

Part of worldwide capitalist downturn

Govt. economic figures signal new slump ahead

By BILL DEL VECCHIO

NEW YORK, Aug. 30—All the Carter administration's claims about an economic recovery were blown apart today when the Commerce Department released the latest monthly figures for the composite index of leading economic indicators.

The indicators, which fairly accurately forecast how the economy will do in the coming months, dropped .2% in July for the third consecutive month. This clearly shows a trend, and the trend is downward.

Contributing to the drop was an increase in layoffs, a shortening of the average work week, price increases in sensitive items like steel, and a drop in new factory orders and building permits.

The first clear evidence of the new downturn came when Bethlehem Steel announced two weeks ago that it was laying off 7,300 workers. Bethlehem was quickly followed by U.S. Steel, which has not yet released the details of its "employee reduction."

The message of these layoffs is clear. Laying people off is the ruling class's way of letting working people

know that the economy is in trouble. The steel industry is a weathervane for business; if it's laying off now, the rest of industry will be laying off later.

The ruling class has known this for months, but it was only discussed amongst themselves. As far as the mass media was concerned, everything was rosy, just like the Carter administration said it was.

But now that the signs of crisis are unavoidable, "experts," politicians, and journalists are rushing to outdo each other in issuing warnings.

Right-wing columnists Evans and Novak, New York Senator Jacob Javits, and a parade of analysts for consulting firms and the major banks have come out in the past week and made gloomy predictions.

Citing a leak by a senior economic policy maker for the Carter administration in the Aug. 26 New York Post, Evans and Novak wrote, "I would say, this senior official told us, 'that the economy for the rest of the year is tenuous at best.' What it may be at worst, he hinted, is a declining economy—in harsh words, a recession. The reason this forecast is so chilling is that it comes from a policymaker who publicly sounds only cheery optimism for the future."

CRISIS IS WORLDWIDE

The downswing in the U.S. is part of the intensifying world capitalist crisis. The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development most recently predicted a drop in economic growth for all its 24 capitalist member countries in Western Europe, North America, and Asia, from 4% to 5.1%. Citibank puts their forecast on an even bleaker note, saying the U.S., Canada, Japan, Britain, West Germany, and Italy will drop to a 3.9% average rate of growth this year. Since the current imperialist economies need to expand at a rate of 4% just to keep unemployment from rising, 3.9% means more suffering for the poor and working people, not only in the imperialist powers but doubly in the countries exploited and oppressed by imperialism as well.

RASH OF DEVALUATIONS

The growing world crisis has deepened the division and competition between the imperialists. This growing trade rivalry has resulted in extreme currency instability, with a rash of devaluations starting yesterday as Sweden devalued the Krona by 10%,

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State's case against Dawson Five falls apart—See page 9

Dawson Five, all now out of jail, and their families, after mass pressure forced a federal judge to suppress confessions extracted by torture.

SEC report on NYC finances weeps for investors, ignores plight of poor

By ANDY STAPP

NEW YORK, Aug. 29—The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) report on the virtual collapse of New York City finances was released on Friday.

Trying frantically to avoid any mention of the significance of the capitalist crisis that engendered the breakdown in the first place, the SEC report totally ignores the fundamental cause of the city crisis: the deep and persistent business recession that began in 1974 and which even now appears to be entering a new downward spiral.

DIVERTS ATTENTION FROM CAPITALIST CRISIS

Anxious to divert attention from the chaotic malfunctioning of the capitalist economy, the SEC, an instrument of the large financial institutions and banks, has decided to blame almost the entire mess on New York Mayor Abraham Beame. (See page 5 for details of SEC exposure of Beame.)

There is a note of irony in all this, of course, considering that Beame has long been a tool of the very bankers

who are today dumping the responsibility for the disaster in his lap. The big money men apparently feel that the much-hated Beame is a liability. Believing Beame no longer has any credibility with the people after having squeezed as much as he could out of them, the wealthy interests who really rule the city are looking for a new face to put over as mayor.

This does not mean that the SEC is attacking everything Beame did while in office. Far from it. The report contained not even a whisper of criticism for how he "solved" the crisis: laying off scores of thousands of municipal workers; closing hospitals, day care centers, firehouses, libraries, and senior citizen facilities; and allowing the city's parks, streets, bridges and subways to fall into disrepair through lack of maintenance.

No, that's all okay with the SEC; and just as the commission let the bankers off the hook with a slap on the wrist, the report also gives Beame passing grades for his vicious cutbacks of essential services to the

poor and working people of New York City.

WHO ARE THE INVESTORS?

But the SEC does attack Beame for "concealing from investors an increasingly desperate fear that the city was hurtling to the brink of bankruptcy." The vast majority of these "investors" are other rich people who were looking for a tax shelter in municipal bonds, and, as occurs in all economic "busts," some of them have lost money. The big banks, naturally, dumped most of the city bonds they held before the smaller capitalists knew how bad the situation was.

CORRUPTION AND CAPITALIST POLITICS

The city workers are concerned, and rightly so, that their trade union leaders have been coerced by Beame and the banker-dominated Emergency Financial Control Board (EFCB) into using union pension funds to purchase city bonds after it was revealed that New York was near bankruptcy! The SEC, which hit Beame for "deceiving the in-

vestors," has expressed no concern whatsoever for the security of these union pension investments.

Undoubtedly it is true that Beame is as corrupt and tricky as the next politician, for deception and dirty deals are standard operating procedure in bourgeois politics. The SEC merely feels that the discredited Beame has outlived his usefulness and would like to see a new stooge take over.

There is not the slightest reason to suppose, however, that Edward Koch, Bella Abzug, Mario Cuomo, or any of the other big-business candidates in the upcoming election have any more concern for the needs of the people of New York City than has been demonstrated by Beame, the bankers, or the SEC.

The only force capable of reversing the situation is the masses of people themselves, since they alone view New York City as a place to live and work and not, like the bankers and politicians do, as a gigantic corporation that must be squeezed to the last dollar to provide handsome profits to the "investment community."

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THE STRUGGLE IN BRIEF

Atlanta demonstrators protest award to anti-gay bigot Anita Bryant

By HEIDI J. SILVER

ATLANTA, Aug. 19—Over 150 people—gay and straight, Black and white—carried signs and chanted slogans such as "Down with Anita, down with bigots," outside the Alliance Theatre here, where the Miss Teenage America Pageant was being held.

The demonstration was organized overnight by the Atlanta Gay Rights Alliance and other gay people as a response to news that the award, "America's Greatest American," was being given to Anita Bryant, whose recent anti-gay campaign in Dade County, Fla., sparked massive demonstrations around the country.

"America's Greatest American" is voted upon annually by over 1,000 of the Miss Teenage America contestants, most of whom come

from wealthy families.

The demonstrators were mostly working women and men, whose high spirits showed clearly the increasing consciousness among workers that anti-gay bigotry, like racism, hurts all poor and working people.

Feeling the strength and militancy of the nearly spontaneous demonstration outside, the producers of the pageant conveniently "forgot" to present the award during the show.

As one gay woman demonstrator told *Workers World*, "Unity of all working class people and continued action such as this are needed to cause further defeats to Anita Bryant and the system of oppression and exploitation that she represents."

Black woman's home demolished in urban renewal scheme in DC

By SUSAN LESSER

WASHINGTON, D.C., Aug. 1—On July 8, Martha Brown, a Black retired government nurse here received an eviction notice from the city on the house she has lived in since 1956. The notice stated she would be subject to eviction any time up to July 30.

The house at 809 O St., N.W., in the low-and-fixed income Shaw area, was located on a two-block lot once occupied by many houses. Now Brown's house, too, like the other houses, has been torn down. The homes were razed thanks to "urban renewal."

"Urban renewal," set up supposedly to rebuild or replace old, run-down housing for poor people, in actuality is a plan for big business and landlords to make huge profits by removing poor people from their homes and then reselling the buildings or land at speculators' prices.

The vacant lot on which Martha Brown's house was located will be taken over by a large food chain, Giant Foods, whose president sits on the influential Board of Trades.

FIRST EVICTION ATTEMPT HALTED BY SUPPORTERS

Brown, who lived with her two brothers and a niece, had been willing to give up her home if the city gave her enough money to buy another house in the same area. The city offered \$15,000 for the large house and \$14,000 to buy a new one. Due to the large amount of real estate speculation going on in D.C., this amount is not enough to buy a comparable house.

When Brown refused to move, U.S. deputy marshals came to the house on July 14, threw all of her family's furniture on the sidewalk,

and called in the bulldozers. But, something happened that the city and the landlords hadn't counted on. At least 100 friends, neighbors, and supporters put all the furniture back into the house and sent the bulldozer crew home!

All the next week, neighbors and supporters from local churches, the City-Wide Housing Coalition, Gray Panthers, Center for United Labor Action, and others gathered at the house each morning to avert another eviction attempt.

HOUSE BULLDOZED AT DAWN

During this time, a sit-in at the Mayor's office forced the Mayor into talking with the Brown family and its supporters. Still the city refused to give Martha Brown a sufficient amount of money to buy a new home.

And, at dawn on July 25, with a weather forecast of at least a 30% chance of rain, Martha Brown and her family were evicted, and the house was bulldozed to the ground.

The struggle does not end there, of course. A committee has been formed to help Martha Brown and her family pressure the city into giving her a fair price for her demolished home.

L.A. protesters demand unconditional amnesty for undocumented workers

Special to Workers World

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 28—The struggle for the rights of undocumented workers took another step forward with an important demonstration here today. As many as 2,000 people marched in the streets to demand unconditional amnesty for all undocumented workers and to defeat the reactionary Bakke decision against affirmative action.

Called by the National Coalition for Fair Immigration Laws and Practices (CNPLPI), the march began at 11:30 a.m. at Garfield High School and went for three-and-a-half miles along Whittier Boulevard to Salazar Park. Most of the marchers were from the Mexican community of this city and were joined by people of many nationalities. More than 20 organizations supported the march, including CASA-General Brotherhood of Workers (HGT), the Black Panther Party, Local 1108-AFSCME, the Mexican Student Movement (MECHA), and the Medina Defense Committee.

At the rally at Salazar Park, the speakers explained why all workers should unite and support un-



In Atlanta, 200 protest the presentation of "America's Greatest American" award to anti-gay bigot Anita Bryant.

Black, Latin, white parents organize against racist attacks in Chicago

By BETH SEMMER

CHICAGO, Aug. 27—The increasing occurrences of racist attacks against Black people in the Chicago area over the past year are being met with strong opposition.

"There have been over one hundred acts of racist violence reported in the area since April 1976," Willie Hill, a member of Chicago Parents Against Racist Violence (CPARV), told this reporter. "This week two bombs exploded in Black people's homes on the fringe area. One man lost his hand trying to remove the bomb. Also a 17-year-old was attacked Tuesday by three whites."

Hill added that response from city officials has been "totally lacking."

ATTACKS ESCALATING

Hill explained that CPARV was formed recently "in response to the racism being espoused at the School Board meetings by parents from the Bogan area." In addition to the racist violence against Black people, a plan to allow Black children to be voluntarily bused to less crowded schools in white neighborhoods has been severely attacked by the Ku Klux Klan, the Nazis, and some parents in the Bogan area of Chicago.

At a recent School Board "non-meeting" (not enough Board members attended to constitute a quorum) one Board member held up a photograph of a robbed Klansman saying, "You won't listen to us. Won't you listen to him?" This racist boasted Klansmen had even been attending community meetings in her area.

OPERATION RACIST

Hill continued, "There is a racist

conditional amnesty for undocumented workers (called "illegal aliens" by the establishment press). They pointed out that workers from all countries and nationalities share a common interest, and that the bosses try to divide workers with

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Reactionary judge grants his own motion in secret court session

By HILLEL BAILIN

NEW YORK, Aug. 29—A federal judge in California, sitting alone in an empty courtroom, made a motion to himself and then (not surprisingly) granted it. With this bizarre act, Judge Lawrence Lydick dismissed a class-action suit prepared by the Jose Medina Defense Committee against the Immigration Service of the U.S. government.

The Defense Committee is supporting the demand of Jose Medina for political asylum. The government wants to deport Medina because he is an active defender of the rights of undocumented workers here. The class-action suit charges the government with violating its

contingent of parents from the Bogan area who have threatened the safety of Black children if they attempt to attend school in that area. They call themselves Operation Resist. We call them Operation Racist. At the same time that the Bogan bigots are threatening Black school children, bombs are being planted in Black homes and people are being attacked by racist mobs.

"The Bogan parents have been coming to School Board meetings voicing racist hatred and opposing the Chicago voluntary transfer plan."

When asked about CPARV's future plans to counter these activities, Hill explained further, "On Aug. 31, we plan to take enough anti-racist people to the (School Board) meeting to keep the Bogan area parents from being heard and show the Board that the majority of people in Chicago do not feel the way the Bogan people do. We will be presenting a resolution and petitions with about 3,000 signatures to the Board."

Support for the resolution is growing. Among the endorsers of the resolution are Jewel White, National Black Communications Coalition; Charles Hayes, vice-president, Amalgamated Meatcutters & Butchers Workmen of North America; Coalition of Black Trade Unionists; Leo Draper, American Postal Workers Union, Chicago Local 6; American Friends Service Committee; the Center for United Labor Action; and Chicago Parents Against Racist Violence, to name only a few. (Organizations of individuals are listed for identification purposes only.)

The resolution calls on the School Board to take action against those who participate in acts of violence against Black people or other minorities, and to guarantee the safety of Black school children.

"We are made up of Black, Latin, and white parents and supporters," Hill explained. "We are for the right of Black parents to pursue for their children a decent education in whatever manner they see fit. Whether by busing or better schools in their neighborhoods, this is their right."

own laws in its mad rush to deport anyone suspected of being "illegal."

Judge Lydick had told lawyers for the Committee and the government that he would hear the case on September 6. But on August 15, without notifying anyone and with no lawyers present, he made a motion himself on behalf of the government and as quick as a sneeze, granted it. The Committee plans to appeal this blatantly prejudiced act.

Judge Lydick, it should be noted, is a long-time racist and enemy of Mexican people. He was the one who sentenced Los Tres (three Mexican political prisoners) to 80 years in prison!

WW photo: T. Gardner

Sacrificing needs of people for agribusiness profit**Administration's wheat proposal to send bread prices up**

By CONNIE HARRIS

NEW YORK, Aug. 30—If there is anything that proves beyond question that the priorities of the capitalist economic system are directed towards profit at the expense of people's well-being, it is the way in which food is grown—and not grown—in this country.

This was once again underscored today when President "Jimmy" Carter announced that he would seek Congressional authorization for a 20% cutback in wheat acreage to offset a growing national wheat surplus.

What this means is that 20% less wheat will be grown in 1978.

On hearing this, any sensible person would ask, "Why?" There have been no banner headlines in the New York Times proclaiming the abolition of need—or even hunger—in this or any other capitalist country.

The answer is that this year's record-breaking wheat harvest, which in a sane economic system would mean abundant food for all, is just a headache for the multi-billion-dollar corporate "farmers." A surplus, in principle, lowers the prices they can charge for food. Shortages, on the other hand, are what cause them joy.

This winter, for example, when Florida was declared a disaster area because of the freezing weather which destroyed the green vegetable crop, 80,000 farm workers found themselves jobless. This disaster for these workers was a source of ecstasy for the growers, especially for the citrus growers, who had feared a bumper crop. They translated the sight of frost-bitten and blackened orange groves into money in the bank; for the shortage in the citrus crop would enable them to raise their prices.

GOVERNMENT SCHEMES TO KEEP PRICES HIGH

Because natural disasters cannot be counted on to enrich the coffers of agribusiness, the government has, over the years, enacted a series of measures to ensure that, even if the growers are unfortunate enough to have a good year, prices and profits will remain high. The acreage-reduction plan is one way this is done.

Carter's proposal will mean that wheat growers who want to be eligible for price supports and disaster payments would be required to either leave 20% of their wheat-growing land idle or to plant other crops on that land.

Price supports, of course, are a direct government subsidy to the growers which keep food prices high. Disaster payments are what the citrus growers got (in addition to the windfall of being able to charge high prices for their crops), while the migrant farm workers couldn't even get food stamps.

The giant agribusiness firms thus stand to gain by not growing food. In essence, they get paid for it.

Some Administration and Congressional critics of the 20% acreage-reduction plan were reported to have expressed concern that, should there be a poor growing season next year, tight supplies and higher prices would result. Proponents of the plan have disdainfully brushed that possibility aside as a "long-shot risk." Their "let them eat cake" attitude ignores the fact that if this happened, it would mean even more suffering for working and oppressed people.

MEANWHILE, BREAD PRICES RISE...

As it is, poor and working people

have not benefited an iota from the bumper crop. Although the New York Times of August 25 stated that the price of wheat in a one-pound loaf of bread had dropped from 4.1 cents to 2.4 cents, it added that the price of bread has risen.

Somewhere between the farm and the supermarket it happened, the Times said, citing the costs and profits for bakers, millers, retailers, and others, as if these were all different people.

The truth is that the responsibility for the increase in the price of bread can be traced right back to the giant growers. Six grain companies buy 90% of the grain produced in this country. Corporations such as ITT control the production of bread from the planting of wheat to the final wrapping of the loaves of bread. The profits from the price increase in bread go directly into

their bulging pockets.

The conspiracy between the giant growers and the U.S. government to keep food prices high has become increasingly obvious to poor and working people, who in recent years have organized against high food prices. In an attempt to divert people's attention from this conspiracy, the U.S. government has, since 1972, tried to blame the Soviet Union for the high cost of wheat.

In 1972, the Soviet Union made large purchases of wheat from the U.S. They bought the wheat at world market prices, which were lower than the U.S. market prices; but the grain companies sold it at above the U.S. price, with the difference being made up by the U.S. government. This subsidy enabled the grain monopolies to charge the same price for wheat within the U.S., but the government

turned around and blamed the Soviet Union for the high domestic wheat prices.

This already-bizarre line of "reasoning" recently took an even more ludicrous twist. When, with record-breaking harvests over the past three years, the Soviet Union announced that it planned only small purchases of U.S. wheat, the U.S. government tried to once again blame high wheat prices on the Soviet Union—this time for not buying enough wheat.

This was tantamount to blaming the Soviet Union for making the needs of its people a priority, for having a superior social system in which no one goes hungry.

But the criminals are not in the socialist countries like the Soviet Union, where bread prices have remained the same for 20 years, but here in the U.S.

This time the U.S. can't blame the Soviet Union if there should be a domestic shortage of wheat next year.

It is the U.S. government which has decided to cut back on wheat production, callously sacrificing the needs of the people in the interests of profit. Neither the Soviet Union nor any other socialist country would make such a choice.

The most concerted conspiracy of the food growers and the government cannot hide the fact that people do not have to go hungry. The example of the socialist countries can only serve as an inspiration to the struggle of working and oppressed people to regain all that has been stolen from them—including the very food that has been stolen from their mouths by the insatiable greed of a few.



Aug. 24 New York City demonstration in support of the Camp Pendleton 14.

NYC protesters launch campaign to free Black GIs**'Free the Camp Pendleton 14!'**

By PAUL WILCOX

NEW YORK, Aug. 24—The campaign to free the Camp Pendleton 14 was brought to the streets of this city today in a spirited picket line, which marked the beginning of a nationwide drive to free the Black Marines who defended themselves against the vile, racist attacks of the Ku Klux Klan at the Camp Pendleton Marine Base in California.

Chanting "Stop the racist frame-ups, free the Black Marines" and "Ku Klux Klan, scum of the land," the demonstrators marched in front of the Marine Corps Public Affairs Office, exposing the Marine Corps

for its encouragement of fascist groups such as the Klan, and demanding freedom for the 14 Brothers. Leaflets explained to passersby that the Klan has been openly organizing in the military, and has repeatedly claimed credit for harassment and violence against Black marines.

The Marine Corps has stated that these racist scum "have done nothing to injure the interests of the military, so we have taken no action."

PASSERSBY JOIN IN

Many people declared their

support for the case and joined the demonstration, which was called by the Military and Veterans Action Committee and Youth Against War & Fascism. The campaign in New York is also sponsored by many other organizations and individuals, such as the Attica Committee to Free Dacajewiah, the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, the National Council of Black Lawyers, William Kunstler, and Florynce Kennedy.

In November 1976, the Klan had advertised for an open meeting to take place on the base at Camp Pendleton. This was to be held with the background of a cross-burning

on the base, the firebombing of the offices of the Urban League in the nearby community, sabotage against the cars of Black Marines, and several beatings of Black people.

In the face of these atrocities, Black Marines began to organize in their own self-defense. A small group went to the barracks where the Klan was to meet. They entered a room with a Klan sticker on the door, and heard racist comments inside. In the fight that ensued, six Marines were hurt, none seriously.

The Marine Corps' response was to openly side with the racists and to frame up 14 Black Marines on charges of conspiracy, assault, and attempted murder. Their trial begins this week in San Diego.

CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED IN NYC

Larry Holmes of Youth Against War & Fascism addressed a brief rally after the demonstration. He declared that all Black and other oppressed people have the right to defend themselves against racist groups like the Klan—at Camp Pendleton, Chicago, Boston, or wherever the racists try to organize. He stated that everyone who is against racism must support the right of oppressed people to organize against racist terror and must actively support this struggle.

Today's picket line is only the beginning of a month-long drive to free the Camp Pendleton 14, which will culminate with a rally and march to be held September 24 at 1 p.m. at the U.S. Military Recruiting Office at 43rd St. and Times Square in New York. The campaign will continue until the Brothers are free.

Directive 'leaked'**Carter talks peace, threatens nuclear war**

By P. MEISNER

NEW YORK, Aug. 30—Once again the Carter administration has revealed its extreme warlike posture towards the Soviet Union, the entire socialist camp, and all oppressed nations.

In a not-so-secret directive to Secretary of Defense Harold Brown "leaked" last Thursday, President "Jimmy" Carter called for a non-ending "defense" spending spiral (already near \$120 billion), an increase in "combat capability" of U.S. forces in Western Europe, and a readying of several divisions for possible combat duty in the Middle East, the Persian Gulf, and some parts of Asia.

The most significant aspect of the "leak," however, was the nuclear war threat directed at the USSR. This threat constitutes a new at-

tempt at blackmailing the Soviet Union into major concessions over the latter's support of national liberation wars and the struggle for socialism in Africa, Asia, and Europe.

Carter's directive included various nuclear options to be pursued, including one which would inflict "unacceptable damage" to the Soviet Union in the event of war. In another aggressive measure, Carter announced that a "rapid reaction force" in Asia will be maintained, especially aimed at Korea.

Carter also implied that the U.S. would continue to exploit divisions within the socialist countries and in the international communist movement as part of its overall global military policy. The current talks with the new revisionist

leadership in China and with "Eurocommunist" party leaders are clearly part and parcel of this strategy.

The latest outburst of nuclear saber-rattling by the U.S. rulers is a desperate attempt at rolling back the tide of national liberation and socialist revolution advancing all over Africa and Asia. Also, this U.S. militarist posture is aimed at diverting attention from the deep economic crisis plaguing the entire capitalist world.

But in the long run, the divisions within the capitalist and imperialist system are irreversible and terminal, while the divisions within the socialist camp are only temporary—as a new world of socialist peace will inevitably triumph over an archaic world of capitalist war.

3,000 in NYC march for ERA

Women demonstrate to defend their rights

By KATHY DURKIN

NEW YORK, Aug. 27—Chanting "Equal rights, equal pay, ratify the ERA," 3,000 women marched up Broadway here today to demand the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA).

Called by the National Organization for Women (NOW), "A Day for Women's Rights" (as today's march was called), was endorsed by a wide range of women's, health, and lesbian and gay organizations, many labor unions, including AFSCME DC 37 and AFSCME DC 1707; Communications Workers of America, Local 1150; Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union; and the Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW) endorsed and had representation on the march.

Several contingents representing different areas of struggle were visible. Banners and signs called for the right to abortion, the ERA, rights for lesbians and gay men, equal pay for equal work, and pregnancy disability benefits. Also marching were members of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, District 1199 and District 65. A militant contingent of young Black women representing the Metro Area Postal Union chanted, "Equal rights now" on the march.

Speakers at today's rally who represented labor organizations and women's and gay groups called for women's equality, passage of the



Women in New York demonstrate on Aug. 27 for the Equal Rights Amendment.

ERA, the right to choose abortion for all women, lesbian and gay rights, and equality for Black, Latin, and Asian women. Some bourgeois political candidates also spoke, but compelled by the mood of the marchers, were forced to address themselves to progressive issues.

Several speakers emphasized that the enemies of the ERA, of federal funds for abortion, and lesbian and gay rights are the same—the Phyllis Schlaflys (a virulent opponent of women's rights), the KKK, the Birch Society, and the Anita Bryants—and called on all women to unite to stop those forces from further encroaching on women's

rights.

The spirit of those who marched and rallied today was a response to the recent Supreme Court and federal and state government attacks on women's rights to abortion, pregnancy disability, and other gains which women had fought for and won in the past. It was a response to cuts in daycare, medical care, and other social services, and to the growing differences in wages between men and women—differences which mean women now earn only 57% of what men earn.

Today's march was a protest against the thousands of local and federal laws, sexist policies, and

attitudes which keep women down and have the worst impact on poor and oppressed women. It was a protest against the terrible conditions under which millions of older women must live supported only by meager, if any, Social Security benefits or pensions.

And it was a protest against those reactionaries who have organized so hard and with tremendous financial backing against the ERA and all women's rights.

ERA UNDER ATTACK

The ERA has been a pivotal issue in the class struggle between progressives and the ultra-right. The ERA, which would make it an amendment to the Constitution that women could not be discriminated against on the basis of sex, has been the focus of a political struggle for several years. The heavily-financed ultra-right has viciously attacked the ERA, using the malicious appeal that this law would destroy the family. And the rightist attacks on the ERA have held back its passage since it was initially raised for ratification some years ago.

It has been the militant struggle of women which has won the ERA's ratification in many states today. Although the law is a necessary democratic right, it is the actual living struggle that ultimately wins women's equality on any level.

While in every socialist country, women's rights are written into the law and guaranteed by the

revolution, it is not so in the U.S. and other capitalist countries. Here, equality for women and poor and oppressed people must be fought for continually at every step against the reactionary forces who try to deny rights to the masses of people.

The Phyllis Schlaflys, Anita Bryants, William Buckleys, and John Birch Society have been utilizing movements such as the so-called Right to Life in their attack on women's rights.

One of the strategies of these rightists, according to Majority Report, a feminist newspaper, is a national plan to disrupt the various International Women's Year conferences which have been held in many cities. In Albany, the rightists handed out packets with maps, tactics, workshop schedules, and right-wing position papers opposing the ERA, lesbian rights, abortion rights, and federal funds for daycare. They supported sexist textbooks and forced labor of welfare mothers.

Majority Report also says that right-wing spokeswoman Schlafly, who is being heavily financed by wealthy insurance companies, is trying to use the IWY meetings to defeat the ERA, attack lesbian and gay rights, and get a Constitutional amendment prohibiting abortion.

It was the unity and militant spirit of thousands of women in the majority in Albany, however, who defeated the right wing on every issue in every workshop and won a progressive slate supporting the ERA, the right to abortion, and lesbian and gay rights.

But in other states where little publicity and organizing was done to include working and oppressed women, the ultra-right was able to pack meetings and defeat women's rights planks in some states.

NAZIS OVERRUN

MISSISSIPPI MEETING

In Mississippi, for example, the American Nazi Party, the John Birch Society, and other reactionary groups overran the IWY conference and elected five male Nazis to the National Women's Conference in Houston in November. These vile opponents of women's rights also

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Native woman sues officials who sterilized her without consent

By SUE DAVIS

NEW YORK, Aug. 29—On Tuesday, Sept. 6, four years of delays in the civil rights case of Norma Jean Serena will be over. On that day, the suit brought by this Native American woman against 10 welfare officials and medical personnel, as well as the Citizens General Hospital of New Kensington, Pa., will be heard in Pittsburgh Federal Court.

Serena is charging them personally as well as professionally with seven counts of conspiracy and violations of her civil and constitutional rights, because she was sterilized against her will and without her knowledge in 1970.

After the Armstrong County Welfare Department received racist complaints that the Native American woman was living with a Black man, they declared Serena an "unfit mother." Together with medical officials, they authorized a "therapeutic" sterilization which was performed while Serena was in the hospital delivering her third child. The sterilization was in no way necessary for Serena's health, and her "socioeconomic status" was listed as the medical reason for the sterilization on the consent form.

HER CHILDREN STOLEN

During the time when she was in the hospital, the welfare authorities took her older children and placed them in foster homes. On the pretext that the newborn child was sick, they pressured Serena into placing the baby in foster care. It took Serena three years of legal struggle to regain custody of her children.

In bringing this suit, Norma Jean Serena is fighting for herself and all poor and oppressed women who face forced sterilization in the name of "family planning" and loss of their children in the name of "child welfare." If she wins, the case will set urgently needed legal precedents: it will be the first time sterilization

without informed consent will be judged a violation of civil rights and the first time welfare officials and doctors will be made personally accountable for their actions.

In early August, Richard Levine, Serena's lawyer, said of her case: "We have now done thousands of hours of work and investigation, and we are confident that the jury will be outraged at the conduct of these professionals in the public trust and will award damages. We feel that this is one of the most important cases in the country and will affect

the outcome of other sterilization cases across the country now and in the future."

Witnesses for Serena will include a Native American anthropologist who testified before the Senate in 1974 that one Native American woman of child-bearing age has been sterilized for every seven children born.

For further information about Norma Jean Serena's case, write Women Against Sterilization Abuse, 4433 Osage Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa. 19104.

What do you call a governor convicted of fraud?

Your Criminality? Your Dishonor? Your Felonship?

By BEVERLY SLAPIN

NEW YORK, Aug. 28—How do you address a governor who has been convicted of 17 counts of mail fraud and one of racketeering and still retains his position in government? Your Criminality? Your Felonship? Your Swindleness? Your Gangstership? Your Dishonor?

That's what the people of Maryland were faced with last Tuesday, as Gov. Marvin Mandel, one of the most powerful officials in Maryland history, was convicted along with five wealthy business friends on felony corruption charges.

But despite his conviction, Mandel continues to occupy the governor's mansion, at least until Oct. 7, the date set for sentencing. If he resigns before then, he gets to retain his pension, "earned" by serving two terms as a corrupt governor. And if he is vindicated on appeal before his term expires in 17 months, Mandel could reclaim the governorship with full back pay.

TOKEN SENTENCE EXPECTED

Mandel could receive up to 105 years in prison and \$45,000 in fines, although that is considered most

unlikely. While thousands of poor and oppressed people languish in Maryland's jails, it is widely believed that U.S. District Judge Robert L. Taylor will impose only a token prison sentence, no more than a year or two, on Mandel and his rich cohorts.

This was the second trial for Mandel. The first ended in a mistrial after two attempts to rig the verdict in favor of the governor. Two men were later convicted of jury-tampering.

The trial was a bribery case in which the governor received some \$350,000 from his co-defendants in return for official favors.

Convicted with Mandel were: W. Dale Hess, an executive of Tidewater Insurance Agency, a Baltimore company with millions of dollars in state contracts, who became the pipeline for more than \$100,000 in bribes; Harry W. Rodgers and William A. Rodgers, brothers and co-owners of scores of business ventures which have grown through state and federal contracts; Irving Kovens, a furniture and racetrack millionaire, who was the source of \$155,000 in bribes to the governor; and Ernest N. Cory, Jr., a

lawyer who falsified the co-defendants' ownership of the Marlboro Race Track in southern Maryland during the time that Mandel was enhancing the value of the property through his official influence.

CASE AGAINST MANDEL

In 1970, Mandel vetoed a bill to increase the number of authorized racing days at the track. But after his associates bought the track in a secret deal, Mandel had the veto overridden by the legislature, thereby increasing the value of the racetrack.

Mandel swore during the trial that he did not know that his friends were secret owners of the track in 1972, when he changed his mind and supported the favorable legislation, although he admitted to having accepted gifts from his friends.

The value of the gifts totaled more than \$350,000 over six years in clothing, jewelry, vacation trips, investments, loans, and cash.

The biggest item was \$155,000 in tax-free bonds from Kovens, which were used in a settlement with Mandel's first wife. Another \$54,000

was received from a Catholic missionary order, the Pallottine Fathers, and laundered through several businessmen to protect the "integrity of the church."

Mandel is certainly not alone in his exploits. Corruption is a part of the capitalist system itself. Spiro Agnew, Mandel's predecessor, made it all the way to the vice presidency before pleading no contest to graft charges in the Watergate crisis.

Meanwhile, Mandel is staying on as governor, and on Thursday, Lieut. Gov. Blair Lee III told reporters that Mandel (who is paid \$25,000 a year plus some \$100,000 in fringe benefits, not including tips) has "no visible means of support—he doesn't have two nickels to rub together, and after Oct. 7, he doesn't even have a roof over his head."

While Lee bemoaned Mandel's poverty, the governor took a large group of family and staff members to lunch at the Auberge de France, one of the city's most expensive restaurants. And the next day, Mandel and his wife left for a vacation trip.

Bon voyage, Your Crookedness.

SEC report: Beame the fall guy in bank ripoff of NYC

By T. GRENDL
NEW YORK, Aug. 29—Last Thursday, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) released a staff report about fraud on a grand scale committed by city officials and banks here against an unsuspecting public in the six months prior to widespread knowledge of the city's fiscal crisis in April 1975.

The report reveals that Mayor Abraham Beame, Comptroller Harrison Goldin, the stock brokerage firm of Merrill Lynch, and six major banks—Chase Manhattan, Citibank, Morgan Guaranty Trust, Manufacturers Hanover, Bankers Trust, and Chemical Bank—continued to push the sale of \$4 billion worth of New York City short-term notes during those six months despite the knowledge that the city was on the verge of financial collapse.

In addition, while selling the city notes to small investors (the smallest denomination of the notes had just

been decreased from \$25,000 to \$10,000 to entice more individual investors), the banks were dumping their own holdings of city notes and advising their wealthy customers to do the same. (Chemical Bank was the only one of the six which did not actually sell its own note holdings, but only because the others flooded the market with their dumpings first.)

In the six months of dumpings, over \$550 million worth of notes were sold from the banks' portfolios. Some of the banks dumped as much as 50% of their holdings, and only stopped at that because the market was glutted.

budgetary accounting, there were certain gimmicks that were adopted within the city administrations designed to present the city's worsening financial picture in a more favorable light—in other words, Beame, both as comptroller and as mayor, along with the mayors he served under, lied extensively about the city budgets in order to be able to continue to sell more bonds and notes to the uninitiated.

These gimmicks included overstating revenues that were often uncollectable or nonexistent and inflating the real estate property tax rolls with tax-exempt properties.

BANKS BLEED CITY REVENUES

For several years, during successive city administrations—including Beame's—the banks, through their politicians, had kept the city in an ever-deepening and widening spiral of indebtedness to the banks, with each succeeding bond and note sale going to cover shortages in the city budget caused by the repayment of previous debts. The investors, principal among them the banks, were interested only in the prospect of steady, tax-exempt profits, guaranteed by the city's power to levy and collect taxes from the poor and working people.

While the banks were garnering an ever-greater portion of city revenues, Beame for 15 years worked in the budget management office; and for 8 years was the City's Comptroller. He was widely known as "the bankers' bookkeeper", since so many of the revenues he accounted for went directly to the banks as debt repayment.

During those years of Beame's

HOW THE BANKS CAME OUT ON TOP

In the final analysis, some of the smaller investors—those not wealthy enough to have a friend at Chase Manhattan—saw their investments in city notes decline in value by 45%; while the banks, with inside knowledge, were able to cut their losses through dumping. Then, having precipitated the city's fiscal crunch, and having seized more direct control of the city government through the Financial Control Board—with the attendant mass layoffs of city workers—the banks began buying up the devalued city notes, with the full expectations of being repaid at face value.

The banks' and politicians' gimmicks have this time netted them handsome profits. But their gimmicks are wearing thin with poor and working people, who will one day seize direct control in their own names and for their own benefit, putting the banks and their politicians out of business.

WW photo: G. Dunkel



2,000 protest brutal government repression

By G. DUNKEL

NEW YORK, Aug. 29—A march in Manila of 2,000 people protesting the denial of human and civil rights in the Philippines was broken up by police who attacked it with high-pressure water cannons and clubs. The people responded with rocks and bottles.

Taking place Aug. 25, the protest was timed to coincide with the end of the eighth annual "World Peace Through Law Conference."

sponsored by a Washington-based organization, which this year was ostensibly aimed at the "international protection of human rights."

Although the Conference avoided mentioning any particular country, the choice of the Philippines as a place to meet was no accident.

MARCOS' PHONY PROMISES

In an attempt to disarm his internal critics and to deceive international opinion, the Philippines

U.S.-backed President Marcos gave a speech on the eve of the conference promising to "liberalize" his martial law regime. He is going to "grant amnesty to subversives" and "not tolerate torture" and "lift the curfew."

Marcos was lying.

According to a statement issued by the Anti-Martial Law Coalition-Philippines on Aug. 23:

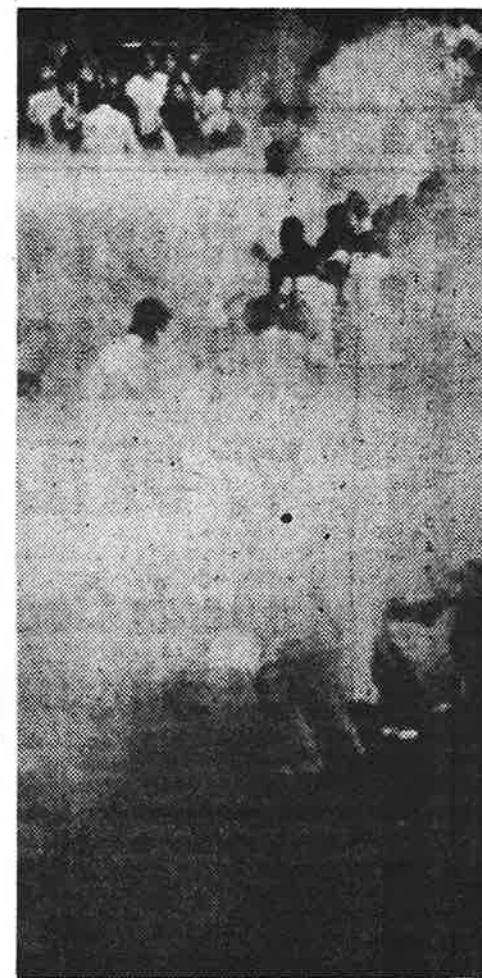
• Two thousand people have applied for amnesty since 1972 and

not a single person has been granted it.

• Widespread torture of political prisoners has been documented by Amnesty International, the International Commission of Jurists, and the Association of Major Religious Superiors in the Philippines.

• The Department of Defense has announced that it will impose local curfews where they are "needed."

A day before Marcos' speech, Ramsey Clark, a liberal and former U.S. Attorney General said in Manila, "To have a conference in such a place is wrong unless the abuse of civil rights and human rights in this place is confronted."



On Aug. 25 police in Manila, equipped marchers protesting the denial of human

INTERNATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF

INDIA

Shift to U.S. steel aid

NEW YORK, Aug. 28—The post-Gandhi Indian government is currently negotiating with two U.S. steel companies to obtain technical aid for the expansion of the Bokaro Steel Plant, which had been built with Soviet assistance until last April.

The first stage of the plant, producing 1.7 million of a projected 10 million tons annually, was built by Indian engineers, but backed with loans, designs, and equipment from the Soviet Union. Last April, just after the pro-imperialist Janata Party won the elections, Steel Minister Biju Patanik gave directions to "dispense" with Soviet aid (N.Y. Times, Aug. 25).

At the time, the Indian government claimed they wanted to use Indian skill and knowledge to continue the expansion of the plant. Now, Indian steel officials say that only the U.S. and Japan have the technical know-how in sophisticated steel technology, such as rolling mills, needed for the next stages of the plant.

The officials omitted saying that since the U.S. and Japan are both imperialist countries, this technical "know-how" is more easily oriented toward increasing profits for owners of steel plants and other private producers.

Although the Indian government has tried to present this affair as a technical and not a political choice, there is no doubt that it is part of the shift away from ties with the Soviet Union and toward more ties with U.S. imperialism that was expected with the victory of the right-wing coalition over Indira Gandhi's Congress Party.

SRI LANKA

Right-wing violence

NEW YORK, Aug. 30—After two weeks of chauvinist anti-Tamil violence was stopped eventually by government troops, the new United National Party (UNP) regime claimed that calm was returning. Many of the 15,000 Tamils that were driven from their homes had to be evacuated to northern areas of the island country.

About 3 million of Sri Lanka's 14 million people belong to the oppressed Tamil minority. When Sri Lanka (then Ceylon) and India were British colonies, the British imperialists imported many Tamils from nearby southern India to work on Ceylon's tea plantations.

In July's national election, which was swept by the right-wing pro-imperialist UNP, of the other parties, only the United Tamil Liberation Front finished strong, winning 17 of the 168 seats in Parliament. They became the official opposition party.

The UNP has always had a strong anti-Tamil program. This, in fact, has encouraged even more racist anti-Tamil elements to unleash the rioting; and the regime was forced to intervene with troops to suppress



Most of the teapickers in Sri Lanka are Tamils brought by the British from southern India.

it. In all, 100 people were killed and 3,000 arrested.

U.S. imperialism has welcomed the right-wing turn on the Indian subcontinent, hailing the election results in India and Sri Lanka as a "return to democracy." So far, this "democracy" has meant only anti-Sovietism and the unleashing of racist mobs.

BASQUE COUNTRY

75,000 demonstrate

NEW YORK, Aug. 29—Yesterday in Pamplona, in the Basque country in northeastern Spain 75,000 Basque people demonstrated demanding freedom.

It was the first protest rally authorized by the Spanish regime since the Civil War 40 years ago. The massive turnout continued to show the strength of those asking for freedom for the Basque nation. Many demonstrators shouted support for the liberation organization ETA, whose initials mean Basque Homeland and Freedom in the Basque language.

Speakers called for amnesty for political prisoners, freedom for the Basque country, and for the release of ETA leader Miguel Angel Apalategui, currently held in prison in France.

Although yesterday's rally was the biggest legal action by Basques fighting for their self-determination, it is only the latest action in the upsurge of mass struggle that followed fascist Franco's death in November 1975. During the past year, up to 600,000 Basque workers participated in general strikes demanding amnesty for political prisoners, the majority of whom were Basque.

KAMPUCHEA

U.S. war 'aid' exposed

NEW YORK, Aug. 30—An article by George Hildebrand appeared in the August issue of Southern Africa countering the anti-Kampuchea (Cambodia) barrage found regularly in the bosses' press. It exposes the destructive results of U.S. economic aid to Kampuchea between 1953 and 1975, when \$2 1/4 billion was sent there, most consumed in the five-year war that killed 800,000 and wounded 400,000 of the seven million Kampucheans.

Hildebrand shows how even the 40% of the aid earmarked for economic projects did no good at all for the local economy. In the early years, much aid went to helping small businessmen finance U.S. luxury imports. Big irrigation projects remained useless because the peasants, victims of extortionate landlords, hadn't the funds to build the simplest irrigation works connecting to the large projects.

The aid just created a U.S. fifth column inside Kampuchea, which eventually overthrew the Sihanouk government. The Lon Nol military regime became completely dependent on the U.S. during the war, receiving 95% of its last budget from U.S. aid.

The U.S. also started a "Food for Peace" campaign, where the food generally would end up in the hands of corrupt officials, who would sell it to hungry refugees. At the end of the war, 85% of the three million people jamming Phnom Penh were war refugees, and many were starving.

When the revolutionary army took Phnom Penh in April, 1975, only a week's rice ration was left. The U.S. ruling class press has often denounced the revolutionaries for moving the refugees en masse back to the countryside to plant and harvest rice. But one Food for Peace official admitted to Hildebrand: "That's the only thing they can do."

Now the organized peasants of Kampuchea have built many badly needed reservoirs and canals, extending the rice growing season. Kampuchea has gained self-sufficiency in food production and even generated a surplus.

Hildebrand writes of the peasants' ingenuity—"building 500 ton ships entirely from abandoned U.S. gasoline drums and constructing rice-hulling machines fueled by rice hulls, or devising fertilizers that utilize nutrient-rich ant-hill earth and natural insecticides derived from local poisonous plants."

REPRESSION MADE IN USA

Don Luce, co-director of Clergy and Laity Concerned in New York and an anti-war activist, pointed out at a rally in Manila before the march that "The guns and bullets used by your government to terrify your people come from my country."

The people who marched proved that they would not let Marcos' terror keep them from protesting; and that they were willing to confront Marcos' police with more than words.

Statement of s. Korean revolutionaries

'Has imperialism turned

The Revolutionary Party for Reunification in south Korea has been carrying out a clandestine struggle against the U.S.-puppet Pak dictatorship. Recently it published an article entitled "On the Aggressive Nature of U.S. Imperialism" which contained an important analysis from the organization's Central Committee. We reprint here some brief excerpts from that statement.

The U.S. imperialists disguise their true colors with the mask of "protector" and "helper" of south Korea.

Nowadays they talk about the preservation of peace on the Korean Peninsula and have the cheek to express concern for the problem of human rights in south Korea.

Has the United States, thousands of miles away from south Korea, really become its savior? Has it really taken off the aggressive uniform and turned into peaceable imperialism and humanitarian imperialism?

No! The United States remains an aggressor as ever. Hidden behind the melody of protection played by the U.S. are the colonial chains, and behind the signboard of aid advertised by it a dagger of pillage. . . .

IMPERIALISM'S STRATEGY IN KOREA

The aggressive strategem of U.S. imperialism on the Korean Peninsula is to keep south Korea as a permanent colony and use it as a military stronghold for containing socialist countries.

The keystone of the U.S. imperialists' colonial policy toward south Korea is the policy of turning it into a military base. From the beginning of their occupation of south Korea, the U.S. imperialists have directed all their efforts to the conversion of the whole area of south Korea into a military base and barracks. . . .

The colonization and militarization policy of the U.S. assumes a more crafty nature as the

crisis at home and abroad grows acute and the power balance turns unfavorable to it.

The proposed withdrawal of the U.S. troops from south Korea which has become of late the focal point of public discourse cannot be an exception.

If the U.S. troops present in south Korea were withdrawn, though rather belated, it would be a logical conclusion and welcome.

U.S. 'WITHDRAWAL' PLAN IS COVER FOR BUILD-UP

But, contrary to the commitments of U.S. President Carter, some political forces and military quarters of the United States declare that the U.S. ground force in south Korea will be withdrawn phase by phase, but the air and naval forces and support units will remain there.

This is a far cry from immediate withdrawal and total withdrawal and means that, even after the scheduled troops pullout, combat flying corps of the U.S. Air Force would fly in the air, task force fleets of the U.S. navy would sail in the sea and U.S. support units including intelligence, communications and logistics would strut about on the land of south Korea. . . .

The United States has already thrown \$1,800 million into the five-year modernization program of the ROK army and plans to supply military equipment and war industry installations worth thousands of millions of dollars in the second program.

In fiscal 1978 alone the U.S. has additionally allocated \$270 million in war reserve stockpile and endorsed additional weapon sales to the tune of \$100 million for the Pak regime plus the military assistance fund scaled at \$280 million which is equal to that of the previous year.

In accordance with this fabulous military aid program, the U.S. is introducing into south Korea in a wholesale manner modern military equipment such as surface-to-air missiles, anti-tank missiles, fighter planes and warships, tanks and



ipped with high-pressure hoses, cannons, and clubs, attack 2,000 human and civil rights there.

ed humanitarian? No!

armored cars, and all kinds of ammunition and supporting with all might the buildup of defense industry and expansion of military personnel.

MONOPOLY CAPITAL BREEDS WAR

The basic method of the American world strategy is to advocate peace outwardly and step up war preparations behind the scenes.

A war of aggression is an inevitable product of imperialism and it is an inherent law of the movement of monopoly capital to tide over an economic difficulty with a war.

The point is that U.S. imperialism is disturbing peace while clamoring that it defends peace and is seeking a war while pronouncing that it

opposes a war.

The movement of the U.S. in reinforcing NATO in Europe, strengthening the U.S.-Japan security system in the Far East and increasing the export of weapons to Israel in the Middle East are the course of preparing a war by proxy.

Behind the facade of East-West rapprochement and detente, the offensive posture of U.S. imperialism against the forces of socialism is becoming all the more pronounced with each passing day.

The strategic arms limitation advertised so loudly by the U.S. imperialists is a trick to secure strategic predominance and their human rights diplomacy is, in the final analysis, a political swindle designed to disunite some socialist countries. . . .

Mr. 'Human Rights' invites Chile, Argentina dictators to visit U.S.

By PRESTON WOODS

NEW YORK, Aug. 28—Following recent endeavors to soften the images of the fascist regimes of Gen. Jorge Videla in Argentina and Gen. Augusto Pinochet in Chile, the Carter administration has made it clear that it intends to continue its support of these two repressive military puppet dictatorships.

Along with other Latin American leaders, these two butchers have been invited by "human rights advocate" President "Jimmy" Carter to Washington, D.C., as guests of the U.S. government, to attend Sept. 7 ceremonies commemorating the signing of the new agreement between the U.S. and the government of Panama regarding jurisdiction over the Panama Canal.

Recent articles in major U.S. bourgeois newspapers here have attempted to paint a more moderate picture of both the Videla and Pinochet regimes. The New York Times has featured photos of Pinochet kissing babies, shaking hands, etc.

DINA "ABOLISHED"

On Aug. 11, the junta in Chile announced that it was "abolishing" the hated DINA, the secret police force of Chile, which is responsible for the murder and torture of thousands of political prisoners. At the same time a new agency called the National Intelligence Center (NCI) was established. The following day, these same police arrested eight demonstrators, members of the Families of the Disappeared, for demonstrating to demand information regarding relatives who have been abducted by the secret police. A new name for the DINA clearly means no change in the nazi-like tactics which the junta's secret police force has used since the CIA-backed overthrow of the popularly elected Allende government in 1973.

Shortly after announcing the new name for the DINA, Pinochet publicly reaffirmed his intention to remain in power and to continue to repress all political dissent and demands for a return to democratic rights. He intends to remain in power for a long time, he said, and plans to move into the Presidential Palace within one or two years.

It was at the Presidential Palace where Salvador Allende was gunned

down in a bloody U.S.-sponsored coup in 1973.

When asked when elections might be held, Pinochet responded, "Maybe in 1985 . . . the government will know when the people should be consulted."

Sections of the U.S. ruling class are now clamoring for a resumption of open government aid to Argentina. While U.S. imperialism welcomed the military coup there, it cut some aid last February pretending to be horrified at the brutal suppression of human rights.

A New York Times editorial of May 25 argued that because a group of ultra-right-wing generals are attempting to seize power in Argentina the U.S. government "had better give the devil" that is, Argentine President Jorge Videla, "his due to forestall something more abhorrent."

Videla, installed by the U.S. in a coup last year, has made strikes punishable by death, replaced civilian courts with military courts, and incarcerated thousands without trial. Under him the ultra-right-wing squads have the go ahead to murder hundreds of revolutionaries and progressives and conduct anti-Semitic raids on Jewish communities. Having slapped Videla on the wrist last February by reducing some funding, the U.S. now wants to legitimize him.

Unlike the government of Allende, which made jobs, housing, and food a priority, Videla and Pinochet have maintained a constant stranglehold on the working class, causing widespread suffering and extensive malnutrition, especially among children.



Here, the repressive Chilean police in action. Serving well the interests of U.S. big business, the Pinochet regime has murdered and tortured thousands of progressives.

100 Congressmen implicated in bribery scandal

U.S. dollars recycled by south Korean fascists

By BARBARA TEEL

NEW YORK, Aug. 30—The investigation into the Korea bribery scandal is moving at a snail's pace, with few if any indictments appearing likely. Over 100 present and former Congressmen have been implicated in the influence-buying scheme, receiving trips, money, expensive gifts, and even being provided with prostitutes in an effort to win their support for the U.S. role in Korea.

Attorney General Griffin Bell, quoted in the July 28 Wall Street Journal, characterized the Justice Department investigation as 80% complete, even though no efforts have been made to obtain testimony from Park Tong Sun, the Korean millionaire who served as the conduit for the bulk of the payoffs.

According to the Aug. 14 New York Times, the Justice Department may seek five indictments in the next two months, reportedly of five former Congressmen. The Justice Department has indicated, however,

that the indictments, if any, would merely be for income tax violations and not for the more major charge of taking bribes.

Meanwhile in the House of Representatives, the "Ethics" Committee reports itself well satisfied with the negligible pace of the investigation. Leon Jaworski, the new special counsel for the committee, went so far as to say the panel's progress "exceeded my original expectations." Jaworski has refused to hold public hearings until the investigation is complete, obviously fearful of compromising the prominent Congressmen who hired him.

Suzy Park Thomson, a Korean-born American citizen who served as aide to several prominent Congressmen including former speaker Carl Albert, testified before a closed session, after being threatened with a contempt citation when she demanded the right to testify in public. Thomson was once

well known for giving parties attended by Congressmen and influential Koreans. She has denied any knowledge of the payoffs.

Meanwhile, Park Tong Sun has resurfaced in Seoul, vehemently denying that he is or was an agent of the Korean Central Intelligence Agency (KCIA). He went so far as to deny that he made any payoffs, forgetting that several Congressmen have publicly admitted receiving them.

Former KCIA director Kim Hyung Wook testified before the House that Park was a Korean government agent who had received millions of dollars in return for his covert lobbying in the U.S. Kim also testified that the KCIA helped Park set up the George Town Club, the posh club where Congressmen were invited for lavish parties. A former associate, Ryu Jae Shin, gave first-hand evidence that Park was an agent of the south Korean government and reported that Park gave the KCIA written lists of his "gifts"

to Congressmen.

While members of the House are conducting a feeble investigation into their own crimes, the objects of the bribery campaign are being achieved. The troop withdrawals have been slowed before they even began. The bulk of the ground troops are now scheduled to remain in Korea until 1982, five years from now. There are no plans to withdraw the Naval or Air Force personnel, or the thousands of logistics and intelligence personnel. The millions of dollars of weapons now in south Korea will be turned over to the huge south Korean military, which will be supplied with additional millions of dollars in weapons. On July 21 and 22, Congress approved \$284 million in military aid to south Korea for fiscal 1978.

WHERE BRIBE MONEY COMES FROM

The investigations have carefully

steered away from the question of where south Korea, an underdeveloped country, found the money for the bribery operations, which is said to have cost up to \$1 million a year. The answer leads directly back to the Pentagon, the huge corporations, and their hirelings in Congress. The money which Park Tong Sun channeled back to the U.S. to buy Congressional support was only a tiny portion of the millions of dollars given to the Pak Jung Hi regime in the form of military aid, "economic" aid, Food for Peace money, secret CIA funding, and "contributions" from large corporations like Gulf Oil.

It is not the south Korean dictatorship, established and propped up by the U.S., which is pulling strings. The real criminals are the Pentagon brass and the huge corporations, who are the only ones benefitting from the continued presence of thousands of U.S. troops in south Korea.

EDITORIAL

USSR and the South African A-bomb

For several weeks now the Soviet Union has been warning publicly that the racist South African regime was preparing to detonate an atomic bomb in a remote and top secret military base in the Kalahari Desert.

At first, the U.S., English, French, and West German governments tried to play down the reports, and France, in particular went way out on a limb denying that the Soviet charges were true. Perhaps the French government was extra-sensitive since both Paris and Bonn have been promoting sales of nuclear power-generating reactors to the Pretoria fascists.

Nor is the U.S. government blameless in this matter, for as even the Washington Post (August 28) admits, "South Africa has over time acquired U.S. technological training, a research reactor and highly enriched fuel to operate it."

It soon became apparent that despite the lack of interest in Western capitals, the Soviet charges, backed up with well-documented evidence provided by reconnaissance satellite photographs, were true. The French government suddenly changed its tune when confronted by satellite pictures of the test site itself, showing the actual tower from which the bomb was to be dropped. At that point, Paris did an abrupt turn-around and joined with the USSR in demanding that the test be halted.

Put on the spot, Carter was forced to intervene with the Vorster regime, and for the time being at least, the detonation of South Africa's A-bomb has been called off. The Soviets understandably do not have the influence with Vorster that Carter has, since the USSR (which has no diplomatic relations with the South African fascists) has been supporting the liberation struggle in southern Africa while the U.S. government has been covertly backing the racists.

But Carter acted only after the Soviet Union had alerted world public opinion of the danger.

The U.S. government was caught off guard by these events, not because it doesn't have intelligence satellites like the Soviets (it does), but because Washington and Wall Street's basic sympathies lie with the Pretoria racists and not those fighting to liberate Africa from imperialist bondage, and from U.S. imperialism in particular.

Begin and Rumania

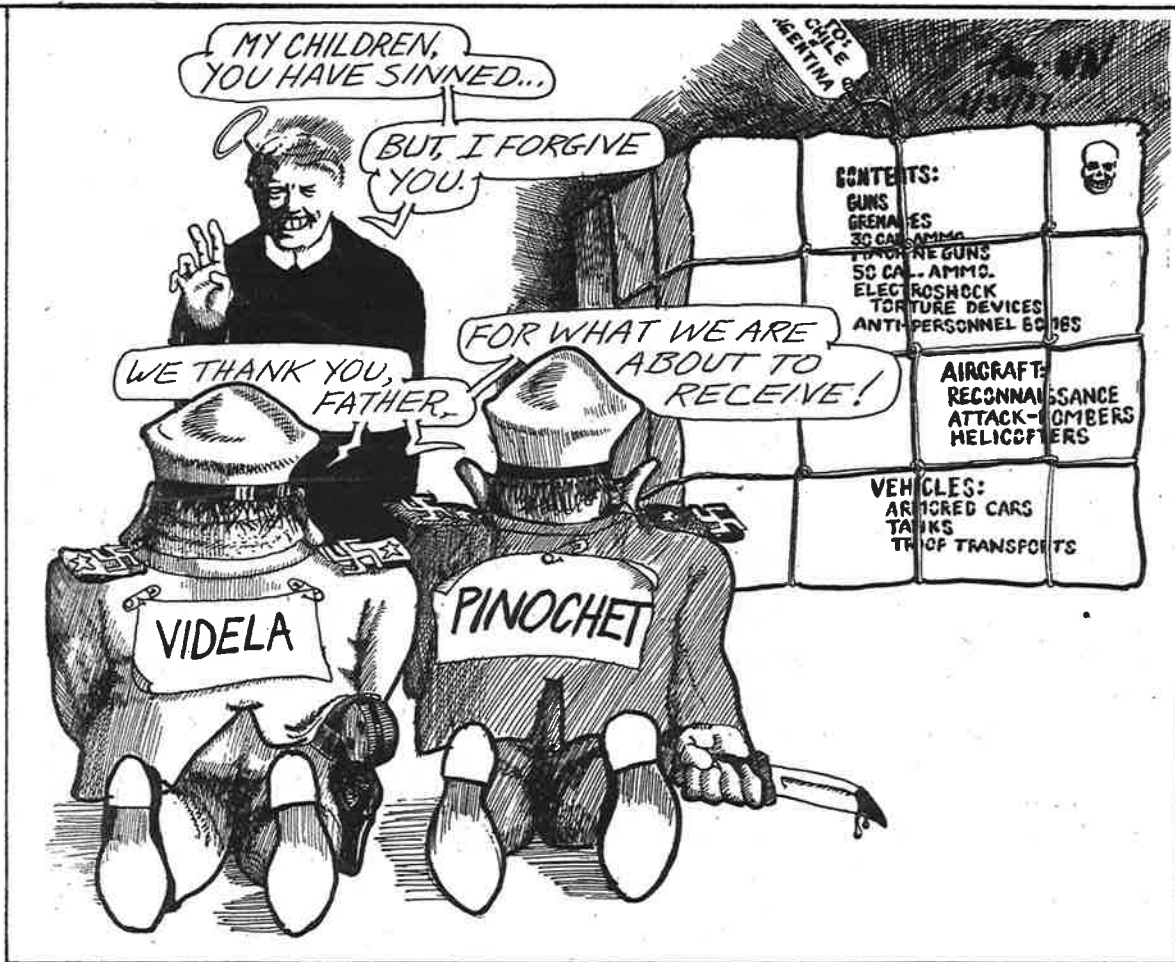
Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin has just concluded a four-day state visit to Rumania, where he held talks with Rumanian officials, including the country's Communist Party General Secretary Nicolae Ceausescu.

There could hardly be a sorrier spectacle than the leaders of a workers state like Rumania hosting the ultra rightist Begin (Rumania is the only socialist country that has diplomatic relations with Israel) at the very moment the Palestinian people have their backs pressed to the wall and the Zionist colonial state, backed by U.S. imperialism, is stepping up its formal occupation and annexation of seized Arab territory.

As he has often done in the past, Ceausescu is attempting to play the role of "mediator" between the revolutionary national liberation movements and U.S. imperialism, and in the process has provided a public forum for the Israeli racists to attack the super-oppressed Palestinian people.

And not unexpectedly Begin took full advantage of his Rumanian visit to attack the Palestinians, declaring at a state dinner held to honor him that "any demand to involve the PLO (Palestine Liberation Organization) in Geneva is totally and unequivocally unacceptable to Israel."

The Rumanian leaders pride themselves that their regime is "independent" from the USSR, but this kind of "independence"—inviting a chauvinist warhawk like Begin to visit their country—only helps U.S. imperialism and the Israeli reactionaries. "Independence from Moscow" is just a sham if it means cozying up to the U.S. and its satellites like Israel, and this is true whether it is practiced by the weak-kneed "Eurocommunists" of France, Italy, or Spain or by a state where capitalism has been overthrown like the Rumanian Socialist Republic.



LETTERS

500 W. Germans hit Nazi escape

Dear friends,

Today, (Aug. 19) there was a small rally of 400-500 people in Soltau, close to Hamburg. We demonstrated there against the fascist Herbert Kappler.

Herbert Kappler is responsible for the slaughter of 335 civilians in Rome in March, 1944. This was supposed to be a retaliatory action in response to the death of 32 fascist occupiers. For this brutal murder, the fascist, SS Obersturmbannführer Kappler was righteously sentenced to life-long imprisonment after the war in Italy. The last years he had become sick and was treated in hospital.

The German fascists and Neo-fascists have for a long time asked for his release. Now they have freed him. The official version is that his wife carried him away in a suitcase, but there are strong indications that she was aided by some fascist friends. Moreover, there seem to be some indications that the guards have knowingly or unknowingly to some degree supported his escape. At least the Italian government is freed from some pressure by the German government, which has supported the demand for the freedom of the old murderer.

Nevertheless, the Italian government has asked officially for the extradition of Kappler. The response of the German government was to say that he cannot be extradited because of Article 16 of the Grundgesetz, which prohibits this.

In Germany Kappler is a free man and the official position is not to prosecute him any more because he has served his sentence long enough in Italy.

Against this open support for the fascist by the government we demonstrated demanding the extradition of Kappler to Italy. Slogans were "No more fascism, no more war," "One fascism was enough," "Kappler murderer," and "Kappler back to Italy." The house

where his wife lives and where he could be, was massively protected by the police. And it was open to everyone who could see that the German government was openly protecting the fascist murderer.

No more fascism, No more war!
Kappler back to Italy!

Comradely,

Ralph

(The writer is from the Communist Bund of the German Federal Republic.)

A plea from inside the walls

A friend of mine from the outside subscribed my name to your paper, after reading a few editions I decided to write to ya'll because I felt ya'll would be sensitive to our situation.

My name is Steven Cooper DCDC #169-893, on March 11th 1977 me and other comrade Robree Earle were shot by a couple of unknown assailants in comrade Earle's dormitory room. We are both confined at Lorton Reformatory, a correctional facility for Washington D.C.'s convicted prisoners.

The shooting incident that took place was played down by the Department, and the news media somehow overlooked the incident after some brief coverage.

We think the incident should have been made a lot more public

and followed up to make sure that other brothers like ourselves are not subjected to such an assault in prison.

Consequently, as a result of the shooting, we are now confined to the maximum security facility allegedly for our own protection. We are asking for no protection and wish to be placed back in the central facility. We are denied all privileges that we would normally have and also treated as maximum security prisoners.

I was wounded in the back and comrade Earle was wounded in the leg. We are also denied adequate medical treatment because there is no doctor on call back here, only an M.T.A. (medical tech. assistant).

We are suffering a lot of emotional as well as physical discomfort as a result of our injury. The oppressor is at work here at Lorton Reformatory and we want to bring our case to the attention of the many readers of Workers World. Also we seek support in our efforts to liberate ourselves from these sub-human conditions that we suffer here in Max. Sec. Once again I want to remind you that two brothers were shot by an unknown caliber pistol inside of prison walls; that sounds unrealistic but it's true.

If there is anything you wish to know concerning us or our situation please feel free to contact us at this address: Lorton Reformatory M.S.F. Box 25, Lorton, Va., 22079. Please print our story and let others know how the nation's Capital runs its prison system.

The Struggle Continues

Steven Cooper #169-893

Robree Earle #133-796

—Economic slump

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followed by similar devaluations by Norway and Denmark. Finland and Austria are expected to follow, and this is likely to be only the beginning.

A country devalues in an attempt to make its exports cheaper and more competitive on the world market, while at the same time making imports more expensive, doing in an indirect way what trade quotas and tariffs do openly. But the other countries affected by the devaluation inevitably retaliate and devalue their own currency, resulting in no advantage and soaring world inflation as a side effect.

The devaluations and the trade war that they are part of are the

result of the crisis and help speed it along. Crisis is an inevitable part of the capitalist system because of the contradictions built into it. Guided only by profits, capitalism is forced to always find newer and bigger markets to finance its continuous expansion. If the system can't expand, it collapses, and this is what is happening now. No amount of governmental interference can reverse this cycle of crisis, and no amount of deceit can hide the failure of capitalism from the masses of poor and working people.

As the crisis deepens, it will surely shift from inter-imperialist struggle to class struggle, with the workers and oppressed of the world fighting to replace the dying capitalist system with socialism.

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Ethiopian Revolution under attack as

Imperialists cheer on Somali invasion

By DEIRDRE GRISWOLD

NEW YORK, Aug. 30—What is at present the world's biggest shooting war is now going on in the Ethiopian region of Ogaden. The Washington Post of Aug. 15 reported that "it appears that as many as 30,000 troops may be fighting on each side," for a total of 60,000 men in combat. More recent estimates speak of 70,000 troops in the fighting.

The fighting is between the Ethiopian army, supplemented by a people's militia often referred to as a peasant army, and Somali troops along with guerrillas or irregulars known as the Western Somali Liberation Front. Somalia has denied that its regular armed forces are involved in the war, but Western journalists have been shown at least one downed Somali plane in the Ogaden, and Ethiopia says that it has shot down 17 Somali planes, part of a force that launched the invasion on July 23 with planes, tanks, and artillery.

IMPERIALISM'S STAKE IN THE WAR

The war in the Ogaden, although it has historical roots in the oppression of the people of Somali ethnic origin who inhabit the region, must be viewed in the context of the present attempt by Western imperialism, led by the U.S., and the reactionary Arab regimes fueled by petrodollars, to crush the profoundly significant Ethiopian Revolution.

It is the openly stated aim of the imperialists to dismember Ethiopia and overthrow the present revolutionary government headed by Col. Mengistu Haile Mariam, which the bourgeois press here calls "extreme Marxist" in recognition of the class struggle raging throughout Ethiopia.

This objective has become an urgent necessity to imperialism particularly since the events of this February when, after a struggle within the ruling Provisional Military Administrative Committee (PMAC—also known as the Derg) in Ethiopia, the left won out and Colonel Mengistu became head of state. In April, U.S. military advisors were unceremoniously ousted from Ethiopia along with representatives of other Western imperialist powers, and Mengistu visited Moscow where he got assurances of aid.

IMPERIALIST DESIGNS ON HORN OF AFRICA

Since then, the imperialists have been working feverishly to win over into their orbit the neighboring nation of Somalia, itself a poor, developing country which has until recently relied heavily on Soviet economic assistance and military aid.

On June 8, C.L. Sulzberger of the New York Times, whose columns often reflect his close relationship with U.S. ruling circles as a member of the family that owns the Times, wrote on Somalia:

"Recently British Foreign Secretary Owen and U.S. Secretary of State Vance discussed the situation in the significant Horn of Africa and came up with some rather cheery estimates.

"They agreed that the Soviet Union, military supplier of Somalia, a country which controls the entrance to the Red Sea and dominates the western Indian Ocean, is at the point of being eased out by the Somalis, who are now looking to the West for help.

"A United States mission is going to Mogadishu, Somalia's capital, to



The Ethiopian masses are mobilizing for the struggle against the Somali invasion. Here, recent rally in Addis Ababa in support of Mengistu government.

survey prospects of economic assistance and the warlike Somalis are asking Washington for military aid. At present the Somalis, who have a small but effective army, depend on Soviet weapons and training."

U.S. imperialism paid little attention to Somalia before the Ethiopian Revolution. When terrible drought hit the area known as the Sahel, aid from the West for the starving nomadic population in Somalia was negligible. One reason Somalia has been close to the Soviet Union up until now is because it was Soviet planes that carried out a massive airlift of the drought-stricken nomads and resettled them along the seashore, where they were retrained in a new way of life.

But now the eyes of imperialism are on Somalia, which has an ancient dispute with Ethiopia over the Ogaden region, and offers of aid are overwhelming.

WESTERN OFFERS OF AID POUR IN

Saudi Arabia, which acts as a financial agent for imperialism in the Middle East, dispensing petrodollars to abet reactionary schemes, has offered Somalia aid—estimates in the Western press range from \$300 to \$500 million, a vast sum to be dangled in front of a small and impoverished country.

U.S. imperialism's intense probing of how, it could penetrate Somalia was reflected in an interview with Siad Barre, President of Somalia, conducted by Newsweek editor Arnaud de Borchgrave, which appeared in the June 27 issue of that magazine.

De Borchgrave asked such questions as: "Would it be possible for Saudi Arabia to finance your purchase of Western arms?" "President Carter says he wants to have closer relations with Somalia. What's your reaction?" "Are you interested in U.S. military aid?" "Is Somalia planning a joint venture with the Westinghouse Corp. to exploit what may be a large uranium deposit?"

"Secretary of the Treasury Michael Blumenthal believes that developing nations should forego all their slogans about Western imperialism and use the vast potential of multinational corporations as vehicles for rapid economic change. Do you agree?"

While Siad's answers were guarded, indicating a desire not to alienate the Soviet Union, the door was certainly kept open to imperialism. On Saudi Arabia, he said, "Prince Saud, their Foreign Minister, was here recently and relations couldn't be better." He

confirmed that the uranium venture with Westinghouse was "under consideration," and ended the interview with this parting shot: "I am not anti-American—just giving you friendly advice on how to get good relations back on track."

While Somalia has been a major recipient of Soviet aid in Africa, it has relied on aid and investment from both East and West. Africa Report for March-April of this year described how "major investments generally on 'soft' terms have come from the EEC, Italy, North Korea (Schebelle River dams), China, Iraq, Libya, IDA (livestock developments), the World Food Program (livestock improvement), UNDP and UNIDO (iron foundry), Saudi Arabia and Kuwait (Schebelle irrigation), the African Development Fund (road construction), and the Arab-African Fund (power station). . . .

"Western preponderance shows up in Somalia's capital imports and it is also reflected in the export figures. The main exceptions are

neighboring Arab states who import Somalia's livestock on the hoof and Gulf states, which are the source of petroleum and oil-based products."

It is very largely through the avenues of aid and investment capital that imperialism has been able to draw Somalia under its influence and promote and abet the attack on Ethiopia. For while the antagonisms between the two countries may go back decades, the timing of this massive Somali invasion fits in perfectly with imperialism's strategy to strangle the Ethiopian Revolution, which it fears as a deep-going social transformation which would have profound repercussions throughout Africa.

EGYPTIAN ARMS AND IRANIAN MILITARY ADVISERS

Thus it is that every reactionary force in the Middle East, Europe, and of course the U.S. has leapt to aid Somalia at this time. The Aug. 29 Newsweek has this report from the Somali capital of Mogadishu:

"A singular assortment of rusting freighters rode the long swells that surged in from the Indian Ocean. They flew flags of convenience from as far away as Panama and rode low in the water, filled with top-priority 'sensitive cargo' that tended to be unloaded at night. Meanwhile, Mogadishu's normally sleepy airport suddenly turned busy with private charter traffic. What it all added up to was a vast covert traffic in Saudi munitions and trucks, Iraqi bazookas, Egyptian small arms and lubricating oil, German blankets, Sudanese doctors and medicine, Iranian military advisers and Soviet spare parts. . . .

"In the space of three months, arms-seeking Somali delegations have flown to Peking, Washington, Paris, London, Teheran and Baghdad. . . .

When the Soviet Union this month characterized the war as an invasion of Ethiopia (something that Western diplomats concur in but will not say officially), Radio Mogadishu responded that if the Soviets "persist with their provocative attitude, Somalia will not hesitate to take whatever action is required to counter it and she will not be lacking friends who will stand by her." (Reuters, Aug. 20.)

ETHIOPIANS MOBILIZED

The Ethiopian masses are mobilizing for the struggle against Somalia, and see in it a life-and-death battle to defend their revolution. Not only is at least one-third of the present territory of Ethiopia threatened by the Somalis, with fighting reported only 150 miles from the capital of Addis Ababa, but Ethiopia's only rail line to the sea was cut by Somali sappers several months ago and has been closed ever since, deeply crippling its economy.

With an Arab-supported war also going on in Eritrea, and an army led

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Prosecution case falls apart on the first day of Dawson 5 trial

By RACHEL AVODAH
FRANK ALBERT

DAWSON, Ga., Aug. 29—This was the first and possibly last day of the Dawson Five trial.

Trial Judge Leonard Farkas was forced to rule today that the confessions made at gunpoint by the young Black defendants cannot be used as evidence in the trial.

The judge's ruling comes after organized protests and massive anger around the country focused on this racist frameup. The ruling in effect wipes out the prosecution's case.

Joyous supporters today greeted Johnny B. Jackson and J.D. Davenport who walked out of the courtroom to go home today for the first time in 19 months. Judge Farkas had finally released them on their own recognizance (release without bail).

These two men along with the other Dawson Five defendants—Roosevelt Watson, James "Jr." Jackson, and Henderson Watson—were met by Black residents of Dawson and supporters from anti-racist organizations who have kept the courtroom filled throughout the pre-trial hearings and today's court session.

The Dawson Five were wrongfully charged with the murder of a grocery store customer here in 1975. The only evidence connecting the

Dawson Five with the crime were confessions obtained by torturing the young men and a delayed identification by store owner Tiny Denton. Denton had known the defendants well as regular customers, yet it took him five days to identify them.

Last Tuesday, Judge Walter I. Geer, who had presided over the pre-trial hearing in the case, resigned because of ill health. Judge Farkas of Albany, Ga., was appointed in his place.

Judge Geer had not made a ruling on a key defense motion—to suppress the alleged confessions of two of the defendants, Roosevelt Watson and James "Jr." Jackson, which were made under torture and threats of death.

COURT SYSTEM ON TRIAL

This morning, in court, Team Defense Attorney Millard Farmer accused the prosecution and court of being in collusion to obstruct and delay the trial.

Farmer pointed out example after example where the Dawson Five attorneys had been lied to and misled. He charged the court with "denial of due process, deceit, and lies in the case." He then presented a motion to dismiss the indictments on these grounds.

After three hours of argument

and deliberation, Judge Farkas ruled to suppress the alleged confessions, because Judge Geer had not ruled on it before he left the case.

The state of Georgia will appeal this decision. This will take up to 90 days.

If the ruling is upheld, the likelihood is that the prosecution will be forced to move to dismiss all the indictments.

RACISM IN TERRELL COUNTY

During the pretrial hearing and the first day of the trial, it became clear that a fair trial could not take place in Terrell County.

Ex-cop William Rucker testified about racial hatred and terror tactics used against Black residents. "Jr." Jackson testified of a forced "confession" he made with Deputy Sheriff Jack Hammack's gun pointed between his eyes.

Mass protests, both in this community and around the nation—with growing international awareness of this racist trial—all combined to force this turn-around today that was made possible by Judge Geer's convenient "illness." As in so many other cases, the only justice in the racist courts comes when large numbers organize together to demand freedom for the victims.

Dow chemical poisons workers

Killers in the fields

By ELIZABETH ROSS

NEW YORK, Aug. 29—It's not hard to understand why farmers want to destroy the insect pests that eat up their crops. This summer I grew some beautiful squash plants in a small city garden, and after admiring their large green leaves and golden blossoms I saw them one by one shrivel up and die. Their roots had been attacked by a venomous worm that likes squash roots better than anything in the world.

Farmers have been driven frantic by insect pests since the beginning of agriculture, and that is why, when the big chemical companies put sure-kill sprays on the market, farmers were eager to use them and willing to pay outrageously high prices.

For years farmworkers have been protesting the indiscriminate use of sprays, especially by the large agribusiness concerns, who have shown no regard for what the ultimate consequences might be, either to consumers or to those forced to work with them.

One of those consequences was

made public last week when it was announced that Dow Chemical has recalled all stocks from around the world of a pesticide called DBCP (dibromochloropropane).

Although tests on animals made in 1961 proved that exposure to DBCP caused sterility, there have never been any federal controls over its use.

Now, 16 years later, 63 male chemical workers at Dow plants in Arkansas and California have been found to be sterile, and tests are hurriedly being made on workers in the other Dow plants around the country.

Similar tests on animals indicate that DBCP causes stomach cancer, as does EDB, a close cousin of DBCP.

Dr. Arlene Blum, a biochemist at the University of California, says she has been urging for several years that EDB be taken off the market. She collected evidence that the residue of EDB on some soybeans was equal to the amount shown to cause cancer in rats. Carrots and radishes have also been found to

contain substantial amounts of these poisons.

Of course, the Dow chemists will come up with another pesticide, and it will have to be a powerful one to kill the new breeds of insects that have grown immune to the old insecticides. It could very well take another 16 years for the public to find out if it will do things to humans.

ALTERNATIVES AVAILABLE

There are alternatives to chemical warfare on insects. One of them, now in the experimental stage, is biological warfare—that is, using bugs that prey on other bugs but not on plants or people. There are about 85,000 insects in the world and about 75,000 of them are harmless to vegetation and people. Some dozen or so are very helpful since they eat the bad guys. (Chemical sprays kill good and bad alike.)

But, of course it's a slower process than spraying with strong chemicals, and the watchword of capitalist production—in farming as well as manufacturing—is "make a fast buck."

San Quentin demonstration marks six years since Jackson murder

Special to WORKERS WORLD

SAN QUENTIN, Aug. 21—Six years ago today, a prominent leader in the prison movement was murdered by San Quentin guards. That leader was George Jackson; and today 300 people came to demonstrate in front of San Quentin prison to remember George Jackson and to support the prison movement.

For the last several months, Black and other oppressed prisoners in San Quentin have come under increasing attack by racist organizations such as the Nazis and the Aryan Brotherhood. These organizations have been propped up by the prison administration to purposely divide the prison struggle.

A rally was held afterwards and many speakers spoke in solidarity with the prison struggle.

Fleeta Drumgo, a Soledad Brother and one of the San Quentin Six, stated that no force is greater than the people, "and we have the power to transform this society into a better place for all people to live in." He also said that racism is perpetuated in these concentration camps and that the people have to tear down the walls of the prisons.

A representative from the African Peoples Socialist Party said that Black people have a history of struggle that is linked to the struggle in Africa. She also stated that we have to organize against these white

supremacist groups and keep on struggling.

A member of the Bay Area Gay Liberation Front linked the gay struggle to the struggle of Third World people and women. He also expressed the group's solidarity with Black prisoners inside San Quentin struggling against racism.

The rally ended with a letter from Black prisoners inside San Quentin. This demonstration and rally were sponsored by the August 21st Coalition, which included the Graham-Allen Defense Committee, the Native American Solidarity Committee, the Prairie Fire Organizing Committee, and the Southern Africa Solidarity Committee.

200 rally for Skyhorse, Mohawk, demand halt to racist frame up

By MONICA MOOREHEAD

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 20—Today, approximately 200 people participated in a demonstration and rally to support Paul Skyhorse and Richard Mohawk and also to commemorate the sixth anniversary of the assassination of George Jackson.

The demonstration took place in front of the Los Angeles County Jail, where Skyhorse and Mohawk are being held. There were many militant chants calling for their freedom and the freedom of all political prisoners. These two Native American men, who are organizers for the American Indian Movement (AIM), were framed up on a murder charge in 1974 by the FBI, and are now on trial in downtown Los Angeles.

The demonstrators marched to a nearby park for the rally. The first speaker was Doc Holiday, a cellmate of George Jackson, who spoke of the threat Jackson posed to the state because he dared to expose the racism and brutal exploitation of prisoners perpetuated by the prison system. He also expressed solidarity with Skyhorse and Mohawk and all

political prisoners.

Ken Littlefish, an AIM organizer and brother of Skyhorse, read a letter of support from his brother and Mohawk. The letter stated that we should all remember George Jackson and what he fought and died for, and that all people should unite to fight the oppression of poor people in this country.

Rosa Moreno from the Jose Medina Defense Committee read a letter in solidarity with Skyhorse and Mohawk and for the liberation of the whole working class in this country. The committee is working

in support of Jose Medina, a Mexican revolutionary who has been threatened with deportation because of his support of undocumented workers in this country.

The last speaker was Michael Zinzun, chairperson of the Community Against Police Attacks in Pasadena. He spoke about police brutality in the oppressed communities and said that the jails should be holding killer cops, not poor people.

The demonstration and rally were sponsored by the Skyhorse-Mohawk Defense Committee.

—L.A. protest

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documents from those without, just as they try to divide white from Black and men from women. When the bosses can discriminate between workers, all workers lose.

The speakers showed how President Carter's conditional amnesty plan would reinforce discrimination and would continue

to allow harassment and deportation of thousands of workers by the Immigration Service (known as the "Migra"). Only an unconditional amnesty can serve the cause of justice and working-class solidarity, they said.

The "Bakke decision" was another target of the demonstrators. This California court decision overturned the hard-fought principle of affirmative action in school admissions and hiring of national minorities and women. According to

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Workers World Party and Youth Against War & Fascism are organizing and responsible for many of the struggles you read about in the pages of this paper. These groups are made up of women and men, Black, white, Latin, Asian, and Native American, young and old, straight and gay, working, students, and unemployed, who fight on all the issues that face the working class and oppressed peoples in this capitalist society.

If you would like to find out more about Workers World and YAWF, or if you would like to join them in their struggles, contact the branch nearest you from the list below.

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—Women's rights

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voted against the ERA, lesbian and gay rights, free kindergartens, and foreign aid. They voted to repeal the Social Security Act, the 14th Amendment guaranteeing due process of law, and the 19th amendment guaranteeing women the vote.

The attacks by the reactionaries have not gone unchallenged, but instead have served to bring out renewed struggles by women in defense of their rights. Their success was evident at the IWY meeting in Albany last month and in several other states where the right-wing

offensive was beaten back.

The broader participation of young women; Black, Latin, and Asian women; and members of labor unions in the IWY Conference in Albany and elsewhere indicated that more poor and working class women are joining this struggle to defend their rights.

Today's march in New York City for equal rights was an important step in building the kind of unity needed to fight for and win the rights of women and all poor and working people, and rejuvenate the political struggle necessary to protect the gains won in the past.

—Somali invasion

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by feudal nobles and landlords poised for invasion from the Sudan, the revolution is besieged on all sides.

Revolutionary socialist governments like those of Cuba and Vietnam are trying to aid the Ethiopian Revolution, the former with technicians, teachers, and medical personnel, the latter with spare parts for U.S. weapons, which still make up the vast bulk of Ethiopia's military supplies.

But Ethiopia's greatest asset in this war may be the revolutionary enthusiasm of the masses, who have been freed from the oppressive system of feudal despotism and who

are for the first time participating in social and economic life. Le Monde (Aug. 11) reports that workers in Addis Ababa are donating blood for the front en masse, and are working overtime without pay in order to make up for those who have volunteered to go and fight. The peasant army supplementing the regular troops numbers over 100,000, while perhaps twice that number are receiving military training in their villages.

At present there are reports of a lull in the fighting—with the Ethiopians still in control of the major cities along the rail line. The lull may be explained by the reported trip to Moscow of President Siad of Somalia. The Soviet Union, like other socialist countries and most Black African states, is urging a peaceful settlement of the dispute as the only way to prevent imperialism from effecting its latest scheme in its overall strategy of divide and rule in Africa.

the "Bakke decision," the victims of race and sex discrimination are not entitled to compensation for their many years of suffering caused by the discrimination. It is an attempt by the ruling-class courts to turn back the clock in the struggle for equality.

Organizers and participants of today's march are confident that the movement for unconditional amnesty and to defeat the "Bakke decision" will continue and get stronger.

†The Washington Post is a scab newspaper that recently broke the pressmen's union and sent several union leaders to jail. We quote from it merely to indicate the source of our information.

POLITICAL PRISONERS



Attica prisoners liberate D-Block, Sept. 9-13, 1971. "Attica is a bond of love of all human beings against a common enemy—Attica is all of us."

'We must abolish all Atticas!'

The following are excerpts from a speech made by Dacajeweah who is currently serving a zero-to-life sentence in Sing-Sing. He is the last Attica Brother imprisoned for his participation in the great prisoner rebellion at Attica in September, 1971. Workers World taped this speech on the meaning of Attica so that it could be played at a New York City event to commemorate the anniversary of this prison revolt.

OSSINING, N.Y., Aug. 18—"Attica means we must abolish all Atticas as a means of punitive punishment as the real criminals are those who hold the power. Has Nixon served a day in jail for the thousands of innocent Vietnamese his commands phased out? Has Nelson Rockefeller been sentenced for masterminding the deaths of 43 people at Attica?

"Attica means that we must support the right of all Third World people in their fight for self-determination, sovereignty, or independence from U.S. imperialism, which means we must give our wholehearted support to the Native American movement for sovereignty from U.S. dependency

so that we may always maintain our traditional ways of life and forever live in harmony with the governing laws of Creation.

"We must demand an end to FBI witchhunts on Native people and demand for the release of all Wounded Knee activists especially Leonard Peltier and Skyhorse and Mohawk.

"We must give our full support to the Borinquen or Puerto Rican people in their just struggle against U.S. control. We must demand an end to the witchhunt being perpetrated on the FALN for their endeavors to keep Puerto Rico from being colonized, at the same time we must demand the release of the Five Puerto Rican Nationalists, Sal Agron and all political prisoners. "In essence, my friends, Attica means fight back; and it symbolizes the resistance against U.S. imperialism and the fascist brute force used to imprison the mind, body and soul of the oppressed while the elite continue to feed their existence through greed, lust and control.

"I have been imprisoned many years and I have yet to let these fascist administrators suppress my

feelings, nor to destroy my dignity as a warrior and a man.

"Che Guevara once said 'Please allow me to say at the risk of seeming ridiculous, but the true revolutionary is guided by great feelings of love.'

"Attica is a bond of love of all human beings against a common enemy—Attica is all of us.

ATTICA/NAPANOCH

"It has been six years since Rockefeller's gunslings killed 43 people in cold blood, and in that six years very little has changed within these walls. In 1975 Attica almost exploded again due to racist discrimination of certain prison employees. Just last week Napanoch exploded due to the fascist tactics administered by the Ku Klux Klan.

"We can never forget what has happened at Attica, My Lai, Kent State, the Indian massacres of the 19th century, Harpers Ferry and countless other states of genocide, nor can we sit back and let it happen again.

"Remember Sept. 9-13. Remember Attica, and remember, we must live."

PRISON PAGE BRIEFS

Nazi Germany or U.S.?

NEW YORK, Aug. 28—The Carter administration has given its official sanction to authorize drug companies to continue to use prisoners as human guinea pigs for drugs used for behavior control, and for the testing of potentially lethal drugs. The United States is the only nation that allows such experimentation on a captive prison population.

While factional differences in ruling circles are behind recent exposures of inhumane drug experimentation on unsuspecting victims by the CIA, the experimentation on prisoners by U.S. drug companies and federal agencies, including the Public Health Service and the Army, has gone unexposed.

The American drug industry, according to a recent article in the Manchester Guardian, tries out "roughly 85 percent of its new drugs on inmates. Some drug companies have been allowed to operate their facilities inside prisons to take advantage of the prison population."

In 1975, according to the Pharmaceutical Manufacturer's Association 2,400 prisoners were used in experiments, often repeatedly, just in state and county jails alone.

Native Brothers strike

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 18—On Monday, at noon, 26 inmates at the Sioux Falls State Penitentiary in South Dakota began a hunger strike, protesting against the racist administration at that institution. Of these men, 20 are Indians and six are non-Indians supporting the strike.

The men have issued a statement saying they face

daily discrimination at the prison, where 140 of the 500 total population are Indian. Although Indians constitute only 4.8% of the total state population, they comprise 20% of the penitentiary population. Some 97% of the inmates of this penitentiary serve their full time and do not receive probation or parole.

Men on the hunger strike say they are also protesting the poor food and the fact that there is no satisfactory work program in the prison. There are no Indians on the pardon and parole board. One was appointed, but resigned because he said it was impossible to work under the racist attitudes of South Dakota officials. The men also state that the current warden is not honest in his dealings with prisoners, promising them improvements which are never implemented.

Their statement says they will fast until they are carried out to the hospital, or until agreements to change these conditions are reached.

Warden Herman Solem, when questioned about the hunger strike, said he had no knowledge of the reasons that prompted it. "Maybe it's a spiritual fast," he is quoted as saying.

'We Remember'

NEW YORK, Aug. 29—"We Remember," the sixth commemoration of Attica, a cultural evening in remembrance of the September 1971 Attica rebellion, will take place here on Friday, Sept. 9.

The program will consist of speakers, music, and the reading of poetry written by prisoners.

This event, sponsored by the Attica Committee to Free Dacajeweah, will take place at 7 p.m. at 144 W. 90 St., between Amsterdam and Columbus Avenues. Donation is \$2.

Anti-gay murders

By CONNIE HARRIS

NEW YORK, Aug. 22—Three gay prisoners incarcerated at McNeil Island, a federal prison in Washington state, have been killed within a two-month period, and the life of a fourth is currently endangered.

On April 9, 1977, while watching the Saturday night movie in the prison auditorium, Thomas Colvin was fatally stabbed.

In May, Glenn Levine, a Black gay man, was fatally stabbed—also in the prison auditorium.

On May 24, Don Dumas was found dead in his cell. Although the prison staff said he had "medical problems," the investigation found that he died from "mysterious causes."

These prisoners were dedicated gay activists. Their activism had made them targets of persecution by the prison administration. Gay prisoner activists hold the prison administration responsible for these murders.

ANOTHER LIFE IN DANGER

Now, Jon Wildes, another gay activist prisoner, fears for his life. As a result of his attempt to expose the role of the prison administration in threatening him, he has been transferred to four different prisons within a 10-day period.

Colvin, Levine, and Dumas are not the first gay prisoner activists to be murdered; nor is Wildes the first to be threatened and transferred from prison to prison.

In 1973, Ernest Valenzuela, a Native American gay prisoner activist and Vice-Chairman and co-founder of the National Gay

Prisoners Coalition, was murdered in his cell in Leavenworth Federal Prison, a victim of a setup by prison guards.

His friend, the co-founder and chairman of the prisoner's group, John Gibbs, has been repeatedly the victim of beatings and death threats by prison officials, and has been transferred to more than 20 county jails and 6 U.S. penitentiaries in an attempt to prevent him from organizing against racism, sexism, and gay oppression.

Leroy Shorter, a Black prisoner, has had his life threatened because of his active support for John Gibbs.

GAY PRISONERS DISCRIMINATED AGAINST

In general, gay prisoners are discriminated against in prison. They are denied parole and work release programs because they are gay. Usually, they are kept in maximum-security prisons.

Last December, the U.S. Bureau of Prisons banned gay and progressive publications—including *Workers World*—from federal prisons.

When gay prisoners organize to fight these intolerable conditions, their lives are threatened—and some have been murdered.

The life of Jon Wildes, who says, "I have come out fighting—and I am proud!" is in danger. Donations and messages of support for him can be sent to the Jon Wildes Defense Committee, Suburban Bank Building, Suite 130, 800 E. Northwest Hwy., Palatine, Ill. 60067. Letters of support can be sent to John Gibbs, #86976-132, Springfield "Medical" Center, Box 4000, Springfield, Mo. 65802.



Ohio's inhuman conditions

Special to Workers World

CLEVELAND, Aug. 7—The Ohio chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) filed suit last week in U.S. District Court to demand that the twenty women held in the Ohio Penitentiary be transferred out. The twenty were sent to the Ohio Pen from Marysville Reformatory for Women shortly after the protest at Marysville on July 6.

The women are now incarcerated in the notorious "L-Block," once the super-maximum security cellblock.

The ACLU suit describes L-Block as "filthy and unfit for human habitation. The cells are infested by insects and vermin. The cellblocks have been infested with birds who pick at the food before it is served to the inmates; there is no hot water in the cells and many of the toilets are inadequate or in need of repair."

The Ohio Pen was shut down in 1972 for being obsolete. It was built at the time of the Civil War and resembles a dungeon, which it really is. The Ohio Pen prisoners were transferred to Lucasville, which was to serve as the "modern" prison. But Lucasville is way overcrowded, as judges are sending more and more poor people to

prison. Consequently, the Ohio Pen has been reopened.

It was overcrowding at Marysville (population is three times what it was two years ago), as well as the rotten food, inadequate medical care, slave wages and high commissary prices that brought on the July 6 sit-down protest. That protest was met by state cops and National Guardsmen called in by Marysville Warden Dorothy Arn.

Even though the twenty women at L-Block are quite isolated, they were able to get a letter out to *Workers World*. One sister seems to be expressing the feelings of all the women when she writes: "In here, they think they can take all your rights away from you, but they are wrong, because I will always stand up for mine. They may have my body, but they will never take away my mind and thoughts. They may treat me and my fellow inmates like animals, but we know we are just as human as they are!"

The Marysville women need support from outside the walls. Letters of protest against the prison conditions and their punitive transfer should be sent to: Warden Dorothy Arn, Ohio Reformatory for Women, Marysville, Ohio. 43040.

Califano confronted on welfare cuts



In July, demonstrators in Boston protested a proposed slave-labor workfare scheme. This week they brought their protest directly to visiting HEW Secretary Califano. WW photo: Chris Meyers

By a welfare recipient
BOSTON, Aug. 18—A visit by Health, Education, and Welfare Secretary Joseph Califano was met by angry welfare recipients here today protesting the recently announced forced work scheme of the Carter administration and an attempt to implement an even more onerous one in the state of Massachusetts.

Califano's visit is part of an attempt by Carter to seek support for massive cuts in public services. Part of the reason for this public relations campaign is to mask the huge hoax the Carter "welfare reform" package really is.

The protests came after Califano refused to meet with the Massachusetts Coalition Against Workfare and the Massachusetts Welfare Recipients for Welfare Reform, two local broad-based welfare rights coalitions.

In order to confront Califano and present him with welfare recipients'

views on "workfare," about 50 members of the welfare rights groups assembled at the Roxbury Comprehensive Community Health Center where Califano was scheduled to meet with health workers from the Black community to explain away the Carter administration's proposed cuts in health care.

CALIFANO AFRAID OF THE POOR

But the HEW Secretary decided at the last minute not to come to Boston's Black community or to meet with any poor people who might put him on the spot. In fact, he changed his entire schedule and told his staff that his whereabouts while in the city were to be kept confidential.

Califano was not able to avoid the wrath of poor people here, however. When he didn't show up at the Roxbury Health Center, Black, Latin, Asian, and white members of

the welfare rights groups decided to confront him at a scheduled press conference at the JFK Federal Building and at the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Some members of the coalition succeeded in finding the room in which the press conference was to take place. In a vile display of racism, Lillie Landrum, president of the Massachusetts Welfare Recipients for Welfare Reform and a respected community organizer from the Black community, was forcibly evicted before the conference started. This took place even though she had a press pass!

WHAT "WELFARE REFORM" REALLY IS

Carter's "welfare reform" has been protested in Boston and around the country as nothing more than a forced labor scheme that would result in a cut in benefits to three million poor people.

Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis, widely touted as the key advisor to Carter on the national plan, has his own workfare scheme which calls for welfare recipients to work at slave wages at degrading jobs or lose their benefits. Under this plan, welfare recipients would be forced to scab by taking jobs that should be unionized.

Today's protests showed that the scheming Carter administration and Dukakis will not go unchallenged. Poor people here have let plantation-owner Carter know that the state won't be able to build the jails fast enough to hold all the people who will refuse to cooperate with the so-called welfare reform slave labor schemes.

Welfare recipients here have vowed they will not work without pay or below minimum wages. No worker—employed or unemployed—should be expected to stand for such an assault on his or her standard of living and dignity.

In Boston

Racist violence continues with firebombing

By JULIAN FRANK
BOSTON, Aug. 27—A pattern of racist violence against Black people is continuing here in Boston.

On Sunday, the home of Irving Robertson was firebombed in West Roxbury, a predominantly white suburban area that has been a focus of resistance to desegregation. The home was slightly damaged by fire. Robertson and his family were away on vacation at the time.

Earlier, on July 23, Allieu Massaquoi, a 25-year-old athlete from Sierra Leone, West Africa, was attacked and beaten by eight racists while he was running training laps around Jamaica Pond, also a predominantly white area. Massaquoi is a doctoral candidate in education at Boston University and has been an amateur distance

runner for 10 years.

In an interview with the Bay State Banner, the weekly newspaper of Boston's Black community, Massaquoi said he was attacked "for no apparent reason apart from having Black skin." He said he saw a group of racists, and "immediately after they spotted me, they started calling me 'N...r' and saying things like, 'N...r, go back to Africa.'"

Some of the group of racists then ran behind Massaquoi, kicked him from behind, and grabbed him by the neck.

ALL JOIN IN

"I fought, I tried to defend myself," he related. He said the racists then set two dogs on him. "The dogs bit me, and I kicked one

of the dogs. After that, the people came from all sides and grabbed me. Some had my arms, some had my legs. And they pounded on me as if I was a punching bag."

Four of the eight attackers were arrested, but then released. The police covered up for the racists, telling Massaquoi, "They're just drunk." Later, the police claimed only two racists had been arrested; they will be tried in West Roxbury District Court on August 30.

These incidents highlight once again the importance of anti-racist forces organizing to counter these attacks. The Citywide Coalition for Justice and Equality, a multi-

national coalition including the Concerned Peoples Committee of Dorchester, a representative from the World Community of Islam in the West, the Committee to Free the East Boston Black Defendants, and others, has been distributing a newsletter exposing the double standard of justice in Boston and opposing the racist attacks. The Coalition plans actions against the Mayor and Governor to demand justice, a benefit for victims of racist attack, and a crisis intervention network to deal with problems that arise. This is the sort of organizing effort that must be deepened and intensified to combat racist attacks in Boston.

At Quincy Shipyard

General Dynamics strike in second month

By LEE BRADFORD
BOSTON, Aug. 26—A strike by 5,000 workers at the General Dynamics Corporation in Quincy, Mass. is well into its second month and remains strong.

The issue of wages sparked the strike on July 18, and the company has refused to budge on its offer of an increase of only \$2 per hour over three years and a 3% cost of living increase. The union is demanding a \$3 an hour increase over three years and a cost of living increase tied to the consumer price index. This would bring General Dynamics workers in line with other workers doing comparable work in other East Coast shipyards.

The company's cries of poverty ring hollow to the workers, members of Locals 5 and 90 of the International Union of Marine and Shipbuilders Workers of America.

These workers note that the Quincy facility is under contract to build 12 liquefied gas tankers, worth about \$1.3 billion.

REHIRE FIRED WORKERS

During the first days of the strike some 26 workers were arrested when scuffles broke out between workers and police on mass picket lines. Ten workers, most of them union officials and members of the negotiating committee were subsequently fired. Their return, according to union officials, is a key to a return to work.

Safety at the Quincy shipyards is also a major issue among striking workers. As if to underline the hazardous working conditions, a foreman was killed in an accident last Monday, while scabbing on the strike. John Veliotis, a cousin of the president and general manager of

the General Dynamics shipyard, died when the crane he was operating at the yard fell into a drydock.

It was only last June 3, when Frank Mitzner, a crane operator was crushed to death when his crane flipped over. Mitzner had been following routine job practice of lifting a double load of 90 tons on a crane designed to lift a sixty ton load.

There have been six strikes at the Quincy shipyards since 1944. Strikes in 1947 and 1960 against Bethlehem Steel, former owners of the facility before General Dynamics, went 22 and 21 weeks respectively. A strike against the company in 1947 lasted 17 weeks.

Despite the financial difficulties that always accompany a long strike such as this one, the union appears to be holding firm in the face of the company's intransigence.



An atmosphere of virulent racism, punctuated by brutal physical attacks against Black people continues in Boston. Above, anti-racist Bostonians visibly demonstrate their support of the Black community. WW photo