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Brain Sox execs with next prexy name

By ELIZABETH ROSS

It is no longer a secret that a computer has restored the tarnished image of one of our greatest institutions.

The executives of Standard Oil finally got wind of a fact that most Americans have been aware of for a long while—the name Standard made a lot of people feel they'd been treated to a dose of rancid cod liver oil. Even using their initials—S.O.—couldn't deodorize this almost legendary establishment.

So those executives hired the best brains from Madison Avenue to find a new name that could wipe out the old odor, but the brains went blank in the face of such a gigantic task.

Then, in desperation, they turned to the most sophisticated, the canniest computer on the market. The computer saved the day by inventing an entirely new and original name—one that bore not the slightest resemblance to the old one: EXXONI!

When word got around of this incredible feat, a small group of social scientists, oil tycoons, and political soothsayers decided to turn to that self-same computer. But their problem was even more awesome. They had to put together a personality for the next President of the United States.

After only 3 and seven-eighths minutes of squawks, howls, burps, bumps, and grinds, while green and mauve streaks of lightning sprang from its antennae, the computer answered:

"The next President of the United States will be a self-made man; his mother once even scrubbed the kitchen floor while he was working his way through college.

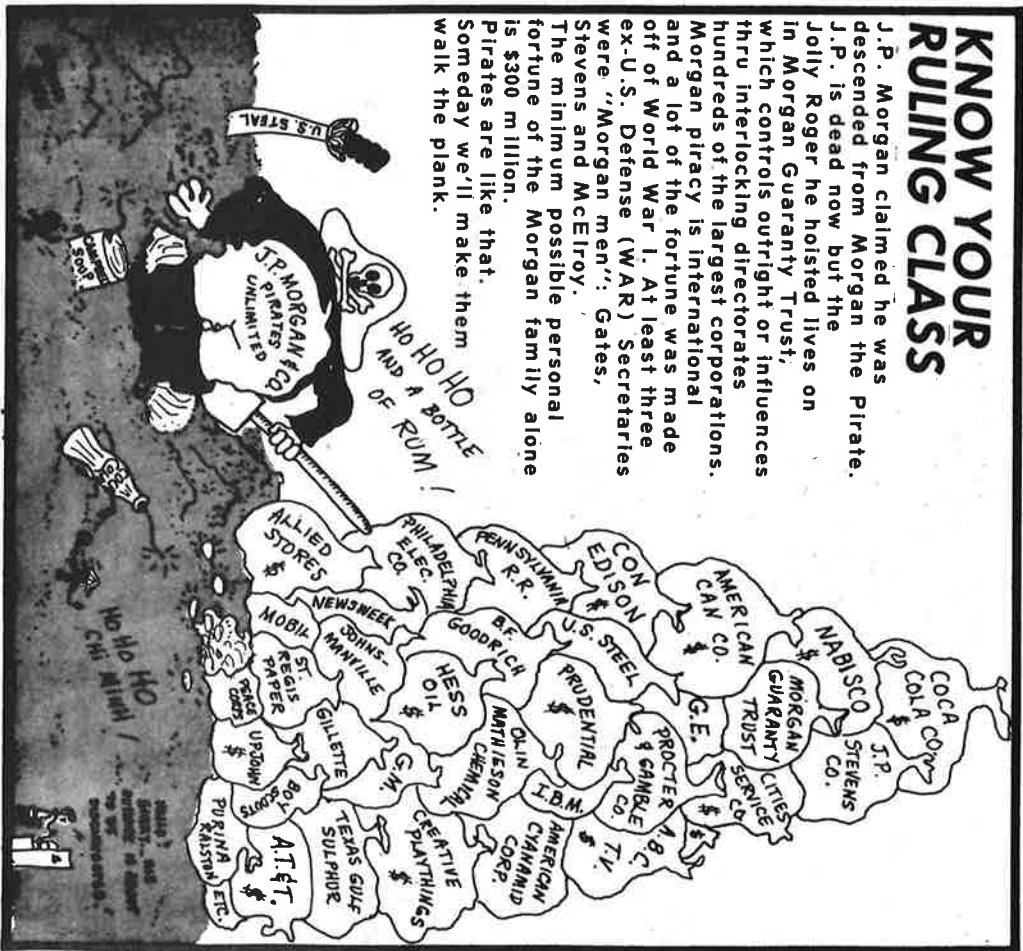
"After years of hard work and adversity, his dynamic stubbornness will pay off. His grandfather will leave him \$100 billion on his 21st birthday, giving our man a chance to demonstrate his genius as a money manager.

"He will have a charming wife whose name appears either to be Pappy or Slappy, and a little dog named Tiddlewinks of whom he and the entire nation will be inordinately fond, and who will probably save the President from disaster on some future occasion."

The computer paused. One oil tycoon frowned and asked, "Won't this huge fortune of his make the people feel the government is in the hands of the rich?" There was a burble from the computer. "That may be a problem," it conceded.

KNOW YOUR RULING CLASS

J.P. Morgan claimed he was descended from Morgan the Pirate. J.P. is dead now but the Jolly Roger he hoisted lives on in Morgan Guaranty Trust, which controls outright or influences thru interlocking directorates hundreds of the largest corporations. Morgan piracy is international and a lot of the fortune was made off of World War I. At least three ex-U.S. Defense (WAR) Secretaries were "Morgan men": Gates, Stevens and McElroy. The minimum possible personal fortune of the Morgan family alone is \$300 million. Pirates are like that. Someday we'll make them walk the plank.



"But they'll never think he's got his fingers in the till. Why should he? His personal fortune will be larger than the U.S. Treasury."

At this point the computer stopped for breath, and went on in a more conversational tone:

"Perhaps you would like a glimpse of the President's domestic life. I see him sitting in a cozy little nook in one of the many beautiful rooms of the White House. While he concentrates on changing a comma here and there in the talk his speech writers have prepared for his address to the nation

on the morrow, his wife Slappy (or Pappy) is busy with a crossword puzzle.

"She says, 'Honey, what's a four-letter word ending in -it that everybody says you're full of?'"

"Why, girl, of course," he answers with some asperity."

The country's leaders were all awed by these revelations, but one question remained unanswered.

"His name, his name?" they all cried anxiously.

The computer paused for dramatic effect, and then intoned loud and clear:

"NEXXONFELLER."

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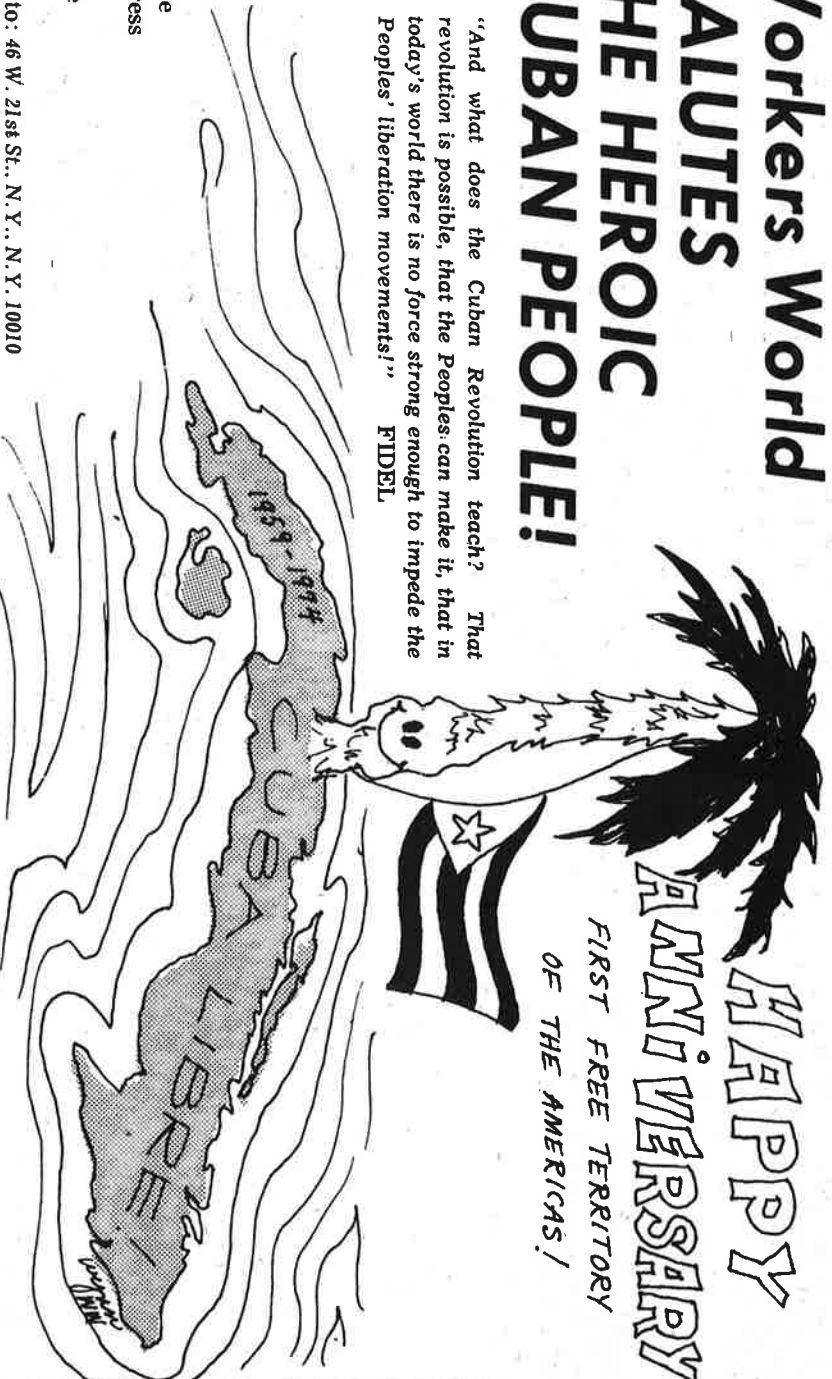
"And what does the Cuban Revolution teach? That revolution is possible, that the Peoples can make it, that in today's world there is no force strong enough to impede the Peoples' liberation movements!" FIDEL

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40,000 turn 'Tea Party' into impeachment rally

By JOEL MEYERS

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 16—A reenactment of the original Boston Tea Party, intended as a gala kick-off event for the government's bicentennial celebration of the U.S. Revolution, was turned into a gigantic anti-Nixon rally here today.

The bicentennial event did draw a crowd of at least 40,000, according to conservative police estimates, but almost all of those present had come to protest the entire farce. What was meant by the government to be a super-patriotic event was turned into a huge demonstration for Nixon's impeachment and against the giant oil companies that are profiting from the energy crisis.

The main slogan of the People's Bicentennial Commission (PBC), which was the main organization to participate, was "Nixon, Exxon, ITT, Throw the Tyrants in the Sea!" The crowd also chanted such slogans as "Freeze profits, not people!" and "Free the political prisoners, jail to the Chief!"

Braving cold winds, snow, and freezing rain the crowd cheered as a member of the PBC asked if they thought an effigy of Nixon should be hung. When asked if anyone was opposed, the crowd was silent.

The City government had organized a troop called the Boston 200, consisting of members of the Charleston Militia, to go through the ritual of dumping boxes over the side of a 75-foot replica of an 18th century sailing ship. But the power of the demon-

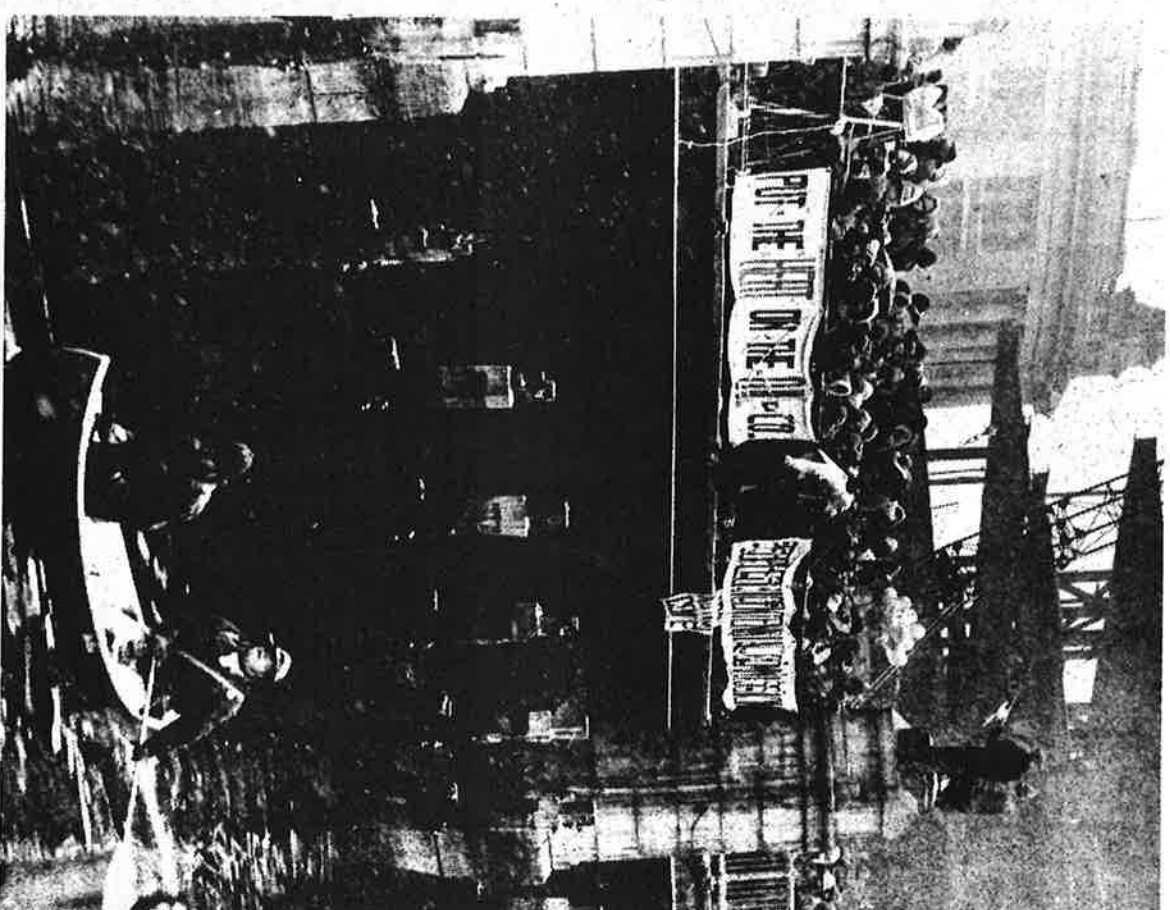
stration so exposed the meaning of the Tea Party and so confused the Boston 200, that they proved unsuccessful in carrying out their job. Finally, the National Guard was ordered to board the boat and dump the boxes (supposedly containing tea) in the harbor. As they did this the angry crowd chanted a backdrop of "National Guard: Kent State!"

The boat, from which a consignment of British East India Company Tea was dumped, proudly proclaimed in a plaque that it was financed by the Salada Foods Corporation, while a Salada gift shop was hastily set up for tourists on the dock where the original dumping occurred.

As if to make more obvious the cheap commercial character of the event, there had been a rumor that Nixon was going to stage a "sneak-in" to be present at the event, but after gleaming "intelligence" reports, changed his mind.

The PBC also organized a flotilla of small boats to sail into the area. One of the boats carried a huge five-foot mask of Nixon. The other boats carried such signs as "Put Heat on the Oil Companies" and "Dump Nixon, Not Tea." The Nixon effigy was taken aboard the replica ship, tarred and feathered, and hung (to the cheers of the crowd) along with other effigies representing Exxon, Gulf, Shell, and Mobil oil companies.

If Nixon thought the bicentennial events could pull him out of the Watergate mess by appealing to patriotism, he'd better think again!



Boston city officials lose control of reenactment of Boston Tea Party as 40,000 demonstrators shout "Dump Nixon, not tea!" photo: LNS

Aged couple frozen to death by utilities corp.

By SHARON SHELTON

An aged couple was found frozen to death Christmas Eve in their dilapidated house in upstate New York—victims of a utility corporation that ruthlessly shut off their heat despite the December cold for nonpayment of a \$202 bill.

It was the second time the Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation had cut off electricity for Frank and Catherine Baker, a Schenectady, N.Y., couple in their nineties living off a meager income from Social

Security plus a small pension. The electric cut-off automatically shut down the Bakers' oil heater.

For almost a week prior to their deaths, night-time temperatures in the area had hovered around zero. The nearest relative was a daughter who lived a mile away, but was unable to visit the Bakers because of arthritis. And to make matters worse, the telephone had been disconnected for unpaid bills, so it was impossible for the couple to have summoned help.

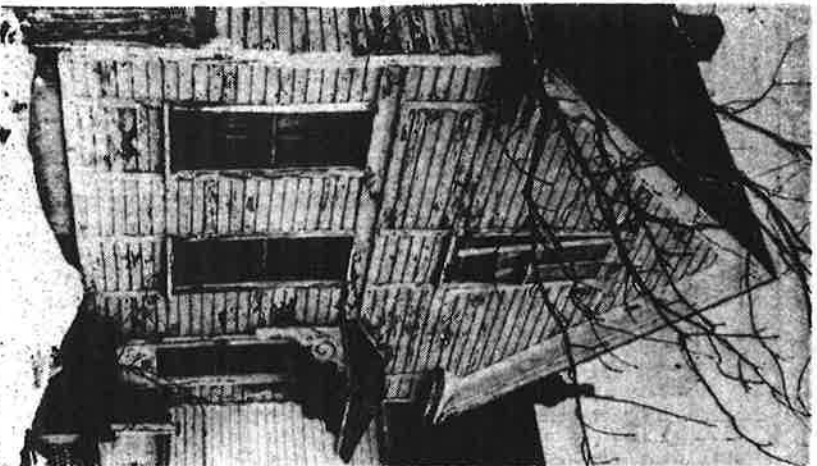
Meanwhile, the response from the utility corporation to the tragedy was typical. "We're running a business," a spokesman told the press. "The welfare people should have been taking care of them."

The Bakers had in fact received help from a local church, but its response, although initially sympathetic to the couple, reveals a similar attitude. "What happened was a tragedy in one sense," a member of the clergy commented, "but I'd hate to see this made into a simple melodrama. They were happy in their misery."

Coming at this time, this very real tragedy is no isolated event. A news item from Detroit, for example, reveals that two babies died there from the cold when a slumlord turned off the heat in one of his buildings. And this is just the beginning of the winter season.

Together these deaths foreshadow what may be the fate of many other poor and elderly people across the country who are being forced to bear the brunt of the "energy crisis—in the form of crushing fuel bills, shortages, layoffs, inflation, increased pollution, and poverty.

Big business, the landlords, and the Nixon administration—all those whose policies have led to the current crisis—have the deaths of the infants from Detroit and the Bakers on their hands. But they will surely be tried for murder as the poor and the oppressed rise up in anger against a system that has so degenerated it cannot provide for the basic needs of the population.



House in Schenectady, N.Y. where elderly couple froze to death.

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Busing issue raised again to fan racism

By NAOMI COHEN

NEW YORK—On December 10, at Madison High School in Brooklyn, a group of Black students was assaulted by white students and non-students wielding sticks, window poles, pipes, canes, chains, and chairs. The New York Times and other capitalist press tried to trace the conflict to a fight two weeks earlier between a white football player and a Black student, and then to a minor incident in the hall of the school. But the widespread fighting at Madison High School was caused by something much more fundamental than that—it was rampant white racism!

Madison High School is located in a white middle class neighborhood. Most of the Black students, who make up 35 percent of the school population, are bused into the area from Bedford Stuyvesant and Brownsville. According to a Black mother who has three children bused to Madison, there has been a concerted campaign organized by racist groups like the so-called Jewish Defense League to put an end to the busing of Black students into the area. Having seen that the Board of Education here capitulated to the vile racist campaign against Black children being bused to Canarsie, the racists in the Madison area are now determined to carry on a campaign of terror against the Black students.

According to Black students, many of their assailants were not students, but adults instigating the violence. The situation deteriorated so badly that at one point an armed mob of about 100 whites formed near the school and began to march on the building, threatening to beat up any Black students in sight. The police were called to intervene, but as usual, they sided with the racists and harassed the Black victims of the violence instead of the white attackers.

The racism of the police was so blatant that a white cop clubbed a Black plain-clothes cop so badly that he had to be hospitalized. In addition, the police allowed a mob to gather along the route the Black students took to get to their buses. They

were stoned and beaten as they walked the three blocks from the school.

ANTI-BUSING CAMPAIGN

The ugly incident over busing in this city reflects a national hysteria being whipped up by capitalist politicians and big businessmen against the busing of Black children. It was no coincident that three days after the Madison events the House of Representatives voted 221 to 192 to ban the use of fuel to bus students out of their neighborhood schools. This amendment, sponsored by Rep. John D. Dingell (D.-Mich.), was attached to an emergency energy bill! It was in Michigan several years ago where the KKK and other fascist scum attacked and burned several school buses carrying Black students to Pontiac, Michigan.

Although this racist amendment was later struck out of the bill in conference, the fact that it was even brought up and passed was an outrage in itself. There are so many ways to save fuel—if that's what Congress wanted to do—like cutting off fuel being sent by the Pentagon to the Saigon puppet regime. But this was clearly not a matter of energy conservation. It was a maneuver to reopen the whole opposition to the busing of Black students.

(The truth of the matter is that out of over 600 million gallons of fuel used for busing per year, only 78 million gallons even go for busing to achieve integration.)

The kind of racist terror that gripped Madison High School recently has national significance. It reflects a growing trend among the capitalist politicians and bosses to whip up race hatred—to divide the population and distract them while the living standard for all working people is going down.

Busing itself is no longer the real issue. Many Black people may not even want to send their children into such hostile camps of racism. But their right to choose to send their children wherever they can get a good education is inviolable, and must be defended.



EDITORIAL

Racism — how do we fight it?

A coordinated campaign has been underway for some time to give credibility to the discredited, anti-scientific, and openly racist theory of genetics whose contemporary exponents are Professor Arthur Jensen and Dr. William Shockley.

Neither of these men is a biologist (Jensen is a psychologist, Shockley a physicist), but their incursions into the field of genetics, even though repudiated by such groups as the American Anthropological Association, are receiving support from the U.S. ruling class. No less than the Wall Street Journal, in an editorial last July 20, endorsed Jensen's view that "intelligence" is 80 percent inherited, and that Black people are genetically inferior and can never be expected to "achieve" as well as whites.

Both men are open proponents of "eugenic" methods to reduce the nonwhite population—that is, sterilization.

In other words, we have here a revival of the Nazi theory of racial superiority, and it is being applauded by very powerful sections of U.S. big business!

Jensen and Shockley are engaged in an active campaign to push their vile dogma on the college campuses, where they have met with a storm of opposition from Black and white students and faculty members who are aware of exactly what these two racists are up to, behind their scholarly facade.

There is much more involved here than just a couple of cranks or mad scientists. Daniel Moynihan, Nixon's "expert" on Black people, distributed Jensen's writings to other Nixon cabinet members and called

them "must reading." Jensen's theories are hailed in South Africa, and have been cited by Virginia racists in a court desegregation case. Jensen himself has been called to Washington to give "advice" to several congressional committees.

The broad opposition to this white supremacist campaign has stirred a debate on how to handle them. Just as in the early sixties, when neo-Nazis like George Lincoln Rockwell (with the backing of not-so-open Nazis) were trying to organize among the youth, there are cries from the liberals that their "freedom of speech" must not be infringed, for this would only play into their hands. This viewpoint is getting an assist from the misnamed Militant, organ of the Socialist Workers Party, which calls for "mass action" as opposed to the disruption of their speeches.

Is it correct to counterpose these two tactics to each other?

Let's look back at the period of the movement against the Vietnam war. Many forms of struggle were opened up by the masses: confronting the warmakers wherever they went, draft resistance, GI organizing, mass mobilizations, disruptions of official ceremonies, and even underground activity. The SWP then too advocated uneventful mass mobilizations as opposed to more militant forms of struggle.

But what is the purpose of calling out the masses? Is it only to petition the racists and the warmakers, to make them aware of our grievances?

And when the adversary is an open

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'Doves' slander Berrigan for Mideast stand

A new attack has been launched against Rev. Daniel Berrigan, who served more than two years in federal prison during the Vietnam War for burning draft records.

He is charged this time with "old-fashioned theological anti-Semitism," not by the courts but by Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg of the American Jewish Congress, for a speech made on October 19 before the Association of Arab University Graduates in Washington. Now plans to honor Berrigan with the Gandhi Peace Award have met opposition from establishment liberals like Rev. Donald S. Harrington, who is pulling back from presenting the award.

A look at Berrigan's speech, however, finds no anti-Semitic remarks, just a statement against Israel's expansionist policy and her close links to western imperialism.

"The coinage of Israel is stamped with the imperialist faces whose favor she has courted; the creation of an elite of millionaires, generals and entrepreneurs," he said. "And the price is being paid by Israel's Oriental Jews, the poor, the excluded, prisoners."

"...Israel has not freed the captives; she has expanded the prison system, perfected her espionage, exported on the world market that expensive blood-ridden commodity, the savage triumph of the technologized West: violence and the tools of violence."

While the world knew "criminal Christian communities," Berrigan said, "we had never known a criminal Jewish community."

Berrigan also charged that "many American Jewish leaders were capable of ignoring the Asian holocaust in favor of

economic and military aid to Israel," but praised American Jews in general for not following their leaders in accepting "the bait offered by Nixon."

From the reaction of pro-imperialist liberals like Harrington who opposed the Vietnam War, we see that it's not "anti-Semitic" remarks that are resented, but remarks hitting U.S. imperialism. A Jewish pacifist group found Berrigan's remarks not to be anti-Semitic.

The U.S. ruling class, which became divided to the core over the Vietnam War, is now united in its desire to hang on to its plunder of oil in the Middle East, and the "doves" like Kennedy and McGovern are as "hawkish" as the Nixonites when it comes to protecting U.S. investments there. Already preparing for their next military adventure, they would be glad to see Berrigan discredited, to prevent any new antiwar movement from developing against their Mideast policies.

Of course, there is real anti-Semitism in the U.S. (The Nazis whom Nixon hired in 1972 in California to influence the Wallace vote make no bones about their hatred of Jews!) The "pro-Israel" present policy of the U.S. rulers could without a pang of conscience on their part be turned around if their interests dictated it, and the Jewish people be blamed for U.S. disasters in the Middle East. And the remarks of Sen. Fulbright, who recently claimed that Israel controls 80 percent of the U.S. Senate, lend themselves to such a shift.

The danger of anti-Semitism comes not from Berrigan but from the anti-Jewish U.S. ruling class and their fascist friends, who will try to make Jews as well as Arabs scapegoats for the energy crisis or the war they're planning.

He bit the hand that fed him

Village Voice, Dec. 27:

"Those present at a recent seminar of investigative journalism at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington D.C. heard Jack Anderson make some confessions. When he look over from Drew Pearson, Anderson said, he did a deal with Hoover. So long as his column did not dump on Hoover, he would be able to request FBI file data on people of interest to him. These would be delivered on plain sheets of paper. If he wished to see the actual files he could do so at the FBI headquarters in the presence of his contact man there."

"Anderson also said that he initially had that same sort of arrangement with Nixon's people at the White House. A high aide (one might conjecture, Haldeman) would make damaging data available to him, such as the IRS audits on George Wallace's brother, with which the Anderson column made great play. This connection did not last much longer than a month or two."

"Anderson says the arrangement soon broke down when he began printing material hostile to Nixon. He then incurred the attention of the Plumbers."

The City Hall Connection

The New York Times, Dec. 26:

"CHICAGO, Dec. 25—The troubles of Mayor Richard J. Daley's Cook County Democratic organization increased with the allegation last week that Circuit Court Clerk Matthew J. Danaher once received special commissions from real estate developers who sought his support for zoning changes."

"The Better Government Association, a privately directed watchdog group, charged an investigation had disclosed that Mr. Danaher, one of the Mayor's closest friends and political associates, had shared in more than \$300,000 the developers paid to a real estate firm in which he was a partner."



Didn't know he had that many relatives

San Diego, Dec. 12 (AP):

"Sponsors say 75 persons showed up last night for a 'Support President Nixon' rally at which preparations had been made for 1,500."

Nixon no longer the one?

The New York Times, Dec. 18:

"Charles W. Colson, the former White House aide who figures in the Watergate scandal and who is known as a tough political operative, has 'found religion' in active Christianity in recent months, according to friends."

"One man who knows Mr. Colson well reports 'he certainly has achieved tranquility and serenity.' Other friends say Mr. Colson has taken to attending prayer breakfasts regularly with Sen. Harold E. Hughes, the Iowa Democrat who recently said he would not seek reelection and devote full time to being a religious lay worker."

"Because of his 'serious religious experience,' friends in Washington say, Mr. Colson has been able to ignore the political differences between himself, a Republican conservative, and Mr. Hughes, a liberal Democrat."

WW comment: Colson once said, "I'd walk on my grandmother for Nixon." He is deeply involved in some of the most ex-

And you're worried about the rights of defendants!

Philadelphia, Dec. 18 (AP):

"The man who reportedly possessed the largest private arsenal ever found in Philadelphia was found not guilty yesterday in Municipal Court of illegal weapon charges."

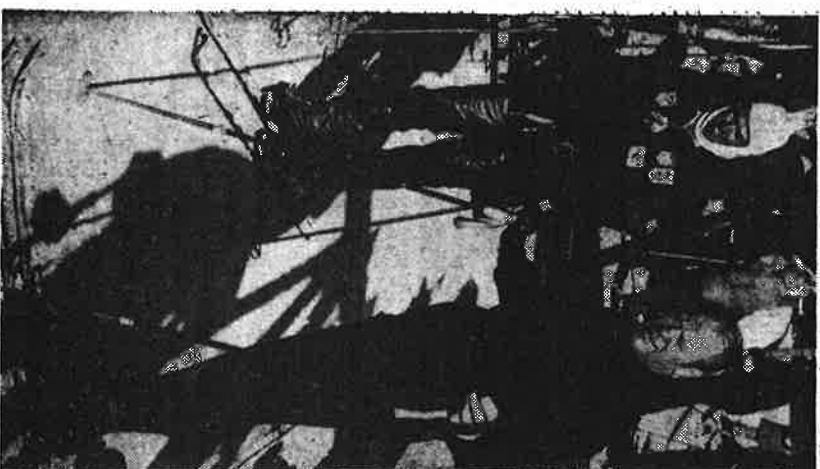
"George E. Fassinacht, a former agent of the Central Intelligence Agency, was set free when the judge ruled there had been insufficient prosecution evidence to tie Mr. Fassinacht to machine guns found in the home of his wife's friend."

"A search of Mr. Fassinacht's home in June, 1971, was ruled illegal by another judge about a month ago. That search turned up a quantity of explosives, hand grenades, bombs, small arms and arm-munitions."

Executive privileges

Washington, Dec. 19 (UPI):

"Vice President Ford and his family plan to fly to Colorado for a Christmas skiing vacation aboard an Air Force jet,



Ford on the hill: It took a lot of energy to get him there.

Mideast war alters U.S. world position

By SAM MARCY

The profound effects of the October Arab-Israeli war upon the world position of U.S. imperialism far transcend the immediate impact of the oil boycott on the U.S. economy.

The oil crisis is only one measure of the war's consequences. Their total dimensions can be gauged by the diplomatic debacle suffered by the U.S. when it failed to enlist its principal European imperialist allies in the struggle against the Arab people.

The mere fact that only Portugal, and to a lesser extent, Spain—two of the most reactionary governments in Europe—were willing to render some assistance to the U.S. during the war crisis, demonstrates to what a low level the fortunes of U.S. finance capital have sunk on a continent where only a quarter of a century ago its position was preeminent.

Nor have the frantic efforts of Henry Kissinger to paper over the deep hostility and antagonism to the U.S. revealed by its NATO allies, been of any avail.

One of the principal facts to emerge from the Arab-Israeli war so far as relations between Western Europe and the U.S. are concerned is that, eager as the West European imperialists may be to plunder the Arab lands of oil for their own account, they are not willing to pull Wall Street's chestnuts out of the fire.

No amount of sanctimonious declarations and assurances emanating from the major European capitals have been able to cover up this blunt, stubborn fact.

A less palpable but nonetheless equally significant fact to emerge from the war lies in the military field. Many of the U.S. conventional weapons first tested in this war proved wholly inadequate in the Middle East. According to Fortune magazine, the Pentagon top command was obliged to review the entire array of weapons of which it boasted so much after they were used in the Mideast fighting.

"The deadly effect of small, mobile, anti-aircraft missiles like the Soviet SA-6 came as a shock to the U.S. Air Force and its concept of providing close air support for tanks and troops. The desert fighting has raised some serious questions about the ability of our heavy mechanized forces...." (Fortune, December 1973).

This judgment has been attested to by authoritative European military analysts and also by The New York Times (Dec. 22, 1973).

U.S. NOT SATISFIED WITH DETENTE

But the most important consequence of the Mideast war relates to the durability of the detente between the U.S. and the USSR. The entire relationship as envisioned by Washington is now in doubt. It is plain to see that Washington had counted too heavily on what the Soviet leadership could do to restrain the Arab liberation struggle.

The U.S. strategists had anticipated that Moscow would act as a complete brake upon any effort of the Arab people to recover Israeli-occupied territory by armed struggle. In this they were mistaken.

The Soviet Union is a contradictory social phenomenon. This is most clearly reflected in its foreign policy, particularly as it relates to the Middle East. On the one hand it helps the struggle of oppressed people against imperialism, and on the other hand it retards it.

It would be virtually impossible for the Arab people, and the Persian Gulf states in particular, to put up the kind of challenge they have mounted against the U.S., with the recent oil cutoff, without the existence of the Soviet Union and the tremendous amount of military assistance it has rendered to Egypt, Syria, Algeria, and others. But at the same time, the Soviet leaders, who constitute a highly conservative and privileged stratum within the Soviet Union, have sought to contain the struggle, to limit it, and above all to avoid a confrontation with the U.S.

To further this objective, they have made a virtually inviolable dogma of peaceful coexistence, while accommodation with the U.S. has become the focal point of their foreign policy.

IMPERIALISM INCAPABLE OF PEACEFUL DECLINE

But the interests of imperialism organically tend toward expansion and violence. This continues to be true regardless of the wishes of the Soviet leaders. Despite their propensity to forget about the class struggle in the interests of stability and "international order," the Soviet leaders are forced to react to save their system when imperialism lashes out. The USSR cannot afford to allow the Arab states to be at the mercy of the Pentagon. To do so would endanger the Soviet Union itself and even embolden West European imperialism. It was inevitable that under the circumstances existing in October, the USSR would come to the assistance of the Arab states once the hostilities broke out.

In doing so, it gave a tremendous impetus to the overall struggle of the Arab people, and so elevated the character of the struggle as to pose a new challenge to U.S. imperialism. One merely has to review all that has happened since the October war and the conclusion is inescapable that the Arab states have achieved a new dimension of both power and standing in world affairs as a result of the October war—even though the war itself was militarily inconclusive. In the eyes of the U.S. ruling class, the Soviet leadership bears the full responsibility for this development. The U.S. rulers blame Moscow for the debacle they have suffered, as well as for the ensuing oil boycott.

Hence, the so-called rethinking in ruling circles of the U.S. capitalist establishment regarding the detente. This does not signify an end to the detente. Nor does it in any way mean the U.S. will not continue to press for "cooperation" with the USSR, such as is now going on at the Geneva talks and was probably worked out in advance between Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko and U.S. Secretary of State Kissinger.

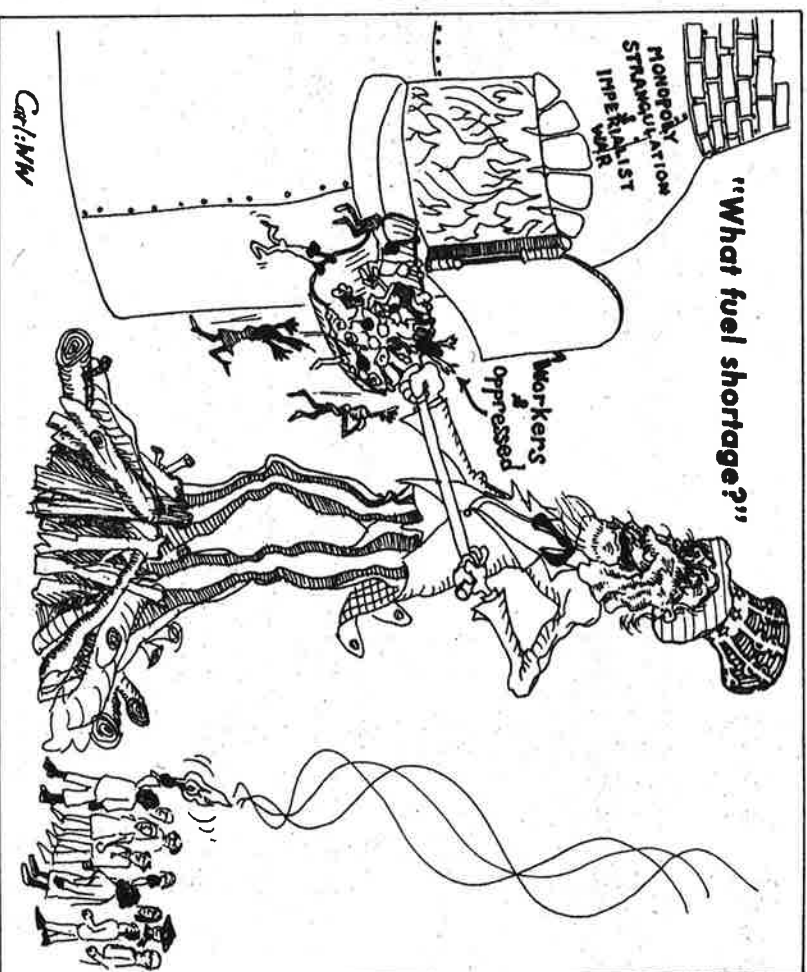
Such "cooperation" has so far led to the exclusion of the Palestinians from the conference, which constitutes a betrayal of the main issue in the Middle East struggle so far as the masses of the Arab people are concerned.

But even such "cooperation" does not preclude renewed Soviet military assistance to the Arab states if the talks collapse and fighting is resumed.

U.S. POSITION IN MIDDLE EAST IRREVOCABLY ALTERED

Even if a settlement of some kind ultimately emerges from the Geneva Conference which the U.S. regards as favorable, the position of the U.S. in the Middle East and the Mediterranean as a whole will continue to deteriorate given the new status of the Arab states, the growing independence of Western Europe, and the increasing might of the Soviet Union both as a military as well as an economic power.

Thus the detente between the U.S. and the USSR is not what Washington originally conceived it to be, particularly as it affects the Middle East. This certainly leaves the U.S. more isolated in that area of the world than ever, and the possibilities of continuing



to garner in fabulous super-profits as in previous years are severely limited.

This then poses once again the problem which American finance capital has had to face on a number of other occasions: Should it adjust itself to the new realities of the world situation—or try to retrieve the situation?

The past 25 years offer small comfort for those in the liberal bourgeois establishment who feel that the aggressive and expansionist tendencies of monopoly capitalism can be reined in on the basis of cold reasoning and logic. The vast and almost unlimited resources at home, if properly utilized and intelligently planned, make adventures abroad unnecessary, they say. And of course they could be right—if it weren't for the nature of capitalism!

But they close their eyes to what is happening right under their noses. At the same time that the ruling class press has mounted a massive propaganda campaign and demands sacrifices at home under the slogan of self-sufficiency, to convey the false impression that the monopolies are abandoning adventures abroad, the very same oil giants who are responsible for the aggression in the Middle East are roaming

Zionist dinner picketed, JDL attack repulsed

By KATHY JONES

CHICAGO, Dec. 14—Despite a violent attack by pro-Israel rightwingers, a large and successful demonstration was held today by the Committee for Solidarity with the Arab and Palestinian People outside an Israel Bond dinner at the Conrad Hilton hotel.

The attack occurred as 15 members and friends of Chicago Youth Against War & Fascism marched down Michigan Avenue to join the other demonstrators. In an obviously planned action, the Chicago police stopped them and told the demonstrators not to disperse, while 50 members of the fascist Jewish Defense League ran across the street to assault them with bars and clubs.

Outnumbered four to one, the YAWF militants fought off the attack with their flag poles. The police stood by as one demonstrator was shoved through a plate glass window.

Although they were simply trying to defend themselves, four YAWF members were arrested and charged as follows: John Lombardo, criminal destruction of property and disorderly conduct; Jill Roundtree, Sharon Lombardo, and Gregg Mossberger, disorderly conduct and failure to obey an order.

The police then tried to move the remaining YAWF demonstrators across the street into the JDL crowd. But YAWF refused to be trapped and set up a picket line

the Southeast Asia coastline to establish fresh outposts of their dominion.

OIL CO'S STILL EYING INDOCHINA

Almost simultaneously with the opening of the Geneva Peace Conference, U.S. News & World Report (12-31-73) released data showing that the U.S. oil companies are again making surveys of South Vietnam as part of an intensified search for fuel in Asia. Mobil Oil is surveying two offshore blocks of some 2,700 square miles each in Vietnamese waters. Elsewhere in the South China Sea, Esso Exploration, a unit of Exxon, is summing out a single area that also covers approximately 2,700 square miles.

It should be remembered that early in December, U.S. carriers were roaming around the same coastal areas of Vietnam. Is it any wonder that the Saigon puppet regime has once again begun attacking PRG areas and that the capitalist media here are blaming the DRV for recommitting hostilities? U.S. News & World Report lists other areas where the oil trust is roaming in Southeast Asia, including new exploration in Indonesia.

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on the nearest corner. Several minutes later the main body of the coalition marched to that corner to join the picket line. JDL quickly left.

Despite the attack, the demonstration was a strong show of support for the liberation struggle in the Middle East. Over 200 people filled the night with chants of "Arab land, Arab oil, for the Arab people!", "Israeli Bonds buy bombs!", and "Jewish people, yes—Zionism, no!"

Top politicians and businessmen had gathered at the Conrad Hilton, arriving in limousines with fur-clad wives to stuff their bulging bellies while applauding their "Man of the Year"—Henry Jackson, the hawkish Senator from Boeing. As requirement for attending this feast, each diner must have bought at least \$2,500 of Israeli war bonds in the past year. This money is used to buy bombs, jets (probably many made by Boeing), and other weapons for U.S.-Israeli aggression against the Palestinian and other Arab people.

The demonstration ended with a rally. Speakers from the Organization of Arab Students and other groups pledged continued support for the revolutionary struggle of our oppressed brothers and sisters in the Middle East. Money was raised to help bail out the arrested demonstrators, and legal counsel was later obtained to fight the frameup charges. Victory to the oppressed! Palestine will win!

Con Ed crying poverty again

By A CON EDISON WORKER

On Thursday, December 12, Consolidated Edison asked the rubber-stamp "Public Service Commission" for a whopping 22.6 percent rate increase for electricity to be collected over the next two years. According to Con Edison's own admissions this would raise the "average" monthly rate from \$14.97 to \$19.20, or 14 cents a day!

The sought-after increase, according to Charles F. Luce, Con Edison's chairman of the board, would amount to \$314.8 million. In addition, the power monopoly wants a 6.67 percent "conservation adjustment" to make up for the lower amounts of electricity New York's workers and poor have been using. This amounts to a penalty for those who've cut down on electricity because of the three-

and safety are risked every day to produce electrical power for profit have full control over the way this power is produced and over its price as well.

How the rich are 'surviving' the energy crisis

By CAL BONNER

NEW YORK, Dec. 23—It's winter, folks, as if you didn't know, the dead of winter; there is an energy crisis and most of us are going to have to "keep cool" (i.e. freeze) for the U.S. oil barons. Tricky Dick Nixon says turn down the thermostat for the good of the country when most of us poor workers don't even own a thermostat or the heating machine to which it is connected.

But before we make our nightly climb



While the rich make noble sacrifices to conserve energy...

month-old \$164.5 million rate increase and in response to threats of "selective blackouts" unless consumption of electrical power goes down.

Luce is also demanding an increase of \$150.2 million by April 1. This would supposedly be a "refundable, temporary" increase. (There is no chance of this refund ever taking place as the increase would soon be permanent.) According to the Public Service Commission's figures the actual rate increase would amount to 30.4 percent or \$422.6 million—of which \$107.8 million would be for the "conservation surcharge." The "temporary" increase would amount to \$272.1 million or 19.6 percent!

Over the past four years, Con Edison has received a \$102.3 million increase for electricity in 1970, a "temporary" \$58.6 million in 1971, another \$34.9 million in 1972, and finally the recent \$69.2 million "temporary" and \$164.5 million "permanent" awards!

Like the rising prices of heating oil (and lack of heat in apartments), gasoline, and so many other items—everything from saccharine to plastic forks to clothes—big business blames its latest demands for more money on the energy crisis.

In fact, the upcoming statewide 3 percent voltage cutback stands to save Con Edison hundreds of thousands of barrels of oil this year, as does the power monopoly's generating station on Staten Island, which will "save" a million barrels of oil. At current prices, a million barrels of oil would cost \$12 million while the coal to replace it would cost \$3.5 million. If Con Edison gets its way again and is allowed to burn coal at its Ravenswood plant in Queens, it will save millions of dollars more.

It's time that the people who must buy electricity from Con Edison, who must breathe the air poisoned by cheaper heavy oil and coal, and the workers whose lives

The fuel crisis at ho

lighters in my house!" she said. "If necessary, I'll go to New Jersey and buy kitchen matches. I think they're illegal in New York. I guess that makes me a smuggler."

And Mrs. Thomas Kempner rationalizes that the cutback in fuel oil is a boon for her and that she "has always preferred cool, candlelight drawing rooms, cold bedrooms and wood-burning fireplaces. Heat," she explained, "is bad for paintings, book bindings, lacquered furniture and middle-aged skins," and for years she has refused to turn it up.

"When chilly guests complain, Mrs. Kempner, a clothes horse and fashion consultant, hands them her best sweaters. She would, however, be lost without her

"Consider the plight of multimillionaire Charles Revson... with the fuel shortage he honestly doesn't know what to do about Ultima II, his luxurious, 257-foot, 1,200-ton yacht."

electric blanket.

"If worse comes to worst," she said, "we'll wear our long underwear—we have this" and "hers"—and then our ski boots. My best protection is that awful English camisole. You know, with the faggoting and pink ribbon around the edge. And bloomers. And that knitted silk underwear from Grider's in Zurich. Silk is much warmer than wool."

Happy New Year, everyone—and remember the greediest and unneediest!!

Heath declares war on British workers

By BOB MCCUBBIN

Two years ago the coal miners of Great Britain, 267,000 strong, won a great victory over their bosses. What was particularly significant about their seven-week strike was the massive support it had from the rest of the British people, despite the terrible hardships that resulted for all. Power blackouts, heating cutbacks, and 2 million people out of work as a direct result of the strike could not cool the enthusiasm with which the masses cheered the miners on.

The British ruling class, stunned by such selfless class solidarity, gave in, and the miners won a 21 percent wage increase, 16 percent more than the British Phase 1 guidelines in effect at the time would have allowed.

Two years of galloping inflation has eaten up the miners' gains, as it has worsened the living standards of all the working and poor people of Britain. In 1972 alone, the 5 percent inflation rate at the beginning of the year had increased to 12 percent by fall. Basic wages in mining now range from \$58 to \$83 for a five-day week. Only with overtime is the wage brought above \$100. The miners are now asking for a basic wage of \$55 a week.

The miners' demands are modest considering the inflationary spiral they are fighting. According to the Manchester Guardian, the cost of living for the first half of 1974 was projected to increase 19 percent before the full impact of the current British economic crisis hit this past week. The British trade deficit for November totaled

\$624 million, following a record October deficit of \$825 million. The deficit is expected to approach a record of \$3.5 billion by year's end. And the British pound continues to weaken.

All this reflects the weakened position of British (and U.S.) imperialism in the period of cutthroat competition between the capitalist countries that has opened up. Just as here in the U.S., the British ruling class expects the workers to pay for the economic stagnation created by capitalist market conditions.

The British government, like its counterpart in Washington, has set up a series of "phases," designed to further eat away at the living standards of the British workers. As in the U.S., wages under the phases have remained frozen while food and other prices have skyrocketed. The current program, Phase 3, was begun in October and allows for wage increases of only 7 percent.

PROTESTS AGAINST PHASE 3

A number of unions have staged protests against Phase 3. Almost immediately following its introduction, workers in the electric power generating industry began refusing overtime and weekend work, severely crippling this crucial industry. They were joined in November by coal miners also refusing overtime, and on November 13 the government proclaimed a national emergency.

On December 12 the railroad workers began a protest of their own, refusing to work except on the basis of strict adherence to the rule book. This has resulted in a reduction of commuter traffic by more than 50 percent and has sharpened the fuel crisis, since most coal and oil are delivered by rail. In addition to blackouts involving hundreds of thousands of homes in London and other areas, a general voltage reduction of 6 percent has been imposed. Coal production is off by 40 percent with stockpiles at power installations dwindling.

This demonstration of workers' power has shaken the British ruling class but it has not brought them to their knees. Instead, they have now launched a counterattack, deepening the economic crisis that has been building for some time and attempting to blame it all on the recent protests.

HEATH BLAMES CRISIS ON WORKERS

On December 13 Prime Minister Heath announced to the nation that the "energy crisis" (it is much more than that!) was "mostly" the fault of the coal miners, electrical engineers, and railroad workers. (In 1972 he tried the same trick, portraying the coal miners as selfish and unpatriotic.) As a result, "... we shall have to postpone some of the hopes and aims we have set for ourselves for expansion and for our standard of living."

His emergency measures are clearly calculated to further lower the living standards of the masses and to turn public



... West European bosses blame the economic crisis on miners in Great Britain...

home and abroad

sentiment against the protesting workers. The chief measure in Heath's new austerity program is a three-day work week for Britain's 22.1 million workers beginning January 1. Not only will this measure slash by two-fifths the income of 13.1 million workers who are not covered by agreements for minimum weekly wages, but it is expected to result in massive layoffs among the other 9 million workers protected from wage reductions. For example, British Steel has already announced that 100,000 out of 225,000 jobs will be ended because of the cost of paying five days' wages for three days' work.

Steel and auto production are expected to drop by at least 50 percent. Food production and packaging are expected to be severely hit. Retail trade will be hurt by the reduction in workers' wages and increased unemployment. Other measures include no TV after 10:30 p.m., the slashing of government social welfare and education programs, and severe restrictions on consumer credit.

Heath pointedly tried to misdirect the people's anger for all this suffering when he said, "The three-day week can stop immediately when the industrial strife stops."

CLASS WAR

In all the reports and commentaries on the situation, both British and American, a worker will search in vain to find mention of that forbidden word: profits. One would suppose that Britain had no capitalist class. But there are billionaires in Britain and their reason for existing is profits. When a commentator in the rightwing London Telegraph talks about "class war," you can be sure the British bosses are using similar language. And you can be sure they know what a Labour Party economist announced the other day: that the new policies will cost the economy 800 times what it would cost the government to meet the miners' demands.

The point is that it is not just the miners that the British capitalists are fighting. They seek, by beating down the miners, to set back the ranks of labor as a whole, to make the workers work harder for lower pay. Against this goal, the cost of beating back the miners is worth every penny they have to pay. Their long-range goal is to increase their profits, improve their position in the international financial arena, reverse the import-export imbalance that has led to the crippling trade deficit, and strengthen the pound.

But class consciousness in Britain is high, particularly among the most exploited workers such as the miners. Many bourgeois commentators feel that Heath is taking a very dangerous risk with the new measures. The British weekly The Economist warned last week that the coal miners are capable of political strikes and cited the six-month strike they waged in 1926 with little strike pay and no social security. Others have raised the possibility of a



Comic crisis on striking workers, like these coal

general strike and pointed out that troops cannot work the country's coal mines.

No, and neither can an outmoded economic system forever postpone its demise. The death of British imperialism is long overdue. Long live the British workers who will bury it!

W. Europe's 'guest' workers resist racists

By JOHN OTTO

On Sunday, December 16, 10,000 angry Algerian immigrant workers in Marseilles, France, marched in the funeral cortege for four countrymen killed when French fascists bombed the Algerian consulate there. This racist bombing shows how serious the attacks on immigrant workers have become in Europe. But the unprecedented show of resistance on the cortege-demonstration highlights the determination of these workers to fight back.

The threat is not only from fascist bombs. The West German government recently barred new immigrant workers from entering. The rightwing French trade union federation, Workers Force, demanded the same of the Gaullist government. West Europe's capitalists, planning to make the workers pay for their oil crisis, are hitting the immigrant workers first and hardest—and also trying to keep the entire working class divided along racial and national lines.

Many Americans are unaware that there are as many as 10 million immigrant workers in the industrialized capitalist countries in Western Europe, mostly in France and West Germany. They come from Turkey, North Africa, Greece, Yugoslavia, Portugal, Spain, and Italy. Some bring their families and settle, but most are men who must live in crowded, dirty, dormitory-type apartments in order to work and send their meager earnings home.

All of what is considered "dirty work"—refuse collection, toilet cleaning, etc.—is done by these men, but their underpaid labor has also become a vital part of some of West Europe's major industries and the superexploitation of this labor has been a vital addition to the bosses' profits.

For example, the Renault auto plants near Paris have a large immigrant labor force. Nearly half of the Citroen workers are immigrants. A West German executive recently complained to this reporter that West German construction workers, relatively well-trained, would not do bricklaying anymore—it had become a trade for immigrant workers.

The growing militancy of these workers, despite the risks of deportation, has led to sharper labor and anti-racist struggles. In West Germany, refuse collectors struck recently for the first time. In France, where the tensions have been greatest, immigrant workers at a Renault plant near Paris struck for higher wages last spring and won, with the support of the French workers. In mass workers' actions, such as the December 6 general strike and march of 350,000 in Paris, the immigrant workers are playing an ever larger role.

COMBAT RACISM IN FRANCE

France has 4 million immigrant workers, including about a million Algerians, 200,000 Tunisians and Moroccans, and 100,000 Black Africans. They suffer even worse living and working conditions than the immigrants from Portugal, Spain, and Italy, and are victims of racism.

This reflects not only a general racist attitude, but an organized racist attack by fascist groups like the Ordre Nouveau and remnants of the Secret Army Organization of the Algerian War, all fed by anti-Arab

propaganda.

Fortunately, there has been resistance by the workers' organizations to the bosses' attempts to divide them, along with the formation of organizations representing the interests of the immigrant workers.

The large General Confederation of Labor (CGT) this month called for a guarantee of equal rights of immigrant labor. Leftist organizations (left of the reformist French Communist Party) immediately called a demonstration in Paris to protest the Marseilles bombing. The Arab Labor Movement (MTA) is preparing a general strike in the Marseilles area.

As the bosses' attack on all of West Europe's workers unfolds, we should expect to see the immigrant workers in the front lines of resistance.

No fuel crisis under socialism

By MARK DORAN

This winter the workers in the U.S. face freezing homes, unemployment, unofficial rationing, and spiraling prices. The "energy crisis" coupled with year-round price gouging and monopoly thievery conspire to make the most miserable winter in decades. And now there is a coal shortage! A coal



... and immigrant workers, here on strike in Paris, are the first and hardest hit.

industry spokesman said there was a shortage in steel braces which are used to shore up coal tunnels. "It isn't profitable for the steel companies to make steel braces," the spokesman said. We get a picture of the anarchy in capitalist production, in which the basic industries are at loggerheads.

From the monetary crisis to the stock market plunge to the energy crisis, there

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are deep economic troubles surfacing in the U.S., Japan, and Western Europe. But all of a sudden, after being told for years that the economies of the socialist countries were marked by inefficiency and low productivity, we suddenly hear little about conditions in that half of the world.

The truth is that the current crisis is a phenomenon of capitalist anarchy of production, and that it is having little effect on the countries with planned economies.

Moreover, the history of the Soviet Union, whose Revolution goes back to 1917, shows that even the most disastrous periods of depression and wildly fluctuating economic conditions in the capitalist world have not derailed the Soviet economy from its steady growth.

There is at the present no energy crisis in the USSR. Nor has the Soviet Union, the second greatest power in the world, ever had an energy crisis in its 56-year history.

The closest thing to an energy crisis in the USSR took place after the full-scale invasion of the Nazi armies in June 1941. In the areas occupied by Nazi Germany, the fascists blew up 61 power stations and carried off to Germany 14,000 boilers, 14,000 turbines, and 11,000 generators. But the Soviet people made tremendous sacrifices to keep production going and finally turned back the Nazi aggressors.

By 1950 the destroyed power plants had been rebuilt, and between 1959 and 1965 electric power capacity in the USSR doubled. Electric power, besides being plentiful in the USSR, is also free. There is none of the rate-hike robbery found in the U.S.

In the year 1934, when capitalism was in the midst of a worldwide depression, the Soviet Union was singularly unaffected. In the years that followed, Soviet economic growth continued uninterrupted right up to the Nazi invasion of 1941.

This was accomplished in spite of the fact that the Soviet Union was surrounded by hostile capitalist countries which, shortly after the Revolution, had carried out an invasion along a 2,000-mile front. It was accomplished despite the extreme economic

backwardness of the country, in which the proletariat was able to take power precisely because capitalism was so weak. The superiority of the socialist mode of production showed itself clearly in those years—even though social relations in the Soviet Union had received many setbacks after Lenin's death.

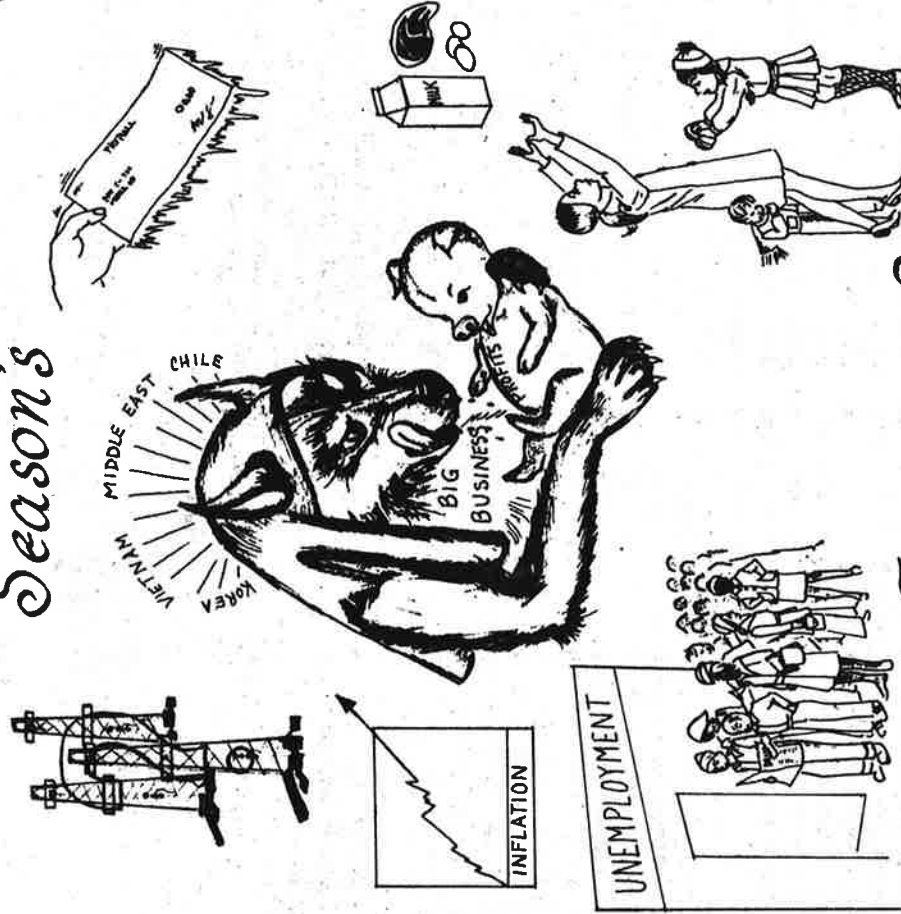
It is no accident that the socialist countries are free from the threats of recession and depression that plague the West. When the economy is owned by the working class and plans are centralized, there can be a rational use of human labor and the earth's resources. If there is overstock, it can be warehoused for later use. But in the U.S., overstock means a drastic glut on the market, and if internal markets can't be found, then the U.S. must shoot its way into foreign markets or be faced with a crisis of overproduction.

In the socialist countries the accumulation of wealth presents no problem of unemployment or an "overheated" economy. Greater productivity can be and is channeled into social services such as schools and hospitals, or a shortened workweek. In the U.S. accumulation is a millstone around the neck of the system. The more the productive forces grow, the greater the need for markets. The lack of these markets will strangle the economy and lead to lack of accumulation and to the loss of millions of jobs.

We're going to hear a lot about U.S. government "regulation" and "plans" to deal with the energy crisis. But this has absolutely nothing to do with socialist planning. A government so obviously run by the huge monopolies, as is this one, intervenes only to protect profits and to make sure the workers and poor pay for the crisis.

It's time the workers made their own plans—to kick out the billionaire parasites so that a socialist plan to meet the needs of all can be put into motion.

Season's



Greetings?

-U.S. and Mideast

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If it is not possible to restrain the oil trust in areas where the U.S. has conducted a 10-year unsuccessful genocidal war against the Vietnamese people, and where fighting is still continuing in spite of the U.S. agreement to withdraw, how is it possible for the U.S. to adjust itself to the new relationship of forces in the Middle East—an area which has been regarded by the ruling class establishment as even more vital to their predatory interests than Vietnam?

MILITARY CUTS EPHEMERAL

In the light of the weariness of the American public with the Vietnam War and with the skyrocketing amounts of money required by the military to prosecute it, a number of significant cuts in military appropriations were made by the Congress. The overall expenditures, however, remained the same. Nevertheless, the cuts were regarded as a straw in the wind, perhaps foreshadowing a reversal in the annual budget increases that have been climbing for more than a quarter of a century.

The new Secretary of Defense, James

R. Schlesinger, was heralded as one who would "cut the fat" from the military budget, prune the military bureaucracy, and achieve multibillion-dollar cuts in the real echelons of the bureaucracy. All this was attributed to an "aroused Congress" that was standing up, not only to the President, but to the Pentagon as well.

But how did this vision of the future fare? Several days after Nixon's provocative military alert during the Middle East fighting, the Pentagon cracked the whip and all the military appropriation cuts that Congress voted earlier were completely restored! And in addition, a \$2-billion request to resupply the Israeli forces was voted with scarcely a whimper of opposition.

What happened to the "aroused Congress" that had stood up to the Pentagon? Under pressure from the military complex and the oil trust, it caved in! But the "crusading media" never let the general public in on what had happened—other than in a few dry news reports that deliberately left out the significance of the event.

It is from this vantage point that we must view the dilemma now facing the rulers of the imperialist U.S.: will they adjust to the new world relationships in the Middle East, or are they in fact preparing to try to retrieve the utterly untenable position they held in the past?

December 25, 1973

Third World people "inferior" in order to justify inferior housing, inferior schools, inferior jobs, is gaining adherents within the U.S. ruling class. It must be treated as a real danger.

This means they must not be allowed to organize. This means they must be shown that their attempts to spread their ideology will only open up wider opposition. Those students who have gone to meetings where Shockley was to speak and have drowned him out should be applauded, not chastised. Of course, the larger the demonstration, the better, and no one tactic is applicable to all situations.

But even a few people putting up a fight to stop this racist poison is better than a lot of people just protesting—and letting the racist organizing go on. The purpose of organizing ever larger masses, in coalitions of Black and white and brown, is to stop the racists. Any strategy that falls short of that goal is afflicted with the liberal illusion that politics is in the end a debating society.

-Shockley

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racist—the academic equivalent of a Ku Klux Klansman—does he have a "right to speak"? Do you carry out a dialogue with people who want to exterminate a whole race? (Of course, we are not arguing here against the need for ideological debate within the working class and progressive movement.)

Just about no one in this country would have advocated the right of Nazis to speak here during World War II when they were shoveling Jewish people into the ovens. But today Jensen's theories are official policy in South Africa, and millions of Black people live under a fascist police state that uses white supremacy as its theoretical justification.

And this social quackery, that calls

Houston's new mayor no boon to poor

Special to Workers World

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 18—A recount confirmed today the election of Fred Hofheinz as the new mayor of Houston. In his second try for City Hall, Hofheinz defeated city councilman Dick Gottlieb by the thin margin of 2,806 votes out of almost a quarter of a million total ballots.

The great majority of support for Hofheinz came from the Blacks, Chicanos, and young whites, who look to the 34-year-old son of the AstroDome owner to reform the controversial Houston Police Department. Gottlieb, a television personality turned politician, made an openly racist appeal to the white community to block the "takeover" of the local government by Blacks and Chicanos. Therefore, the election of Fred Hofheinz might appear to be a victory for progressive forces in the country's sixth largest city. But that appearance may very well turn out to be a cruel illusion.

The issue of the cops' campaign of bloody terror against poor and working people is consistently sidestepped by Hofheinz. Instead he harps on the question of federal funds for the police and the replacement of Chief Herman Short. According to this "liberal" representative of big business, all will be right when a new chief takes those many millions from Washington and turns the HPD into a "modern metropolitan police department."

What will this "modern" cop force look like? Will it have a killer squad like STRESS in Detroit—plainclothes assassins who roam the streets of Third World neighborhoods? Or a Gang Intelligence Unit such as Chicago's, used to promote violence among

ghetto youth? This is certain: Fred Hofheinz's dream of a "new" Houston Police Department will be a nightmare for most people in this city.

With Herman Short's resignation already on his desk, Hofheinz is mulling over his choice for chief. Until just recently Joe Singleton was at the top of the list. Singleton was head of the Criminal Intelligence Division of the HPD for many years. Ex-FBI agent Singleton built the local "Red Squad," the political police who harass, infiltrate, and attack progressive organizations. It was Joe Singleton who masterminded the July 26, 1970, assault on the Black liberation organization People's Party II. In that ambush PPII founder and chairman Carl Hampton was murdered and more than 20 others wounded.

Strong protests against Singleton's selection seem to have dimmed Hofheinz's enthusiasm for this particular cop buddy. But in announcing that Singleton will not be picked for the post of police chief, Hofheinz further exposed himself by revealing that the man chosen will come from the ranks of the active Houston policemen. So all the thousands of people who voted for Fred Hofheinz in order to throw out Herman Short are now guaranteed a new head cop from among those Ku Klux Klansmen recruited by Short!

But the masses of exploited and oppressed people will not be denied. If Fred Hofheinz and the other sell-out politicians won't take the police boot off the people's necks, then the people themselves will put an end to cop violence and the capitalist system the cops serve and protect.



Houston mayor-elect Hofheinz watches election returns with cop he had to drop.

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U.S. sends 22,000 barrels of oil a day for new Saigon war drive

By JULIO A. GHIGLIOTTI, JR.

Increasingly, in the establishment media, there have been predictions of a "Communist offensive" in Vietnam with the coming of the dry season. Press briefings by the U.S.-Saigon military point up an intensification of fighting during the last two months as evidence that such an offensive is being prepared.

Naturally, they don't mention the fact that the intensification is due to the land-grabbing attacks made by the U.S.-financed Saigon army. After the dismal failure of U.S. imperialism, with all its sophisticated technological weaponry and massive armed forces, to stop or even contain the people of Vietnam from fighting for their liberation, it seems hard to believe that the Pentagon and its Saigon puppets could be planning another war. But then, it is even more ridiculous to assume that the military is rational.

In fact, U.S. militarists still believe that they can somehow get Thieu into a "position of strength" from which he can eventually wipe out the PRG, gain control of South Vietnam, and carry out Wall Street's neocolonialist policies for Vietnam. The U.S. has been increasing its military aid to the Saigon regime, sending tons of ammunition, hundreds of tanks and armored cars, fighter aircraft, and heavy artillery in the 105 mm, 175 mm, and 155 mm range.

SETBACK FOR SAIGON

Increasing attacks by puppet troops are signs that Nixon and his Saigon cohorts, unable to stabilize their rule in the areas they control, even with a violent police state, may out of desperation invade the liberated zones in the South. The recent destruction by PRG commandos of half of Thieu's "civilian" oil supplies (owned by Shell Oil) at Nha Be 12 miles from Saigon temporarily halted the major drives against the liberated zones, but the Pentagon has already announced that it will use U.S. war reserves to supply fuel for the Saigon military machine. It was reported in the December 13 New York Times that William Beecher, speaking for the Pentagon, said that the U.S. was providing some 22,000 barrels of oil to Saigon each day. He said that the oil is indirectly coming from U.S. civilian reserves because war reserves are being replenished with the domestic oil the Pentagon has appropriated "to maintain the Armed Forces at the necessary level of readiness."

In other words, poor and working people in the U.S. are freezing this winter partly because the Pentagon has to keep its puppet regime alive in Saigon so it can continue the exploitation of the Vietnamese masses. The 22,000 barrels a day is an increase from the October level of 18,000 barrels a day to both Vietnam and Cambodia. When asked about this increase, Beecher answered that the military regimes in the two countries "like to have a little in the tank" in case of any military crisis that might crop up. Like the bombing and strafing of civilians in the town of Loc Ninh and the Bu Dop area on November 7 of this year? More than 100

women and children were killed in that attack by Thieu's Air Force.

At this same press conference, Beecher stated that the U.S. was "taking no action" to replace any of the oil destroyed by the NLF at the Nha Be depot on December 3. Yet, on December 5, two days after the attack, UPI reported that the Pentagon would replace the 18 million gallons. Obviously, since the Saigon government can't afford to buy its own oil in the world market, the U.S. must supply the puppet regime or it will fall. But the Pentagon doesn't want us to know that, while we have to freeze because of a supposed shortage, our oil is going for more war in Vietnam.

Because of the failure of the conventional military ventures against the liberation forces, the U.S. has intensified the use of the "Phoenix" program, launched by the CIA in 1967. This is the program of systematic assassination of political opponents devised by U.S. experts to try and break the political and territorial advantage of the PRG in South Vietnam. Over 20,000 civilians were killed between January, 1968 and May, 1971, and over 28,000 have been imprisoned under the same program by the Saigon regime. Money for this program comes through agencies such as the U.S. Agency for International Development (AID) and through aid for the National Police. Because of its clandestine nature, it has been little affected by the Paris Agreements.

All indications are that the U.S. is trying to manufacture an excuse for resuming the bombing of North Vietnam and the liberated zones to insure the survival of the Thieu regime. Nixon's new war powers provide him with the power to send U.S. forces into Vietnam for 60 days without the authority of Congress.

War hysteria is being built again in different ways—most notably in the recent articles appearing in the press about the "atrocious" death of a Green Beret captain in a liberated zone. The U.S. story is that PRG soldiers ambushed a team of U.S. officers and South Vietnamese soldiers who went into the liberated zone to search for the body of an American helicopter pilot shot down in that area—in 1966!

Col. William Tombaugh, the U.S. delegate to the joint military team which looks for missing soldiers, said that the PRG representatives had been informed of the incursion and had approved it. But the PRG was not informed and a unanimous agreement must be reached before such an excursion can take place.

James R. Schlesinger, Secretary of Defense, was reported to have said at a meeting of state Jaycee presidents that "the United States was prepared to take necessary measures."

The PRG and the DRVN are confident that they can deal with the corrupt forces of Saigon who are plagued by high desertions and antiwar demonstrations within the Armed Forces. However, they are asking the progressive peoples of the world and

Britain condemns Trinidad hero

By CAL BONNER

NEW YORK, Dec. 20—Trinidad-Tobago is the collective name for a political entity in the eastern Caribbean comprised of two islands, of which Trinidad is the larger. A former colony of England, this multiracial society of one million people is now considered "independent," but Britain still retains jurisdiction in many areas and most of what industry exists there is in British hands.

Like many other countries whose resources have been siphoned off by imperialism, Trinidad-Tobago is plagued by high unemployment, an antiquated and irrelevant educational system, and much corruption in the neocolonialist government, the army, and the police force.

Three years ago the Trinidadian masses responded to this state of affairs by protesting and rebelling in the capital city of Port of Spain. In Trinidad's northern mountains, the first guerrilla army in a Commonwealth Caribbean country is presently successfully evading the government forces. The armed liberation movement is reportedly so successful that three northern villages—San Souci, Matelot, and Gran Rivera—are said to have been freed from the government yoke.

The islands' tourist officials are wracking their brains attempting to save their interests in the face of "bad publicity" about the service and attitudes of native Trinidadians toward tourists. Even the 'comprador elements, the managers of the islands for the British empire and the up-and-coming would-be administrators for the

Michael's lasting achievement in England is considered to be his Black House. Operating on funds contributed by a young millionaire, Black House served as a haven for the young, the Black, and the poor. Arrested and framed up on a petty larceny charge, Michael was hounded and harassed out of England. When he left for Trinidad he was a known and respected leader in the Trinidadian community—and a marked man to the authorities.

In rural Trinidad Michael and his family and friends settled and attempted to set up an agricultural communal project. It was at this time that a series of misfortunes provided the British and local authorities with an opportunity to rid themselves of the person they felt to be the most dangerous to their prospects of continued rule in the islands.

A close and trusted friend of Michael's drowned on a family outing in an attempt to save Michael's 13-year-old daughter. For three days the survivors searched in vain for the body. Then a body was found at nearby 28 Christina Gardens and Michael learned from the newspapers that he was wanted for two murders: the body was that of another friend of Michael's—Joseph Skerritt.

The moving appeal to the Queen's privy council in England for Michael Abdul Malik's life by author Millett continues: "Michael X did not have a fair trial. Accused of two heinous murders he did not commit, he was tried for the death of the 'lesser effect'—that of a young black man,

YAWF demands freedom for Michael X

Prime Minister of Trinidad Eric Williams, Port of Spain (Trinidad):

We of Youth Against War and Fascism demand an immediate halt to your fascist and barbaric plans to murder the heroic freedom fighter Michael X. Your government in collaboration with the imperialist master classes of England and the United States have charged him with murder, your press has called him a criminal. But we American brand are engaged in sharp infighting over the methods used to rule the people and whether their masters should be British or American.

This is an especially crucial issue to the imperialists since there are newly discovered oil and natural gas finds off Trinidad's east coast. (The oil field is already beginning to yield and the gas field is due to begin producing in 1976.)

It is against this background of continual crisis within the Commonwealth that the case of Michael Abdul Malik (Michael X), who has been sentenced by an English jury to be hanged, should be viewed.

Who is Michael X? Michael X is a native Trinidadian who, because of economic circumstances beyond his control, was forced from his beloved island at the age of 15. He arrived first in the U.S., then attempted to join the British Merchant Marine where his application for employment was rejected for racist reasons. He did work in the Norwegian Merchant Marine and after long years at sea decided to settle down in England.

He shared the problems of the Black community in England—the hostile immigration bureau, substandard housing, and unemployment. He became what feminist and author Kate Millett described as: "An organizer. A liberator. A mover and an agitator for greater dignity and opportunity for all the many blacks and coloreds of Britain, a symbol—however detested or ambiguous—for the many colonials flooding into England in the sixties."

especially those in America to take notice of and agitate against Nixon's intention of resuming the bombing of Vietnam. U.S. reconnaissance flights over Hanoi were reported on November 8 and 19. SR-71s have also been reported over Quang Tri, the hard-

know that Michael X is really charged with resistance to the colonial oppression of companies such as British Petroleum, U.S. Sugar, United Fruit Company, Chase Manhattan Bank, and all the real criminals and assassins of national liberation. We demand freedom for Michael X.

Nick Frankel for Youth Against War and Fascism.

Joseph Skerritt. A barber out of work, a hanger-on and helper, a cousin's cousin, a friend and a young client for whom Michael—in his tireless efforts to serve his people and to reform the characters of those broken by poverty—did favors for, assisted against the bureaucracies like the passport system, found work for, gave shelter, hospitality, example and encouragement. Michael has been tried and sentenced for the murder of this young man.

"Michael did not have a fair trial because he appears to have been framed and railroaded by a hostile government working in cooperation with unreliable followers, or perhaps on its own: a government deliberately persecuting Michael as a charismatic political and social leader of his people."

Michael Abdul Malik (Michael X) has been maligned in and tried by the English press. At this time England and all the rest of capitalist western Europe are raising a hue and cry about the immigration of non-European and nonwhite workers to the industrially developed countries in the West. It is a time when English racist Enoch Powell and his kind spout Hitlerian utterances to mask the glaring contradictions of an economic system in its death throes. It is, therefore, imperative that the victims of imperialist oppression be supported.

Those who wish to aid in the struggle to save the life of this activist should write to: Jean Toche, Coordinator, the International Committee to Save Michael X, 1 White Street, New York, N.Y. 10013.

fought liberated zone in South Vietnam. The Seventh Fleet remains off the coasts of Vietnam and Cambodia and substantial squadrons of B-52s remain in Thailand and Guam prepared to launch bombing runs on the Indochinese people.

political prisoners

Angola 4

By CAL BONNER

NEW YORK, Dec. 22—Louisiana's Angola State Prison in West Feliciana Parish is one of those places which makes you think of scenes from such movies as "I Am a Fugitive From a Chain Gang" or "Cool Hand Luke." Unfortunately, this prison farm is no celluloid fantasy—it is the real thing in all its day-to-day macabre horror. The prison is so foreboding that Brothers I used to go to high school with in North Central Louisiana, after having run afoul of the federal laws and "served their time," would remark that they'd "rather run through hell wearing oil-soaked underwear than spend another day" at the prison.

A former plantation, Angola is 25,000 acres of pure hell to the prison's poor and oppressed, mostly Black, who are forced to work 16 hours a day for 2 to 4 cents an hour under the most brutal and dehumanizing of conditions.

Four Black men who challenged this state of superexploitation and neoslavery are Chester Jackson, Gilbert Montegut, Herman Wallace, and Albert Woodfox, collectively known as the ANGOLA FOUR.

These Brothers have been framed on the charge of stabbing a white prison guard to death and they face more persecution and probably death at the hands of the state if convicted. The four were picked out for persecution because of their refusal to bow before the oppressive power of the state in its attempts to transform the prisoners into beasts of the field. The Brothers' spirits are up and they're still struggling—but it is an uphill fight and they will need all the help they can get from outside the prison confines.

One of the four, Albert Woodfox, has already been tried separately and found guilty by an all-white jury in the small town of Plaquemines, Louisiana. His case is now on appeal in the State Supreme Court.

The other three Brothers' trial dates are due, and help is needed urgently. To find out how you can help to free the Four and derail this railroad of the innocent Black victims of racist persecution, contact the Committee to Free the Angola Four, 1719 Polymnia St., New Orleans, Louisiana 70131.

Chino Defendants

Capitalist democracy, like the fascist regime, is a form of the dictatorship of the capitalist class. That the courts and police in the U.S. are weapons of capitalist rule, that truth and the most elementary justice are no barriers to their use as instruments of repression, could not be demonstrated better than by the CHINO escape case.

On October 6, 1972 Ronald Beaty escaped from Chino Prison in southern California. During the escape a guard was

beat David X. Warren... Eddie Adams had his testicles crushed by your agents. Brother Jackson Fee won't see Christmas. He allegedly hung himself in a "strip" cell. Oh come! Mr. Carlson, we both know that there is nothing but nothing to hang oneself with in a "strip" cell!

I guess you wonder why I call white Jackson Fee my brother? All men are brothers whether we want to be or not.

Some prisoners will not play a part in your little petty "racist" game. We realize that it is a means of dividing and controlling the "masses." This is a very good weapon to keep my brothers from recognizing the real enemy. I know who the enemy is... It is you and your "bosses," Mr. Carlson.

Yes, for 365 days you and your agents have degraded and dehumanized us beyond common decency. We are forced to exist under conditions that the American Humane Society would not let you force upon an animal. Are we not as good as animals? We may be prisoners, but we are human beings first!

Prisoners

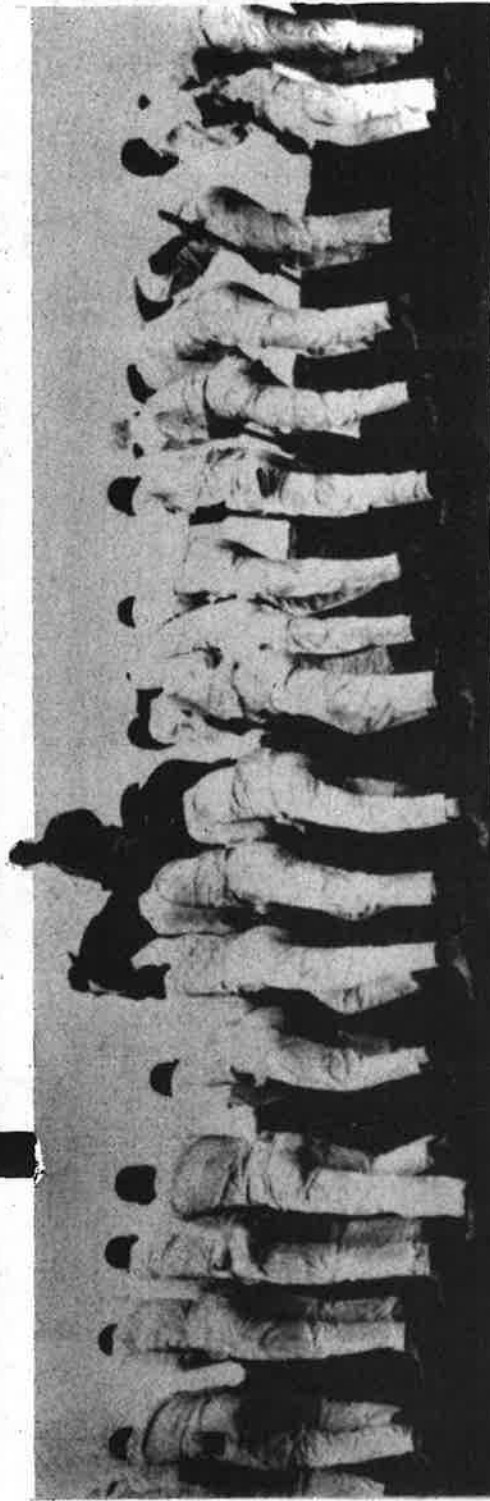
Letterbox

The following is a letter from a prisoner to Norman Carlson, Director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons:

Dear Mr. Carlson:

Christmas is upon us once again. Are you happy? You should be. For 365 days my brothers have made you and your "bosses" millions in your "slave" factories called Federal Prison Industries. You paid them "peanuts."

How does it feel to have 20,000 "slaves" to do as you please with them? Beat, maim, kill, to exploit... Yes, I saw your agents



Angola prison chain gang: "... we have been beaten, harassed, and treated like animals"—Albert Woodfox

killed. From this event the police and courts prepared, with the assistance of Beaty, a calculated and deceitful attack on the prison movement in California and the Venceremos Organization.

Beaty had escaped from Chino once before in November 1970. In the course of that escape he commandeered a car occupied by a young Chicano couple, the Vicarios. Kidnapping them, he drove to Arizona and there followed a high-speed crash which killed another person. In his trial for escape and kidnapping, Beaty tried to present the Vicarios as his accomplices. Beaty's fellow escapee in the 1970 attempt has testified in court that Beaty tried to manufacture a defense implicating George Jackson and the Black Panther Party in the escape.

The Venceremos Organization had developed several projects for assisting prisoners in gaining their political and legal rights. In prison Beaty met Douglas Benton Burt, a militant white prisoner involved in this work, who had long been considered an enemy by prison authorities. Doug Burt was released before Beaty's 1972 escape after serving a ten-year sentence. Andrea Holman, a member of Venceremos, and Jean Hobson, a former member, had corresponded with Beaty. Beaty's past was unknown to them.

Prior to his second escape, Beaty tried to enlist the aid of another prisoner, Joe Morgan, in the attempt. Morgan has testified in court that Beaty told him his plan was foolproof because he was going to infiltrate a radical group so he could blame its members if he were caught. Morgan also testified that Beaty had planned to kill a guard during the escape, because Beaty felt the police would not bargain over a simple escape. On October 6, 1972, when Beaty made his second escape, he left behind correspondence with Andrea Holman and Jean Hobson in the police car.

On October 13, 1972, after warrants had been issued for their arrest on charges of murder and aiding Beaty's escape, Andrea Holman and Doug Burt voluntarily surrendered. The San Bernardino D.A. secured their indictments from a grand

jury after Beaty's capture.

On December 11, 1972, the police arrested Beaty on the San Francisco Bridge with Jean Hobson. A week later, Robert Seabock, a member of Venceremos and Jean Hobson's neighbor, was arrested.

Andrea Holman, Doug Burt, Jean Hobson, and Robert Seabock were all indicted by a grand jury, on the basis of Beaty's testimony, for assisting the escape and murder. Beaty pleaded guilty to first degree murder.

During all this time numerous members of Venceremos and their friends were arrested only to be released for lack of evidence, their homes broken into and searched without warrant.

It is hard to imagine a case more obviously a frameup. None of the fingerprints found in the escape cars belonged to any of the defendants. None of the hairs found were proven to belong to the defendants. The guard who survived the escape testified that he did not recognize any of the four defendants as having participated in the escape. Mrs. Cheryl Satcher, who testified that she was with the Burt's at various times in their apartment on the day of Beaty's escape, also testified that she was offered \$6,000 by the San Bernardino police if she would change her testimony.

Yet Andrea Holman Burt and Douglas Benton Burt (they married after their arrest) were convicted of second degree murder, assault with a deadly weapon, and rescue. Both are now serving five-years-to-life sentences. They were convicted in the capitalist press with lurid headlines long before their trial began.

The jury that found them guilty consisted of seven women and five men, all white, with an average age of 59 years. The trial of the Burt's was held in an atmosphere calculated to play on the fears of the jury. Six to eight armed deputies were always present. Closed-circuit television cameras monitored the San Bernardino courtroom constantly. Half a million dollars was spent by the county to prosecute the case.

Doug Burt is now at Folsom State Prison, Represa, California. Andrea Burt is at the California Institute for Women in

Frontera. They have filed motions for a new trial.

Jean Hobson and Bob Seabock are expected to go to trial at the end of this year. The trial is to be held in Los Angeles. They are being held without bail.

There are two new defendants, indicted on August 21, 1973 on charges of conspiracy, harboring a fugitive, and other counts. Their names are Mort Newman and Bruce Hobson (the son of Jean Hobson). They are presently out on \$5,000 bail.

Does it need to be stressed that it is the duty of all progressives and revolutionaries to support these defendants in the Chino Escape Case? Inquiries, support, and donations can be directed to: Chino Defense Committee, 747 Dolores Street, Stanford, Cal. 93405.

Free the Chino defendants! Free all political prisoners!

BLA

NEW YORK, Dec. 21—The courtroom battle of JOANNE CHESIMARD and FRED HILTON against racist injustice is continuing into their second trial in two weeks.

The first trial on armed bank robbery charges ended in a hung jury on December 14, while Judge Lee Gagliardi ordered defense attorney Evelyn Williams to return to court December 18 for contempt sentencing and ordered a new trial to begin on the same date.

Judge Arnold Bauman, who is presiding over the second trial, has continued to deny the defense a delay to prepare their case, in spite of the fact that the two main prosecution witnesses, Avon White and John Rivers, were only revealed to the defense last month, and in spite of the fact that Chesimard is at the same time facing murder charges in New Jersey in a trial that is scheduled to begin again in two weeks.

The court is counting on the racist hysteria surrounding the press accounts of the Black Liberation Army in their plans to convict Chesimard and Hilton without giving them a chance to prepare their defense.

But Chesimard and Hilton have put up a

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Rikers Island, N.Y.:

The recent suicide of trial prisoner Gabriel Clavier was reported out in rubber-stamp fashion by prison officials.

Anyone charged with a crime who cannot afford to pay bail systematically set beyond the defendant's means, may find it difficult or impossible to obtain due process.

Harassment of trial prisoners on Riker's Island is particularly keyed to limiting their means of communication. No telephone calls may be made except at the "discretion" of officials, and trial prisoners are therefore left with no outside contacts except visits and mail.

Visits are very difficult, and visitors may be kept waiting hours for a half-hour visit. This plus difficult travelling conditions deters lawyers from making visits to clients. Family relations are often deteriorated or destroyed.

Much mail is not delivered, while much of it that is is considerably delayed, opened

determined resistance, again and again disrupting the court proceedings to insist on their right to a delay. Judge Gagliardi repeatedly evicted them from the courtroom and threatened to have them bound, gagged, and shackled, but when Chesimard, Hilton, and their attorneys refused to participate in the trial, the jury rebelled.

When the defense boycotted any cross-examination of prosecution witnesses, the jury sent a note to Gagliardi asking about the New Jersey case and requesting permission to ask questions of the witnesses. Gagliardi denied the request and the jury refused to convict them.

Now in the second trial, Chesimard is acting as her own attorney, with assistance from Florynce Kennedy. Chesimard wants to tear down the testimony of White and Rivers, who have confessed to the robbery and are being rewarded by having charges dropped and sentences reduced.

Neither Chesimard nor Hilton appear in any of the films taken by bank surveillance cameras.

With government officials, police chiefs, and heads of corporations exposed daily for their conspiracies, corruption, and crimes against the people, they have no right to try Black militants on charges of taking back some of their loot.

Thomas Wansley

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 22—With mass support for THOMAS WANSLEY reaching an all-time high, representatives of dozens of organizations throughout Virginia and the U.S. gathered here for two days in December to demand freedom for the 28-year-old Black man who has been reincarcerated to serve a life sentence on a frameup charge of raping a white woman.

On December 19, a statewide delegation presented Virginia Governor Linwood Holtzman petitions with the names of more than 7,000 people calling for a full and immediate pardon for Thomas Wansley. Included in the delegation were: Richmond Vice-Mayor Henry Marsh; Richmond City Councilwoman Willie Dell; Nathaniel Lee Hawthorne of the Virginia Students Civil Rights Committee and the Lunenburg County NAACP; Bruce Smith of the Prisoners Solidarity Committee and the James Guthrie Center, Richmond; Dianne Mathiowetz of the Prisoners Solidarity Committee and the Committee to Free James Carrington and Thomas Wansley, Norfolk; Beth Marschak of the Women's Political Caucus and the Women's Center, Richmond; and Phyllis Conklin of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Richmond.

The 7,000 signatures had been collected by supporters of Tom Wansley in nearly every part of Virginia, and were supplemented by a steady stream of letters, telegrams, and phone calls to the governor since Wansley's reincarceration on November 13. All over Virginia the demand for Wansley's freedom has been growing louder each day as the governor's term of office draws to a close.

As Nathaniel Lee Hawthorne and Dianne Mathiowetz pointed out in a press

by officials. Trial prisoners are denied the right to directly-delivered unopened correspondence.

The doubtfully legal system now in effect of transferring some prisoners makes visiting and mail conditions even more complicated.

Most trial prisoners are sooner or later engaged in plea-bargaining in the courts, and physical and psychological stress suffered during this period is coercive in nature if not in intent. On Rikers Island, the stress of limited communications is added to that of confusion, disrupted schedules, and the generally uninhabitable environment in which trial prisoners are held. Prisoners must endure discomfort of cells, hazardous and exhausting court trips, poor food, and other abuses the complex of which constitutes cruel and unusual punishment.

Ross Montanari 349-73-9121, Tyrone Thompson 346-73-7249, Jihilli Salaam 349-73-269, Tyrone Missado, Wade Roger, John Robolls 346-73-6969, and Cardell Davis 346-73-3689.

conference after the meeting, a white man who was caught in the act of raping an 11-year-old Black child, only six months after Wansley's trial, in the same city of Lynchburg, was given only six months in jail.

Originally sentenced to death at age 17, Thomas Wansley was imprisoned for ten years before being released on bond early this year. In November, Clement Haynesworth and the rest of the 4th Circuit Court ordered him returned to prison to finish serving his life sentence. Now an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court or a pardon from the Governor of Virginia are his only legal possibilities for freedom.

Governor Holton, nervous and embarrassed at having to face the delegation in a conference room packed with television cameras and reporters, told the delegation that he would not consider the question of Wansley's innocence, the flood of support for his freedom, or the fact that he is Black—which is the reason that he was imprisoned in the first place.

Nevertheless, the delegation voiced confidence and optimism after the meeting, based on the steadily growing public outcry about the case.

On the following day, Mrs. Willie Mae Thornton, Thomas Wansley's mother, came to Richmond with a delegation from Lynchburg to see the governor. Also present were representatives of about 20 national organizations, brought together by the



National delegation listens as Mrs. Willie Mae Thornton says she wants her son, Thomas Wansley, free for his first Christmas at home in 11 years.

Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF), which has been active in the Wansley defense for the past decade. Holton made himself unavailable, however, and the delegation of 100 people was forced to meet with an assistant.

Among those present were: Walter Collins, Executive Director of SCEF, Jaime Vele from the national staff of the Prisoners Solidarity Committee; Sallye Davis of Birmingham, Ala.; Virginia Collins of the International Committee for Black Resistance, New Orleans; the Rev. Ben Chavis of North Carolina; Judi Simmons of the National Alliance; Anne Braden from Louisville, Ky.; Claudette Furlong from Women United for Action, New York; Queen Mother Moore of the Universal Association of Ethiopian Women, New York; and Maril Hasegawa, National President of the Women's International League for Peace

Free Thomas Wansley and James Carrington!! Write or call: Governor Linwood Holton, State Capitol, Richmond, Va. 23219; phone (804) 770-2211.

(Please send copies of letters and telegrams to: PSC, P.O. Box 7032, Norfolk, Va. 23509.)

Leavenworth, Kansas:

I am writing in reference to a couple of letters I sent you some three weeks ago concerning Ernest Valenzuela's murder.

We have had two more deaths. Two Blacks were killed in the Hole, one burned to death and one hung in the cells.

The murders and deaths that have occurred are the full responsibility of Warden Daggett and Norman A. Carlson, Director of the U.S. Bureau of Prisons. Both are guilty of murder and negligence by lack of medical care and setting up inmates for murder. There has not been even a phony investigation.

None of us are safe here. They kill us in the Hole every week. The strong-minded and people who are working for better conditions, exposing the Pig's brutal assaults, are now getting what the Pigs want them to get, getting killed off one by one.

John Gibbs, the Chairman of the National Gay Prisoners' Coalition, who worked very closely with Ernest Valen-

and Freedom. There were also dozens of representatives of Virginia organizations, including the NAACP, the Black Panther Party, the Virginia Prisoners Union, the Center for United Labor Action, the Lynchburg Black Caucus, the Woody Guthrie Center, the American Servicemen's Union, and the Committee to Free James Carrington and Thomas Wansley.

Tom Gardner of the Center for United Labor Action read a telegram sent to the governor from the 1,800-member Local 26 of the Distributive Workers of America, in Suffolk, Virginia. Calling Wansley's imprisonment "an injustice and an embarrassment to all the people of Virginia," Local 26 President Walter Parker called on the governor to grant an immediate pardon.

Along with the demand for Wansley's freedom, many of the delegation members mentioned two other important cases: the struggle to free James Carrington, who is serving 75 years in the Virginia State Penitentiary on a racist frameup charge, and the case of the Tarboro 3, young Black men in North Carolina who were sentenced to death for the supposed rape of a white woman.

Walter Collins presented an additional 8,000 signatures from all over the country demanding a pardon for Thomas Wansley on the grounds that "the cry of rape is used to jail and kill Black leaders, intimidate

Dennis Anderson

By GWEN WOOD

MILWAUKEE, Wisc., Dec. 18—Dennis Anderson is an outspoken young Black man who has already had eight years of his life stolen from him by Wisconsin prisons. Now because of his activities with the Prisoners Solidarity Committee, the police are trying to frame him up on phony burglary charges to send him away for another ten years.

Dennis Anderson's face is well known by those who control the jails and the police department in Milwaukee County. For over a year now, Dennis has been seen continuously in front of the jails, as well as in the press and on TV, exposing how the prison system is used against the poor and the oppressed. In August, Russell Oswald, the Commissioner of "Corrections," responsible for the Attica massacre, came to Milwaukee to speak at a corrections conference. The PSC called a strong demonstration protesting Oswald's appearance and demanding that Dennis have the right to speak at the conference on the question of parole. A week later, the PSC started a campaign around the Milwaukee County jail, protesting the overcrowded conditions and the use of excessively high bail to keep poor people in jail. That very night, Dennis was arrested.

The police came to Dennis's house and illegally searched it. Dennis was charged with burglary stemming from a theft alleged to have occurred four months before. The charge carries a possible ten-year sentence. At the station, after his arrest, the arrogant cops told him, "You won't be demonstrating against Oswald anymore."

On December 7, the morning of Dennis's pretrial hearing, the Milwaukee judicial system woke up to an 8:30 a.m. demonstration called by the PSC exposing Dennis's frameup and demanding his freedom. The presiding judge, Christ Seraphim, responded by pushing up Dennis's trial date from April to February 11. This was an obvious attempt to give the PSC less time to gain support from the people.

Since Dennis's arrest, the PSC has distributed thousands of leaflets exposing the frameup, has spoken with hundreds of people, and recently showed a film explaining the Attica rebellion, which helped raise funds for the case. However, so much more has to be done in the campaign to free Dennis, and time is running short.

The courts are trying to frame Dennis Anderson because he knows from 8 years of bitter experience the brutality and injustice of the courts and prisons, and he is daring to challenge and expose them. If the courts silence Dennis, then they can silence anyone who dares to speak out against the oppressive prison system. If they succeed, all prisoners and ex-prisoners will have suffered a defeat. It's up to the people to fight this system and to support Dennis Anderson, for only a united effort will stop the jailors and the cops.

Funds are badly needed to pay lawyers' fees. Contributions can be sent to: Prisoners Solidarity Committee, 150 E. Juneau, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202.

Howard had been held in solitary confinement since April at the federal penitentiary in Leavenworth. He has lost 20 pounds of weight, developed a rash over most of his body, and has had to be placed on sedatives to control an ulcer. Prison officials say that he is too young to be placed on the main compound of the Leavenworth prison, which houses mainly older and more hardened prisoners.

The lawsuit has been filed in Federal court in Washington, D.C., where Judge Charles Halleck recently ruled that "the statutory prescription against...sodomy...is an unconstitutional invasion of the 'right to privacy.'"

The two prisoners also argue that they have been denied "equal protection of laws" because of the harshness of their treatment. They point out that although homosexuality is more or less tolerated in prison, they have been singled out for special punishment.

Their suit seeks to have the court declare that all federal prisoners have the right to engage in consensual sexual acts.

Venceremos Brigade: link to revolutionary Cuba

From THE VENCEREMOS BRIGADE

The Venceremos Brigade is an educational project which since 1969 has directed its efforts toward developing solidarity with the Cuban Revolution and the struggles against U.S. domination in the Third World.

To do this we have had to defy two blockades: Through the first blockade, the U.S. government has tried to isolate Cuba economically and prevent U.S. citizens from travelling there to see Cuba's accomplishments for themselves. The Venceremos Brigade has broken this blockade. We have sent more than 2,000 North Americans to Cuba, not just to visit, but to contribute to its development by working in the canefields, the citrus orchards, and in the construction of people's housing.

The other blockade is less visible but equally relentless: The U.S. government's attempt to prevent all information about Cuba from reaching the North American people. The successful efforts of the Cuban people and government in building socialism in their country in the face of armed attack, economic aggression, and political isolation by the U.S. have been consistently distorted and suppressed by the agencies of information in this country.

The thousands of progressive men and women who have participated in the Brigade have come from all areas of the United States. More than half are Blacks, Puerto Ricans, Chicanos, Asians, and Native Americans. United by their commitment to demonstrate their support for the Cuban Revolution not just in words but in hard work, they have come from many political bodies, community groups, trade unions, and student organizations.

The First Venceremos Brigade consisting of 207 North Americans arrived in Cuba in December 1969. They were to participate in the historic "Ten Million Ton" sugar harvest, a massive national effort to raise enough capital from the sale of sugar to allow Cuba to further develop other areas of its economy: to build more factories, buy new equipment, and diversify agriculture.

The North Americans found themselves part of an unprecedented popular mobilization involving almost every Cuban citizen in some way. Cane-cutting, once the



Members of the 1973 Venceremos Brigade meet with Vietnamese delegates to the conference of the Young Communist League in Havana.

most tortuous and degrading occupation a Cuban could have, became a spirited and patriotic effort shared not only by Cubans who had never been in a cane field before but by cane-cutting brigades from all parts of the world.

The Second Venceremos Brigade, which arrived to help complete the Harvest of the Ten Million Tons, brought the largest single contingent of North Americans, over 700, to Cuba in February 1970.

The Third contingent of the Venceremos Brigade joined young people from all over Cuba to develop the rich and fertile Isle of Pines, renamed the "Isle of Youth" in honor of those who were turning it into the citrus-producing center of Cuba. The Isle's orchards would yield enough both to supply all of Cuba with oranges, lemons, and grapefruit and to export the surplus in exchange for the needed capital.

The first four Brigades, through their work in helping to develop Cuba's agriculture, had shared in one aspect of breaking out of underdevelopment—developing the base upon which the country's economy could prosper. But un-

Kidnapping insurance for U.S. executives abroad

By JIM KOWALSKI

Is there a concrete measurement of U.S. imperialism's decline?

Perhaps the insurance companies have hit on one. It seems that they are now issuing kidnapping insurance to nervous U.S. corporate executives stationed abroad. And, judging by the premium they pay, the risks are high. The yearly rate is much more than most people's salaries: \$25,000!

Yes, Yankee managers are running scared.

The long-exploited workers in U.S. neocolonies have found that they can barter the lives of resident managers for the return of a small portion of the profits that have been bled out of their lands by Wall Street.

And so Exxon reportedly agreed to pay \$10 million to the People's Revolutionary Army in Argentina for the release of Victor S. Samuelson of Esso—the money to be

derdevelopment has another face: a miserable standard of living for the vast majority.

Before 1959 most Cubans lived in thatched huts in the countryside called "bohios" (looked upon by rich Yankee tourists as "picturesque") and in shanty towns near the major cities. These homes were without electricity and plumbing; some in the urban areas were literally constructed from flattened tin cans and cardboard boxes.

Now for the first time the Cuban Revolution had the economic capacity to make the construction of new housing a major priority for the country. It was to this effort that the Fifth and Sixth contingents of the Venceremos Brigade contributed.

Brigades Five and Six joined Cuban micro-brigades to build the new town of Los Naranjos, outside Havana, which will include workers' housing, schools, stores, recreation centers, and medical facilities. Much of the work at Los Naranjos is being done by international brigades.

On May 1, 1973, a singular honor was conferred on the Venceremos Brigade when

Anti-Jewish Chilean junta arrests Arabs' supporters

A campaign of terror aimed at supporters of the Palestinian revolution has swept through junta-controlled Chile recently, leaving many jailed, persecuted, and deported.

The victims have included not only members of organizations giving support to the Mideast struggle, but also people helping Arabs residing in Chile.

According to Arab sources, the Committee to Support the Arab Liberation Front has been outlawed by the junta. Its members are among those recently arrested.

This sudden wave of anti-Arab measures does not stem from any pro-Jewish sentiments on the part of the junta, however. As a matter of fact, the junta has been viciously anti-Semitic. For example, in September coup leaders ordered the arrest of prominent Jewish leaders of the former

it was invited to march in Cuba's May Day Parade. This was the first time North Americans had participated in Cuba's celebration marking the worldwide day of solidarity for working people.

The Brigade is organized in more than 12 cities around the U.S., in which regional committees carry out educational activities and participate in the selection and preparation of Brigade members for each new contingent. Regional committees are made up of people who have been on the Brigade, meaning that regionals are multi-racial and reflect a diversity of perspectives within the progressive movement. People work because they support the basic objectives of the Brigade, which include developing solidarity with Cuba by breaking the "informational blockade."

In addition to focusing on Cuba, regional committees celebrate days of solidarity with the Vietnamese people, the people of Guinea-Bissau, Puerto Rico, Mexico, and Chile as part of their regular program.

This year's Brigade (No. 7), will be leaves for Cuba in the spring of 1974, will be made up of about 150 people working in different areas of the U.S. movement for social change who, at the same time, have shown an active interest in Cuba.

Applications for this contingent will be accepted by Brigade regionals in each city until mid-January. After this application is initially ok'd, applicants will begin preparing for the trip by participating in an educational program which includes films, basic readings, and discussions about Cuba and countries of Africa, Asia, and Latin America; fundamentals of Spanish; conversations about the Brigade. During this 11-week program the groups will carry out fundraising projects in case individuals are not able themselves to pay their transportation costs.

Final selections for Brigade members will be made in the early spring, several weeks before the scheduled departure date, after the group has had a chance to work together and gain a general understanding of the Brigade.

Anyone wanting additional information about the Brigade should write: Venceremos Brigade, G.P.O. Box 3169, New York, N.Y. 10001.

Popular Unity government of Salvador Allende, including Jaime Faivovich, mayor of Santiago, and others. The Santiago daily, El Mercurio, wrote with the blessings of the junta that "the Jewish communist conspiracy has to be destroyed. There should be a Jew hanging from every lamp post..."

Does it seem contradictory that the junta is both anti-Jewish and anti-Arab? The regime's blatant anti-Semitism is coupled with support for the Israeli state (Israel was one of the first countries to officially recognize the junta). But there is a political consistency here: Chile's fascist rulers are completely controlled by the U.S. and the dictates of its foreign policy.

But U.S. imperialism is declining as the struggles of oppressed people intensify throughout the world. Down with the junta! Down with U.S. imperialism! Palestine will win!

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