

Anarchists murdered in prison as

Bonn unveils neo-Nazi unit in Mogadishu raid



Kentucky State police force over 100 arrested miners to lie on the ground after smashing their picket line on the road leading to the Stearns Coal Company's Justus Mine. Fifteen of the striking miners were injured by the cops' attack.

Striking Kentucky miners locked in fierce battle with company over union recognition

By JESSE LEE
NEW YORK, Oct. 19—A mass arrest of striking miners by Kentucky State police two days ago cleared the way for the first busload of scabs to enter the Blue Diamond Coal Co. in over a year. Over 100 of the strikers were arrested for violating a strike-breaking court injunction which limited picketing at the mine entrance.

Mine workers in Stearns, Ky., went on strike in July, 1976. The strike is for recognition of the United Mine Workers (UMW) union.

For nearly 16 months, not one ton of coal had been run out of the mine.

COMPANY GOONS FIRING ON WORKERS

The company has refused to recognize the union. Last March, Blue Diamond imported a gang of gun thugs armed with high-powered rifles, automatic weapons, and dogs. The gun thugs have fired daily on the miners' picket line, wounding one miner in the leg.

In self-defense, the miners have returned the fire. Five gun thugs have been wounded.

Miners have received threatening phone calls, their houses have been shot into late at night, and some have had mail boxes blown up. The UMW office in nearby Whitley City has been shot into.

In May of this year, 27 miners and UMW organizer Lee Potter were arrested and charged with kidnapping, robbery, and assault. Four of the miners charged in this company-inspired indictment were out of the state when the incident involving the company's gun thugs allegedly occurred.

The Stearns miners' trial begins on Oct. 25. If they are convicted, they face sentences of up to 60 years each.

Judge J.B. Johnson will hear the case. Johnson was the judge in the trial of Billy Carol Brunner, a mine foreman who was acquitted of the 1974 murder of Lawrence Jones, despite several eyewitnesses to the shooting. Jones, a 23-year-old UMW picket, was shot and killed during a union organizing drive at Duke

Power Co.'s Brookside Mine in Harlan County, Ky.

WOMEN ORGANIZING

The wives, sisters, and mothers of the striking miners have organized the Stearns Miners Women's Club. The Women's Club, similar to the Brookside Women's Club, has been organizing for the past eight months to support the miners. These women have organized to be able to more effectively fight the company's attacks on the mineworkers' families.

The Stearns miners and their families are fighting a life-and-death battle with the Blue Diamond Coal Co. (Blue Diamond also owns the Scotia mine where 26 miners were killed in March, 1976). The United Mine Workers union is under tremendous attack by the coal operators. Its very survival as a union is at stake.

The striking Stearns miners and their families need your support. Contributions and messages of support can be sent to: Stearns Miners Women's Club, P.O. Box 488, Stearns, Ky. 42647.

By JOHN CATALINOTTO and ANDY STAPP

NEW YORK, Oct. 19—Early yesterday morning West German elite commandos blasted their way into a Lufthansa airliner in Mogadishu, Somalia, killing three of the plane's hijackers and slightly wounding nine of the passengers. One of the so-called anti-terrorist commandos was also wounded. The plane's pilot had been killed earlier after an escape attempt, according to the passengers.

U.S. ruling circles reacted to the commando assault with the same wild enthusiasm with which they greeted President Gerald Ford's blitz against Cambodia during the Mayaguez affair and Israel's raid on Entebbe.

One big difference, of course, between the Mayaguez and Entebbe attacks, on the one hand, and the West German raid on the other, is that both Uganda and Cambodia fought back, while the Somali government collaborated fully.

In an article headlined, "Carter helped pave way for Somali rescue," the New York Post today revealed that "President Carter sent a private message to Somali President Mohammed Siad Barre in the hours before the West German commandos stormed the hijacked aircraft at Mogadishu airport, urging him to assist the Bonn government in any way he could."

"While the White House declined

to disclose details of Carter's secret message to Siad Barre, the President yesterday sent a second cable to the Somali leader publicly expressing 'my personal appreciation for your vital and decisive role' in the safe release of the hijack victims."

West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt also sent a telegram lauding the Somali government. The West German action was given high marks by Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin (himself a leader of the anti-Palestinian terrorist group Irgun in the 1940s) and by Moshe Dayan, who hailed the "perfect execution" of the commando operation. Schmidt also received accolades from Carter and Japanese Justice Minister Mitsuo Setyama.

Thus the Somali government is in the unenviable position of having played an important role in a brutal raid praised by the most powerful imperialist nations and their puppet policeman in the Middle East, Israel.

(According to news reports, even the United Arab Emirates, where the plane had landed briefly, wouldn't allow the West German forces to operate without at least some participation from their own troops.)

A particularly odious development that unmasked the "humanitarian" pose of the West German regime during these events was the savage murder of three of

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Workers World analysis Operation Oscar X-Ray

By SAM MARCY

NEW YORK, Oct. 19—It was no "miracle at Mogadishu"—as the capitalist press here is universally playing it up. Nor was it really a "merciful rescue mission" based on humanitarian considerations. Saving the lives of the passengers in the hijacked Lufthansa, history will show, was a peripheral issue.

Where were the "humanitarian considerations," the "merciful rescue missions" just a year ago when CIA agents, under instructions from Washington, blew up a Cuban airliner, killing all 73 passengers and crew members? No tears were shed by the imperialists, no commotion was raised. And to this day no condolences have been sent to the Cuban government by the U.S.

What was really involved in Mogadishu was a worldwide demonstration of NATO capability to carry out a counter-insurgency blitzkrieg attack in the face of a restless, dissatisfied, and frustrated European working class which is on the road to a militant resurgence as a result of the intractable worldwide capitalist crisis.

There is a multiplicity of ramifications to the so-called rescue mission. Some pertain to the domestic situation in capitalist West Germany, others to the working class in other parts of Europe, particularly Italy. But there are also worldwide implications that are of a fundamental character. These

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THE STRUGGLE IN BRIEF

'Jewish people yes! Zionism no!'



Atlanta, Oct. 6—With less than 24 hours notice, 25 people came out for this demonstration against Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan. Pickets demanded recognition of the PLO and chanted "Jewish people yes! Zionism no!"

Protest at UN condemns invasion, occupation of East Timor by Indonesia

By HILLEL BAILIN

NEW YORK, Oct. 11—"Indonesian troops, out of East Timor" was the message brought to the United Nations this evening by demonstrators opposing the invasion and occupation of the Democratic Republic of East Timor by Indonesia.

The East Timor Defense Committee called the demonstration to protest a new offensive which was recently launched by Indonesia against the heroic people of the Pacific island nation.

With a population of about one million, East Timor was a Portuguese colony until Nov. 28, 1975, when the Revolutionary Front for an Independent East Timor, known as Fretilin, established an independent republic.

Because the new Democratic Republic of East Timor is a progressive, anti-imperialist state, it was invaded by a huge force from Indonesia, armed with mostly U.S. weapons. The military dictatorship which rules Indonesia was installed by a bloody CIA-sponsored coup in 1965, and has received strong U.S. support ever since.

GUERRILLA RESISTANCE

Indonesia invaded East Timor in December, 1975, one day after a visit to Indonesia by then-U.S. President Gerald Ford. For almost two years now, however, a guerrilla resistance struggle led by Fretilin has prevented the invaders from conquering East Timor. Although the huge Indonesian force controls the capital, Dili, and a few other

towns, Fretilin controls most of the countryside.

Despite genocidal attacks on the East Timorese people, like those used by the U.S. in Vietnam, the Indonesian troops have suffered heavy casualties. The desertion rate is high, and some oppressed Indonesian draftees have switched to the side of their class brothers and



Hitting Indonesian fascism and its aggression against East Timor. The world's people support the heroic Timorese resistance while U.S. imperialism finances and arms the Indonesian invaders.

sisters of East Timor.

The new offensive by Indonesia with 10,000 additional troops is a desperate attempt to defeat the popular resistance. News from the front indicates that Fretilin guerrillas have already scored victories against the newly reinforced invaders.

After the evening picket line, the 75 demonstrators held a rally across from the UN, where the question of the invasion of East Timor will be

Rochester meeting hears Chilean refugee recount horrors in junta's jails

By RICHARD NILES

ROCHESTER, Oct. 3—Forty people attended a meeting here last night sponsored by the Chilean Refugee Committee of Rochester. The Committee, composed mainly of political exiles, is actively working in this area to build consciousness about the present conditions in Chile under the fascist military junta and to raise support for the Chilean resistance.

Featured speaker at last night's gathering was Jorge S., an economist and former political prisoner. His speech dealt with the economic situation in Chile and Latin America generally, pointing out the overwhelming dominance of U.S.

imperialism throughout the continent.

Following Jorge's talk, the film, "To the People of the World," was shown. This movie, narrated by Laura Allende and Carmen Castillo, leaders of the Chilean resistance, is a dramatic appeal to the world progressive movement to continue its aid to Chile's political prisoners and resistance movement.

Chairing the meeting, which was conducted in Spanish and English, was Jorge R., who himself was imprisoned for 26 months by the bloody junta, suffering severe torture. Last night's event was held at the office of the Rochester branch of Workers World Party.

150 march in Detroit against nuclear plant construction, Edison rate hike

By DANA ELLIS

DETROIT, Oct. 15—Over 150 people marched through downtown Detroit today to protest the construction of a second Fermi nuclear facility in Monroe, Mich., and the multi-million dollar rate hike proposed by Detroit Edison to pay for it.

The rally and march were sponsored by the Safe Energy Coalition, a network of grass roots

neighborhood groups from the Detroit metropolitan area. Highlights of the rally in Kennedy Square included the burning of protesters' utility bills in a large trash can, and the appearance of a mock Nancy Dickerson, Edison's mouthpiece in radio and TV commercials, whose hypocritical slogan is "The power is in your hands." She received a pie in the face at the conclusion of her speech.

NEAR DISASTER IN 1966

Speakers at the rally explained that a major nuclear accident that would have necessitated the evacuation of the Detroit metropolitan area was only narrowly averted on Oct. 5, 1966. On that day, a partial meltdown of the core of Fermi I, an experimental fast breeder nuclear reactor constructed in Monroe, took place.

Fermi I cost \$133 million to construct, \$4 million to dismantle, and only operated 30 days. Now Edison is asking for the consumers of Detroit to finance a second such reactor through a hefty rate hike!

Speakers also pointed out that low-level emissions of radiation from nuclear plants cause tens of thousands of extra cancer deaths every year, and protested the selection of Michigan as a prime site for the disposal of nuclear wastes.

Also exposed was the fallacy of the argument that the construction of nuclear plants means more jobs. Speakers pointed out that research into and development of alternative energy sources like solar and wind power, and the insulation of existing buildings, would provide plenty of jobs.

WW photo: Bill S.

DECLINE AND FALL

Suppress the suppression

AP, Sept. 27

"A study criticizing the government's tendency to suppress information will be missing when the Commission on Federal Paperwork makes its final report. The document itself has been suppressed. What the commission will give Congress and President Carter is a longer study far less critical of federal agencies."

A 'king' with god on his side

New York Post, Oct. 4

"Evangelist Ruth Carter Stapleton, the President's sister, and her husband spent last weekend as guests of porno king Larry Flynt at his palatial home outside Columbus, Ohio.

"We were hoping to be able to keep a relatively low profile," said Flynt, the controversial publisher of Hustler magazine, after reporters learned the identity of his house guests when Mrs. Stapleton left Columbus yesterday afternoon for a Los Angeles evangelical engagement.

"But," he added "I guess the world's best known pornographer and the President's

sister can't be together and maintain a low profile."

"Flynt, whose raunchy magazines crusade against child abuse, said their mutual interests lie with helping children. Chauffered in Flynt's limousine, Flynt and the Stapletons visited Children's Hospital.

"Flynt is currently appealing his conviction last February in Cincinnati on charges of pandering obscenity. He was sentenced to 7 to 25 years in jail and fined \$11,000.

"A month after his conviction, Flynt appeared at the northwest gate to the White House in an unsuccessful effort to present a \$1 million check to President Carter to pay for a presidential commission on obscenity and pornography. He was told Carter wouldn't accept the check."

Religious fanaticism and sexual exploitation do not make such strange bedfellows after all!

A 'god' with kings on his side

New York Post, Oct. 7, 8

"A week before he became the first American President to resign, Richard Nixon consulted with Billy Graham; he explained: 'When I

have a decision to make involving a moral issue, I counsel first with Billy Graham.' Jimmy Carter also confided with the evangelist, a week before Lance resigned, about the accusations against his Georgia friend.

Now, Billy Graham has troubles of his own. On top of a Minnesota Law Enforcement Division investigation into a \$23-million securities (blue chip stocks and land) fund of his Minneapolis-based operation which could mean a massive civil suit and criminal prosecution, Graham said this week that he has suffered so much from two, prostate operations, phlebitis, and pneumonia that he expects to die in ten years... and go to heaven.

"... Once there, he said in an interview with the Charlotte Observer, he expects to meet Elvis Presley, who 'was very religious, especially the last two or three years... he, even when he was a boy, always wanted to be a preacher.'

"But 'I don't think that I can retire as long as there is a spiritual need, and there'll always be one,' Graham said.

"I really believe that I'm going to a literal heaven."

But just in case he's wrong about this, Billy Graham has managed to secure himself a "heaven on earth" with all his lucrative and crooked business dealings.

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Energy monopolies accused of profit-gouging**What's behind Carter's 'attack' on oil giants?**

By ANDY STAPP

NEW YORK, Oct. 17—"The oil companies apparently want it all. We are talking about vast quantities of money. There is the potential of war profiteering in the impending energy crisis. The oil and gas companies are now demanding \$150 million. This could develop with the passing months as the biggest rip-off in history!"

What is this? Has "Jimmy" Carter, the multi-millionaire plantation owner suddenly been won over to socialism? Has he turned against the big business supporters who put him in the White House, or at least against the Rockefellers and the Texas oil barons who bankrolled his presidential election campaign so lavishly last year?

Would that it were so. But of course it's not.

No, Carter is simply engaging in the old fraud of attacking the oil monopolies verbally, while failing to take any real action against them.

OIL PROFITS HIGHEST EVER

This does not mean, however, that Carter's words about the oil trust are untrue. They are profit-mad. The Washington Post (Oct. 14) admitted that these firms have never been richer. In just the first six months of this year (compared with the entire year of 1972) Standard Oil of Indiana's profits are up 177.4%, Standard of California's are up 100.8%, Sun Oil's are up 153.6%, Continental Oil Company's are up 160.6%, Phillips Petroleum are up 240.6%, and Arco's are up a whopping 321.1%.

Over the same period, the price of natural gas has shot up 500%.

Yes, Carter is correct when he accuses the oil companies of trying to hog it all, but he is certainly not viewing the problem the way the workers, or the conservationists, or the consuming public in general, see it.

CAPITALIST FACTION FIGHT

No, Carter is opposed to the oil companies' profit-gouging, because it hurts other big businesses and the dynamic cliques who own and control them. After all, Carter is supposed to represent all the factions of the ruling class, not just one clique. As President, he is committed to a policy of sharing the wealth (among the wealthy).

Back in 1962, President John

Kennedy attacked the steel bosses (he characterized them as "a tiny handful of steel executives") for what he called their "pursuit of private power and profit" and their "utter contempt for the interests of 185 million Americans."

At that time, Kennedy was reacting to steel price increases which were extremely disadvantageous to the pursuit of private power and profit of other big industrial interests which use a lot of steel.

When Carter denounces the oil companies, he is speaking for the

auto firms and others whose sales (and profits) would be slashed by continued leaps in the cost of oil and gas.

OIL MONOPOLY UNCHALLENGED

So powerful is the oil lobby, however, that Carter didn't even suggest breaking up the monopolistic firms (the 20 largest have 76.9% of all production), even though such a measure would not pose a fundamental challenge to the industry's capitalist structure. After all, the old Rockefeller Standard Oil

Company was broken up into several different companies, which nonetheless continue to this day to meet together to fix prices, which they euphemistically call "administered prices."

Carter's energy program was designed to give big profits to the oil corporations (without unduly harming the other capitalists) as well as to build reserves to use as a club against the Arabs. His program was also geared to prepare the economy for another imperialist war.

Now Carter feels that the greed of

the oil kings is getting in the way of these goals and is lashing out in a demagogic way, hitting them for their incredible lust for more and more super-profits.

Socialist revolution is the only way to end capitalist exploitation forever, but more than anything, socialist revolution is just what Carter wants to prevent. Placing the sources of energy—coal, gas, oil, and uranium—at the service of the people instead of at the disposal of the rich is a job that ultimately only the masses themselves can accomplish.

Thousands of jobs threatened by containerization**Coastwide dock strike in third week**

By a Baltimore Longshoreman

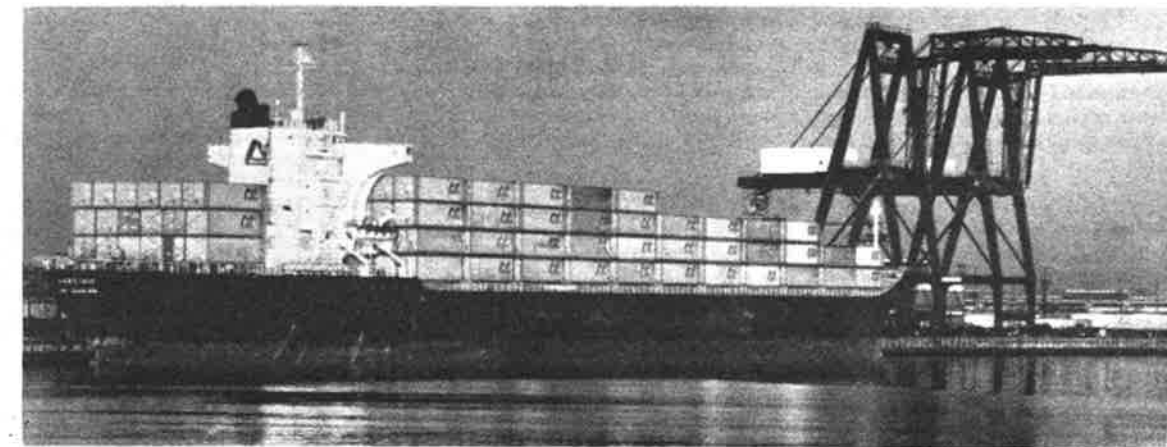
BALTIMORE, Oct. 15—As the coastwide dock strike enters its third week, the stalemate between the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) and the Council of North Atlantic Shippers Association (CONASA) continues.

The deadlock centers around job security. As the industry rapidly automates, thousands of union members' jobs are threatened. In the early '60s when the shippers began to containerize general cargo, they agreed to compensate union members for any possible loss of jobs by setting up a "container royalty fund" from which cash payments were to be made to eligible workers in the industry.

By 1970, containers constituted such a large percentage of the freight that the union fought for and won a clause in the '71 contract which would insure that containerization would result in a minimum loss of jobs. The clause stipulated that only ILA labor would be employed to 'stuff or strip' (pack or unpack) all containers having their origin or terminus within a 50-mile radius of the waterfront.

Ruling on a challenge to the stuffing and stripping provision of the contract made by two trucking firms (aided and encouraged by the shippers), the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) last January declared that part of the contract to be invalid because it constituted a "restraint of trade."

The union's position was to insist



Container ship in New Jersey port.

that it was management's responsibility to come up with an appropriate alternative. But, since the contract expired Sept. 30, talks have broken down completely. As of this date, no talks have been scheduled.

Unlike in the past, the union did not order a complete shutdown of the port, opting for a selective strike instead. International President Thomas J. Gleason claimed that the container lines were the problem, and, therefore, only these lines should be struck.

Immediately, there was resistance to limiting the action to a selective strike. Over 4,000 longshoremen in New Orleans defied the International by shutting the port down completely. Of the 95 ships idled by the strike, 48 are tied up in New

Orleans alone.

Here in Baltimore at two membership meetings, the selective strike was almost unanimously opposed. But the chair ruled out of order any motion to take a strike vote.

INFORMATIONAL PICKETS APPEAR IN BALTIMORE

After a week of no progress, a group of longshoremen from Local 333 (cargo handlers), and their spouses, set up an informational picket line at the central hiring hall demanding a port-wide strike vote. As local and International officials appeared, a crowd of more than 60 longshoremen put the officials on trial, denouncing the selective strike as a sellout which divides the

union's ranks by allowing some dockworkers to work while others remain idle.

All three Baltimore television stations filmed the event and aired it on the 12 noon, 6 p.m., and 11 p.m. newscasts.

The demonstration revealed a deep opposition among the ranks against the strategy of a selective strike. Four days later, a separate local (carpenters) set up a brief picket line.

SELECTIVE STRIKE DEMORALIZES RANKS

But despite open opposition to the International's policy, Gleason and local officials have been able to prevail. With no meetings or picket lines and with younger members forced to stay home and away from the hiring hall because there's no work for them, the rank-and-file opposition has had little chance to coalesce and collectively feel their strength and exercise their power.

Frame-up victim reported having escaped**Prison officials deny JoAnne Little her parole**

Special to Workers World

NORFOLK, Oct. 18—This past Sunday, it was reported by North Carolina prison officials that the night before, JoAnne Little had escaped from the North Carolina Correctional Center for Women in Raleigh.

David Best, Ms. Little's lawyer, was quoted in today's Norfolk Ledger Star as saying that when he visited her in prison on Friday she "talked about a conspiracy to get her, that every time she came up for parole they would always bring some charges."

In this city, supporters of JoAnne Little have been followed and hounded by police since her escape was reported.

CONTINUAL HARASSMENT

In 1974, due to a nationwide support campaign, Ms. Little became the only Black woman in the U.S. to ever be acquitted on charges of murder for defending herself against rape by a white man—in this

case, a white jailer. However, since then, the racist state has done everything to get its revenge for Ms. Little's victory, and to keep her in its clutches.

Soon after her acquittal, Ms. Little was thrown back in prison on a previous conviction. Inside, she has been harassed, repeatedly denied parole, and several times the state has attempted to pin new charges on her.

Most recently, after a year of struggle with the parole board, Ms. Little was finally granted parole and was due to be released from prison on Nov. 15. However, the state of North Carolina then suspended Ms. Little from the work release program in which she was participating, citing an alleged failure of hers to report to work for two days. This would most probably have resulted in the revocation of her parole once again.

After prison authorities had announced Ms. Little's escape, Dr. David Lane, the dentist for whom

she worked, was quoted in the Virginia Pilot (Oct. 16) as saying that he didn't understand the prison's accusations, as Ms. Little had been in and working on those days.

STRING OF PHONY CHARGES

Last year, just before JoAnne Little became eligible for parole, the state of North Carolina tried to slap her with more time by claiming that she had violated her misdemeanor probation in 1974 (two-and-a-half years before!). When these charges were dismissed, she was brought up on new and more far-fetched ones of possessing a potential weapon (a pair of embroidery scissors) allegedly "to incite an insurrection."

This past December, she was told she could be paroled if she was willing to go to Virginia. When Ms. Little secured a job and housing in that state the parole was snatched away from her under the guise of her "poor prison conduct."

However, even the superintendent

of the women's prison, Lewis Powell, said at that time in an interview with WRAT-TV in Raleigh, "JoAnne Little is a model prisoner."

Next, Ms. Little was told that she could have study release. However, the prison administration told her that she could not attend Shaw University, a predominantly Black institution, but must attend King University, which is mainly white—so this, too, was taken away from her.

Several times national campaigns of telegram-sending and letter-writing were organized to win Ms. Little's freedom on the grounds that she had suffered enough at the hands of North Carolina prison officials.

The racist officials of the state of North Carolina are responsible for what has befallen Ms. Little, from the sexual assault by a prison guard to the latest sadistic harassments. It is they, not she, who are guilty of criminal behavior.

COMPANIES OUT TO BREAK UNION

The companies know that. That is why they are refusing to negotiate at all. Last week in Washington, after an all-day meeting with shipping representatives, a federal mediator admitted he had failed to get management to come up with any meaningful offer to the union.

Earlier, Secretary of Labor Ray Marshall declared that he was "delighted with the selective strike." He could have been speaking for the shippers.

It is clear that the companies, if they are not out to break the union, at least are out to house-train it by driving thousands of union members out of their jobs.

This strike promises to be a bitter one. And its character could yet change. As uncertain and hesitant as the rank-and-file may be, they have looked and are looking for ways to actively intervene in the strike. It is this specter that really frightens the companies.

400 protest Bakke decision in Boston

By IVER JOHNSON

BOSTON, Oct. 15—Chanting "Discrimination we must end, minority rights we must defend," over 400 people—Black, Brown, Asian, Native American, and white—marched against racism and the Bakke decision here today.

Alan Bakke is a racist who has brought a court suit against affirmative action programs designed to help women and Black, Brown, Asian, and Native American peoples overcome hundreds of years of discrimination and victimization. The case is now before the Supreme Court. Bakke won in lower courts.

This was the second Boston demonstration against the Bakke decision. The first was held Oct. 1 in Government Center, where 150 people joined the Black American Law Students Association in an anti-Bakke protest.

SPEAKERS AT RALLY

Today's action was a march from the Boston Common to the Federal Court and back through downtown to the Common for a rally. Speeches at the rally in English, Spanish, and Chinese reflected broad community involvement in the struggle against the Bakke decision.

Many workers also spoke. A Black worker from the General Dynamics shipyard in Quincy, where a several-weeks-long strike was recently concluded, told the crowd that the company has fired many nationally oppressed workers, and that oppressed workers are kept in the two lowest departments with little or no chance of promotion.

Omar Cannon of the Third World Jobs Clearing House (construction workers) stated that his organization

has been struggling against systematic discrimination in the construction industry and unions for years. "Unions are supposed to represent all workers," he explained. "If anyone is excluded, it leaves all workers open to attack. We have been excluded, but will never stop struggling for equality by any means necessary."

A speaker from the Black American Law Students Association warned, "The fires will be greater than Detroit, Watts, and Newark combined if the Bakke decision is not overturned." He pointed out that even with affirmative action, only 4.6% of today's law students are Black, and that the Black unemployment rate is more than double the national rate.

IMPORTANCE OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION TO WOMEN

A speaker from the National Lawyers Guild pointed out how affirmative action is vital for women. The Guild's women's commission has refused to support a racist woman who brought a Bakke-like suit against UC Davis.

Today's demonstration was called by the Boston Coalition to Overturn the Bakke decision, which includes Balsa, the National Conference of Black Lawyers, the National Lawyers Guild, the National United Workers Organization, the Peoples Alliance (of which Youth Against War & Fascism is a member), the Boriqua Health organization, and many others. Sponsors of the demonstration included the NAACP, Boston Progressive Teachers, Chinatown Peoples Progressive Association, and others.



1,000 in DC hit Bakke ruling

WASH. D.C., Oct. 12—Today more than 1,000 people marched here hitting the racist Bakke case as an attack on the hard-won gains of minority and women workers. Many trade unionists took part in the demonstration which was endorsed by the Greater Washington Central Trade and Labor Council [AFL-CIO].

WW photo: Susan

Background on the Bakke case

The Supreme Court and the Dred Scott decision

By KENNY PETERSON

NEW YORK, Oct. 15—The Supreme Court does not like to be reminded of the Dred Scott case—so we shall remind it. Besides, with the Bakke case now being argued before the high court, those familiar with the infamous Dred Scott decision can't help but recall that earlier case.

Dred Scott was also a case in which the rights of Black people were on trial. In fact, it was in this case that the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, a man named Roger Taney, declared that Black people "had no rights which the white man was bound to respect."

In Dred Scott, the Supreme Court ruled that the will of the slaveowners was the highest law of the land.

That was in 1857, and the Court's decision brought down a torrent of abuse upon that hallowed institution. Four years later, armies of the North and South began the struggle to settle the question of slavery once and for all, the Dred Scott decision notwithstanding.

WHO WAS DRED SCOTT?

Dred Scott was a Black slave from Missouri, who, in the early 1840s, was taken by his master to Illinois, and then to Wisconsin. The Ordinance of 1787 had banned slavery in the old Northwest Territory—thus, in both of these states (Wisconsin did not reach full "statehood" until 1848) slavery was against the law. After five years in the North, Scott returned with his slave master to Missouri.

A lawsuit was introduced in the

Missouri courts, apparently challenging Scott's slave status, on the grounds that he had lived for five years on "free soil." The suit was only apparently on Scott's behalf, since it was initiated by pro-slavery elements who were seeking a definitive ruling from the Supreme Court in their favor on the question of the banning of slavery in the northern territories.

This was no idle question—a preview of the Civil War was then raging in Kansas, where homesteaders were battling slaveowners for control of the state-to-be. (It was in Kansas that John Brown mastered the art of guerrilla warfare.) At any rate, the Supreme Court was then clearly divided on this issue, with the slaveowners having a majority of five judges to the North's four.

COURT RULES SLAVERY LAW OF THE LAND

So when the Dred Scott case finally reached the Supreme Court in 1857, the Court ruled that Scott had no case at all—that he, his wife,

and two children were still slaves. Against Scott's argument of having lived for five years in the North, the Court delivered a ruling that almost precipitated the Civil War and certainly made it inevitable.

The Supreme Court ruled that there was no such thing as "free soil" at all, that the laws passed by Congress banning slavery in the North were "unconstitutional." Specifically, the Ordinance of 1787 and the Missouri Compromise of 1820 were ruled null and void.

The substance of the Court's argument, to quote one legal historian, was this: "Slaves were not only property like any other property, but they were a class of property particularly favored by the Constitution and placed under its protective wing. By the Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, Congress is prohibited from making any law which would deprive any citizen of his property without due process of law."

And what of the rights of Black people? They had none, according

to the Supreme Court. They did not even have the right to sue in the U.S. courts, according to the Court, because Black people were not, and could not be, citizens! The Constitution and all the laws, Justice Taney reminded the country, were the instruments of the slaveowners, and it was axiomatic, therefore, that Black people "had no rights which the white man was bound to respect."

SPIRIT OF DRED SCOTT DECISION LIVES ON

As Frederick Douglass said, without struggle there is no progress, and although the slaveowners had high hopes for the Dred Scott ruling, it was, of course, overturned on the battlefield. But the spirit of the Dred Scott decision lived on, and it remains to this day the source of Supreme Court doctrine regarding the power of the Court to overturn progressive legislation.

In ruling the Missouri Compromise and the Ordinance of 1787 null and void, the Supreme Court for the first time in its history exercised this powerful weapon. Thereafter, both state and federal laws that attempted to set minimum standards protective of the rights of working people, such as wage and hour legislation, were summarily overturned by the Supreme Court. In the 120 years since Dred Scott, the Supreme Court has made and unmade laws, all on the example of the Taney-slaveowners' court of 1857.

The Supreme Court, however,

depends on much more solid underpinning than mere legal theory. Law is the will of the ruling class, and the courts' function is to enforce that will. It is the application of material force on behalf of private interest, and whether the year is 1857 or 1977, whether slave owners or factory owners wield it, the Supreme Court is the instrument of the ruling class. Any progressive rulings issued by the Court are motivated only by a fear of the mass struggle.

STRUGGLE OF SOCIAL FORCES DECISIVE

And despite their claims to the contrary, the Constitution and the Supreme Court are employed selectively, politically, as the bourgeoisie determines. Let us not forget that the Supreme Court, throughout the long years of the Vietnam War, pretended to ignore the illegality of that U.S. aggression.

But that is nothing new. Laws have always been used against the poor and to defend the rich, no matter how much twisted logic it took to justify. But no matter how reactionary courts and laws may be, they are not what determines our destiny.

Whatever course the Supreme Court should follow in the Bakke case, for example, it is the living struggle of social forces that is decisive. The Dred Scott ruling could no more secure the survival of slavery than the Bakke decision will be able to halt the struggle for Black rights. And that struggle will surely end in victory.



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400 Chicanos march to demand

'Houston Police, out of our community!'

By PATRICIA CHRISTIANSEN
HOUSTON, Oct. 15—Over 400 people marched through the streets of Houston today for the second weekend in a row to protest the insulting and unjust sentence of two of the six cops who murdered a young Chicano man, Jose Campos Torres.

The demonstrators were joined along the route by people coming out of their houses and cars to show

their solidarity with the slogans being chanted, such as "Torres is dead, the cops go free, stop police brutality," "El pueblo unido, jamas sera vencido," and "HPD (Houston Police Department) out of our community."

Torres was murdered last May after six Houston policemen arrested him in a bar for disorderly conduct and beat him so brutally that the jailer refused to book him

until he was given medical care. Instead of taking Torres to the hospital, they returned to the secluded spot where they had originally beaten him, beat him some more, and threw him off a 20-foot embankment into the murky water of Buffalo Bayou, where they left him to drown. Two of the cops were indicted for murder and were recently acquitted. They were convicted only on a lesser

misdeemeanor charge of negligent homicide and received 1-year probation sentences.

ATTEMPTS TO SUPPRESS COMMUNITY ANGER

The Chicano community was outraged with this sentence, and there have been meetings and protests all week. But conservative "community leaders" working with city officials and the police chief had waged a massive campaign in hopes of convincing the people that there were "outside agitators" planning violence, and to warn people not to take part in any demonstrations, but to remain "cool," stay in their houses, and have faith in the judicial system.

The day before the big march, the Houston clergy held a press conference urging people to keep their faith in the system and claiming that violence and demonstrations would not be in their interests.

Police Chief Harry Caldwell told a meeting that the police department was expecting "riots" and "violence" and that they were expecting "to lose two of their men," but that his troops would be ready for the battle.

Some 65,000 leaflets, addressed to "friends of Joe Torres," were distributed by these misleaders during the week in their efforts to create an atmosphere of fright regarding any protest.

PEOPLE NOT MISLED

But this underhanded campaign did not deter people from

demonstrating their outrage over the whole Torres case. Poor and working people here feel that the police have been given the green light to murder, and they want it stopped.

The march began at Moody Park in Northside, a Chicano community, and marched through a Black community on its way to City Hall. People from all along the route joined in the protest.

Many of the speakers were from the Barrios Unidos en Defensa, a coalition formed immediately after the murder. The group includes La Raza Unida Party, Workers World Party, the Association for the Advancement of Mexican-Americans (AAMA), and Workers Viewpoint.

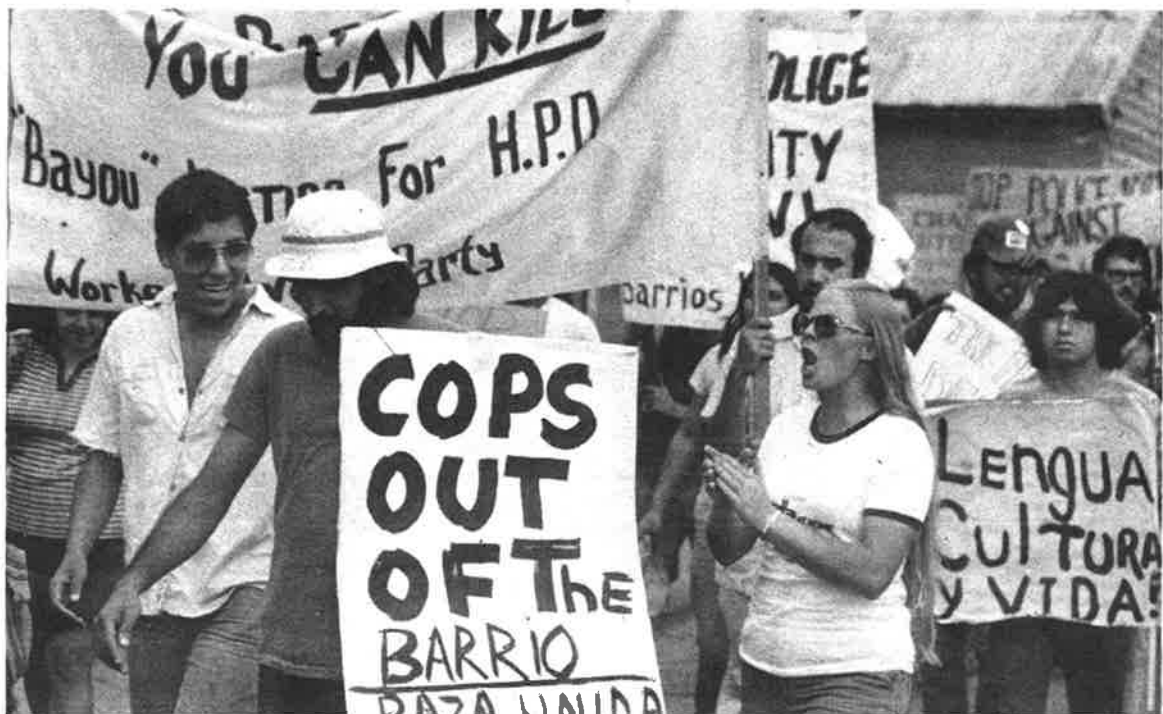
Salvador Gonzales, speaking for Workers World Party, explained that as long as capitalism exists, there will be murders by the police, because it is by murdering and by putting poor people in prisons that the ruling class hopes to control the working class. But, he said, we must fight for what is rightfully ours. He said that had six Chicanos murdered a cop, if they made it to trial before being killed, the Chicanos would receive the death penalty. He added that Chicanos and Blacks and the whole working class have created and built this country and that they will fight until it is theirs.

After the speeches, there was a skit performed by AAMA, a Chicano people's theater group.

SUIT AGAINST COPS, CITY GOVERNMENT

After being arrested themselves on phony charges last weekend, the parents of Torres filed a \$2.5 million federal suit against the city, the Houston police department, and six present and former officers for the death of their son. It is being handled by noted attorney Percy Foreman.

The two cops who received probation, Stephen Orlando and Terry Denson, are appealing their conviction, and there is speculation that this is being done to delay federal action in the case.



Some of the 400 people who marched in Houston, Texas, on Saturday angered by the fact that two cops who had killed a Chicano prisoner received no punishment. WW photo: Barbara Timko

Backed by 40 labor and community groups

Norfolk rally supports Pendleton 14

By SARAH L. AZOTH and AL LONG

NORFOLK, Oct. 13—More than 60 Black and white people attended a rally in support of the Camp Pendleton 14 here tonight. The rally, organized by the Center for United Labor Action (CULA) and co-sponsored by more than 40 labor and community organizations, was held at the meeting hall of Local 1458 of the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA).

The Camp Pendleton 14 are Black Marines charged with conspiracy, assault, and attempted murder for defending themselves early last year against vicious attacks by the Ku Klux Klan at the Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base in Oceanside, California.

CULA SOLIDARITY WITH PENDLETON 14

Monica Moorehead, school teacher and leading member of CULA, chaired tonight's meeting and explained that CULA is a national organization of Black, Brown, and white, gay and straight, employed and unemployed people fighting for the rights of all poor and working people. Moorehead said that the CULA's work on the Camp Pendleton 14 case is part of the Center's ongoing struggle against racism and to unite Black and white workers against the bosses.

John Lewis, a veteran, a leader in anti-war struggles in the 60s, a member of the American Servicemen's Union, (ASU) a shop steward in the Carpenters and Joiners Union, and a leading member of the Norfolk CULA, spoke at tonight's rally on the Ku Klux Klan. He attacked the notion that the Klan represents poor and working white people, explaining that the KKK really represents a small minority of reactionary racists, who are financed and

organized by rich businessmen and bankers.

The rally's main speaker, Bill Roundtree, emphasized the necessity to struggle against the Klan in the same spirit as that exhibited by the Camp Pendleton 14.

Roundtree, a member of Teamsters Local 781 and of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, an organizer for the ASU, and a national leader of the CULA, has a long history of organizing against racist forces, from the military brass to the Nazis in Chicago to ROAR in Boston. Roundtree linked the rising racist activities in the U.S. with the economic crisis. "They are trying to take back all the gains we struggled for in the 60s, rights that people shed their blood for," he said.

Roundtree explained that the Klan attacks are part and parcel of the ongoing attacks on unions, the current wave of massive layoffs, and the Bakke case. (see related article on opposite page.) He emphasized the importance of a multi-national struggle against racism and attacks on workers.

Working class unity against racism and in support of the Pendleton 14 is far more than wishful thinking in the Norfolk area—an area with the largest military concentration in the world—as proven by the successful organizing effort for tonight's rally. The rally was endorsed by the entire membership of ILA Local 1458 and Local 2514 of the Carpenters and Joiners.

Other labor sponsors included officers, stewards, or officials of the Operating Engineers, the Laborers International Union, the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers, the Amalgamated Meatcutters and Butcher Workmen, the Teamsters, and the Retail Store Employees Union.

Also sponsoring the meeting were the Norfolk NAACP and the president of the Chesapeake NAACP; leaders of community groups such as the Portsmouth Central Civic Forum, the Christian Action Organization, the Wesley Community Center, the Portsmouth Assembly, AKBAR, and the Client

Involvement Committee; as well as a number of local attorneys, teachers, and religious leaders.

The CULA has also conducted mass leafleting throughout the region in support of the Pendleton 14 and is sponsoring a demonstration in downtown Norfolk on Saturday, Oct. 15.

Marty Dixon demands discharge upgrade

Black vet fights racist brass

By RICHARD FERGUSON

NEW YORK, Oct. 5—"If the Camp Pendleton 14 are not freed today, there will be a Camp Pendleton 14 to deal with tomorrow."

These words were spoken by Marty Dixon at a recent rally to free the Camp Pendleton 14 here in New York. Dixon is a Black ex-Marine, who, like the Pendleton 14, was a victim of a racist frame-up by the U.S. military. He was given a dishonorable discharge and served 18 months at hard labor at Fort Leavenworth, because of a rebellion of Black GIs in south Korea.

BEHIND THE FRAME-UP

In 1971, Black GIs in south Korea launched a militant and organized resistance to the rampant racism on U.S. bases there. On May 19 of that year, Malcolm X Day, 400 to 500 Black enlisted men from all over south Korea staged a mass rally at Yongsan Military Reservation to present their grievances to the brass. The commanding general at Yongsan refused to meet even a small representative delegation, and instead gave orders which provoked a bloody confrontation between the Black GIs and the MPs who were armed with deadly riot gear.

The incident sparked a more

intensified wave of terror against Black GIs, many of whom were arrested and received dishonorable discharges. The Ku Klux Klan began to pass out its vile racist literature on the base.

In July, shortly afterward, there was a rebellion outside Camp Humphrey in south Korea. The protest was directed at a segregated nightclub, which offered a cash bounty to Green Berets there on maneuvers for each Black person they would beat up.

Dixon, known for his militant opposition to the military's racism, was labelled as the leader of the revolt and charged on several counts, while witnesses were threatened with the same charges if they dared to testify.

Dixon told *Workers World* here recently, "Wherever the U.S. is present, they bring their racist garbage, prostitution, and drug traffic." He went on to tell of the many sicknesses of U.S. imperialism which have been exported to south Korea, a situation far different from that of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in the north, where there is no racism, prostitution, or drug traffic.

Like so many Black and Latin youth who grow up finding there are

no jobs, Dixon entered the Marines at the age of 17 in 1970 totally unaware of the real structure of the military. He then found that the military meant racism.

BRASS FEARS GI UNITY

Dixon told *Workers World* of the rigid segregation—instituted by the military—of all the clubs and social gathering places around the base. He said, "There were separate bars set up for the whites, Blacks, and Puerto Ricans, anything they could do to destroy unity."

While this went on off-base, the Ku Klux Klan was openly organizing on base with many high-ranking officers in their membership.

Dixon has filed suit demanding that his discharge be upgraded to honorable. He is also publicizing his case out of a recognition that the same conditions that existed with his frame-up and incarceration in 1971 persist today in the racist military. In making his case known to the world, Dixon is also raising the case of the Pendleton 14, pointing out their many similarities.

Racism and sexism and their filthy spokesmen like the KKK can only be destroyed by smashing the main promoter—U.S. imperialism.

Hearing postponed to Nov. 2

Supporters rally for VA nurses

By DANA ELLIS
DETROIT, Oct. 11—Although hearings on a motion for a new trial were postponed today until Nov. 2, supporters of Filipina Narciso and Leonora Perez from Detroit, Chicago, and Ann Arbor gathered in downtown Detroit for a determined rally.

Sponsored by the Detroit Area Coalition to Free the VA Nurses, Narciso and Perez, the rally was also attended by several carloads of Philippine representatives from the Chicago Support Group and by representatives of the Narciso-Perez Legal Defense Committee in Ann Arbor. The Detroit coalition announced plans for another rally and a march on Nov. 2.

Narciso and Perez are two Philippine nurses who have been framed up on charges of poisoning their patients at the Ann Arbor, Mich., Veterans' Administration

Hospital. The nurses are currently at the Federal Penitentiary for Women in Alderson, W. Va., undergoing a 90-day period of "psychiatric testing" prior to sentencing.

FORMER PATIENT ADDRESSES RALLY

Although he had only been released from the hospital four days prior to the rally, Dick Collins, a former patient at the Ann Arbor Veterans Administration Hospital who has done extensive work in support of the nurses, addressed the rally forcefully.

He spoke about the terrible conditions for patients and workers that exist at the hospital. He denounced the hospital's chief administrator as the architect of the frame-up, in collusion with the FBI, and spoke of the care and concern Narciso and Perez had demonstrated

for their patients, in contrast to the callous neglect practiced by the administration.

Esther Simpson of the Chicago Support Group named over 20 cities across the country where support organizations have been formed for the nurses.

Also speaking was Pat Thomas, a nursing assistant employed at the Ann Arbor VA hospital for over five years, who represented the support shown by many of the nurses' co-workers. Thomas, who has corresponded with the nurses in West Virginia, reported that their spirits are high and that they remain determined to win.

Representatives of the Feminists for Narciso and Perez, who also have done extensive work on the case—raising funds through the sale of silkscreened T-shirts, bumper stickers, and sponsoring benefits—sang a song they had composed about the frame-up, denouncing the racism and sexism behind it.

Nene Hernandez, speaking for the coalition, called for increasing support from all progressive people across the country.



Filipina Narciso and Leonora Perez, two Philippine nurses victimized by racist "justice." Photo: Michigan Free Press

NYC action demands new trial for Narciso and Perez

By JACQUI O'SHAUGHNESSY
NEW YORK, Oct. 11—Nearly 100 people rallied here today to demand a new trial for Leonora Perez and Filipina Narciso.

Today's rally, part of the ongoing fight to free Narciso and Perez, was called by the Narciso-Perez Support (NY-NJ) which is sponsored by KDP, Philippine Nurses Association of New Jersey, Inc., Friends of the Filipino People, Youth Against War & Fascism, and others.

Speaker after speaker outlined the frameup nature of the charges against the two. The program was chaired by Teresa Rodriguez, a

member of the Union of Democratic Filipinos (KDP), and co-coordinator of the Narciso-Perez Support Committee (NY-NJ). Kathleen Robinson, who served as an alternate juror when Narciso and Perez were tried, emphasized the weakness of the prosecution's case, which was largely based on circumstantial evidence.

A statement from the Chicago Support Group for Narciso and Perez, read by the rally's chairperson, thoroughly exposed the government's attempts at a racist frame-up. In addition, the growing support for Narciso and Perez was documented.

Oct. 30 protest to demand freedom of 4 Puerto Rican Nationalists

By P. MEISNER

NEW YORK, Oct. 16—Following the belated release of Puerto Rican Nationalist prisoner Andres Figueroa Cordero, an intensified campaign is being organized to free the four remaining Nationalists still in Federal U.S. prisons.

They are Lolita Lebron, Rafael Cancel Miranda, Irvin Flores, and Oscar Collazo. Collazo, now incarcerated 27 years, is the longest-

held political prisoner in the Western Hemisphere.

Collazo was given a life sentence for his attack on the temporary residence of President Harry S. Truman in 1950, just after U.S. colonial troops had brutally suppressed the Nationalist rebellion in Puerto Rico. The other four Nationalists received sentences of up to 75 years each for their attack on the U.S. Congress in 1954 to dramatize and call attention to the enslavement of their island nation by Yankee imperialism.

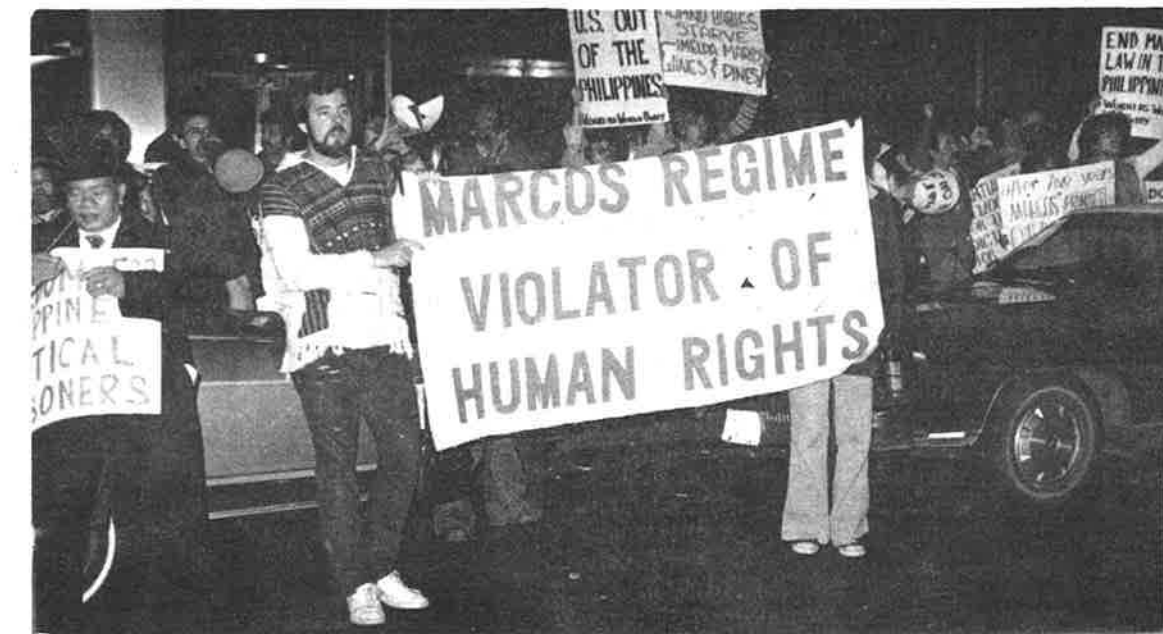
The newly-formed U.S. Committee to Free the Five Puerto Rican Nationalists has just issued a petition demanding that President "Jimmy" Carter free the remaining four prisoners from U.S. jails. A delegation with signed petitions in hand will go to Washington, D.C. just before Christmas to request an unconditional release for the four

Nationalists. The U.S. Committee also urges everyone to write or wire the White House directly to demand that Carter act immediately.

OCT. 30 PICKET SET

On Oct. 30, the Puerto Rican Solidarity Committee (PRSC) will hold a mass picket at the White House from 1 to 4 p.m. to commemorate the 27th anniversary of the Nationalist uprising in Puerto Rico and to demand the unconditional release of the four Nationalist prisoners still in U.S. prisons. Buses of demonstrators will be coming from a number of cities throughout the eastern half of the U.S. Other demonstrations are being planned on the West Coast.

For bus tickets, call YAWF at (212) 255-0352 or the PRSC at (212) 673-0540. To get petitions, write or stop by the U.S. Committee, located at 80 Fifth Ave., Room 1204, New York, N.Y. 10011.



Protesting a "gala dinner" held in New York City to honor Philippine dictator's wife, Imelda Marcos. The U.S.-backed Marcos regime has arrested 50,000 political opponents since 1972. WW photo: Ed C.

Protesters picket Imelda Marcos

By MIKE PIONE
NEW YORK, Oct. 10—About 100 people protesting against Ferdinand Marcos' dictatorial U.S.-backed regime in the Philippines picketed a "gala dinner" here tonight honoring the dictator's wife, Imelda Marcos.

As a stream of so-called dignitaries entered New York's Waldorf Astoria, the Union of Democratic Filipinos (KDP) led the militant picket line which took place right in front of the building.

The protesters focused their attacks on the repressive character

of the Marcos regime—especially the U.S.-sponsored imposition of martial law. A leaflet passed out at the demonstration pointed out that over 50,000 political prisoners have been detained since the declaration of martial law in 1972.

U.S. BACKING BARED

Another leaflet illustrated U.S. support for the dictatorship. It pointed out that \$40.4 million in military aid for the Marcos regime has been proposed by the Carter "human rights" administration.

The demonstrators chanted slogans such as, "Free all political prisoners, Down with Marcos," "Stop U.S. aid to Marcos dictatorship," "Stop all murders, Stop all tortures, Down with martial law," and "The people united will never be defeated."

The demonstration attracted Black, Puerto Rican, and progressive white supporters. Large numbers of international supporters—from Thailand, Africa, and the Middle East—also attended.



Oscar Collazo, one of the four Puerto Rican Nationalists still held in U.S. Federal prisons. Collazo is the longest incarcerated political prisoner [27 years] in the Western Hemisphere.

Met by militant demonstrations nationwide...

Anita Bryant opposed at Mississippi fair

Special to Workers World

JACKSON, Miss., Oct. 17—Ever since the June referendum in Dade County, Fla., which overturned a gay rights bill in that state, Anita Bryant, a leader of the vicious anti-gay mobilization to defeat the bill, has not been able to speak publicly without being challenged.

In Norfolk, Va., a crowd of 500 turned out to oppose her speaking appearance there. In Houston, Texas, Chicago, and Indianapolis (see related article), thousands turned out to oppose her. In states such as Idaho and West Virginia, her appearances have been greeted

with demonstrations.

BRYANT PROTESTED AT MISSISSIPPI FAIR

Bryant's appearance at the Mississippi State Fair here proved to be no exception to this record of confrontation, as a dozen members of the Mississippi Gay Alliance (MGA) held a demonstration on Oct. 12 in Smith Park. Chanting "Gay and straight together" and carrying a banner which read "Fight Back—Smash Gay Oppression," the demonstrators called attention to Bryant's anti-gay position.

Speaking at the rally, Eddie

Sandifer, president of the MGA, said, "I feel the same way towards Anita Bryant that I do toward any fascist right-winger that is oppressing other people." He emphasized that Anita Bryant's stand on lesbians and gay men aligned her with groups such as the Ku Klux Klan, which has called for the killing of gay people.

The MGA has a long record of fighting against the Klan and other racist groups. Last year, members of the MGA and the NAACP conducted a successful campaign to stop police harassment of gay people in Smith Park.



Can you recognize this well-known celebrity?

Answer: This is Anita Bryant, fundamentalist singer and header of reactionary anti-gay campaign in Dade County, Fla. She was recipient of a cream-pie award in Des Moines in an unscheduled ceremony.

And also in Indianapolis...

800 counter Bryant's poison

By JOHN HUTTON

CHICAGO, Oct. 12—On Oct. 7, Anita Bryant took her fascist, anti-gay crusade to Indianapolis. She spoke at a so-called "Save Our Society" rally sponsored by two fundamentalist Baptist ministers and a state representative, Donald Boys, who cherishes hopes of mobilizing Bryant's bigots into a movement "to put a man who loves God" (i.e., Boys himself) into the office of Governor.

The rally itself, which was supported by the reactionary city governments of Indianapolis and Hammond, Ind., fell far short of predicted attendance. Many of the several thousand who attended were students from fundamentalist (and racist) private academies from across the Midwest. Those who attended got to hear Bryant warn in typical bigoted fashion, "If the parents don't raise up and set standards for our children, the humanists, the ultra-liberals, and the homosexuals will." Baptist Minister Greg Dixon demanded that all gay people be imprisoned, while Boys raved that "homosexuality is an attack on civilization and a running sore on the face of society." At a "March for Decency" the following day, one small child was given a sign to carry which called for gays to be executed!

800 TURN OUT TO OPPOSE BRYANT

To counter this hysteria—

reminiscent of Nazi tirades against the Jewish people—gays and progressives in the Midwest organized to make their case known. Braving cold and heavy rains, more than 800 people took part in a picket line outside the Bryant hate-fest. The pickets were initiated by the Gay Peoples Union of Indiana and the Indiana Coalition for Human Rights and made up both of local lesbians and gay men and

supporters from around the state, Chicago, and Louisville, Ky. Police forced the picketers nearly two blocks away from the rally, harassing and threatening those who tried to go closer. But the marchers kept both their discipline and their morale high as they refused to succumb either to police harassment or taunts from the bigots.

On the same day, 63 priests and

ministers took out ads in both Indianapolis daily papers to denounce the Bryant campaign. The ad stated, "We are opposed to the crusade against persons with homosexual orientation and believe that any denial of their civil rights constitutes a dangerous threat to personal freedoms to which all persons are entitled."

Encouraged by the large turn-out for the anti-Bryant picket line—almost unprecedented in this

conservative city—lesbian and gay and progressive forces have outlined plans to oppose Bryant appearances set for this month in Chicago; South Bend, Indiana; and Pekin, Illinois. It is essential to demonstrate that there is nowhere in this country where Bryant can go to spread her venom without being opposed by forces dedicated to the liberation of lesbian, gay, and all oppressed people and the defeat of fascism and reaction.

Hundreds picket downtown precinct house

Seattle gays demand end to police attacks

By GARY AMES and JIM McMAHAN

SEATTLE, Oct. 11—Demanding an end to police attacks on gay people and all oppressed people, 300 angry lesbians and gay men and supporters demonstrated here today in front of the downtown police station. The picket line was militant and spirited. Chants of "Gay and straight, Black and white, same struggle, same fight!" and "We will not be scapegoats," reverberated off City Hall across the street.

The demonstration was called by the Washington Coalition for Sexual Minority Rights in response to a recent police raid on a gay teenage night club. On Oct. 9, while the film "Gay U.S.A.," a documentary on the Gay Pride marches of 1977, was being shown in a nearby theater as a

benefit for gay political organizations, police entered the Monastery Club supposedly on a noise complaint. Harassing and brutalizing those inside, the police arrested the club manager and several patrons on charges of "obstructing justice." On the evidence of one beer can found in a trash can in the manager's private residence, the club was closed. This, the third closing of a gay teen club in recent weeks, followed a sensationalist anti-gay blitz by local media. (See W.W. Oct. 13)

The club's manager has since exposed the fact that the Monastery was on a police list of gay clubs to be closed.

About 70 outraged patrons regrouped after the raid and met with coalition members in front of

the downtown police station at 3 a.m. to show support for those arrested. The crowd quickly made plans to call for a meeting, which was held on Monday and drew approximately 50 people. Many of these people attended today's demonstration as well.

Today's picket line of Black and white, women and men, was witnessed by thousands of people here during the rush hour. The strength of the crowd forced Mayor Wes Uhlman, flanked by several aides, to come to his 11th-story balcony to view the crowd below. Uhlman's appearance outraged the protestors, who then chanted, "Wes, fire Hanson!", referring to the Seattle police chief.

DEMONSTRATORS' DEMANDS

After the demonstration there was a rally. Those present pledged to continue to struggle and to keep pressing the demands of the demonstration. The demands are:

Stop the murders, brutality and selective enforcement of the law in sexual and racial minority communities; stop the police harassment of youth clubs; drop all charges against those arrested at the Monastery; fire police chief Hanson; and establish a citizen's review

board to maintain community control over the police.

The police raid on the Monastery is just part of an escalating campaign of repression launched against oppressed people statewide. Over the past six months, three gay men have been murdered in prison on McNeil Island; Donald Snook, a Black gay man facing execution has been tortured extensively while in Walla Walla penitentiary; a Chicano man, Manuel Medina, was shot by Seattle police while trying to flee an alleged robbery; and Angel Doniego, a Filipino community activist, was brutally beaten on the street by Seattle police who told him to get out of Filipino activities. Initiative 335, a supposedly "anti-pornography" initiative, which in reality would threaten the rights of lesbian and gay people will be on the November ballot in the Seattle city elections.

The Washington Coalition for Sexual Minority Rights will sponsor a Defend Gay Rights rally on Nov. 5 to protest the U.S. Supreme Court decision against Jim Gaylord, a local teacher who was fired for being gay (see accompanying article); oppose Initiative 335; and to support the gay rights bill currently pending in the state legislature.

Wash. teacher fired for being gay—Supreme Court upholds decision

By CONNIE HARRIS

NEW YORK, Oct. 9—On Oct. 3, the ruling class struck another blow at gay people, as the Supreme Court refused to review the case of a school teacher who lost his job because he was gay.

James Gaylord, a Tacoma, Washington, high school teacher, lost his job in 1972 on grounds of "immorality." Gaylord, who had been teaching for 13 years without ever being accused of so-called improper conduct, when accused of being gay by school officials, did not deny it. The officials then said that his homosexuality would impair the school's learning atmosphere, and fired him.

Gaylord was not actually accused of sexual advances towards students; nor was he accused of "proseletyzing" about homosexuality. He was fired only because he was gay.

A more clear-cut case of discrimination could hardly be

found; yet the Supreme Court refused to even review the case.

This decision threatens not only all gay teachers, but the jobs of all gay people. In essence, by upholding a decision that someone can be fired from a job for being gay, the Supreme Court has made a blanket endorsement of all forms of anti-gay bigotry.

This is not the first time in recent years that the Supreme Court has declined to overrule a state ruling on the rights of gay people.

In March, 1976, the Court ruled 6 to 3 that states may prosecute and imprison for up to five years people for committing homosexual acts even when both parties are consenting adults and the act occurs in private. They thus ruled that the constitutional right to privacy did not apply to gay people.

COURTS AND RIGHT UNITE

It is in this climate of right-wing

attacks and violence against gay people that the Supreme Court has made another infamous decision to deny lesbians and gay men their rights. The decision, which was applauded by Anita Bryant with the words, "I now have greater hope that God has given America the space to repent," is a clear and direct indication that the government has openly sided with the right-wing against the rights of lesbians and gay men.

Lesbians and gay men have shown, through militant and mass actions, their determination to combat the reactionary campaign against them. As the government's and ruling class's participation in the attacks on all working and oppressed people becomes more open, it becomes increasingly clear that the struggle for lesbian and gay liberation, and for the liberation of all working and oppressed people, will be won, not in the courts, but in the streets.



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Who gains—and who loses

By BILL DEL VECCHIO

NEW YORK, Oct. 17—"Dollar sinks to new low," "Dollar slips against yen and mark," "Gold price rises as currency instability grows," moaned the headlines of last week's financial sections of the leading bourgeois newspapers.

In order to get an idea of what is currently happening to the dollar and what it means politically, it's necessary to go back a few years to when the dollar's trouble really began.

Remember WIN buttons, former President Gerald Ford's comical gimmick which he offered up as proof that his administration was fighting the rampant inflation at that time.

NIXON'S DEVALUATION

Of course, Ford never mentioned the one action that did the most to fuel that inflation; the move by his appointer, Richard Nixon, devaluing the dollar by 10%.

Tied up by the Vietnam War, the U.S. lost a large share of the world market to its imperialist rivals in Western Europe and Japan. Together with this shift in trade came a massive flood of dollars to these growing competitors. Nixon tried to recoup some of these losses by using the most crude and reckless method available—devaluing the dollar in 1971 and 1972.

By devaluation, Nixon made the dollar worth 90 cents. Thus, the billions of dollars held by countries around the world were suddenly worth 10% less when converted into their own currencies. This hurt the Japanese, West German, and other imperialists, and wreaked havoc on the countries oppressed by imperialism, who are completely dependent on their dollar reserves for world trade.

Devaluation in the short run is a form of expropriation, similar to the coin clipping of the feudal monarchs who attempted to increase their wealth by reducing the amount of gold in each coin and in that way circulate more coins. But the temporary advantages were soon cancelled out when the monarch got his own clipped coins back in tax collections.

And just as in the days of old, Nixon's action was a primary cause of the rampant world inflation of 1973-74 which cancelled out the

short term gains for the U.S. ruling class achieved by the devaluation.

Once again, the U.S. rulers have followed a policy which has left their imperialist rivals flooded with dollars, only on a much greater scale than in 1970-71. Last month the Treasury Department announced that this year's current account deficit will be between \$16 and \$20 billion. This means that almost \$20 billion more will go abroad to pay for imported goods and services than will come back in payment for U.S. exported goods and services.

This outflow of dollars comes at a time of sharpening trade rivalries between the imperialist powers, as each ruling class scrambles to shield itself from the world capitalist economic crisis.

ANOTHER FORM OF DEVALUATION

But even in the heat of the imperialist trade war the Carter administration wouldn't be fool enough to follow Nixon's example and devalue the dollar again, right?

Actually, imperialist rulers have never been noted for their farsighted leadership. The Carter administration may not have formally devalued the dollar, but informally they have been hard at work to push up the value of their chief rivals' currencies, and that is basically the same thing.

So far the U.S. has succeeded in pushing up the value of the West

German mark and the Japanese yen in relation to the dollar, thus creating a de facto devaluation of the dollar, lessening the value of the billions of dollars held in reserves in these countries, and making West German and Japanese exports more expensive in the U.S.

SUBSIDIZING THE DOLLAR

According to the Oct. 10 Wall Street Journal, the higher yen rate "already has hurt some sectors of Japanese industry, and more damage is expected. Japanese auto makers have raised prices of their cars in the U.S. twice this year to offset the yen's advance, and a Toyota Motor Co. spokesman says that if the yen rate continues, the price might be raised again."

In light of this situation, it's no surprise that the Japanese government is subsidizing the dollar in the world currency market.

Worried that the administration's policy endangers the sacred value of the money held by the bankers they represent, the Wall Street Journal attacked Carter on this issue in an editorial (Oct. 8) entitled *The Sinking Dollar*.

The editorial read in part, "The only thing devaluation yields is more inflation relative to the countries against which the devaluation occurs. This has been the consistent experience of every nation that has tried to expand output and em-

ployment via the devaluation route. Yet Mr. Carter's Treasury team has insisted on trying again, at times almost demanding that Japan cease support of the dollar."

Naturally, this newspaper of U.S. finance capital offers an equally reactionary solution, demanding tighter credit (which would accelerate layoffs), spending cutbacks and a tax break for businesses.

Although the declining dollar is being used as a weapon in the growing inter-imperialist trade war, its root causes go much deeper. It is a reflection of the declining position of the U.S. in the world capitalist market. With so much of its productive machinery tied up in weapon production, the U.S. has rapidly lost its overwhelming dominance over the world market that it had established after World War II.

But despite the fact that its position has declined, the U.S. remains the imperialist leader both politically and economically, and its dependence on arms production is a general characteristic of the imperialist system overall. As the current economic crisis deepens, the dependence on war preparation will also deepen.

The dollar, still the primary currency of the capitalist world, is indeed sinking. And the whole rotten system is sinking along with it.

Giant companies rake in profits...

NEW YORK, Oct. 20—Economic crisis or not, many of the largest corporations are making money hand-over-fist. In addition to layoffs and speedups, these giant companies are becoming even more powerful by swallowing up the smaller businesses who can no longer compete with them, especially now during this period of economic stagnation. Note the rise in profits for the following businesses during the third quarter:

- CBS's earnings hit a record \$43.8 million
- IBM's profits climbed 23% to \$690.4 million
- General Electric posted record earnings of \$268.5 million, an 18% advance
- Westinghouse's net climbed 23% to \$72.4 million
- And the banks:**
- J.P. Morgan's operating earnings rose 9.7% to \$55 million
- Marine Midland's operating earnings jumped 55%
- Chemical New York's operating earnings increased by 16%
- Chase Manhattan's earnings rose 40.7%



Going out of business after 42 years, a store folds in Washington, D.C. Because of the depressed state of the economy, a growing number of retail stores are facing bankruptcies.

Crisis deepens in retail trade

By BRIAN BECKER

NEW YORK, Oct. 13—On Oct. 7, in reports appearing in the financial section of nearly every newspaper in the country, it was announced that the largest retail chain stores registered strong sales increases for the month of September. The names of these retail giants are well known: Sears and Roebuck, K-Mart, J.C. Penny, Woolworths, Montgomery Ward, to name the most prominent.

The impression left by these newspaper accounts is that the retail trade is on the upswing, that it's strong and getting stronger.

Rosy pronouncements aside, however, the retail trade, reflecting the state of the economy generally, is in a great crisis marked by the absolute failure and bankruptcy of a growing list of retail chain stores.

This trend in the retail industry was underscored by Commerce Department statistics released today which show a 1.2% drop in overall sales in the industry for the last month.

GRANT COLLAPSE

The biggest failure in retail was the 1975 collapse of W.T. Grant, the third largest retail chain and one of the oldest in the country. Grant's ran more than 1,000 stores in 43 states and employed 62,000 workers.

The W.T. Grant's bankruptcy is far from isolated. Other chains which have gone under or which are planning to close down soon include Robert Hall, Bohack, A.H. Kress, Daylin's, Arlans, Interstate Department stores, and Kleins in New York. And Macy's has just announced that it is closing its huge department store in Jamaica, Queens, a predominantly Black neighborhood.

The increase in sales volume of about 18-20% by the major retail chains for the month of September must be seen in the context of the rash of bankruptcies that have

afflicted the retail industry. Even if it were true that there had been, as the Oct. 7 news reports seemed to indicate, somewhat of a pick-up in consumer spending in the last month due to "back-to-school" related purchases (primarily clothing, shoes, and school supplies) the fundamental reason behind any increase in sales volume for the big chains is the elimination of their competitors.

MORE AND MORE SMALL CONCERNS CRUSHED

It is almost a cardinal rule that in times of capitalist economic crisis, like today, huge numbers of smaller firms unable to withstand the decline or loss of markets are crushed by the larger monopolies and often times swallowed up by them.

The retail market directly reflects the real purchasing power of the workers. Significantly, the majority of the retail chains forced out of business have been discount stores whose clientele is almost exclusively working and poor people, stores which are often located in Black, Latin, and Asian neighborhoods.

Also, the A&P supermarket chain, the second largest behind Safeway stores, announced on Oct. 7 that its earnings for the previous three months had dropped by 87.9% as a result of the closing of 110 supermarkets, almost all of which were located in the poorest working-class communities.

Although the biggest monopoly retail chain stores recorded an increase in sales for September the overall crisis in retail stores deepened. The only thing that is really increasing is the tempo of capitalist monopolization leaving the overall amount of business to be distributed by an ever shrinking number of companies.

Chicago

10,000 jobs in steel threatened

By L. THOMAS

CHICAGO, Oct. 9—In recent weeks more than 10,000 Zenith and U.S. Steel workers here have been threatened with the loss of their jobs. Zenith has announced the permanent layoff of 2,100 workers in Chicago (and 3,500 elsewhere) within the next year. U.S. Steel recently announced the possible shutdown of its South Works plant of 8,500 workers.

The real purpose behind these layoffs and shut-down threats is a drive by Zenith and U.S. Steel to increase their profits in this time of economic crisis. Zenith will not halt any of its operations, but will shift them to Taiwan and Mexico where it can set up sweatshops and exploit cheaper labor, as other U.S. corporations have done by running away from unionized plants and moving into non-union areas in the South.

U.S. Steel has a campaign going to keep foreign steel out of the U.S. so the monopolized U.S. steel

companies can raise and fix prices without any competition whatsoever.

Zenith chairman John Nevin was put in the embarrassed position of laying off workers while, as chairman of the Chicago Metro National Alliance, he is supposedly responsible for finding 40,000 jobs for Chicago's "hard-core unemployed." The majority of laid-off workers at Zenith will be Black and Latin workers.

WORKERS PROTEST LAYOFFS

More than 1,000 Zenith workers, mostly Black and Latin, marched and rallied on Oct. 3 in downtown Chicago to protest the coming layoffs. Independent Radionic Workers of America (IRWA) officials—who had invited numerous politicians, none of whom bothered to show up—by focusing their remarks on legislation against "foreign products," fell victim to the chauvinist campaign being waged

by the steel bosses to deceive the workers about who is responsible for the layoffs. There was a militant mood among the rank-and-file workers, however, who chanted "We Want Jobs," and expressed their anger toward Zenith itself.

The threat of U.S. Steel's South Works plant shutting down has resulted in Local 65 United Steelworkers President John Chico embarking upon a lobbying campaign, which is really just a mirror image of the companies' efforts to halt "high taxes, pollution control costs, and foreign imports." This campaign has not gone unchallenged by some Executive and Grievance Committee officers and rank-and-file workers.

The loss of 10,000 jobs would be a catastrophe to Zenith and U.S. Steel workers, their families, and the Chicago area in general. Instead of following the companies' footsteps, in lobbying efforts, the unions need to take stiff measures to stop the layoffs and shut-down threats by Zenith and U.S. Steel.

Steel and the capitalist economic crisis

By DEIRDRE GRISWOLD

NEW YORK, Oct. 18—Steel speaks no language. It knows no nationality, no customs, no traditions. Hard and cold, it will hold up a bridge across the Hudson as firmly as it will link the railroad ties on the Yokohama-Tokyo line.

Making steel in Ohio takes the same basic ingredients as in West Germany, the Soviet Union, Japan, or any other country. And the workers who turn out the ingots or the slabs of steel learn the same basic skills, differing only insofar as the mills are more or less automated, more or less modern.

Steel that finally is molded into a consumer item may have traveled halfway around the world. It might have started as iron ore from Liberia, gone on to West Germany to be turned into sheet steel, and wound up in a German GM car sold in the United States. Or it could go the other way round, starting in the Mesabi iron ore range in Minnesota and ending up in a teakettle in Hong Kong.

JET-AGE UNEMPLOYMENT

In this age of jet planes and satellites, not only trade has become thoroughly international. So also has the flow of capital. And this has a great deal to do with the fact that today in Bethlehem, Pa.; Youngstown, Ohio; Johnstown, Pa.; Lackawanna, N.Y.; and other U.S. cities, steelworkers are being told their productive lives are over, schools and whole communities are facing bankruptcy, and memories of the Great Depression are suddenly coming back to haunt the young and old.

The layoffs in steel have also stirred up a cesspool of national chauvinism, initiated by the company bosses and mindlessly repeated by the trade union hierarchy, who send the slogan "Buy American" down the chain of command as though this could rescue the jobs of the tens of thousands already on permanent layoff.

But the truth is that this slogan is as stale and useless to the American working class as last year's bubble gum. It has absolutely no relevance in a world where capital has hammered down national boundaries and where imperialist finance and industry long ago went multinational. (Not that national chauvinism ever was anything but poison for the working class of every capitalist country.)

With the U.S. steel industry in a monumental crisis, all the talk from the boss class and their obedient press is about "Japanese imports." The steel barons have roped in the United Steel Workers leadership in a campaign calling for the government to establish import quotas. If only Japanese steel imports could be cut, they say, then American steelworkers would be back on the job.

This is a cruel and deliberate deception, an outright, rotten lie. The reasons for the layoffs in steel can never be wiped away by government legislation setting quotas, and it is highly unlikely that the U.S. government would attempt it anyway.

NOT IMPORTS, BUT RECESSION

Here are some hard facts that show why.

Number one. Imports have not been going up in recent years. Actually, they are somewhat lower today than in 1974, the peak year, in overall tonnage. It is not rising imports that have triggered the

layoffs, but decreased demand, in other words, the general economic slump that has persisted throughout the capitalist world since the early seventies. And this is true in all the capitalist countries—they're all experiencing the problem of overproduction.

Number two. Setting import quotas or other "protectionist" steps would set off a worldwide trade war. Already many sections of the capitalist class, especially those dealing in international trade, are fearful of this. (One such group, the Emergency Committee for American Trade, issued an "urgent" warning on Oct. 17 that restricting imports in steel and textiles could start a "chain reaction of counter-restrictions.") A trade war means unleashing the most virulent chauvinism and inevitably moves toward resolving the struggle through force—an actual shooting war.

Number three. U.S. steel plants are generally older and less efficient than those in the competing im-

perialist countries. New technology such as basic oxygen furnaces (BOFs) and continuous casting are much more widespread in Japan and Western Europe than here. Therefore, even though steelworkers' wages have been going up much faster in Japan than in the U.S., the overall productivity of U.S. steelworkers has been dropping in comparison with Japanese steelworkers.

RUN-AWAY INVESTMENT

Why have U.S. steel plants become relatively so outmoded? Why is it that BOFs account for more than 80% of Japanese steel production but only slightly more than 60% here? Why is there only one major plant in the U.S. that can be called modern, according to a recent report by the investment firm of Merrill Lynch, while in Japan there are few plants that are not modern?

The answer lies in the very nature of imperialist expansion, the lifeblood of modern U.S. capitalism.

For decades, the most profitable expansion of U.S. capital has been outside the United States itself. U.S. corporations, banks, and other financial institutions have found that they could get a much higher rate of return on their investment abroad. In Marxist language, they have sought after imperialist superprofits. And in a capitalist society, profit is the name of the game.

The surplus value created by U.S. workers—steelworkers as well as apple pickers, computer operators and carpenters—and appropriated by the bosses—has more and more tended to flow (through the channels of the banks and corporations) into overseas investment, where the rate of profit has been twice or more what could be gotten here.

In steel, the tremendous profits earned by the companies here have not been plowed back into the industry. Whether they were translated into high dividends or executive salaries, they found their way into other, more profitable areas of the economy. While

millions of steelworkers over the decades have created billions in profits for the steel company owners, practically none of this has been used to modernize the domestic steel industry.

U.S. BANKS INVEST IN JAPANESE STEEL!

But the Merrill Lynch report on the steel industry also reveals a most enlightening fact. The Japanese steel industry has been expanding at a prodigious rate because of borrowed capital. The report says that "the total capitalization of the average (Japanese) steel company contains between 10% and 20% equity, with the rest of the capital being supplied by debt." But where does this borrowed capital come from?

"An interesting facet of this debt," says the report, "is that a significant amount has been supplied by United States banks." !!!

Doesn't this show that the boss class doesn't give a hoot 'n holler about so-called patriotism—except when they want to whip up the masses for a war against another country?

These moguls of high finance don't discriminate when it comes to making a profit. They'd just as soon exploit a Japanese worker as an American worker—and prefer it if the rate of profit is higher, as it is at the present time.

They'll shed crocodile tears over the fate of the American worker when they're jockeying for some concession from the government. (The latest is a proposal for tax incentives for steel companies which push down wage costs—all sup-

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Steel plant in Johnstown, Pa., a community reeling from the loss of 3,800 jobs. The steel bosses are dumping the burden of the general economic slump on the backs of the workers.

Bethlehem Steel intensifies speed-ups

By J. MARQUARDT

BUFFALO, Oct. 12—During the week of Oct. 2-8, steel production here increased by 8,000 tons—86,000 tons, compared to 78,000 tons during the previous week.

The chairman of Bethlehem Steel Corporation, Lewis Foy, made this fact clear in an article appearing on the front page of the Oct. 10 Wall Street Journal. The banker-businessman's paper points out that Bethlehem Steel Corporation is expected to save \$120 million yearly as a result of the current wave of cutbacks.

SPEEDUP POLICY ADMITTED

In addition, the Journal indicates that the job eliminations "are likely to boost the productivity of its remaining shell-shocked work force of over 90,000. Mr. Foy notes that 'we are already seeing indications' of improved productivity at Bethlehem's mills. He believes employees 'are concerned about what is happening with the steel

business and they are saying to us that we're going to have to work harder.'"

This indicates that despite the layoffs of over 1,200 workers at the Lackawanna plant of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, the steel bosses are pushing greater productivity from the workers remaining on the job.

The increased productivity (i.e., speedup) is in keeping with the national trend in steel since 1964. Each year since 1964, productivity in the steel industry has improved at an annual rate of 1.9%. Currently, however, when the productive capacity of many major steel plants is being reduced drastically the local production increase spells one thing: speed-ups.

Local steelworkers anticipated this attitude from the giant steel corporation when the first of the 3,500 permanent layoffs at the local plant were announced on Aug. 18. When the first employees got their layoff notices, their co-workers

remaining on the job were scheduled for six-day weeks. They protested the company's actions, but the massive layoffs have apparently made many steelworkers understandably anxious about their jobs.

Working faster, increasing productivity—in general stuffing more dollars into the stockholders' pockets—won't insure any steelworker's job, however.

SPEEDUPS MEAN MORE ACCIDENTS

But speedups will insure that the remaining workers will be hit by increased on-the-job injuries and deaths. Already steelworkers are victims of some of the highest rates of burns and other injuries in comparison to other industrial workers.

What the Lackawanna workers need is a unified fight against the layoffs altogether. The workers themselves should not have to bear the burden of the crisis within the steel industries of the capitalist countries.

...while more workers get laid off

NEW YORK, Oct. 19—Every day more workers are finding themselves pounding the pavement due to the crisis of capitalist overproduction. Within the last two weeks the following companies have announced layoffs:

- **McDonnell Douglas**, an aerospace firm, will lay off about 900 out of 1,500 workers at its Tico plant in Titusville, Fla., before the end of next January.

- **Bethlehem Steel** closed down its iron-ore mine near Morgantown, Pa., on Sept. 30, leaving 900 workers jobless.

- **Jones & Laughlin Steel**, a unit of LTV Corp., plans to "temporarily suspend" iron ore mining and concentrating operations in Star Lake, N.Y., and will lay off the 300 workers there.

- **Pheonix Steel** will lay off about 110 workers in Claymont, Del.

- **National Steel** announced that it will lay off about 600 workers at the Ecorse and River Rouge plants of its Great Lakes Steel division.

- **D.J. Arrow**, a shirt-making subsidiary of Cluette Peabody & Co., has begun the rapid phasing out of three plants, located in Gilbert, Minn.; Carbon Hill, Ala.; and Huntington, Pa.

- **Union Carbide** is intensifying a "comprehensive profit improvement program" begun earlier this year. According to some sources, the target is a 1,200-worker job cut. Although the company has denied this, it admits that layoffs will follow.

Speaking at UN, after 12 years behind bars

ANC member describes horror of South African jails

By PADDY COLLIGAN
NEW YORK, Oct. 11—Calling for freedom for all detainees and political prisoners in South Africa, S. "Mac" Maharaj described the prison and detention system there to the United Nations Special Committee against Apartheid today. The occasion was two special meetings held to commemorate a Day of Solidarity with South African Political Prisoners.

A survivor of 12 years in South Africa's brutal maximum-security prison on Robben Island and long-time member of the African National Congress (ANC), Maharaj told of ways the South African regime tries to break the bodies and morale of the political prisoners from South Africa and Namibia it holds in detention and in prisons after conviction by its closely-controlled courts.

ATTEMPTS TO DIVIDE PRISONERS

Maharaj attributed his ability to live to the end of his sentence to the comradeship of those with whom he was jailed. South African prison officials never stop trying to divide even the most politically conscious prisoners along racial lines. Discrimination against African prisoners is all pervasive, down to the meager food rations they get. Although sharing food with another prisoner is severely punished, it is one way prisoners help each other to make it through the brutal and

inhuman terms of their incarceration.

In talking about the current wave of political repression in South Africa, Maharaj noted that Steven Biko, a widely respected leader of the Black Consciousness Movement, had become the forty-fifth detainee to die at the hands of the police.

Two mass trials of ANC members, barely acknowledged in the U.S. press, are indicative of the South

African regime's desire to crush its opponents in this crucial period, which has been marked by tremendous resistance.

Of the 23 defendants in these trials, 4 in the Pietermaritzburg trial and 5 in the Pretoria trial had already served as long as 12 years on Robben Island before their current jailing by the regime. Nine of the Pietermaritzburg defendants have now been sentenced to life im-

prisonment on Robben Island, a gesture the judge in the case described as "merciful," since the alternative would have been the death penalty.

FASCIST "MERCY"

"Such is the quality of mercy in South Africa," Maharaj commented.

Maharaj confirmed that Umkonto we Sizwe (Spear of the

Nation), the ANC's armed underground organization dating back to about 1961, exists today as a disciplined force inside South Africa. Summing up the current situation in South Africa, Maharaj stated that while the people of South Africa would use a wide range of strategies, it is clear that armed struggle would have to be the central means for overthrowing the South African apartheid system.

Workers World interview with PFLO leader

Omani people fight Iranian-U.S. occupation

By NAOMI COHEN
NEW YORK, Oct. 6—"There have been rumors that the struggle in Oman is finished, but the sultanate is still battling with the fighters of the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman (PFLO)."

With these words, Hussein Musa, a representative of the PFLO currently visiting the United States, reaffirmed in an interview here today the continuing struggle of the people of Oman for liberation from imperialist domination.

Oman is a small country on the southeast corner of the Arabian Peninsula with a population of less than one million. Originally dominated by Britain through the rule of a reactionary sultan, Oman is today falling more and more under the domination of U.S. imperialism

and its fascist ally, the Shah of Iran. Not only is Oman strategically located on the Arabian Peninsula, but also oil was discovered there in 1964; by 1975 it was the world's seventeenth largest producer.

TWELVE YEARS OF ARMED STRUGGLE

Armed struggle against the puppet regime in the capital at Muscat has been going on for 12 years, with the liberation movement winning territory, particularly in the southern region of the country, Dhofar (which borders on the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen). In an attempt to crush this growing movement, however, U.S. imperialism encouraged Iran to invade in 1973 and the country has

been occupied by Iranian troops ever since.

U.S. USING IRAN

"This is part of U.S. strategy for the area, to create a local gendarme," Musa explained. "They prepared Iran and supplied it with the most modern weaponry. . . . This has also been encouraged by some reactionary Arab countries, sensing the danger of the revolution in (Oman) and with the complete guidance and support of the imperialists, who want to preserve their huge oil interests and markets in the area."

But in spite of the presence of 15,000 Iranian troops, as well as British and Jordanian "advisors," and in spite of all the claims by the Iranian government and the

sultanate that the revolution has been defeated, "Iran not only still maintains their military presence, but is also strengthening and modernizing it . . . their bases are now permanent, and they are bringing in more sophisticated weapons."

According to Musa, the PFLO is combatting this continued occupation by using both guerrilla warfare tactics as well as by organizing in small clandestine groups in the cities. "We are in the stage of resistance against the Iranian occupation and its allies," he said. The PFLO, which he said bases itself on the toiling classes of Oman, is now also concentrating on mobilization among the growing proletariat in the cities, linking the struggle for national liberation with the class struggle. (Omani workers have no political rights, no right to organize unions, and no freedom of speech.)

U.S. MONOPOLIES IN OMAN

The fact that the Omani masses have no political rights, however, has not prevented "human-rights-loving" President "Jimmy" Carter from giving full support to the Iranian occupation and the puppet government of Sultan Qaboos. "The United States is using the Masirah naval and air base in the northern Indian Ocean and is arming the sultanate with rockets, coastal boats, armored carriers, and small weaponry. . . . The U.S. is also rapidly infiltrating the economy and other sections of life."

To illustrate this point, Musa cited the presence of Del Monte, FMC, Sun Oil, and Chase Manhattan Bank as but a few of the U.S. monopolies now exploiting the people and resources of Oman.

STRESSES SOLIDARITY WITH OMAN

Musa also stressed the importance of solidarity work with the struggle in Oman. "The people in the United States must first know what is going on in Oman. . . . This is important because it will show the U.S. involvement, which will not only help the movement in Oman, but will also help the movement of oppressed people in their struggle here. It will help them to uncover the nature of the whole system—that it is an aggressive exploiter of other nations that encourages barbaric wars against the people."

At a time when U.S. imperialism is making some gains in strengthening the most reactionary Arab regimes, and is therefore strengthening its own hold on the whole area, solidarity with the PFLO is particularly crucial. A victory for the struggle in Oman will be a victory for the Palestinian people, for all the Arab masses, as well as a step toward weakening the imperialist ruling class here at home.

In Milwaukee

200 Iranians picket Shah's ambassador

By JUDY GREENSPAN
MILWAUKEE, Oct. 7—Over 200 outraged members of the Iranian Students Association (World Confederation) and their supporters gave Ardeshir Zahedi, the hand-picked ambassador of the hated Shah of Iran, a day he will never forget. Today, wherever Zahedi went in this city, he was greeted by militant picket lines of Iranian people exposing his role as a CIA agent and demanding, "Down with the Shah."

ARMS SALE TO IRAN

It is not surprising that the U.S.-backed regime in Iran should send Zahedi on a public relations mission at this time, since the country is attempting to negotiate a multi-billion-dollar arms sale with the U.S. government.

In 1953, the CIA engineered a bloody coup in Iran, installing the Shah in power and Zahedi's father as prime minister. Since the fascist takeover, U.S. big business, together with the CIA, has controlled Iran, turning the country into a military, economic, and political base for U.S. imperialism. Over 100,000 political prisoners are presently incarcerated in the Shah's prisons, where many are brutally tortured and murdered by the SAVAK, the Shah's CIA-trained secret police.

"SHAH IS A U.S. PUPPET!"

The largest demonstration took place tonight in front of the Pfister Hotel where Zahedi was scheduled to address the World Affairs Council of the University of Wisconsin. Despite the pouring rain, members of the ISA and their supporters picketed in front of the hotel for more than two hours. Chants of "The Shah is a U.S. puppet, down with the Shah," and "Free all political prisoners in Iran"



"Down with the Shah!" Masked to protect their families from reprisals, hundreds of Iranians in Milwaukee, Wis., picket Ardeshir Zahedi, Iran's Ambassador to the U.S.

rang out on Wisconsin Avenue as a grim reminder of the murderous repression faced each day by the Iranian people.

While the demonstration was taking place outside, Zahedi was eating dinner upstairs with local politicians and university bigwigs. However, not even the tight security of a posh hotel could stop the Iranian students, two of whom stood up and denounced the fascist, U.S.-backed regime of Iran. The two Iranians who took the floor were arrested, detained for several hours,

and released on minor charges.

Earlier this afternoon, Zahedi had had an interview with a local television station. When the fascist ambassador attempted to leave with his entourage of reactionary Iranian politicians, his car was surrounded by the angry demonstrators. Iranian students took the police by surprise, attacking Zahedi's car with their fists and feet.

The Shah's representative rushed off to the offices of the Milwaukee Journal, where he was again met by

hundreds of Iranian students. Under such pressure, the Journal editors agreed to interview members of the ISA.

Neither the bourgeois press, the police, or the city government were equipped to deal with the anger and militancy of the Iranian students, who organized this series of demonstrations, the first in Milwaukee's history. Even the local newspapers were forced to admit that the Iranian students turned Zahedi's visit into a forum for the liberation of the Iranian people.

Defense Secretary Harold Brown pressures NATO

U.S. pushes neutron bomb on West Europe

By JOHN CATALINOTTO
NEW YORK, Oct. 17—Last week in Bari, Italy, U.S. Defense Secretary Harold Brown pressed the U.S. imperialist allies in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) to agree to deploy the neutron bomb. Brown affirmed that the weapon was conceived of essentially for the European theater of operations.

The West European military in NATO saw the usefulness of the new weapon—they had agreed to its use in principle in Brussels last month—but, according to the Oct. 12 New York Times, the “political leaders are reluctant to support it publicly because of uncertain reaction.”

The neutron bomb is a nuclear weapon designed to restrict blast and fire damage to a 200-to-300-yard radius, while increasing the radiation emitted so that it kills every living thing within a much larger area without destroying buildings or other structures. NATO officials claim they would use it on 75-mile-range surface to surface missiles against massive troop and tank attacks.

It has also been described as the ideal capitalist weapon, since it can kill workers without destroying property that the bosses hold so dear.

EUROPEANS RESIST

Class-conscious European workers would not like to see this weapon deployed across the continent, and aimed at the Soviet Union. Even some of the European bosses dislike the introduction of this weapon to Europe, for their own reasons. They realize that the Soviet Union can and will match any weapon NATO uses, and are fearful of the nuclear escalation the bomb represents.

This was reflected in a front-page editorial in the Sept. 29 Le Monde. According to Le Monde, “Whatever the American experts say, this weapon is ‘destabilizing’: it makes

the progression from classical war to nuclear engagement possible ... Europe has everything to lose in becoming a field of maneuver or exercise of gadget weaponry which makes nuclear war possible and which serves, in the first place, the

strategic interests of the United States. ...”

U.S. PRESSURE

Brown has claimed that the U.S. isn't pressuring its European allies, saying, “If it's not desired, it won't be produced. Outside the alliance, it

has no utility.”

However, the U.S. militarists at Bari made it clear that it would not be necessary to have unanimity within the alliance in order for the weapon to be used, but only “a serious consensus.” In other words

if some want it, and others can have their arms twisted, the holdouts will have to go along.

But after they do go along, they'll have to face the mass reaction of the workers whose lives are threatened by this horror weapon.

Land reform rolled back, unemployment rising

Portuguese government attacks agrarian co-ops

By DEE KNIGHT

NEW YORK, Oct. 15—High food prices will cause widespread hunger and near-starvation this winter in Portugal, and unemployment will affect over a quarter of the workforce as the right-wing government's attack on agricultural cooperatives in the south is intensified.

According to an article in the Oct. 9 Manchester Guardian, an English newspaper, land that produced bumper harvests in 1975 and '76 will lie fallow next year. Portugal will once again import over half its basic foodstuffs, while former farm workers will be forced to leave the country in search of work to feed their families.

Land reform in the south—called the Alentejo region—was one of the most important working-class victories in Portugal following the overthrow of fascism there in April, 1974. Landless workers occupied about 500 giant estates—averaging 6,000 acres in size—and converted them from unproductive playgrounds of their absentee owners into collective farms.

One co-op member told an American visitor recently, “We opened lands where nothing had grown in 15 years. We made more work for the people of this region than there ever was before.” His own co-op backed up his claim: 35 workers collectively farmed the 2,000 acres where, before, the absentee landlord had rented a small portion of the estate to a



Portuguese farm co-op workers planted rice late this year due to lack of government credits. Little will be planted next year, following the government's attack on land reform, and these workers will be unemployed.
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sharecropper and a herdsman. Main crops this year were wheat and barley; and there were herds of sheep, pigs, and cattle.

“But if the government would support the cooperatives,” the

worker said, “we could do even more. In our cooperative we have 35 workers, but we could use 60. It's a very sad thing in our district—we are 900 workers here, but there are 200 more who have emigrated because there are no jobs for them. But there's plenty for them to do here: in all the cooperatives in this little district we could find work for these 200, plus 200 returnees from Africa.”

GOVERNMENT, LARGE FARMERS TRY TO DESTROY CO-OPS

Defending its policy of attacking the co-ops, the government says, ironically, that the collective farms are “inefficient.” Supporting this claim, a leader of the Portuguese Farmers Confederation (not surprisingly representing owners of medium and large farms) charges that “the true culprits in the present situation are the Communists, who are trying to make the Alentejo an area of higher productivity and higher employment than the land will bear, in order to justify the present distribution of the population.” The Confederation has been trying to destroy the agricultural cooperatives since before November, 1975, when right-wingers in the army purged all leftists from the government and started to reverse the gains of the movement for popular power.

In fact, the government would have attacked the co-ops sooner and with greater force had it not been for the strength and determination of the co-op members. Before fascism was overthrown, they lived in total poverty—surviving from planting time to harvest on almost nothing. The landless agrarian workers were staunch supporters of the under-

ground anti-fascist movement led by the Portuguese Communist Party for 40 years. Many died in illegally organized strikes and uprisings for food and jobs.

LAND SEIZURES

When the Armed Forces Movement toppled the fascist Caetano regime in April 1974, the landless laborers did not wait for anyone to urge them to seize the land—they occupied estate after estate, and then notified the Communist Party and the government, asking for army protection against the outraged landowners. They also armed themselves to defend their victory. But until last year they had the support of most of the army, so the former owners were unable to strike back.

Now the situation has reversed itself, and the landowners have been moving in over the past several months under military protection to reoccupy the estates they never worked on. They face determined resistance, but the balance of forces now favors them, and the co-ops are in serious danger. However, because the working class in the cities and the whole left support the co-ops, the government will move slowly, reoccupying the estates one by one while strangling the rest of them economically.

Last July, the government passed a law setting the terms for giving back land to the former owners, cutting off credit to the co-ops and encouraging private farmers.

All farming depends on credit to finance planting and equipment expenses until harvest time, and this is especially true of new efforts, like the co-ops. And because banks and other institutions allied with landowners are reluctant to give credit to them, the co-ops depended on the government to finance planting and expand production—as well as to protect them against invasion by former owners.

Now, the co-ops that are allowed to exist at all will be forced to compete with little credit against landowners with capital to invest and plenty of capitalist friends in Portugal and abroad to loan them even more money. The deck is stacked. As one co-op supporter put it, the government's policy “will ultimately resolve itself into one of handing back the land to the big farmers.”

This so-called socialist government of Premier Mario Soares is hailed by the imperialists, who on the one hand threatened the Portuguese workers with a Chile-style counter-revolution if they persisted in their struggle for power, and on the other hand held out hope for “reforms” under a government headed by the Socialist Party. But as the crushing of the agricultural cooperatives shows, Soares is a socialist in name only who is presiding over a bourgeois state intent on rolling back all the gains won by the workers in the intense period of revolutionary struggle of 1974-75.

Nobel ‘Peace’ Prize given to two northern Ireland supporters of British imperialism

By MOLLY CHARBONEAU
NEW YORK, Oct. 17—On Oct. 10 in Oslo, Norway, Mairead Corrigan and Betty Williams, leaders of the pro-British, so-called “peace movement” in northern Ireland, were belatedly awarded the 1976 Nobel “Peace” Prize.

They were nominated for the award, so coveted among bourgeois exploiters, by the West German government (in collusion with England and the U.S.) for the anti-Irish Republican Army (IRA) campaign they spearheaded over a year ago.

Previous recipients of the “Peace” Prize include war-monger Henry Kissinger and arch-reactionary Andrei Sakharov. The “Peace” Prize was refused by the Vietnamese in 1973 as a blood-tainted, imperialist trophy.

WHAT DO THE “PEACE PEOPLE” REALLY REPRESENT?

While Corrigan, Williams, and their “peace people” movement claim to be against violence, repression, and killing, a closer look reveals entirely a different story.

Have they opposed the 80-year British occupation at gunpoint of northern Ireland? No. Have they

decried the torture and beating of imprisoned Irish freedom fighters (so systematically carried out that an international court at Strasbourg condemned England for these brutal acts)? No.

Have they protested the plunder of Irish resources and the subhuman wages paid to Irish workers by English and U.S. multinational corporations? Have these “peace people” worked to end the super-exploitation of Ireland's working class, Catholic population (descendants of the indigenous Irish population colonized by England centuries ago) which is perpetuated by England and its stormtroopers? No and no again.

“PEACE PEOPLE” SUPPORT IMPERIALISM, CONDEMN LIBERATION MOVEMENT

Instead, shortly after a British-backed propaganda campaign catapulted them into the limelight, Williams and Corrigan came out “unequivocally in support of the British Army and police as the only legitimate law enforcers” in northern Ireland, according to the Oct. 14, 1976, Christian Science Monitor. They went on to heartily condemn IRA militants, hardly mentioning

that the majority of civilian casualties in northern Ireland have been caused by right-wing Protestant paramilitary goon squads goaded on by the English ruling class.

Corrigan, Williams, and their “peace-for-exploitation” movement are in reality a product of pressure by British and U.S. imperialism, fearful of the nationalization of “their” property which the Irish liberation struggle threatens, upon the propertied and middle classes in Ireland (including the Catholic Church hierarchy).

CORRIGAN, WILLIAMS DENOUNCED IN BELFAST

When these phony “peace movement” representatives made an appearance at a gathering of over 600 angry working-class women, called to protest yet another murder (of a 13-year-old boy) at the hands of British troops, they were beaten and run from the hall by the crowd.

Only the ruling classes in Ireland, England, the U.S., and Western Europe continue to cling to this sham “peace” movement as a propaganda tool in their war against the Irish liberation struggle, which, through its steadfastness and determination, will be the victor in the end.

EDITORIAL

Kiss of death

U.S. imperialism showed exactly what it means by "independence from Moscow" last week. It concluded an agreement with Yugoslavia in which, in exchange for U.S. arms sales to that country, the Pentagon gets the right to train Yugoslav army officers. And it also got a promise that Yugoslavia won't sell any badly needed U.S. weapons or parts to revolutionary Ethiopia.

In another agreement now being negotiated, Washington expects to get the right to repair U.S. Navy ships in Yugoslav drydocks.

This has been accompanied by a gush of praise for the Yugoslav leaders in the U.S. imperialist press, both for President Tito and his apparent successor, Edvard Kardelj, who visited Washington last month.

How happy the imperialists are at the Yugoslav brand of "non-alignment"! What a lever it gives them over revolutionary struggles like that in Ethiopia, and what an opening into the defense structure of Eastern Europe!

This is the kind of "independence" that imperialism has been trying to cultivate in Eastern Europe all along—independence from the camp of socialism, independence from proletarian revolutions and the national liberation struggles of the oppressed.

At one time Yugoslavia's role as a broker for imperialism in the workers' camp was roundly denounced in all the socialist countries. Premier Fidel Castro nailed the cowardly accommodation of the Yugoslav leaders best in his Aug. 23, 1968, speech on Czechoslovakia. He told of how, shortly after having overthrown Batista, the Cuban revolutionaries approached Yugoslavia in an attempt to buy arms. They were repeatedly given the run-around, and eventually had to report back to Havana that it was impossible to buy even a rifle from Yugoslavia.

The report quoted by Fidel even said that the Yugoslav government "stated that the amount of the transaction did not justify the difficulties they would run into with the United States for having sold weapons to us."

But a few months later, the new Cuban government found in the archives of the Batista regime a report of how Yugoslavia had offered to sell rifles, ammunition, and armed PT boats to the Batista cutthroats almost up until the day they were overthrown!

No, Yugoslavia wouldn't have run into any "difficulties" with imperialism for that.

"SOME PARTIES FORGOT ABOUT ALL THAT"

Fidel added how correct it had been that such a party was ostracized in the revolutionary movement, but added, "Later, of course, some parties forgot all about that, and its friends, followers and apologists also began to forget in the warmth of the upsurge of policies of ideological softening in the revolutionary movement that have led to the present painful situation" (meaning the Czech counter-revolution, which Yugoslavia hailed).

But the Yugoslav leadership, despite its betrayals, has used its role as broker between East and West to become a force in the so-called non-aligned movement. And with the sharp turn to the right in China, Tito has now gained entree to areas of the socialist camp where only a few years ago he was being assailed as a fascist. On his recent trip to China, he was given the biggest reception of any head of state in years.

Little if anything is being said in the press here about the price Yugoslavia's workers are having to pay for the penetration of Western capital and influence in their country. The ideological organs of the imperialist ruling class have no desire to remind us that Yugoslavia, which they regard as the "freest" country in Eastern Europe, alone suffers from unemployment and a staggering inflation rate, and that there has been a constant outward migration in search of jobs.

U.S. imperialism's latest maneuver to gain even greater access to Yugoslavia through weapons sales—and to lay the groundwork for counter-revolutionary subversion of the military—can only result in much greater hardships for the Yugoslav working class. Yet this is the same class that in the past put up a stirring resistance to Nazi occupation and in the process overthrew the capitalists and landlords. The struggle to prevent U.S. imperialism from reducing Yugoslavia to another neocolony depends on the reawakened class consciousness of the Yugoslav workers.



Workers World Party leader speaks in Chicago on

False theory of 'Soviet social-imperialism'

By JOHN HUTTON

CHICAGO, Oct. 8—Speaking to a meeting of about 80 people here, Vince Copeland, author, former steelworker, and founding member of Workers World Party, addressed himself to the false theory that the Soviet Union has become a "capitalist" or "imperialist" country.

After an introductory speech by Alice Summers of the Chicago branch of Workers World Party which described the continuing struggle against racist and fascist groups in Chicago, Copeland spoke on "The False Theory of Soviet Social-Imperialism: Why Working People Should Support All the Socialist Countries."

He traced the history of the Soviet Union from its beginnings in the heroic socialist revolution of November, 1917 (October by the old Russian calendar). He explained that, even then, there were numerous forces on the left which had branded the infant workers' state as "capitalist."

"It is easy now—60 years later—to see that it was a workers' state then," he pointed out. But, he asked, if supposedly revolutionary forces can deny the existence of a socialist state in the USSR now, would they have been any more accurate 60 years ago?

The focus of Copeland's presentation lay in an explanation of the whole nature of a socialist revolution. He outlined the gains which workers and oppressed people would obtain through a revolution here, with the formation of a government "of the oppressed, for the oppressed, and by the oppressed."

The end of economic exploitation, racism, and sexism, the institution of production for use by the people rather than profit, the turning over of the factories, farms, schools and neighborhoods to the poor and working people—these would be just a few of the changes a revolution would bring about.

Further, to do this, the people would have to smash the bosses' army, their cops, courts and prisons, and institute a people's army and a justice system controlled by the workers and oppressed.

After all this, he asked, is it

believable that the people would just allow all this to be toppled and a new oppressive system instituted without fighting for all they had won?

He then quoted from works which claimed that such a counter-revolution took place under Khrushchev in 1957—but that it had been a "secret."

REAL COUNTER-REVOLUTION INVOLVES FIERCE STRUGGLE

"We have seen many counter-revolutions in history," pointed out Copeland, "but none of them have ever been 'secret.' He showed that a historical counter-revolution has always involved a fierce struggle which has had to smash the revolutionary army and government and slaughter the masses of people.

"Khrushchev did make a turn to the right in 1956," declared the speaker, "but he made it within the Soviet system and, in spite of his own talk about a 'state of the whole people,' on the basis of a continuing workers' state."

"If Fidel Castro and Che Guevara had asked Khrushchev's permission to have a revolution in 1959," he explained, there would not have been a Cuban revolution at that time, "because Khrushchev was trying so hard to get a detente agreement with Cuba's overlord, U.S. imperialism."

"But within a year-and-a-half after that revolution, Khrushchev was openly supporting it against the United States, even though he wanted to conciliate with the United States. That was the Russian Revolution of 1917 still asserting itself despite the personality of Khrushchev and the conservatism of the Soviet leadership in general," said Copeland.

"And furthermore Khrushchev gave intercontinental ballistic missiles to Cuba so it could defend itself against the U.S. He only withdrew them at the very brink of nuclear war between the U.S. and the USSR. Stalin never dreamed of going that far against imperialism."

"But if you look at the graph," he added, pointing to a chart showing the growth of the Soviet planned economy pinned on the wall, "you'll see that Stalin was not that powerful, either. He didn't have the steel, the missiles and the advanced production that were at Khrushchev's disposal."

This advanced production was only possible on the basis of state planning, and this kind of state planning is only possible where a socialist revolution has taken place.

No industrial country in the world has full employment today or is producing at its fullest capacity, except for the Soviet Union, People's China, and the other socialist countries. "That alone is worth making a revolution for," the speaker declared, "and far more than that has been accomplished."

He concluded by showing the continuity of Soviet economic and productive growth since the 1917 Revolution—a growth accomplished without unemployment, recession, or depression, unlike any capitalist society which has ever existed.

In the question-and-answer period which followed, there was a lively discussion involving the history of the Soviet Union, the nature of revolutionary society, and the impossibility of a "peaceful road" to capitalist restoration in a socialist society. The vast majority of those present showed that they rejected the "social imperialist" theory.

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are no less significant than the internal situation that the capitalist class faces in Europe.

MEANING FOR AFRICA

Most of all, there are profound implications for the African people. What took place at Mogadishu was a brazen military intervention against an oppressed country. It is the second such military intervention in a short time in Africa, the first, at Entebbe, being no less of a military aggression on the territory of an oppressed African country, Uganda.

But this latest intervention has far-reaching significance that overshadows the Israeli-imperialist adventure in Uganda. First of all, Somalia is a well-armed country which has an army highly trained and equipped by the Soviet Union for purposes of defense against imperialist aggression and intrusion into its territory.

This military intervention was admittedly coordinated by the leading imperialist powers, including the U.S., Britain, and of course West Germany. (Other imperialist powers, particularly France, have not yet admitted to the conspiracy.) This is in flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations, of which Somalia is a member. The charter supposedly prohibits the violation of the "territorial integrity of a member state."

But when has the UN ever really taken such matters into account?

The Somali government, of course, was entrusted by the Somali people to train and develop an army and a militia precisely for the purpose of protecting and defending its "territorial integrity" against foreign imperialist intrusion.

SAD COMMENTARY ON SOMALI "SOCIALISM"

The mere fact that the head of the Somali state, President Siad Barre, was cajoled or pressured, capitulated to, or was in downright complicity with the imperialists, does not materially alter the character of the military intervention. It does, however, throw a powerful searchlight on the much-vaunted independence from imperialism of the Somali government. It is a sad commentary on the character of the so-called Revolutionary Socialist Party of which Siad Barre is the head.

In fact, his role in the flagrant aggression puts him and his party far to the right of Ugandan President Idi Amin; indeed, the latter assumes positively heroic stature by comparison.

The revelation that President Carter had sent a secret message to President Siad the day before the attack indicates at the minimum collusion with the Somali authorities. British Prime Minister Callaghan's boast after the assault on the plane that he had "leaned on the Somali ambassador" also indicates severe pressure. These plus the fact that Chancellor Helmut Schmidt profusely thanked Siad Barre and promised "never to forget" the services rendered to German imperialism all add up to how dependent the Somali government has become on the goodwill of the imperialists.

And why? Because instead of defending its territorial integrity against imperialism, for which the Soviet Union had trained the Somali military forces, it is conducting a full-scale war against its neighbor, the revolutionary government of Ethiopia. Therein lies the basis for Siad's capitulation and complicity

with the brigands of international finance capital.

This is not to say that it isn't understandable for the Somali authorities to have refused landing rights to the Lufthansa jet, or to have asked it to leave expeditiously once it had landed without permission (as the Somali authorities say). The Somali authorities had tremendous persuasive power to make the hijacked plane leave since Somalia is engaged in a war with a neighboring state. And the plane had already left Cyprus and the Peoples Democratic Republic of Yemen (south Yemen).

But when the Somali government permitted an ill-disguised military intervention, a counter-insurgency attack, to be carried out on its territory, it went far beyond "the call of duty" to so-called world public opinion, a section of which may have been genuinely concerned with the fate of the passengers. The grim reality, however, is that there was really not much concern by the fascist intruders, or by those who engineered the raid—the heads of the metropolitan imperialist countries.

REVIVAL OF NAZI BLITZKRIEG TACTICS

What was the real character of this so-called elite military rescue mission?

These troops are not ordinary German soldiers. They are a post-war variant of the Nazi storm-troopers who are trained in civil war against the working class and the oppressed.

Under no circumstances are they

just "good-hearted Boy Scouts" who have learned the skill of sharp-shooting. On the contrary, they are part and parcel of a worldwide counter-insurgency division of imperialist militarism. They are specially trained not to rescue people but to kill them. They are assassination squads par excellence, trained in the traditions of the Hitler attack missions.

Not without justification have the newspapers called attention to the fact that the Mogadishu and Entebbe operations were based on the strategy of the blitzkrieg of Hitler infamy. The neo-Nazi element in the German army are proudly recalling Hitler's "Operation Oscar X-Ray" (on which the Mogadishu and Entebbe operations were based) when Nazi SS commandos landed a glider atop an Italian mountain and rescued imprisoned fascist dictator Benito Mussolini.

It is no wonder that the German left referred to these "rescue missionaries" as Green Berets in disguise, storm-troopers without uniforms. It should also be noted that the NATO military command had precisely such a "rescue mission" in mind during the critical days in Portugal when it was still possible that a revolutionary overturn of the imperialist-satellite Soares-Eanes government might take place.

And this is precisely what they have in mind in the event of a revolutionary overthrow of any one of the imperialist stooges, whether it be King Hussein, President Sadat, General Mobutu, or the royalist ruffian in Saudi Arabia who act as

courageous lawyers issued a statement condemning the ill-disguised slaying of the helpless prisoners.

RESPONSE TO GROWING REACTION

It isn't necessary to believe that the tactics of hijacking or kidnapping are the best way to pursue the class struggle to understand that these actions are a response to the growing rightist reaction in the capitalist countries. This is especially true in a country like West Germany, where there is still no response from the working class as a whole to equal the growing repression and reaction. Under these conditions the will to resist among those who sympathize with the workers and oppressed will spontaneously give rise to anarchist-terrorist activities.

One symptom of the growing reaction in West Germany has been the "Hitler Boom," the inundation of the country with books and films about the Nazi era, often neutral or even sympathetic to the Nazis. Wolfgang Koschnick, a liberal West German journalist, writes about this in the Oct. 16 Washington Post.

HITLER BOOM

"Hitler and Hitlerism are box-office hits in West Germany today," writes Koschnick. "Millions of Germans are trooping to the movies to see Joachim Fest's film 'Hitler—a Career.' This film conveys a superficial impression of Hitler's stunning mass appeal. It only provides an oblique analysis, if any at all, of the reason for his success. Auschwitz is only mentioned once and rather casually.

"Typically, older viewers interviewed after having seen the film almost all said, 'Yes, that's exactly how it was. He intoxicated us.' And younger viewers, visibly impressed by the shower of exuberance and exultation they had just experienced, were equally overwhelmed: 'I can now understand what made our parents and

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trustees for the imperialist oil monopolies.

Every concerned observer on the African continent, and everywhere throughout the world, knows what a dangerous precedent Siad Barre of Somalia has set in allowing a military intervention by the imperialists, who at any time may send in a plane, presumably hijacked, and under such cover carry out an attack against the very government which has invited them in.

A LIFT TO NEO-NAZISM IN WEST GERMANY

In West Germany itself, the consequences of the killing of the anarchists, both those in prison and those on the plane, go far beyond the ruthless murders themselves.

The coordinated strategy of the imperialists carried out by the Schmidt regime in West Germany has raised the "morale" (that is, the impudence and insolence) of the already far-reaching revival of neo-Nazism in West Germany; it has given a lift to the so-called "Hitler boom" which is gathering momentum.

Even the Wall Street Journal of Oct. 19 has had to admit in its story on the Lufthansa that the anarchists were "merely trying to sound a warning of the re-birth of Nazism and the growing political shift to the right."

Of course! The anarchist tactics are merely a symptomatic response to the extreme right-wing pressure and repression which has been born anew in the last few years, and which took on an accelerated tempo with the ouster of Willie Brandt and the rightward shift to Schmidt. Behind this lies the growing concern by the imperialists that the anticipated radicalization of the broad

masses all over Europe and even in West Germany, the citadel of blatant reaction in Western Europe, may be at hand and needs to be met head-on.

FINANCE CAPITAL PREPARING FOR CLASS STRUGGLE

International finance capital headed by the U.S. is gleeful at the phenomenon of Eurocommunism and the virtual decay of the working class leadership on the continent and in Britain as well. But it looks with fear at the growing restlessness, frustration, and accumulating militancy of the popular masses of the workers which can bring about their long-delayed intervention into the political arena under their own momentum and over the heads of their current leadership.

All of these considerations lie behind the need for NATO to have organized a worldwide counter-revolutionary detachment, supported, coordinated, and trained by all the imperialists, and operated on the basis of mutual aid and cooperation against their class enemy, the workers and oppressed.

This fascist military detachment and its so-called civilian counterpart, Interpol (the international secret police which operates against all working class organizations), exchange information, disrupt working class organizations, and carry out sabotage and wrecking activities—all notwithstanding the mask of democracy the imperialists wear and notwithstanding the sharp inter-imperialist antagonisms of an economic, commercial, and military character.

These are some of the elements behind the far-flung ramifications of the military intervention in Somalia.



Beatriz Allende

—Beatriz Allende—

By ANDY STAPP

NEW YORK, Oct. 14—Beatriz Allende, a revolutionary leader of the Chilean anti-fascist resistance and daughter of the murdered Chilean President Salvador Allende, died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound in Havana last week.

An activist in the Movement of the Revolutionary Left (MIR), Beatriz Allende had fought and struggled continuously to unite all communist, socialist, and anti-junta forces among the Chilean masses and organizations ever since the U.S.-backed police-state regime seized power in her country four years ago.

On the morning of the fascist counter-revolution, Beatriz Allende joined her father and others, ranging from Cabinet ministers to secretaries, who defended La Moneda, the Presidential residence. She and others fought back, guns in

hand, as the rightist troops poured infantry and tank fire into the building.

Shortly before La Moneda fell to the putschists, she and two other comrades were sent out through the fascist lines on a mission in behalf of the future resistance movement which was even then beginning to organize underground.

She later said that her father's last words to her were that he would never surrender and would fight until the end.

When Salvador Allende fell, she took up the banner of the anti-junta battle just as others will carry on in her place. Like the 15,000 Chileans who have died before junta firing squads and in junta concentration camps, Beatriz Allende will be remembered as a heroic fighter who gave everything she had to give in the cause of socialism and freedom for her captive nation.

Chicago residents angry

Community pickets filthy store

By LINDA LUZINSKI and JEFF SOREL

CHICAGO, Oct. 6—Residents of the Robert Taylor Homes, this city's largest public housing project, are waging an active protest campaign against the terrible conditions in supermarkets in their area.

The protestors are members of Taylor Residents Against Powerlessness (TRAP), and they are focusing their struggle on the Golden Gate Certified Store. TRAP has been picketing the store every day, demanding that the filthy conditions be eliminated.

Shoppers in the store are faced with outdated and spoiled food, filthy surroundings, frozen foods which have been melted and refrozen, and harassment by the management. On the first day of picketing last week, one shopper found mice playing in the bread.

"WE HAVE A RIGHT TO GOOD FOOD"

Al Nixon, a spokesperson for the group, stated, "We have a right to good food and a clean place to shop here in Robert Taylor. There are few enough good stores around here and we're going to make sure that Golden Gate doesn't continue to rip us off."

After a list of demands was presented to the owner by TRAP members, a community meeting was held on Sept. 26, attended by over 130 project residents. They were very angry at the failure of the owner to show up, but a Board of Health representative promised that the store would be cleaned up.

However, when TRAP members returned to the store on Oct. 3 to inspect, they found no improvement. Spokesperson Katie Stanley said, "Nothing much has really changed. The meat department is dirty, flies are everywhere, paint is peeling, and a lot of the frozen food is being refrozen."

TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE POOR

Golden Gate is part of the giant Certified chain of franchised supermarkets which, like A&P, Jewel, and a few others, takes advantage of poor people every day. They charge higher prices in poorer neighborhoods than in wealthier ones, knowing that poor people often don't have transportation to shop elsewhere. TRAP is trying to offset this by busine people to stores in outlying neighborhoods.

These giant food chains also raise their prices on days after people receive welfare checks, and most of the residents of the Taylor projects are forced to live on welfare.

the fact that people in this society have to picket and demonstrate just to be able to buy decent food speaks

volumes about the way capitalism provides (or rather doesn't provide) for the basic needs of the people.

TRAP plans to continue to fight against the big food chains until they clean up their stores and

provide decent food at reasonable prices. Katie Stanley declared, "It is because of these unhealthy conditions that we are picketing and will continue to picket the Golden Gate."



Fighting against filthy conditions and extra-high prices, protestors have been picketing daily against Chicago's Golden Gate Certified Store.

By SUSAN KEMENETSKY

NEW YORK, Oct. 10—Last February, a 25-year-old woman and her one-year-old son were hospitalized for lead poisoning. The woman had worked for only eight months at a battery factory in Raleigh, N.C. Yet seven months after experiencing the first symptoms and hospitalization, this woman and her child still had violent reactions from the lead poisoning. Seven other workers and their children had the same experience.

What is going on at this Raleigh plant that is not only making the workers deathly ill, but their families, too?

The answer, according to the Center for Disease Control, is that the level of lead dust in the factory was extremely high and the workers, who are not given special work clothes or showering facilities, were carrying the lead dust home and inadvertently affecting their families.

SITUATION CONTINUING

This situation is not only horrible but has happened and is continuing

to happen with the governments' and the company's knowledge and neglect. This company has been given several wrist slaps in the form of citations by government agencies; but it is continuing to operate, and the workers are still being exposed to deadly conditions. Few precautions have been taken to prevent the workers from transmitting the deadly substances from the workplace into the home, where their families are endangered.

This is not an isolated example. There are thousands of these "death factories" around the country that employ unwary workers—workers who are desperate for jobs during these hard times. It is also not surprising that this factory is in North Carolina, a "right-to-work" state, a state which has been successful in limiting unionization and one which willfully allows companies with unsafe conditions to stay open.

Even though most unions get too little assistance from the Occupational and Safety Administration (OSHA), most unionized plants are safer to work in, and safety is not only grievable

and enforced by the unions but is often the object of strikes!

It is only under capitalist production that workers are knowingly poisoned and exposed to cancer-causing agents. In fact, just last week it was revealed on the front page of the New York Times (see

Oct. 7 W.W.) that one out of every four workers is exposed to some substance capable of causing death. It is also more than obvious that profits, anti-union policies, and a government which represents the bosses are responsible for the crippling and deaths of workers.

—Steel

(Continued from p. 9) posedly to "stimulate" the industry.)

But the rest of the time the worker is just so much raw labor power, so much work capacity in human form to be used up as cheaply as possible. To capital, it doesn't matter if the names is Jones or Hashimoto; whether the worker has a life outside the steel plant that is ugly or beautiful; whether he or she has a past—or a future.

But to the working class, whether here or in Japan or India or Germany, isn't that what it's all about? To work in order to live—and not vice versa?

The workers in steel have ab-

solutely no material interest in the chauvinist anti-Japanese campaign being whipped up by the bosses. It can gain them nothing, and is only a smokescreen to divert the workers' anger from those who are responsible for their plight: the super-rich ruling class.

It is their profit-made stranglehold over the economy that has once again brought about the tragic spectacle of idle plants and idle workers, while humanity's needs go unfulfilled.

—Bonn

(Continued from p. 13) grandparents march enthusiastically in the SA and the SS, vote for Hitler and fight for him."

Any West German progressive who understood the role of Nazism as the most brutal and barbaric weapon of the capitalist master class against the working class movement, who knows that Auschwitz was an extermination camp for four million Jewish people, who knows of the horrible war the Nazis unleashed on the Soviet Union and the rest of Europe, would be outraged by the sentimental treatment of Nazis.

Anyone progressive would want to act, and those too impatient with the working class movement or who didn't understand the absolute necessity of mobilizing the masses might be drawn into individual acts against the repressive West German society and its arrogant class of rulers.

FOR THE BIRDS...

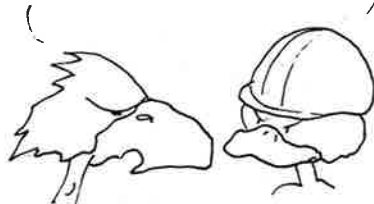
WE'RE LAYING YOU OFF.

WHY?

BECAUSE WE CAN'T MAKE PROFITS WITH ALL YOU WORKERS.

YOU CAN'T MAKE PROFITS WITHOUT US WORKERS...

...BUT WE CAN MAKE STEEL WITHOUT YOU BOSSES.



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POLITICAL PRISONERS

Young-Chin appeal underway

NEW YORK, Oct. 10—The government prosecution has been allowed an extension by the courts to submit documents by Oct. 21 on the appeal of a trial that has become known as the Hirohito case. The U.S. Supreme Court will then decide whether or not to hear the case.

The "legal" attacks against Elizabeth Jane Young and Kenneth Raymond Chin, two Chinese Americans, are astounding if for no other reason than that there really is no case!

In Sept., 1975 the royal ruling family of Japan made a visit to the U.S. At that time the racist Secret Service, with the help of the FBI, known for its outright murders of oppressed people, obtained a search warrant that allowed them to break into the home of Chin and Young.

The warrant which stated no crime and contained some false information, was based on the fact that Young bought a rifle at a sporting goods store in Inglewood, Calif. in 1975. The warrant further stated that at least two years prior to this purchase she had lived with a publically known opponent to the U.S.-Japan Security Treaty. This could hardly be considered "criminal" since the pact formalized the aggressive alliance between U.S. and Japanese imperialism against the revolutionary peoples of Asia. This war treaty was so wildly unpopular among Japanese people that the Hishi government was forced to resign for having signed it.

NEVER CHARGED WITH ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT

On Oct. 4, 1975, the world capitalist press announced that a suspected assassination plot on the life of Emperor Hirohito of Japan during his visit to the U.S. was aborted. Young and Chin were arrested by the Secret Service.

Neither Chin nor Young was ever charged with conspiracy to assassinate the Emperor, nor was Young ever charged with purchasing her gun with false identification as the press maliciously claimed at the time.

Also false was the Secret Service's contention that Young had lived with a "radical." The individual mentioned lived around the corner!

Although this information sworn to by the Secret Service proved to be a lie, the government argued that it was an "honest mistake." (1) A three-judge panel agreed, thereby setting a legal precedent for the government to obtain a search warrant to break into someone's home based on the suspected activities of their neighbors!

Besides obtaining the legal precedent for search warrants, the case was designed to help the image of the Secret Service. Within a month prior to the arrest of Chin and Young there had been two attempts on Gerald Ford's life by individuals who briefly penetrated Secret Service defense. Obviously one purpose of the arrest of Young and Chin was the public "rehabilitation" of the Secret Service which had seemed unable to protect anyone.

The result of the case for Young and Chin was two trials and a sentence of three years probation. Young was convicted of transporting her rifle from California to New York and Chin, convicted of

aiding and abetting the transport and receiving. Both could have received five to ten years respectively and/or \$5,000 to \$10,000 fine.

Both Chin and Young have gone into debt over this case which they

are now appealing in Washington. A brief has been filed for them by the Asian American Legal Defense Fund and several Asian organizations around the country have endorsed it. For more information about this case call 201-925-3258.

New trial ordered for Mendoza

By RICHARD DOBBINS

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 5—In a major decision, the Wisconsin Supreme Court yesterday ordered a new trial for James Ray Mendoza, falsely convicted in 1974 of killing two Milwaukee policemen.

The court ruled 4-3 that the trial judge, Hugh O'Connell of Milwaukee, had no power to move the trial out of Milwaukee, and did not properly instruct the jury of alternative verdicts. O'Connell, claiming "prejudice," had moved the original trial 200 miles to the small, rural town of Sparta, Wisc., against the objections of Mendoza's attorney, James Shellow.

The ruling means that Mendoza's new trial will have to be held

in Milwaukee, which has a large Latin population. This has been one of the principal demands of the Ray Mendoza Defense Committee. Mendoza's case has generated large support from this city's Spanish-speaking community.

The principal issue in Mendoza's case is the right of self-defense by oppressed people. On July 10, 1974, Mendoza was attacked by two off-duty cops who had been drinking at a local bar. While they were pistol whipping him, Mendoza grabbed one of their weapons and fired to protect himself. At the trial, Judge O'Connell refused to allow testimony on self-defense.

Mendoza is quoted in an interview in today's Milwaukee Journal as saying, "All I can say is I am very happy. It's been a long dream for me."

A new trial date will not be set for another month. Meanwhile, Mendoza says that he will seek release from jail on no bail.

This court decision marks the beginning of a new phase in the campaign of Ray Mendoza for justice.

SELF-DEFENSE IS A RIGHT OF ALL OPPRESSED PEOPLE!

FREE RAY MENDOZA!



Ray Mendoza

Lonnie McLucas denied bail

NEW YORK, Oct. 13—Lonnie McLucas, who was tried as a member of the New Haven 14 in the late 1960's, was denied bail today in Federal District Court in Hartford, Conn. His \$20,000 state bail is scheduled to be revoked tomorrow because of the recent refusal by the United States Supreme Court to hear his appeal.

McLucas and his co-defendants, who included Panther Chairperson Bobby Seale and Panther leader Ericka Huggins, were framed for the death of a man alleged to be an informer working with the government on the Panther 21 case in New York. The New Haven case, which received mass support, was

based on the statement of a police agent/provocateur, George Sams, whom the Panthers indicated is the one who really shot the man.

McLucas, the only member of the 14 to be convicted, was tried during the anti-Panther hysteria whipped up by the Nixon administration, and at a time when the Panthers were making great strides in organizing the New Haven oppressed community.

He was sentenced in 1970 to 12½ to 15 years in prison on the charge of conspiring to murder. After serving more than four years in prison he was released on bail in 1974 while the conviction was appealed.

Wansley cleared on new frame-up charges

Special to Workers World

RICHMOND, Oct. 6—For more than 16 years, the struggle to free Thomas Wansley has been a focal point of the Black liberation and workers' struggle in Virginia. Today, anti-racist forces won a victory in this ongoing battle, as Thomas Wansley was cleared of the latest frame-up charges against him.

On Sept. 4, only three weeks after his release on parole, Wansley was arrested on charges of "possession of burglary tools with intent to commit larceny, robbery, and burglary." His "crime" consisted of being on the streets of a predominantly white area with a screwdriver and a pair of pliers in his pocket.

Wansley had been using these tools to work on his car, which had been giving him trouble throughout the evening. When the car stalled at a red light, he began walking to a phone booth to call a garage. He was stopped by ten cops, including several plainclothes detectives. After asking his identity, the cops declared, "Oh, you're the one that people were demonstrating about (three years earlier). Well, let's see if they demonstrate now when we throw you in jail."

In today's hearing police revealed that they had been following Wansley for half-an-hour before the arrest, but in fact he had been under police surveillance continually since his parole began.

Wansley was originally arrested in Lynchburg, Va., in 1961 on a frame-up charge of raping a white woman. After a blatantly racist trial which fueled ruling class attacks against the powerful Black freedom movement in Lynchburg at that time, Wansley was sentenced to death at the age of sixteen.

Martin Luther King and other Black leaders launched a mass

struggle around the case which reversed the conviction. In a second trial, which was accompanied by stepped-up racist propaganda, Wansley was again convicted and given a life sentence.

This conviction was also overturned by a federal judge a decade later; but higher courts upheld the racism, and Wansley was returned to prison in spite of a mass struggle which mobilized thousands of people across the state and the country.

PRISONER ACTIVIST

While in prison, Wansley was a leader in the struggle for better conditions and played a major role in forcing the state to desegregate the penal system. During his 11 months of freedom in the early 70s, he was active in fighting for prisoners' rights in the Prisoners Solidarity Committee in Richmond.

It is easy to see why Thomas Wansley has become a symbol in Virginia—a symbol of the prisoners' struggle, of Black liberation, and of the steadily rising movement of the workers and oppressed which fought so hard for his freedom. It is for this reason that the state has tried so determinedly to keep Wansley behind bars.

Wansley's arrest last month brought immediate response from his supporters throughout the state. His \$5000 bail was quickly raised, and a large contingent of anti-racists were in court today to demand his freedom. This time, the racism was thwarted and the judge was forced to dismiss all charges.

At a celebration after the victory, Wansley told *Workers World*, "I was only charged because of who I am, because I am Thomas Wansley. But I will continue to do everything possible to assist men and women in prison and those released on parole, which is just another form of prison."

Prisoners in behavior modification:

'We demand justice!'

The struggle in the Marion, Ill., long-term control unit continues. Marion is the new Alcatraz of the U.S. prison system. In it is the long-term control unit, a prison inside a prison—where prisoners are sometimes kept until they die.

One prisoner, "Red" Hayes, served over 11 years in solitary confinement. He died recently in the control unit. He was not the first. Before him were three other prisoners who had died within a four-year period.

The control unit had been called several different names over the years. It was called the CARE behavior modification unit until the

court ruling against the START behavior modification unit in Springfield, Mo. Then the Bureau of Prisons used the strategy of changing the name, but leaving the unit as it is.

Certain aspects of the control unit have remained over the years. The Bureau has no intention of changing them, as they provide the basic tactics used to break the will of the prisoners. These tactics include keeping prisoners indefinitely in the unit until they feel the prisoner is broken. They tamper with the prisoners mail, and often throw some of it away to try to reinforce the idea to the prisoner that nobody outside cares about him. They force prisoners to visit their loved ones behind a bullet proof glass in handcuffs and to talk to their visitors on the telephone, to try to discourage visitors.

OTHER HARASSMENT

There are also individual acts of harassment that the Bureau insists are actions of the officers and not sanctioned by the Bureau—yet the Bureau condones them. For instance, Officer Michael Harriss admitted before an investigation led by Congressman Herman Badillo that he threw urine on Black Muslim prisoners and in fact kept a bottle of urine in the unit just for this purpose. Officer Harriss received a week's suspension, but again works in the control unit.

Another instance occurred Oct. 5,

1977. Prisoners Cadillac Smith, Shepherd-Bey and Marshal gathered \$10.00 in store to share with one of their Brothers. Lt. Allen took this store and threw it away. On Oct. 6, the officer had a fly in the food of one prisoner. When the prisoner asked for a different tray he was denied, so the prisoner protested by throwing the tray out on the tier.

The prisoners in the control unit have struggled against their repression without letup. They refuse to be pacified or broken. For everyone that is broken or dies, another rises to protest and say no.

"WE DEMAND JUSTICE"

We are humans. We refuse to be treated like dogs. We demand justice or we will fight you till there is not a breath in our bodies. We ask all of our readers to support us in our fight for justice. You can help us by writing a simple letter to Judge James Foreman, U.S. District Court, St. Louis, Ill., demanding him to rule in favor of the prisoners in the Bono v. Saxbe suit and to close the control unit. You can also help by sending copies of your letters to Michael Deutsch, Law Office, 343 S. Dearborn St., Room 1607, Chicago, Ill. 60604. We love you and need you. Together we will defeat our common oppression.

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Oct. 21, 1977

'The unity and militancy was tremendous'

Boston school bus drivers win wildcat!

By JULIAN FRANK

BOSTON, Oct. 15—The Boston School Department was forced to make attendance optional yesterday as 200 Black, Hispanic, and white school bus drivers of the Hudson and Brush Hill Bus Companies carried out a fully effective strike.

The strike demanded an end to a schedule which would force them to drive at unsafe speeds and would cut their pay \$10 a day, that the company repair buses that do not meet the safety standards of the Registry of Motor Vehicles and Department of Public Utilities, and that the company rehire a driver who was fired on Oct. 3 for union activity.

By today, the drivers had won all of their demands, enabling the buses to roll again Monday morning. The strength and militancy of the drivers and their swift victory is an example and encouragement to all the workers of Boston.

HIT WITH PAYCUT

On Oct. 10, the companies had replaced the hourly pay rate with a flat rate per run, based on a management-determined schedule. This schedule did not allow for sufficient time to complete the runs. This meant that either the drivers would have to deliver the children late to school or drive too fast for safety.

It also meant a pay cut of \$10 a day. This was on top of a pay cut of \$.88 per hour when the drivers returned to work in September, and a company attempt three weeks ago to impose an additional pay cut. That was halted by the threat of a strike.

On Thursday, Oct. 13, the 200 drivers presented a letter to management demanding that the unsafe schedule be rescinded, that driver Steven Kirschbaum be rehired, and that the company comply with safety standards for the buses. The company made no response, so on the evening run, the drivers told children to warn their parents that they might not be picked up in the morning. By a 6 a.m. meeting on Friday, the company still had not responded, so the buses did not roll.

SAFETY FIRST

The drivers made it very clear that a major concern was the safety of the children. In a statement to the parents of Boston and to community agencies, they said, "We want the buses to roll, but not if it's unsafe for your children. We in no way want to hamper the desegregation effort. Please support us in our struggle for safety for your children and fair treatment for ourselves."

The drivers even offered to help parents or community agencies with alternative ways of getting children to school if the company made it impossible to drive the buses on Monday.

The School Committee did everything it could to slander the drivers, but it is the companies who have been holding the people of Boston up for huge profits while maintaining unsafe buses and cutting drivers' wages. It has just

come to light that last year the companies charged the city for hundreds of students it didn't drive. Leaders of the racist anti-busing movement have figured strongly in these scandals.

The School Committee has participated in the company union-busting tactics: when drivers in one yard, William S. Carroll's, organized into a union last year, the School Committee took all of Carroll's contracts from that yard and awarded them to Hudson.

But in the face of the workers' strong united action the School Committee told Hudson that if the strike were not resolved by Monday they would lose their contract. Federal mediation was brought in and on Saturday the drivers had won all their demands. Kirschbaum, the driver who was reinstated, told **Workers World**, "The unity and militancy was tremendous. When the Brush Hill Company met their drivers' demands, those drivers all stayed out in sympathy until Hudson had met all the demands, too. We're going back to work Monday under conditions that are safe for the children, without a pay cut, and with increased job security. And a tremendous new understanding of what workers united can do."



Striking over job safety and a pay cut, Boston bus drivers issued a statement to parents saying: "We want the buses to roll, but not if it's unsafe for your children. We in no way want to hamper the desegregation effort."

Action, lawsuits hit proposed hospital unit for 'violent' women

By PHEBE ECKFELDT

BOSTON, Oct. 2—More than 300 women, children, and men marched through the downtown area here today to protest the establishment of a special unit at Worcester State

Hospital in Worcester, Mass., for the treatment of women considered "dangerous" or "violent."

Members of the Coalition to Stop Institutional Violence, who called the demonstration, charge that this

unit, called the "Center for Violent Women," threatens all women in mental hospitals and prisons in Massachusetts.

Demonstrators at today's protest chanted, "Stop the violent unit,"

and "We say no to Worcester State." The demonstration ended with a rally at the Boston Common, where Coalition members spoke and women musicians performed. Yesterday, a citizens' group filed suit in Suffolk Superior Court to stop plans by the Departments of Mental Health and Correction to open the unit.

COALITION STATEMENT

The Coalition calling today's demonstration has stated, "This threat will be used against women inside who are angry about racism, sexism, and other prison abuses. It will be used against women in prison who are organizing as well as those who act individually out of their own anger."

Leaflets handed out by Coalition members further added, "Because there are no definitions of what a 'violent' woman actually is, any behavior that steps out of the narrow confines of what society expects of women can—and will—be labeled 'violent'."

The Coalition also says there are no legal safeguards that psychotropic drugs, electro-shock therapy, psychosurgery, and other behavior modification measures will not be used. They point out that Worcester State Hospital is already under investigation for abuses of psychiatric patients.

The Coalition itself has filed lawsuits and is continuing the struggle to ensure that this unit never opens.

Raleigh, North Carolina



Violence against women is common in all U.S. prisons where women are incarcerated. Above: a woman prisoner beaten unconscious by guards after a June, 1975, rebellion in a North Carolina prison is helped by sister inmates.