banks, the land and basic industry without compensation and under workers' control. Nothing short of that.

The bankrupt and outmoded capitalist system must be replaced by the common ownership of the means of production.

In fighting for a socialist program in this election, we know that it cannot be won through the ballot box. Parliament is a major instrument of the capitalist state machine for the defense of private ownership and the oppression of the working class.

The election itself will not resolve anything for the working class. Socialism can only be achieved by mobilizing the strength of the working class independent of and against the crisis-ridden capitalist state and its parliamentary relics.

The Labor Party and Communist Party, who tie the working class to the "parliamentary road," are playing the game of the Tories and their capitalist backers. When our candidates are elected to parliament they will fight to expose it for what it is and to mobilize the working class on a socialist program for the taking of state power.

For the issue forced upon the working class by inflation and slump is to take state power. This is the only way forward to achieve a socialist solution to the capitalist catastrophe.

Every other party calls upon the working class to vote support for capitalism and its state. But the conquest of power cannot be accomplished without the building of a revolutionary leadership, the Workers Revolutionary Party, to give conscious and material expression to the aspirations of the working class.

MOBILIZE THE WORKING CLASS

Events this year have proved where the real power lies—outside Parliament.

The Heath government tried to smash the trade unions and was forced out of office by the miners' strike. The engineers' union successfully challenged the authority of the National Industrial Relations Court set up by Act of Parliament.

And finally, Parliament was contemptuously swept aside by the forces of reaction in Northern Ireland. The extreme right wing Ulster Workers' Council, chaperoned by the British army, disrupted the Ulster economy and destroyed the puppet Northern Ireland Executive. The lessons must be learned and acted upon. Everything depends on mobilizing the strength of the working class against the class enemy.

We call on all Labor Party members and trade unionists to vote Labor in constituencies where the Workers Revolutionary Party is not standing. We call on the electors to return a Labor government with a massive majority.

In the struggle to compel the Labor leaders to implement the socialist program for which we alone fight, they will be exposed and must be driven out of the labor movement.

•Trade unionists, housewives, professional workers and young people! Read our manifesto, study our program to meet the crisis. Discuss it, come to our public meetings, and read our daily newspaper, Workers Press.

•We urge you to vote for our candidates. To vote for the Workers Revolutionary Party is to vote for the building of the revolutionary leadership for a socialist Britain. Above all, we urge you to join the Workers Revolutionary Party.

THE CRISIS OF CAPITALISM

Dominating the election is the worst-ever international capitalist crisis.

Every single capitalist country has vast trade debts. Share prices collapse, production falls, while the price of foodstuffs and

raw materials soars. The spectre of mass unemployment far worse than the 1930s haunts the working class and the middle class.

The working class faces the threat of reversal of everything gained since the end of the war in 1945. At that time the ruling class feared the strength of the working class so much that they deliberately adopted inflationary policies to prevent a class confrontation. Governments, banks and finance houses created more and more credit to keep production and purchasing power expanding.

The US Treasury printed billions of paper dollars in a desperate bid to maintain capitalism in the face of a resurgent international working class determined never to be driven back to the conditions of the 1930s.

This policy was embodied in the 1944 Bretton Woods Agreement which guaranteed the value of these paper dollars in gold.

But on August 15, 1971, ex-President Nixon withdrew all gold backing from the dollar. This was the trigger to turn controlled inflation into uncontrolled inflation: no capitalist now knew what any paper currency was worth.

A three-year orgy of speculation resulted. It drove up the cost of living for millions of working class families all over the world. Bankers, speculators and large international firms moved out of paper money and made huge profits by buying and hoarding basic necessities of life.

This is how the capitalists protected their own interests against inflation: by causing even greater inflation for the working class.

The quadrupling of oil prices in 1973-1974 was the inevitable outcome. It brought the world economic crisis to a devastating new stage. The deficit in payments caused by the increased cost of oil is \$60 billion per year. This alone would use up the total financial reserves of the main capitalist countries within the next three and a half years.

This year's UK payments deficit will be at least \$9600 million on top of last year's \$3600 million deficit. And oil is only one factor in these massive debts. This spells national bankruptcy.

So deep is the resulting crisis of credit and banking that a number of banks, like the Herstatt in Germany and the Franklin National in the United States, have collapsed.

Now leading bankers are unable to meet the borrowing requirements of the big firms that bank with them. This is what happened when one of Britain's "Big Four" clearing banks, the National Westminster, refused further funds to Ferranti. It was an open admission that banks can no longer go on financing industry and collapses and closures are on the way.

The dozens of firms which cannot raise bank loans find it impossible to raise capital on the stock market where there is a collapse of confidence. Only 1 percent of investment capital in British industry in the past year came from newly-floated shares. Add to industry's inability to raise cash, the enormous cost increases of raw materials, electricity, coal and steel, and its inability to continue paying wages is obvious.

NATIONALIZATION IS THE ANSWER

Tens of millions of jobs are at risk in the immediate future. This is the real face of inflation: it is caused by capitalism, not by the working class.

Now the capitalists have the job of surviving in competition with each other and at the same time beating the working class into submission to pay for the crisis. What global inflation has produced is not "too much money chasing too few goods," but too much capital chasing too little of the surplus value created by the working class.

In this situation nationalization of basic industry without compensation under workers' control does not arise as some far-off, abstract question. It is immediate. An historic imperative. Workers face either a permanent place on the dole or a political struggle for the expropriation of their industries to defend the right to work.

•We say that prices CANNOT be controlled except by the nationalization of the food monopolies and big food chains without compensation and under workers' control; sufficient housing CANNOT be provided without the nationalization of the land, construction firms and the building societies, with protection for small savers.

Such is the faith of the capitalist class in their own system that they are selling

shares in an atmosphere of complete pandemonium.

The London share market has fallen by more than 100 points this year, wiping \$24 billion off share values. The index has reached its lowest point since 1959, and, in real terms, the lowest for 50 years.

In other words, the market has already fallen more dramatically than it did during the "Great Crash" of 1929-1931.

Millionaire financier Mr. Slater, partner of ex-Tory Cabinet minister Peter Walker in Slater Walker Securities, told financial journalists recently that his "recipe for survival" was to get his hands on gold, a bicycle, tins of sardines, baked beans and a machine-gun.

While Slater and his friends are grabbing what they can and running for the hills, their associates in the Tory Party are saying that trade unionists are greedy, disrupting the economy and not pulling together for the good of the nation!

NO TO THE "SOCIAL CONTRACT"

The three main parties, Labor, the Tories and the Liberals, say their main aim is "to beat inflation." They mean beating the working class.

The next Labor government will come into immediate conflict with the working class. Wilson, Jenkins, Prentice and the Labor leaders will take the road of Ramsay MacDonald, the Labor renegade who betrayed the working class in 1931 and formed a National government with the Tories.

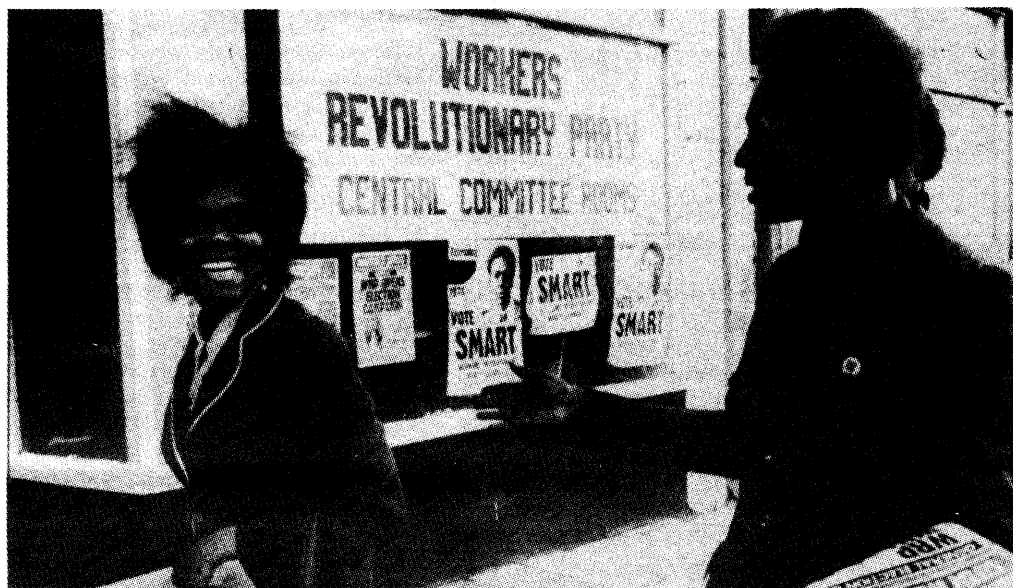
No wonder the Wilson Cabinet and the NEC fought so deservately against a full policy-making conference to adopt a manifesto dictated by the rank and file of the labor movement. They want a free hand to serve their Tory masters and the international bankers.

LABOR'S RECORD OF TREACHERY

Just look at the wretched record of the minority Labor government. It came to office in March with Wilson's declaration that he was "the custodian of the manifesto."

But the Labor leaders betrayed it line by line. For seven months the minority Labor government has been nothing more than a Trojan Horse for Tory policies. In Parliament the Laborites, "left" and right, were willing pawns of the Tories, Liberals and Nationalists. They acted only in accordance with the dictates of the Opposition

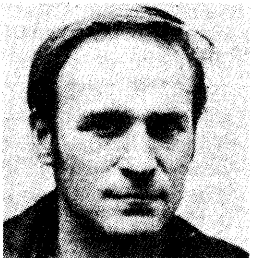
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Trevor Parsons
Yorkshire Miner



Royston Bull
Workers Press journalist



John Dillon
Ford worker at Halewood



Kate Blakene
Hospital Worker

Inflation is not something above the class struggle. It cannot be solved peacefully. It means the victory of one class over the other: revolution or counterrevolution.

The capitalist solution is to restore value to paper money by driving down the standard of living of the working class, by making them eat less and earn less.

•The Labor Party leaders want to inflict this attack on the working class by stealth with their corporatist "social contract."

•The Tories want to use mass unemployment backed by the military and the police.

•The Liberals want state pay laws and mass unemployment...without the military. Very "liberal" of them!

The class content is, in every case, the same. Big business, i.e., the monopolies and banks, seek the kind of government which allows them to set about eliminating their weaker competitors—reducing the amount of capitals seeking a return from the available surplus value—and, above all, subjecting the working class and trade unions to "national discipline." This will mean an iron dictatorship to impose unemployment and the most vicious cuts in living standards.

We want to issue the clearest warning to the millions of trade unionists who will cast their traditional vote for Labor.

•Do so where there is no Workers Revolutionary Party candidate to keep the Tories, Liberals and Nationalists out. But understand that this is only the start of a political struggle against the class collaborators in the Labor Party leadership.

parties. In effect it was an unofficial coalition.

•Phase Three was enforced. Nurses, hospital workers, teachers and local government workers were forced into strikes to get decent wage increases.

•The Tory Housing Finance Act is still on the statute books.

•Michael Foot's Act replacing the Industrial Relations Act still embodies clauses that are of great danger to the trade unions and the working class. Even the TUC consider Foot's Act inadequate.

•The NIRC was only smashed when the engineer's union refused to accept Foot's advice to go to the court and instead took all-out indefinite strike action to prevent the seizure of all its assets and funds.

•Benn abjectly retreated on all nationalization proposals and when the first major bankruptcy occurred, Court Line, he handed out \$38.4 million to the board of directors.

•Prices soared higher than ever with Mrs. Williams' \$1680 million subsidies only subsidizing the profits of the food monopolies.

•Chancellor Healey approved the \$2880 million Tory cuts in public expenditure and extended them. He put the working class in hock to the international bankers by negotiating the biggest-ever overseas loans.

•Tory-arranged nuclear tests were conducted without consultation with Parliament or the Labor and trade union movement.

•Callaghan consolidated membership of the Common Market, sent arms to the fas-

come training in Chile and authorized naval training with the racist regime of South Africa.

•Ulster Secretary Merlyn Rees intensified the army terror against the working class of Northern Ireland: continued internment without trial, assassination squads and the admission that the notorious Special Air Services (SAS) was deployed there.

•Jenkins whitewashed the activities of police agents provocateurs (the Kenneth Lennon affair) and extended the spying and violence of the Special Branch and the armed Special Patrol Groups.

Workers, housewives and young people must ask themselves the question: is such a leadership going to defend them from the impact of the capitalist economic crisis? The Workers Revolutionary Party says they will not.

•We are for the return of a Labor government with the biggest possible majority, but only so that the working class can finally deal with the Labor leaders and build the necessary revolutionary leadership.

•We support Wilson and company to prove in practice that they will always

ficant drop in the standard of living, all those who now dissipate their protest over a wide variety of causes might concentrate their efforts and produce a situation which was beyond the power of the police to handle. Should this happen the army would be required to restore the position rapidly."

•The Workers Revolutionary Party was the first and only party to alert the trade union movement to these dangers in our manifesto for the February 28 General Election. In warning that the military-police operations at Heathrow Airport were a dress rehearsal for attacks on the working class, we said:

"The plans for a dictatorial Britain are far more advanced than many people realize. These military conspiracies are being advanced in the closest consultation with extreme right-wing Tories, British Intelligence and the most reactionary sections of the ruling class."

The Tory and Liberal press, the reformists, the revisionists and other renegades laughed at our warnings and said they were "alarmist." Were we right or weren't we? Our warnings have been vindicated a thousandfold. No one seriously disputes what the Heathrow exercises—started by

"superannuated colonels"; Defense Secretary Mason, an ex-miner, talked about "blimpest reaction"; Jenkins told Rippon he was making "a frightful ass of himself"; and the Brighton TUC refused even to discuss the issue.

Workers Press has been in the forefront of explaining that these are not the plans of cranks. Stirling's operation is controlled and directed by the top brass in the British army. Their aim is distribute contrived propaganda about private armies on the move to create the conditions for frightened sections of the middle class to let the British army loose against the working class.

•These conspiracies of the capitalist state make absolutely concrete our demand for the disbandment of the standing army and the police and their replacement by a workers' militia drawn from the trade union movement.

fight for socialist policies in the building of the revolutionary party.

•Smash the cliques of military conspirators. Defend the basic democratic rights of the working class. Build the Workers Revolutionary Party.

OUR SOCIALIST PROGRAM

The Workers Revolutionary Party and its candidates put forward a socialist program to solve the problems facing the working class and the middle class:

- HALT RISING PRICES. Nationalize the food monopolies and the supermarket chains without compensation and under workers' control. Abolish the speculative commodity markets.
- STOP UNEMPLOYMENT. Take basic industry and the banks into public ownership without compensation and under workers' control. Occupy factories threatened with redundancies or closure. For a sliding scale of wages and hours.
- HOMES FOR ALL. Nationalize the land, the construction industry and building societies without compensation and under workers' control with protection for small savers. Requisition all unused buildings and office blocks for a crash rehousing programme. A national house-building program financed initially from the confiscated profits of the banks and property speculators.
- EXPAND THE SOCIAL SERVICES. A free universal health and education service. Restore all cuts in spending. End private medicine and the public schools. Nationalize the drug industry without compensation under workers' control. Retirement and disability pensions at the average wage and tied to the cost of living.
- ABOLISH ALL ANTI-WORKING CLASS LAWS. Repeal laws on the unions, picketing and conspiracy. Repeal the Housing Finance Act. Abolish the House of Lords and the monarchy. Legislate a Charter of Basic Working Class Rights.
- A SOCIALIST FUEL POLICY. Workers' control and the planned expansion of mining, electricity and gas. Nationalize the fuel monopolies and North Sea oil and gas.
- A SOCIALIST TRANSPORT POLICY. Workers' control on the railways, aviation, the docks and the bus service. Nationalize road haulage. For an integrated transport system based on need and not profit.
- NO TO THE COMMON MARKET. Immediate and unconditional withdrawal from the EEC. For a Socialist United States of Europe.
- A SOCIALIST FOREIGN POLICY. Withdraw from NATO and all imperialist pacts. Relinquish remaining colonies and withdraw troops from Northern Ireland, Cyprus and all overseas territories. Break off all diplomatic and trade relations with all right wing dictatorships.
- ABOLISH THE FORCES OF REPRESSION. Disband the standing army and the police. Replace it with a workers' militia drawn from and responsible to the Labor and trade union movement.

These tasks can only be accomplished by the working class in struggle under the revolutionary leadership of the Workers Revolutionary Party. Workers, know your strength. Develop it in struggle. Place no expectations in Parliamentary elections. Hold no illusions in the Labor ministers. All the historic gains of the working class over 200 years were won by struggle. Today those gains must be defended in struggle.

We call on you to vote for the Workers Revolutionary Party candidates in the constituencies where we are standing.

In all other constituencies we ask you to vote Labor in order to return a majority Labor government. This must be the start of the widest mobilization of the working class for socialist policies against such a government in order to defend jobs, wages and living standards from the impact of the threatening catastrophe.

In the struggle to compel the reformist Labor leaders to implement the socialist program we have outlined, they will be exposed and must be driven out. The conditions will be created in this way for the building of the alternative revolutionary leadership in the labor and trade union movement, the Workers Revolutionary Party.

We call for a massive recruitment campaign to the Workers Revolutionary Party from all sections of the working class and the professions. To everyone who rejects capitalist anarchy and violence, and wants to fight for socialism, we say—

- There is only one way forward
- Join the Workers Revolutionary Party.

September 20, 1974.

MANIFESTO

Of The Workers Revolutionary Party



Vanessa Redgrave
Actress



Sylvester Smart
Engineer



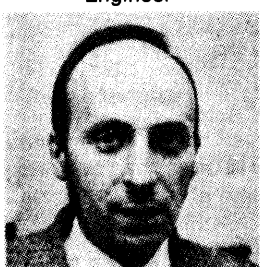
Michael van der Poorten
Printworker



Kate Blakeney
Hospital Worker



Kevin Flynn
Shipyard Worker



Alan Wilkins
Carworker



Jim Bevan
Steelworker

defend the continuation of capitalism at the expense of the working class.

To call uncritically for a Labor government is to line up with Tory newspapers like The Times, Financial Times, and The Economist who want Labor back.

Why do such reactionary mouthpieces of the ruling class want Labor in office? Because they need the treacherous reformists in the Labor leadership and the TUC to spearhead attacks on the working class while the Tories, in disarray since the miners forced Heath out of office in February, regroup for dictatorship.

THE TORIES AND THE ARMY

The Tories are already making intense behind-the-scenes preparations which go beyond the outcome of this election. Following his hurriedly-arranged meeting with President Ford in Washington on September 9, Heath has become the leading advocate of a coalition.

Such a gang-up by the three main parties would be nothing more than the ante-chamber to some form of dictatorship. It would immediately pass Draconian laws against the working class and the unions and set about foisting the recession on the backs of working people with the aid of the army and police. Heath is preparing for the scenario described by his counter-insurgency adviser, Brigadier Frank Kitson, commandant of the Infantry Training School at Warminster, in his book, Low-Density Operations:

"If a genuine and serious grievance arose, such as might result from a signi-

ficant drop in the standard of living, all those who now dissipate their protest over a wide variety of causes might concentrate their efforts and produce a situation which was beyond the power of the police to handle. Should this happen the army would be required to restore the position rapidly."

the Tories and continued by Labor—are all about. Writing in the latest issue of Monday News, magazine of the Tory Monday Club, a serving officer states:

"The army is, today, an institution of considerable political significance. Its generals are chosen by the Prime Minister and the current generation are Tory-selected. The politicians need the army—and not just in Northern Ireland. For at least two years now it has been a topic of conversation in the messes of the army that sooner or later it would be called upon to act in England itself. The operations at Heathrow are ominous signs that this is not just a remote possibility. It has emerged, in fact, as a force that has to be reckoned with in political circles."

The Tory manifesto specifically calls for the strengthening of the army, the police and the Special Constabulary to deal with the working class. Shadow Cabinet minister Geoffrey Rippon has made the call for the establishment of a "citizen's reserve" to be used for strikebreaking. When Colonel David Stirling's "Great Britain 75" was "rumbled," one of the documents written by the founder of the SAS stated:

"I have talked to individuals of varying rank in the armed services and in the Territorial Army, local authorities, directors of some major companies and to some senior members of the late Conservative government."

To these reactionary attempts to form paramilitary, strikebreaking forces, Wilson can only make inane remarks about

STALINISTS DISARM THE WORKING CLASS

Listen to the treacherous line of the Communist Party. Their manifesto contains a call to "democratize the armed forces" and the removal of right wing officers.

This is the Stalinist line the world over. It raises the criminal illusion that there is a "progressive" side to the armed forces. In practice this meant inviting the generals into the Allende government in Chile to carry out the fascist coup.

In Portugal it means the Stalinist leaders joining a Popular Front regime with General Antonio Spínola and the armed forces to hold back the struggles of the working class.

TORY ROAD TO DICTATORSHIP

Sections of the Tory Leadership are no longer even talking in electoral terms. Sir Keith Joseph, shadow spokesman on home affairs, delivered the main economic platform of the Selsdon group in the party when he called for mass unemployment.

"They would be prepared to allow such companies as Ferranti to go bankrupt rather than offer state assistance," said The Times (September 19, 1974).

"The Selsdon group do not seem to have much confidence that a Conservative administration would follow their advice."

What kind of administration are they looking for? The partial answer lies in the political activities of Enoch Powell. This extreme right-wing Tory, who left Parliament in February, is now standing in an Ulster constituency for a reactionary Loyalist party headed by West, Paisley and Craig.

It means that Powell is taking the extra-parliamentary, paramilitary road. He joins a group of Protestant extremists who set out to wreck the puppet Northern Executive using extreme right intimidation of the working class. Powell, the man who once said, "I am the virus that kills socialists," has moved from Wolverhampton to south Down to cement his political relations with these sinister political forces, the British army and British Intelligence.

His allies in Britain are General Sir Walter Walker's scab army and the Ultra-right National Front. They are trailing around sections of the financially ruined class and backward workers with reactionary appeals to racialism, patriotism and anti-trade unionism.

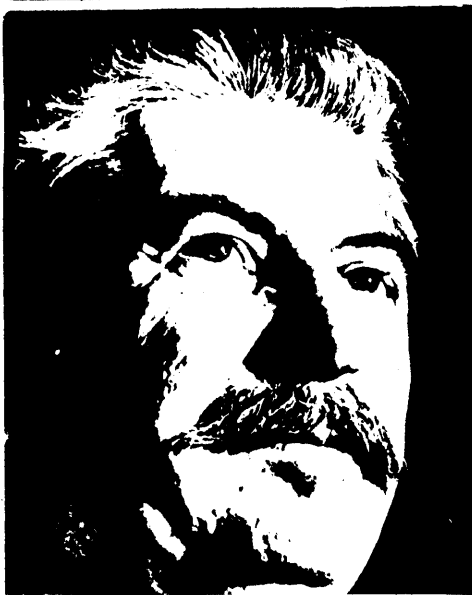
Trade union leaders like Hugh Scanlon and Jack Jones, who speak on the same platform with Powell, play a shameful role in boosting Powell's filthy bandwagon.

Powellism means mass unemployment. He stands for the big monopolies in the complete destruction of small businesses: that is the reality of his "free market forces" policy. He also stands with the general staff of the army in trying to inflict these policies at bayonet point.

The Workers Revolutionary Party has been alone in carrying out a principled struggle to expose the military-police preparations of the state machine and the links with its training ground in Ulster. We have warned that the National Front is nothing but a tool of the Police to be used in direct connection with the state's own preparations against the working class.

We say that the working class is the most powerful force in society. It is the only progressive class. The Workers Revolutionary Party gives full support to all workers in struggle to protect their living standards and jobs, to win decent wages, to fight redundancies and layoffs with occupations.

The real preparation for the defeat of all reaction in all its forms, including the emergence of fascist movements, is to



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STALINISM IN CRISIS

TUAD moves to the right

An emergency conference of the National Coordinating Committee of the Trade Unionists for Action and Democracy was held on September 16. The TUAD is dominated by the policies of the Communist Party.

According to the Daily World (newspaper of the CP), the meeting was held to map out plans for sending a delegation to President Ford's Sept. 27-28 summit conference on inflation and to launch national demonstrations against inflation on November 16.

What the report reveals is the dangerous preparations Stalinism is making to divert the explosive movement of millions of trade unionists into the blind alley of reformist protest and pressure on the Democratic Party. At the same time this movement is throwing Stalinism into the deepest crisis.

The Communist Party is extremely sensitive to the potential for massive labor struggles in defense of jobs and living standards against the impact of runaway inflation. They know that these struggles will mean an inevitable confrontation with the capitalist state.

In their August issue of Political Affairs, the editorial explains, "The struggle against inflation is assuming top priority among the concerns of the working people of our country. This concern must find expression in mass-actions and movements from coast to coast."

But how do the Stalinists explain the inflation? Here they emerge far to the right of even the most conservative bourgeois commentators.

Virtually every newspaper is now warning about the danger of an economic collapse. Ford is publicly threatening economic sanctions and trade war measures and Kissinger is warning about the growing danger of nuclear war. He is now reported to be convinced that the economic crisis threatens the breakup of Western democracy and Communist revolution.

When Ford and Kissinger spoke last week to demand a lowering of petroleum prices, Arab newspapers correctly declared "America...threatens nuclear war over petroleum."

But not for the Daily World.

They stated in the Sept. 25 Daily World, "Continued high oil prices they claimed involve the risk of a 'world depression' and according to Ford, a 'break-down of world order and safety.'

"This is not only a con game to absolve the capitalist system of its crimes but a big propaganda gun in the war on people's minds to prepare them for even higher gas and oil prices."

It is not a war of minds that Kissinger and Ford are preparing but a class war against the unions here, a trade war against their European and Japanese rivals and a world war for control of oil and other resources.

With their blind faith in the essential stability of capitalism, the Stalinists proclaim the economic crisis to be a simple swindle by a handful of capitalists to make higher profits.

On this basis the TUAD put forward a completely reformist program to demand congressional action on inflation. They propose a rollback in prices, tax cuts, free health care, an employment program and a slash in the military budget.

It is with this perspective that they justify their attempt to participate in an economic summit as advisors to the same Ford who is preparing massive budget cuts and unemployment and seeks the assistance of the labor bureaucracy to carry this out.

This perspective exposes the working class to enormous dangers. The starting point for a struggle in the unions must be the understanding that the economic crisis now dictates capitalist measures which will cause the collapse of entire industries and smash up the labor movement with mass unemployment and laws against the unions.

The defense of living standards and jobs requires a struggle for socialist policies in the unions.

Above all it requires a fight for a workers government through the construction of a labor party based on the strength of the unions.

The Stalinists are determined to derail this struggle. In the same article reporting on the TUAD conference the Daily

World prints without comment the remarks of Ernest De Maio, general vice president of the United Electrical Workers Union. De Maio is a long time supporter of the Stalinist line and has previously opposed the fight for a labor party.

De Maio declared that his union had called for a national one-day stoppage to protest inflation. He denounced the participation of the labor leaders in summit discussions with Ford and proclaimed the necessity of running independent labor candidates with the aim of building a labor party. He denounced the idea of labor taking over the Democratic Party. "Walter Reuther tried it in Michigan where labor is strongest, and failed," he declared.

Previously UE President Fitzgerald had stated his support for the construction of a labor party.

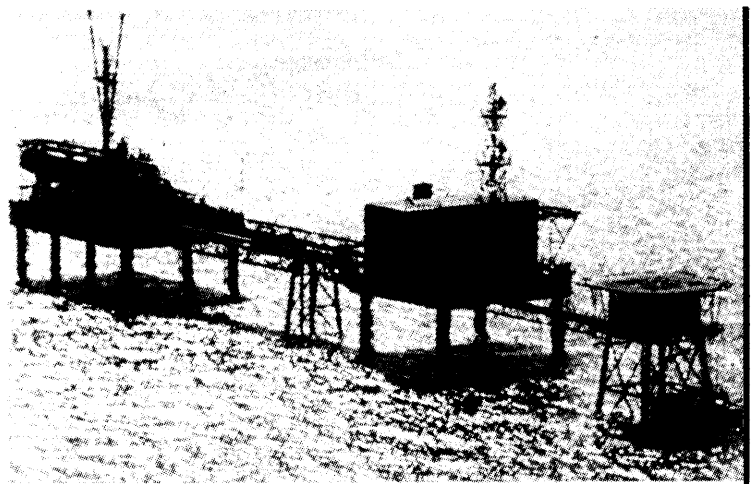
Both De Maio and Fitzgerald have so far confined themselves to talk. But there is no question that a one-day strike although only a beginning would receive the massive support of millions of workers. There is no question that a fight by the UE to really implement the call for a labor party would meet with a tremendous response from the working class.

While the UE leaders raise doubts about participation in the summit the Stalinists endorse proposals for a delegation to plead with Ford for reforms.

They remain totally hostile to a real political break by labor calling instead for developing plans "for electing candidates to Congress in 1976 both as independents and within the two old parties."

Throughout the world Stalinism, true to Soviet policies of detente, seeks to prop up crisis-ridden capitalist regimes. In Chile this meant coalition with Allende and the military to prepare the junta's bloodbath.

The fight in the unions today in defense of jobs and living standards is a political fight. It requires a confrontation with the class collaborationist policies of Stalinism. It is only the Trotskyist movement which was born and developed in a continuous battle against Stalinism that can take this fight forward.



WHAT PRICE OIL?

The representatives of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) have delivered a stinging rejection of Ford and Kissinger's ultimatum that they lower the price of oil.

Kissinger and Ford made it clear in their speeches last week that the oil issue could lead to a world war.

Speaking on Thursday, the Shah of Iran made it clear that there would be no decrease in oil prices. "No one can wave a finger at us because we will wave a finger back...We will be ready to provide our energy resources against the Westinghouses and General Motors and General Electrics and all the other generals they have."

The Shah said that oil prices would go down only if the price of world commodities was reduced. "But if they go up, why should we pay the bill?"

This is the backdrop to the emergency conference of finance ministers called over the weekend by Kissinger for the five big industrial powers. A joint meeting of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank is planned for this week as well.

The oil crisis now threatens to strike the final blow to the economic crisis plunging the capitalist world into depression and war.

The bankers can find no solution at their conferences. OPEC provides 74 percent of world oil production, outside the workers states.

Current estimates are that increased revenues of \$60 billion will flow to the OPEC states this year, compared to 1973. At least \$100 billion is projected for 1975. These figures do not even include recent price increases which will raise costs to importers by another \$5 billion.

The Western industrial nations simply do not have the resources to finance such an outflow of funds for very long.

Current Treasury Department estimates are that so far this year OPEC has piled up a \$28 billion surplus which is being reinvested in Western banks and securities. The British financial weekly The Economist points out that fully two thirds of the industrialized countries' import

debt is being financed through these recycled funds.

The vast majority of this \$28 billion is being invested on a short term basis in banks and is subject to immediate withdrawal.

The banks in turn have been lending these volatile funds on a long term basis to industry and to governments hard pressed to pay oil bills.

Rimmer De Vries, a vice president of the Morgan Guarantee Trust Company, recently spelled out what this would mean.

"It should be made very clear that the international commercial banking system cannot be counted on to continue to increase its international intermediate role at the pace experienced so far this year.

"...no private financial institution is willing and able to assume unlimited lending risks.

"Lending on commercial terms requires the expectation that borrowings will be repaid within a reasonable length of time, even though some loans may be rolled over for extended periods.

"...At some point and for some countries, commercial credit may become virtually unavailable."

What De Vries is saying is that the banks are preparing to plunge entire nations into collapse and mass starvation. This is not only the case for the underdeveloped countries, but is now an immediate prospect for Italy, England, and France which are rapidly exhausting their ability to finance payments through loans.

This takes place as the world economy races toward slump. The Ford administration is preparing major budget slashes in the US which will have a devastating impact on European industry. A contraction of the American market spells death for thousands of European companies who export to the US.

Fears that European and particularly British companies will be unable to meet their debts, threaten a massive withdrawal of OPEC funds from the European capital markets. This would mean an immediate end to credit with the collapse of entire industries and mass unemployment in those that stagger on.

The effect on America would be millions of workers thrown out of their jobs.

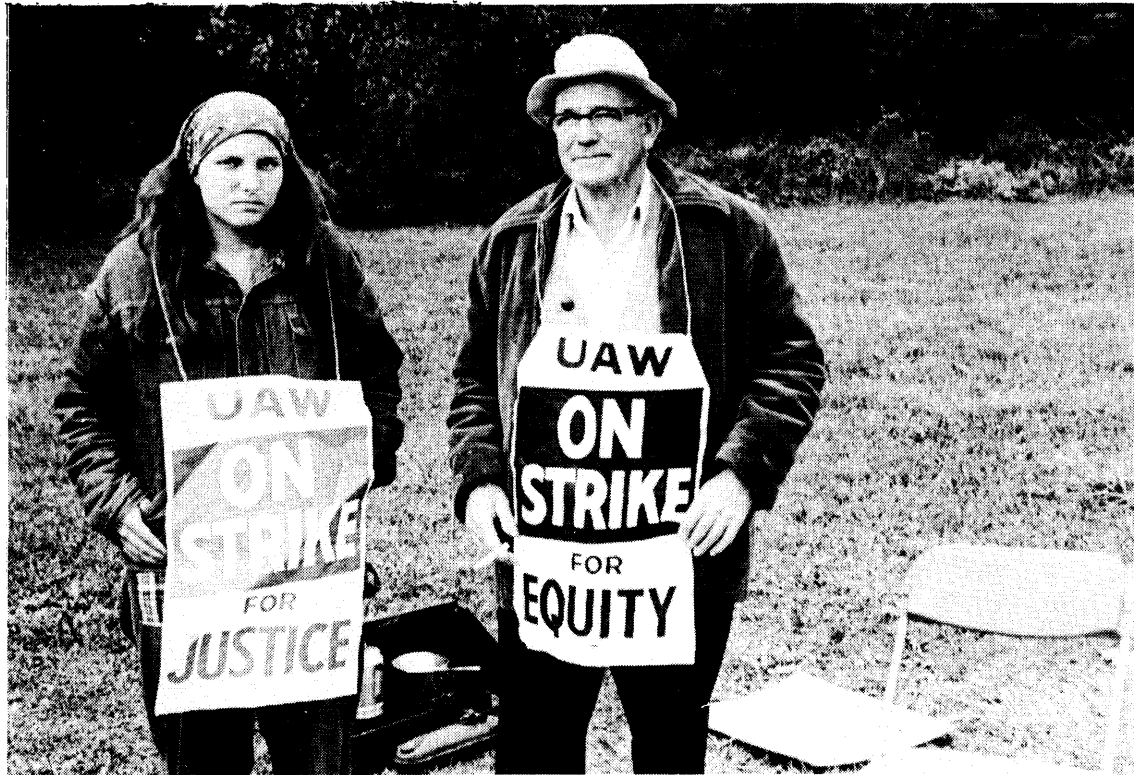
The warning to the working class is all too clear. In their desperation the capitalists will stop at nothing to maintain their dying system. While they prepare depression, war and fascist barbarism, the working class must build the revolutionary party to take power and establish socialism.



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Workers at Advertising Display, organized by the United Auto Workers, are fighting for their first contract.

Chicago U. Uses Violence Against Pickets

BY DEBRA WATSON
CHICAGO—The strike by 350 maintenance and skilled trade workers at the University of Chicago has gone into the third week and the University is still refusing to meet the wage demands of the union.

The strikers and their supporters have faced police arrests, harassment, physical attacks, and court injunctions. Attacks on pickets have become so severe that the union had to get a restraining order against the University to keep them from physically assaulting pickets.

Sections of the order cite such University actions as "intimidation, abusive language, physical assault, intentional driving of vehicles at a high speed toward pickets or picket lines, damaging or destructing union personal property."

ARRESTED

Since the strike began, the union estimates over seven people have been arrested. In the early part of the strike, the police limited themselves to escorting truckers through the picket lines, but since an injunction limiting pickets to two at any door, they have turned to directly arresting individual pickets.

The police are creating an atmosphere of terror, and are seeking to drain money from the strike fund by setting bail as high as \$250.

The University has been found picking up deliveries at the Museum of Science and Industry and attempting to smuggle them on campus. The University officials are constantly plotting new ways to circumvent the effectiveness of the strike.

Supervisors are doing the work of striking men. In addressing a meeting of the Distributive Workers of America, the union which is organizing the clerical workers at the University, Mr. Kirby, a member of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), said that the members of the non-striking unions were doing the work of their union brothers.

Pickets have no way of knowing who are the scabs, who are students, who are supervisors, who are members of other unions and who is just visiting Billings Hospital.

The most serious situation is in the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) local, which involves more than 800 workers at Billings Hospital. Local 321 of the SEIU has met with Neal Bratcher, an official of AFSCME, but Bratcher has not called a strike in support of SEIU.

VICTIMIZATION

The SEIU leadership is asking their members to not unofficially cross the picket line, which sets up individual members of the union for victimization and firing.

The University has officially dropped its demand that the union accept a seven-day work week, but the union officials think this is a bluff.

In the last negotiating session, the University offered only a seven percent raise, on the condition that the union extend its contract for an extra year and accept six percent in 1975 and 1976.

This dispute is over a wage reopener and legally the union cannot ask for a cost-of-living escalator now. The extension of the contract for another year was proposed by the University to prevent the union from getting a cost of living clause even in the next year.

University workers in every union must demand that their leaders support the SEIU strike and shut down the entire University in a united struggle. The University, faced with a tremendous financial crisis, is out to destroy this local as a first step in attempting to destroy all unions on the campus.

A victory in this strike is decisive for the future of every union at the University.

The Young Socialists is fighting on the campus for student support to the strike but is not limiting this to the perspective of the union bureaucracy, as are the Spartacist League and the revisionist Young Socialist Alliance.

In the fight to unite all University workers, the YS is demanding that these union leaders take up the political fight for a labor party as the only way to defend all workers today against the government.

Ford, Chrysler Plan Shutdown At 5 Plants

Ford Motor Company and Chrysler are using two strikes involving auto parts plants to close down a number of assembly plants in the next two weeks.

Chrysler has announced that due to the strike of the Carpenters Union at Arvin Industries, in Franklin, Indiana, which supplies mufflers and tailpipes, they will shut the Lynch Road plant in Detroit, involving 5300 workers, and the Windsor, Ontario plant, laying off 4000 workers.

The third closing, scheduled for two weeks later, will be the Hamtramck plant in Michigan where 9500 will be laid off for two weeks.

Ford announced a move to shut the car assembly plant in Dearborn, Michigan and a truck assembly plant in Norfolk, Virginia.

Ford also will keep its San Jose, California plant closed an extra week because of an excess supply of Pintos and Mustangs.

14,000 workers in the United Auto Workers Union are on strike at the Delco-Remy plant

UAW Strikers In Mini-War

BY DOROTHY WRIGHT
DAYTON, Ohio—A bitter and determined strike at the Advertising Display Company has now entered its eleventh week.

With the support of the police and the courts, scabs supplied by Labor Power, an agency which supplies temporary workers, are operating the plant. The strikers, organized into a UAW amalgamated local, are battling to get their first contract.

Advertising Display makes corrugated display signs and employs about 30 workers. In addition, it hires 25 or 30 people as temporary employees on a regular basis. This is the main dispute. Many of the temporary employees have worked at the company every day for a year and a half. They came out of Labor Power and make only \$2.00 an hour.

The courts have limited the pickets to seven. Two strikers have been fired and one indefinitely suspended for "misconduct on the picket line."

in Anderson, Indiana, a manufacturer of electrical parts. The strike is over local grievances that were not resolved in the national UAW contract last year.

The auto companies are now seizing any excuse to shut plants which may never reopen, or if they do, all the workers are not recalled. This was the fate of GM's Southgate plant.

These closings come on the heels of the reports of a continuing decline in auto sales by Chrysler, GM, and American Motors, where the UAW is presently on strike.

Sales between September 11 to 20 fell an average of 5.7 percent from last year. General Motors fell 14 percent, Chrysler 22 percent, and American Motors, 30 percent.

These closings are part of a slashing in production that will mean more permanent unemployment for auto workers and worse conditions for those still in the plants. Auto workers must demand the UAW take action to halt these layoffs and call a national auto strike.

IUE Thugs Attack Opposition Candidates

BY JOHN WERNER
DAYTON — Supporters of union president Arnold Thompson attacked Johnnie E. Howard, candidate for treasurer of Local 801, and the wife of Hubert Sexton, candidate for president. Mrs. Sexton's nose was broken.

Howard, a former Thompson supporter, was attacked after he questioned at a union meeting the constitutionality of Thompson using union funds to send three of his supporters to the Chicago International Union of Electrical Workers (IUE) Convention. None of them were elected as is required.

Johnnie Howard, ignoring threats prior to the meeting, stated that he believed that the officers are not empowered to spend over \$50 without approval of the executive board. Board meetings have been few and far between and no approval was asked for by Arnold Thompson for this expenditure.

Howard is running on the same slate as Hubert Sexton, an ex-IUE International Representative. Sexton is now acting financial secretary but because of physical threats from Thompson's sidekicks, Sexton told the press that he would not return to his office until the union or the police afford him physical protection.

Johnnie Howard and Mrs. Evallee Sexton have filed first degree assault charges against one of Arnold Thompson's supporters, Marshall Cole. Howard states that Cole threatened to "smash my head in" if he raised the issue of alleged misuse of union funds prior to the meeting. Thompson told the press "My position is that I just don't believe in violence."

Meanwhile the election campaign is getting hotter every day as the five candidates pass out their flyers. Workers at plant 3 (appliance) were throwing hundreds of Thompson's leaflets into the strong wind at the Stroop Road Gate while the other leaflets seem to be well received.

The other candidates for president are Bill Davis, past chairman at plant 3, Bill Walters, chairman plant 1 South and plant 2, and Luther Holt, former acting president during the wage-cut sell-out.

Bill Davis has called for a wage reopener stating that if they could open the contract for a wage cut, they can open it for a cost of living hike. Davis stated that he opposes any sellout that would surrender plant-wide seniority.

Bill Walters has campaigned on his record of militancy as a committeeman in fighting against speedup and harassment of workers. Since Walters opposed the wage-cut and the sellout on grievances, the Thompson machine delayed the plant chairman election to prevent Walters from being on the negotiation committee during the last contract.

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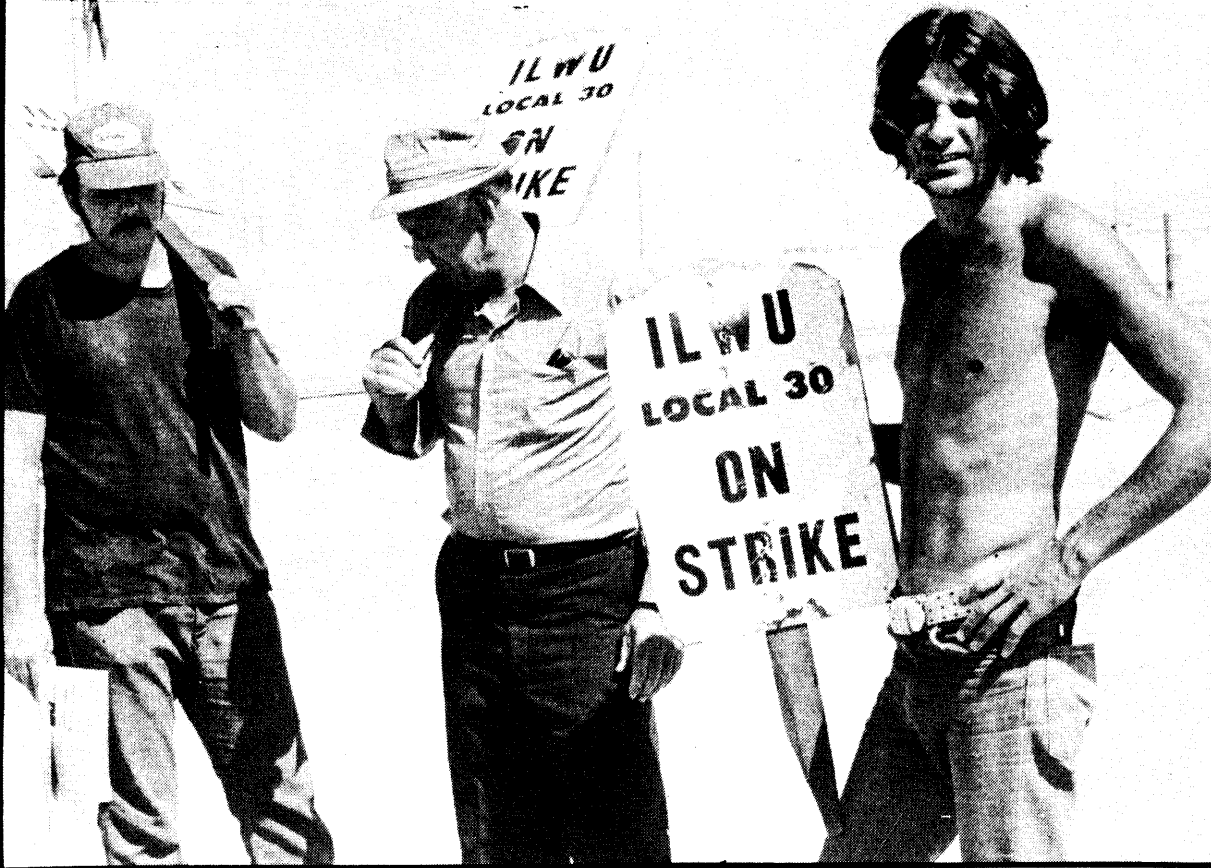
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ILWU MUST DEFEND BORAX STRIKERS

West coast news



BY SHEILA BREHM
BORON, Calif.— Boron, population 2800, the site of the 3½ month-long miners strike against US Borax, was under police occupation on September 23 and 24.

Although highway blockades leading to the mine have been lifted, the threat of another full-scale mobilization against the 800 miners of ILWU Local 30 still exists.

The strike against the biggest borax mine in the world began over the struggle for a 25 percent wage increase to fight the enormous jump in the cost of living. The miners are now fighting for the existence of the union itself.

On September 23, US Borax began hiring scabs and declared that the strikers' jobs would be replaced if they did not return to work. Instead, the miners parked over 200 cars along the roads leading to the mine and processing plant.

When fighting broke out after a company official provoked a striker, 28 California Highway Patrol units and 40 Kern County Sheriff's deputies equipped with riot gear declared the mobilization to be an unlawful assembly.

Within less than a minute of the order to disperse, union members were beaten and arrested. Kay Barlow, a striker who is six months pregnant, was beaten in the stomach with a billy club.

Every windshield of the cars carrying scabs was smashed. In less than two days, 20 strikers were arrested, bringing the total since the strike began to over 50 arrests.

For several hours the two roads leading to the mine and processing plant were blocked off. Everyone travelling those roads was stopped and questioned. If they were found to be union members, they were searched and in some cases arrested.

Dennis Carter, a Borax worker, said, "The only thing you could compare this to is Nazi Germany in the 1930s, before labor was defeated."

The blockade has been lifted, but CHP units continue to patrol the residential district of Boron, intimidating strikers and their families.

Dave Cole, a young striker, said, "I was driving down the street last night, and was stopped by the CHP. He asked to see my driver's license. He then asked me where I work. I said I'm not working, I'm on strike. He then pulled me out of the car, put my hands up against the car, searched me, searched the car, and tore the rear seat out as well. They are doing this to everybody, young and old alike."

Another union member was stopped by the same CHP officer three times in a thirty minute period while driving down the freeway. Each time he was issued different traffic tickets.

Every member of the union negotiating committee has been threatened with arrest or received telephone threats that their homes would be burned down.

This week Orville Toy, a member of this committee, who was arrested during the first month of the strike, was attacked by seven sheriff's deputies while he was standing in the front yard of his home with another union member. The deputies left after Toy's neighbors said they would testify in court that he was being harassed.

Hired Krout and Schneider (K&S) security guards, or "Gestapo Goons" as they are called, have been stationed in front of the town's hospital to guard scabs entering the hospital to take physicals. The special elite guards, 27 in all, were hired by US Borax in July. They have been equipped with bullet proof vests and paid the monthly sum of \$2110 for their strikebreaking services.

In spite of the company's threats, only 27 of the local's 800 members have crossed the picket line so far. The biggest strikebreakers are coming from the AFL-CIO organized Building and Trades unions. Over 150 are currently working in the plant.

AFL-CIO officials have remained completely silent about this strikebreaking activity. Unemployment in the construction industry around Boron is running extremely high. The refusal of the labor leaders to mount a campaign against unemployment has actually led to the development of this scab force.

The unions must now fight for a 30 hour week at 40 hours pay to end the layoffs and create new jobs. Only in this way can unity

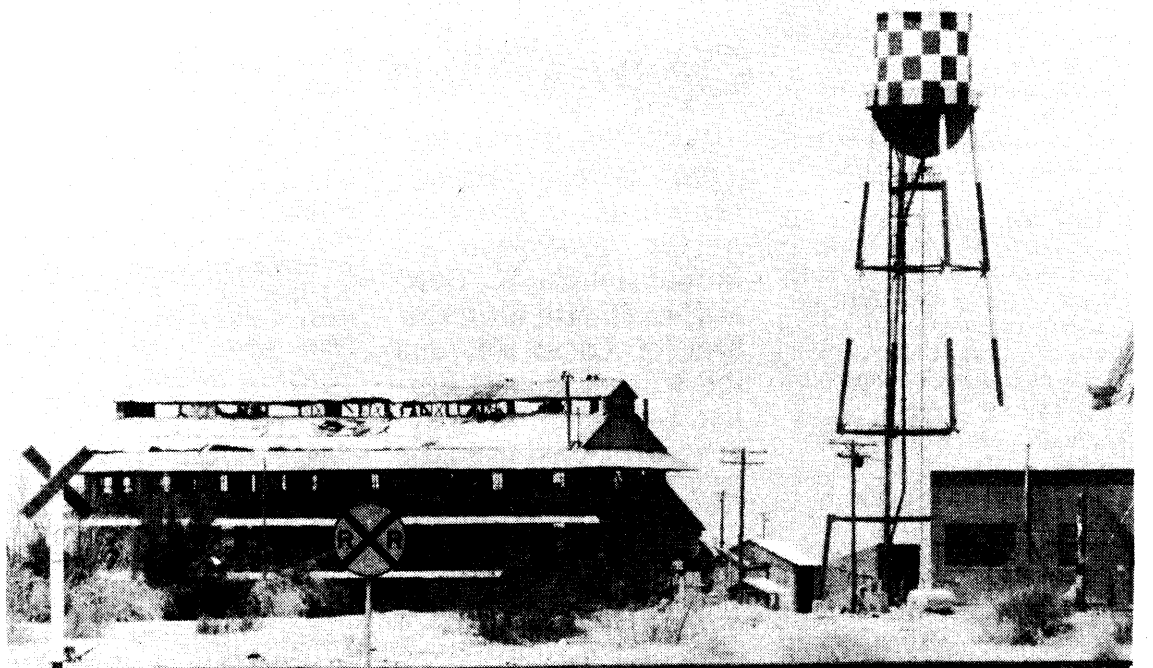
be forged in the labor movement.

When Harry Bridges, international president of the ILWU spoke to the membership of Local 30 a few weeks ago, he pledged that if necessary he would shut down the docks and would pay every last dime in the ILWU treasury for fines that would be incurred for such a strike.

With a virtual police state set up against Local 30, Bridges has refused to act.

One striking miner said, "The leaders of the AFL-CIO, UAW, and so on, are not for the working people. They sell us out to get what they want. I don't put

"It's Like Nazi Germany"



Strikers continue to picket despite violence and threats by security guards (top right). US Borax plant in Boron (above).

any faith in them. Harry Bridges came down here and told us exactly the way it was. We weren't prepared to hear that kind of blunt talk.

"He came down, he said, to get the feeling of the people and see how strong we were, and he saw. We told him we weren't going back. If he told us we lost the strike, he still wouldn't go back in. Then he pledged to shut down the docks if necessary.

"With the present administration and past administrations we've had, I believe every union will face this danger of military dictatorship.

"Big business is running the country. They don't want us to have anything. They want us to do what they want us to do and work for what they want us to work for, but people can't live

that way. They raise your prices, no, we can't live that way."

The war against the borax miners is not an isolated case. The police actions on September 23 and 24 were a preparation to attack the right of every worker to have independent trade unions.

Ford's approval of the CIA's activity in Chile in bringing about the military dictatorship means that he endorses such policies here.

US Borax is owned by the British-based Rio Tinto Zinc. RTZ has made its enormous profits through the use of slave labor in the diamond and gold mines in South Africa and Latin America. This brutal exploitation is made possible under dictatorships where unions are banned.

There is no doubt that these are the conditions that US Borax is attempting to force on Local 30. An immediate campaign must be launched to demand that the AFL-CIO halts the scabbing by the building and trades union workers.

ILWU members throughout the West Coast must demand that Harry Bridges condemn the gestapo-like tactics against Local 30 by carrying out his pledge to shut down the docks.

The use of police terror against the borax strikers is the preparation for all-out war against the unions by the Ford-Rockefeller government. The labor movement must act now by convening a Congress of Labor to launch a labor party, pledged to the defense of the unions.

Bradley Orders End To Transit Shutdown

BY SHANNON JONES
LOS ANGELES—Mayor Tom Bradley has threatened to intervene to end the seven week strike at the Southern California Rapid Transit District if a settlement is not reached within 72 hours.

Tension is increasing in the Los Angeles area as a result of the strike by over 3000 members of the United Transit Union (UTU) and 700 mechanics from the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU).

The UTU bus drivers are asking for an immediate 25 percent pay increase, followed by a 21 percent increase the next year. Bus drivers in the Los Angeles area earn over a dollar an hour less than drivers in other areas such as Oakland.

Sources close to Bradley listed possible actions the mayor may now take. One option is to bring in the National Guard to operate buses. Another likely and dan-



Los Angeles Mayor Bradley has threatened to intervene in bus strike unless they return to work.

gerous possibility is that he will ask the legislature to take away the unions' right to strike.

AGREEING

The leadership of the ATU and UTU have revealed their lack of policy in this showdown by agreeing to a news blackout at the very time that the bus drivers' wage demands and basic rights are threatened.

This news blackout only affects the RTD and the unions but has not prevented Bradley from launching a vicious campaign against the union. Despite Bradley's threats, the UTU and ATU leadership have stated that they will make no comment until Bradley actually moves against the unions.

Truckers Lose Jobs On Oakland Docks

BY TIM NELSON
OAKLAND—The transport industry in this city, which serves the world's second largest container port, is plagued by bankruptcies, consolidation and cost cutting. Teamsters are facing sharp increases in unemployment.

"They're laying off everywhere," said Manuel at the Local 70 hiring hall. "You get an idea that they're trying to break the union. There's been a lot of companies sold, and a lot more have moved."

MOVE

A division of Lucky Supermarkets is scheduled to move to Sacramento. Already many drivers and warehousemen have been cut. The move will mean

another 70 laid off. Transcon is considering a move, and Shippers has already scheduled to move a truck terminal to San Jose.

UNEMPLOYED

At Teamster Local 70, the general freight local in Oakland, close to 5000 men are out of work. Filling in for men on vacation is the main source of work for the unemployed. With the list lengthening daily, workers expect unemployment to be much worse in the winter.

Seatrain, one of the largest container firms, was recently forced to sell out to Matson. The bulk of their Oakland operations were closed and moved to Long Beach. Almost 65 percent of the work force was laid off.

Charlie, a truck driver who

used to pull Seatrain containers, told the Bulletin, "This container business is a fraud. The Teamsters had to fight the longshoremen for containers. The Teamsters won. This put a lot of stevedores out of work. I don't believe in putting anybody out of work."

STUFFING

"One reason we're out of work is they're stuffing containers too heavy. I loaded a twenty-footer with oil dripping out of it, which is illegal to begin with. At the public scales it weighed 50,000 pounds. That's supposed to be in a forty-footer. If the dispatcher puts it on there, you've got to haul it. Hauling that heavy can be real dangerous. Containers are putting the union out of business."

Police Threat To SF Labor

BY MARTY MORAN

The Police Department has formed a specially armed plainclothes police unit called the Crime Prevention Company.

A feature article in the San Francisco Examiner does a public relations job for these undercover agents, claiming their main occupation is searching for pickpockets and dope pushers.

But it fails to explain why these police, dressed like hippies or tourists, and driving a beat-up old car, carry high-powered automatic weapons, gas masks, and other special equipment in the trunk.

The article makes it clear that the recruits for this special unit have been selected for their fanaticism. The newspaper describes in detail how the three police speed to the scene of a reported assault on another policeman, hoping to get into the action against a sniper, only to be disappointed when they find the attacker, "in custody and shot."

One of the undercover agents is described as a former advisor to the South Vietnamese Rangers, the vicious storm troops of the Thieu dictatorship.

The center of the Crime Prevention Company's activity is Union Square in downtown San Francisco. Union Square is where the labor movement and left-wing groups traditionally hold their public rallies. Just two weeks ago 2000 people rallied in support of the United Farmworkers Union.

These undercover police are clearly able to blend into any crowd at a demonstration and attempt to disrupt and create provocations.

Chrysler Ups Line Speed

BY L. DANIELS

ST. LOUIS—Automobile workers at the St. Louis Chrysler plant are being forced to pay for the auto slump with workload increases, layoffs, and harassment.

As sales in big cars and compacts have failed to pick up because the average worker can't afford them, the auto companies are rapidly going bankrupt. The new '75 Chryslers will not alter this.

Now the company is trying to drive auto workers out of the plant. "It's as if they're trying to make you quit," one Chrysler

worker explained. "If they lay off, they have to pay SUB benefits. But if we strike they don't pay anything. And they're trying to fire anybody for anything."

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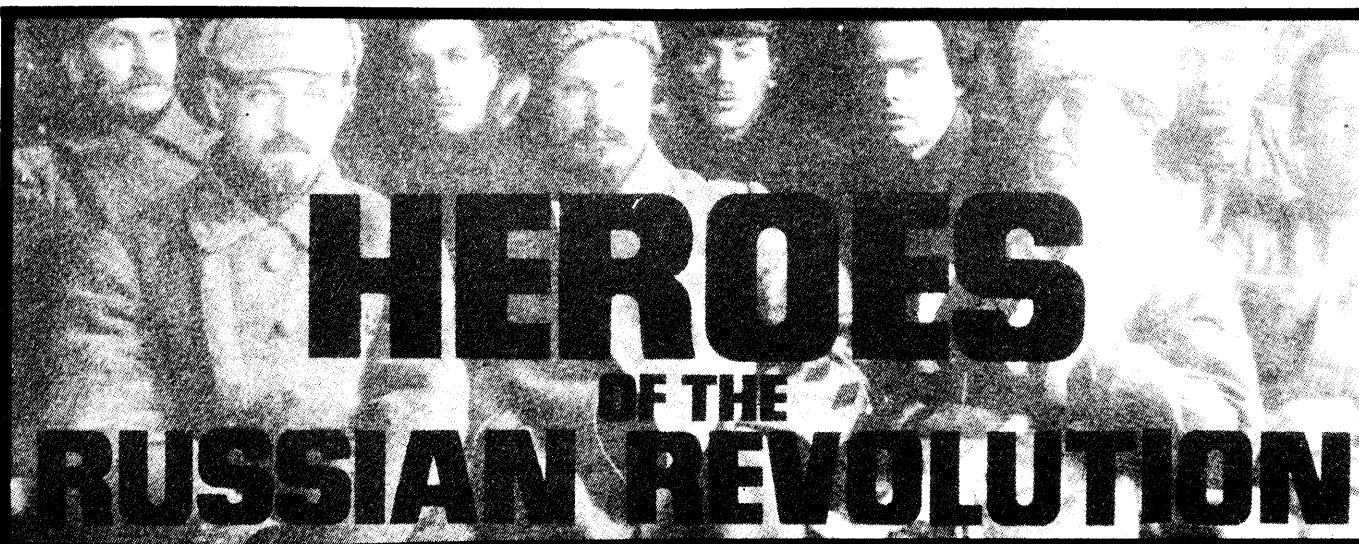
Since the return to work after the July changeover, there has been a sharp increase in harassment. Conditions in the plant have rapidly deteriorated. After changeover, hundreds were laid off and the extra work was put on the remaining workers.

The truck line speed has gone up from 38 to 42 per hour. "They are really slave-driving now. I used to do all my work early—putting on water valve

hoses on air conditioners—and then I'd rest. When they found this out they had me put on regulators too, so I was working all the time, doing more work for the same pay. The time study man said that they know all those men are over-loaded. They're going to push everybody until they have to do something."

DEMAND

Chrysler UAW Local 110 (Truck), Local 136 (Passenger) and Chevy Plant Local 25 must demand pre-speedup line rates, full factory employment, abolition of Time Study, and 100 percent cost of living escalator.



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