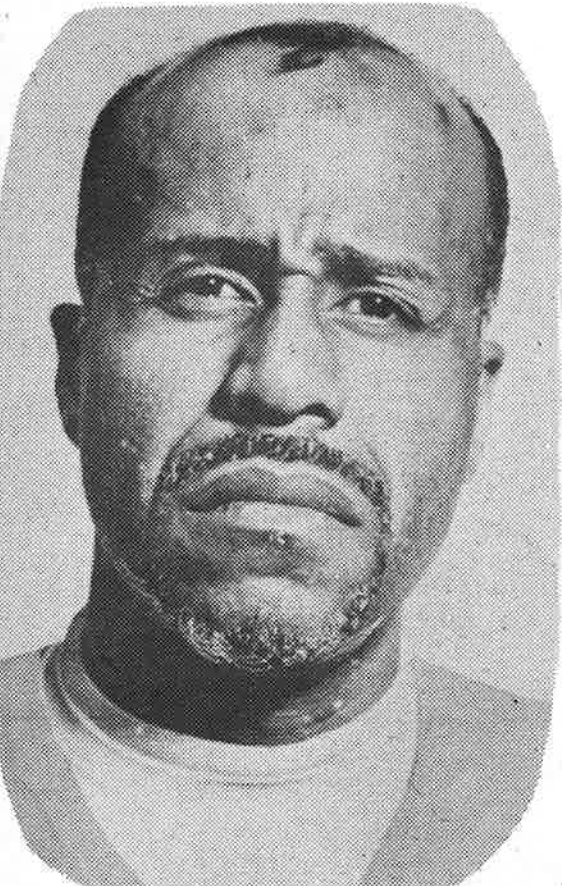


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Gromyko's Speech

Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko's recent speech to the Supreme Soviet was highly conciliatory to U.S. imperialism, lacked any militancy whatsoever and must be interpreted as a new bid by the liquidators of Marxism in Moscow to further strengthen their collaboration with Washington at the expense of the world struggle against imperialism.

The speech ranged over a variety of vital international questions, but one of its most ominous aspects was the strongly implied overture by the Soviet leaders for a block with the U.S. government against the People's Republic of China. Side by side with a lengthy attack on revolutionary China was a plea for "the development of good relation" even "friendly relations with the United States."

If the Soviet leaders were serious for a moment about protecting the interests of the world liberation struggle, or for that matter the socialist interests of the USSR, they would have asked for a united front with China in the struggle against imperialism instead of embracing the butchers of Vietnam.

The policy address contained, in addition to a scandalously lukewarm defense of the Vietnamese struggle, a section on the Mideast which focused entirely on "certain Israeli leaders" and omitted all mention of their imperialist sponsors in Washington as the real oppressors of 100 million Arab people. The discussion of the Mideast made no reference at all to the revolutionary mass fighting organizations which are carrying the brunt of the struggle for Arab liberation.

Gromyko asked for "good" even "friendly" relations with the United States. In their callousness, the Soviet leaders completely ignore the fact that the "United States" contains two nations and two classes. Not a word was spoken by Gromyko about the

oppressed black nation of 25 million Afro-Americans. Not one syllable was uttered in solidarity with the black liberation movement which constitutes a mighty force in the struggle against imperialism and which is now suffering from a mounting series of repressive attacks by Washington.

Stretching out the hand of friendship to the racist, imperialist U.S. government, while snubbing the black nation which is suffering under the heel of that government, is a typical political tactic of the privileged bureaucratic caste which long ago usurped political hegemony in the Soviet Union.

The opportunistic and self-seeking policies of the Soviet leaders, that is, the fostering of privilege and inequality at home and conciliation with imperialism abroad, are indirect contradiction with the mighty socialist base of the USSR. The only time they ever fight to aid the liberation struggle or take a militant stance against imperialism is when failure to do so would directly and immediately endanger the Soviet state or otherwise threaten their leadership. In other words, their defense of Soviet socialism or the liberation struggle is purely connected with the Soviet leaders' struggle to save their own soft hides. (That is why the Soviet leaders could intervene to stop imperialism in Czechoslovakia one moment and sit down with the U.S. to sell out the Arab revolution the next.)

This latest craven appeal for the goodwill of U.S. imperialism at the expense of the People's Republic of China and the world liberation struggle will not stop Wall Street from trying to overthrow the socialist system in the Soviet Union; it will not even stop Nixon from trying to prepare a new Czechoslovakia in Rumania. This bid to Washington is a criminal betrayal of the interests of the international working class movement and is just as futile as the Soviet leadership is traitorous.

Civil Rights and Fascist DAs

Cuyahoga (Cleveland, Ohio) County Prosecutor John T. Corrigan last week accused the American Civil Liberties Union of being "un-American" because it had requested that he investigate charges of police brutality.

Corrigan was the man who directed the railroading of Fred Ahmed Evans to the electric chair this spring over the shooting of three Cleveland cops in the Glenville district of that city last summer. He is also the man who apparently urged County Judge McMonagle (who also sentenced Evans) to give stiff terms to Evans' supporters on "contempt of court" charges.

The local ACLU had correctly stated that testimony during the Ahmed Evans trial "documented police excesses toward the black community." Needless to add, the ACLU is a very moderate upholder of the capitalist legal status quo and is no more radical in Cleveland than in any other city. In fact it has upheld the rights (!) of the White Citizens Council and the American Nazis.

Corrigan replied to the liberal organization's charges by saying:

"Any statement by the American Civil Liberties Union is unfounded in fact, is silly and is not worthy of comment... It's not the American Civil Liberties Union, it's the un-American Civil Liberties Union... They are rabble-rousers concerned with fomenting hatred and deceit."

Corrigan was not, of course,

condemning the American Civil Liberties Union, as such — just the civil liberties of the American people. The question is: who is Corrigan and whom does Corrigan represent?

Is John T. Corrigan a so-called neanderthal who has accidentally stumbled into a leading position in Cleveland's apparatus of repression, or is he a fair and authentic representative of "Americanism" and the U.S. capitalist state as it really is?

Ahmed Evans was tried and sentenced in a fury of hysteria, and the judge who sent him to the electric chair gave sentences of six months to a year for "contempt of court" to those who attempted to see Corrigan in support of Evans. And not even the liberal Carl Stokes, Cleveland's first black mayor, dared to condemn the Evans trial. No other judge has condemned or reversed McMonagle; no other district attorney has dissociated himself from Corrigan.

This was not an accidental series of events that went against the wishes of the Cleveland Establishment, but obviously reflects its true desires and corresponds to its premeditated plans.

Whatever verbal rectification there may be made in favor of the respectable ACLU, it should be quite clear to anybody who doesn't keep his eyes shut, that Corrigan speaks for capitalist Cleveland, just as the Cleveland capitalist stand for the imperialist United States.

**Latins to Rocky: "Yankee Go Home"
New Yorkers: "We Don't Want You!"**

NEW YORK, July 6 — Nelson Rockefeller arrived here this afternoon and almost thought he was back in South America.

In the spirit of international solidarity with all oppressed people and militant opposition to U.S. imperialism, two to three hundred demonstrators converged on the Kennedy International Airport to "give Rockefeller the reception he deserves," as their leaflets exhorted.

Rockefeller's plane landed at Kennedy Airport to be met, as the radio newscaster put it, by the "same kind of demonstration" that he encountered everywhere in Latin America.

"Rocky Sucks Latin Blood" was the phrase used on leaflets that urged New Yorkers to show their support for the people of Latin America and their repudiation of the policies of economic plunder and police terror that Rockefeller represents. In city after city in Latin America, the hatred of Rockefeller and of U.S. imperialist occupation of the continent had erupted into fierce demonstrations by the populace.

Troops and police murdered many demonstrators there and hundreds were wounded and arrested.

The Young Lords Organization of New York, SDS, and Youth Against

War & Fascism were prominent in leading the demonstration here at the airport. In the International Arrivals Building where the demonstrators prepared to "welcome" Rocky, a spokesman for the Young Lords delivered a statement in Spanish that attacked Rockefeller and the imperialist class he represents, for its brutal oppression of the Latin peoples, and in particular the Puerto Rican people.

Mark Rudd, recently elected National Secretary of SDS, also addressed the demonstrators and attacked U.S. imperialism.

Later the demonstrators ran out onto the field and there were chases and scuffles with the cops, who made several arrests. The young militants chanted "Cuba Si, Rocky No."

Cuba, being the first liberated territory in the Western Hemisphere did not have to suffer a visit by Rocky, since Standard Oil, United Fruit and the other monopolies were kicked out after the revolution and they will never be welcomed back.

The demonstrators also shouted, "Free Huey — Jail the Pigs!" Many of the chants were led by the Young Lords in Spanish, denouncing Rockefeller as "Assassin" and calling for the freedom of Puerto Rico.

2 More Stockade Revolts

(From Liberation News Service)

Two revolts have taken place in Army stockades recently — on June 14 at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina, and on June 22 at Ft. Riley, Kansas.

The uprising at Jackson was touched off by the beating of a prisoner, Julio Rivera, who had refused to pull K.P. Rivera was severely beaten by three sergeants and had to be hospitalized.

In protest, 150 prisoners gathered and requested to see the stockade commandant. The Army relented, releasing Rivera and several other prisoners from confinement. Rivera plans to bring charges against the sergeants who beat him.

At the Ft. Riley stockade, a guard shot a prisoner who was allegedly trying to escape. The rebellion broke out the

next day when other prisoners heard that he had died. Rocks were thrown at MP's and two prisoners were wounded when the MP's opened fire.

Concerning the rebellions, Bob Lemay, a Vietnam veteran and the executive director of the American Servicemen's Union, stated:

"These uprisings come close on the heels of an even bigger revolt at the Ft. Dix stockade, where the inmates had been driven by the brass' torture and abuse to the point where they could only rise up and fight their oppressor."

"We support all rebellions of servicemen who are held as prisoners by the brass. All stockades prisoners should be released and the war criminals of the Pentagon put behind bars."

**PL Defeated Politically
Loses Fist Fight Too!**

NEW YORK, July 7 — An SDS regional meeting here today provided an arena for PLP once again to demonstrate its hostility to the pro-liberation and pro-revolutionary nationalist line of SDS.

SDS members, meeting at New York University Loeb Student Center, successfully defended themselves and their meeting from a violent assault launched by members of PL, who were expelled from SDS last month.

In an attempt to break into the SDS meeting, from which they had been barred, PL resorted to a kind of violence that they do not seem to use against the police or against right wingers. PL members tried to shove their way through a set of glass doors, which were pressed closed by the SDS defenders. Being unable to push the doors open, PL began to break the glass with the metal tips of their umbrellas. (The SDS defenders who were pressed against the other side of the glass were, naturally, in plain view.)

This attempt to drive SDS from the

doors was repulsed with sticks, fists, and the sheer mass of the defenders, who refused to allow their meeting to be broken up.

The PL attackers then began to heave heavy, iron, floor ashtrays through the remaining unbroken glass onto the SDS security force that was mandated to keep the intruders out.

The violent shattering of the glass upon SDS caused some cuts, and one of the defenders was knocked unconscious by a blow from the heavy objects hurled by PL.

The SDS defenders held the line, and PL was still unable to break into the meeting. Finally, a fire hose was unloosed from the wall and was used to douse the would-be intruders. This action drove them back in disarray, and the SDS security force gave a cheer and then withdrew into the hall, and the meeting proceeded without further incident.

For an analysis of the SDS National Convention in Chicago (where PL was expelled from SDS), see the last issue of Workers World, June 26.

**Don't Forget
The Ft. Dix 38!**

All 38 rank-and file-GIs face long prison terms for arson, riot, conspiracy and other trumped-up charges. They are being persecuted by the Army and Pentagon brass because they rose up against inhuman living conditions and the dictatorial power over their lives. Please send contributions to aid in their defense to the American Servicemen's Union, 156 Fifth Ave., N.Y., N.Y., Rm. 538.

To the Youth of Rumania

How will you greet
the imperialist
Nixon?

have been more brutal to the Vietnamese than the "democratic" troops of U.S. imperialism have been? Billions of bombs and bullets, napalm, toxic chemicals, poisonous gases—the U.S. has used them all trying to find a way to crush the Vietnamese struggle for independence.

Yet the Vietnamese are fighting and winning. What hope this offers to the oppressed of the world! In country after country, throughout Africa, Asia and Latin America especially, U.S. banks and giant corporations have robbed the wealth of the people. Now they are being told to get out, and Washington must revise its strategy, looking for new areas from which to drain the profits that are capitalism's very lifeblood.

There is no doubt that Nixon hopes through his visit to your country, socialist Rumania, to open "doors" to future economic penetration. U.S. imperialism hopes to find allies among those people in Eastern Europe who are better off than the average worker and have money to buy the luxuries that capitalism offers. The imperialists have always been able to find such people, overwhelm them with seemingly unbounded wealth, and in the end use them as a conveyor belt to exploit the great masses. They become the compradors, the puppets who sell out their nation.

It is only a wish of the imperialists that they can someday accomplish this in Eastern Europe. But that is what Nixon's visit to your country is all about.

Before he comes to Rumania, Nixon will visit the Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand, India and Pakistan. These countries offer tragic examples of what relations with imperialism lead to.

The Philippines are a de facto colony of the U.S. For many years a bloody war has been fought against the Hukbalahaps—the national liberation forces. Thailand has been converted into a huge U.S. military base for the war of aggression against Vietnam. Every day hundreds of bombers take off from Sattahip Airport alone to drop their deadly cargo in Laos and Vietnam.

Indonesia is the most striking example of how far the imperialists are willing to go to secure their profits. In 1965, after many years of subversion directed by the CIA, the right-wing Council of Generals seized power with the backing of the U.S. Within six months, this fascist clique murdered one million people to eliminate opposition from the powerful communist, socialist and nationalist movements.

Today, U.S. corporations are falling over each other to exploit the oil and other vast natural resources that had previously been controlled by the anti-imperialist regime of Sukarno. Today, the murderers of one million Indonesians consider it safe for the American President to visit this blood-soaked country!

Even in these countries, where the people feel the whip of reaction each day, the most extraordinary security precautions will have to be taken to protect Nixon from the wrath of the people. He is able to make the trip only because the U.S. commands the most oppressive military force on earth. All the ceremonies and speeches from these puppet governments will make it sound as though Nixon is bathed in the affection and friendship of the people. But in reality, he will be shielded from the people by armed guards and bullet-proof limousines.

Dear comrades, we American youth have now begun to taste the oppression the imperialists have used so brutally against the colonial world. In particular, we see our black brothers, the internal colony of the United States, in daily battles with the police as they fight for elementary human rights.

Black people in this country have no illusions about American "freedom" or "opportunity." After 400 years of chattel and wage slavery, they continue to be super-exploited and oppressed. Infant mortality

among Afro-Americans is double the national rate. Unemployment in the urban black communities runs 25 to 30 per cent. Black people earn half the wages of whites and find that most jobs open to them are menial and degrading.

The black communities, especially in the large cities, are like occupied countries. In New York City alone, the police force numbers 30,000—larger than the armies of many countries—and most of these troops are deployed in the ghetto areas, ready to put down any rebellion with brutal strength. Hundreds of black people have died at the hands of the police and National Guard in the last few years as periodic rebellions have swept the nation.

Huey Newton, Chairman of the Black Panther Party, is in jail on a 15-year sentence. Another black liberation fighter, Martin Sostre, was framed up and sentenced to 41 years. Similar long sentences are not uncommon for political prisoners, especially if they are black. This is compounded by outrageously high bails—the New York Panther 21 had bail set at \$100,000 each on a "conspiracy" charge—a total of \$2.1 million that cannot possibly be raised by an organization representing poor people!

Eddie Oquendo, Harvey and Daniels, and hundreds of other black—and white—youths are also in jail for opposing the military system of this country.

The white youth are also in rebellion. There have been thousands of demonstrations, on the campuses and in the streets, against the Vietnam war and racist oppression. Tens of thousands of youth have been arrested, and the jails are beginning to fill up with young men who refuse military service. In the American army, men are deserting at the rate of 50,000 per year.

Now, their back to the wall because of the rising anti-imperialist sentiment both at home and abroad, the men in Washington have decided to test your reaction and sent Nixon on a "goodwill" visit to Rumania. They hope that your relative isolation from Wall Street in the past and the struggle you have had with the revisionists in your country as well as the Soviet Union will blind you to the dangers.

Dear comrades, we know that you yearn to create a strong and independent socialist Rumania. But the nations oppressed by imperialism have learned through bitter experience that "cooperation" and "partnership" with Washington is the road away from freedom and toward total subjugation to U.S. finance capital. The one driving motive of this vast empire is profit. All its diplomatic relations hinge on that.

You are being faced with a test. The men in Washington who have plotted the bloody war in Vietnam, the slaughter in Indonesia, the murderous repression of the Black Panthers in the United States and the systematic looting of the colonial world are waiting to see what your reaction will be to this historic visit by a man who is the supreme representative of their system.

And we too, comrades, anxiously await your reaction. We know what the Latin American masses would do. We know what the militant youth in Asia, even in those countries where U.S. troops and tanks will be flanking Nixon, are going to do. And we know what we have done at every opportunity to expose the agents of reaction and oppression. From Johnson to Dean Rusk to the fascist Queen Frederika of Greece—we have shown them all what we think of them.

Now we look to you as comrades in the struggle to end tyranny and exploitation. We have great hopes that you will show Nixon, this advance man for the capitalist hucksters and shabby corporation lawyer from Wall Street, that the youth of Rumania are on the side of the oppressed of the world.

Comradely yours,
Key Martin, Maryann Weissman and Deirdre Griswold
for Youth Against War & Fascism

Dear Comrades,

We are American youth, dedicated to the struggle for liberation and self-determination of all oppressed minorities and against imperialist war, who write to you because a very special situation has arisen. President Nixon has announced that he will soon visit your country.

This will be the first time an American President has visited a socialist country since 1945. For that reason alone, the press here is already attaching great significance to the visit and speculating about its many possible implications.

We also think it will be a highly important event, and that is why we are writing to you, the youth. We know that how you react to this trip will have a deep effect both here and in the socialist world.

Take, for example, the recent series of visits Nelson Rockefeller made to Latin America.

The masses, and particularly the youth, let the world know what they think of U.S. imperialism. Several countries were rocked with massive demonstrations. Three governments had to tell Rockefeller not to come at the last minute. Where open military dictatorships rule, thousands were arrested and held in "preventive detention." The customary welcoming ceremonies could only be performed in the two most notorious police states—Paraguay and Haiti.

In Montevideo, Buenos Aires and other major cities, stores and factories controlled by the vast Rockefeller financial empire were burned to the ground. The Latin American masses made it clear that U.S. "democracy" and "affluence" have brought nothing but dictatorship and poverty to them.

It is becoming increasingly difficult for U.S. political figures to visit other countries. Those who have tasted U.S. economic domination look on the representatives of this system as the new Nazis. And is it any wonder? Could Hitler's Wehrmacht



Nixon had to scurry through Washington with some trepidation—in limousine at his own inauguration. How will he do in socialist Rumania?

Martin Sostre Must Be Set Free!

victories, about black uprisings in other U.S. cities, pictures of Malcolm X and other black heroes. And then the people began coming forward with little clippings to paste up. He continued his lectures inside the store while every night the cops tore down some of his wall posters, and every morning he would put up more posters, getting stronger and more durable paste each time.

It was at this time that he was arrested--after several cops physically subdued him and one of them black-jacked Geraldine Robinson, another "finding" a bag of narcotics—in his own pocket.

Like the revolutionary Black Panthers, he was held on such excessive bail that he had to serve many months without being convicted of anything at all. He spent the time drawing up his own legal briefs, particularly after the only lawyers in Buffalo who would take the case at the beginning, dropped it, apparently under Establishment pressure to do so.

He was sentenced to a vicious 31 to 41 years, which at his age (46) means life imprisonment, if he is not proven innocent or freed by the revolutionary masses.

He has now been a whole year in solitary confinement (which has been called the "cruellest punishment known to modern man" by Establishment prison reformers). Lawyers and all who have come into contact with him regard him as the strongest character they have ever met.

Highly unusual and gifted, a dropout from a Harlem high school, a private in World War II (the judge who sentenced him was a lieutenant), he was self-educated in the Attica Prison branch of the "university of the black people."

First and foremost a fighter, intransigent, passionate and steady in the revolutionary conviction he first gained in prison in almost the same way Malcolm X did, Martin Sostre served four years in solitary in Attica, New York, most of it for infractions of prison rules pertaining to the Muslim religion which he then followed.

In solitary confinement, he wrote the brief that finally resulted in easing the rules and allowing some semblance of freedom of religion for this persecuted sect.

In addition to being a fighter, Martin Sostre is an accomplished writer and speaker. Not least of the crimes the imperialist Establishment will have to answer for is its cruel and inhuman treatment of a man so valuable to the oppressed and to humanity.

A Letter From Prison

"To My Revolutionary Friends"

The following excerpts are taken from "Letters from Prison" by Martin Sostre.

It just so happened that during the month of June there prevailed in the Afro community in Buffalo an impending revolt. There had already been several minor skirmishes with the police in which neighborhood crowds took arrested persons out of the hands of the police.

Tension built up which finally exploded at the end of June when the police supplied the needed spark — as usual. During the three nights of the revolt, when all the shops in my area — both Black and white owned — closed early, I stayed open until 3 A.M., thereby providing a refuge (from the tear gas being indiscriminately sprayed in the streets by the police) for many passersby and freedom fighters.

The End of a Letter

"My only regret is that after so many sacrifices and being so close to reaching my goal, I was stopped by the police. Although my Defense Committee is working hard to raise the bail money (I am being held under \$25,000 which requires \$1,000 plus collateral to cover the \$25,000), they may not be able to do so....

"I feel helpless sitting idle here in jail, for if I were out on bail I could, in addition to organizing, get my old job back at Bethlehem Steel....

"But should I not be freed and should our enemies who framed me succeed in putting me away for thirty years, I would not mind so much if I knew that this report has contributed in any degree toward a knowledge of how to organize the Black youth of this country. The burden of a long sentence would be lightened by the satisfaction of knowing that the mission set out for me, that of helping my people free themselves from the oppressor, is being accomplished.

"Thanking you, I am your Afro Freedom Fighter,

Brother Martin"

Erie County Jail
Buffalo, New York
August 2, 1967

The shop stayed packed and the cops outside didn't like it, but there was nothing they could do. I had the right to stay open — as long as I wanted to. Needless to mention, I made political hay in denouncing the police brutality going on outside to the large crowds in the store.

Then, after a rousing speech, I would go to the shelf and pick up an appropriate book or pamphlet, like Robert F. Williams' "Negroes With Guns" or "Pre-Civil War Black Nationalism" or a pamphlet by Malcolm X or Liberator Magazine, etc. and show them a photo or a drawing or read an appropriate passage. With interest stimulated I would make several sales and create several new freedom fighters.

Now even previous to the revolt, I have always agitated, discussed and debated the current political issues in the same manner. But during the revolt (and for the next two weeks when the images of the many brutal acts were still fresh in people's minds) I had something concrete that was currently happening right outside for everyone to see — namely, the invasion of the Black community by droves of white armed police who were indiscriminately shooting tear gas and bullets, beating up and arresting Black men, women and children and committing other depravities. All that was missing were the cattle prods. No one could argue against these concrete facts!...

The two weeks following the revolt (until I was framed on July 14th) were the best I ever had — politically, that is — even despite the fact that the firemen, in collusion with the police, broke out my windows and played two high pressure fire hoses inside the Bookshop under the pretext of putting out a fire which occurred in the tavern next door — and never got near my shop....

Several weeks ago the enemy oppressors — who viewed with alarm the growing number of youths hanging out in the Afro-Asian Bookshop and their suddenly increased interest in Black nationalist and socialist literature (which I gave free or on credit to those who lacked the money to purchase it) evidently decided that the increased youth activity around the Bookshop posed a large enough threat to require immediate action; and so they made their Gestapo-like raid on the Bookshop, beat me up, pushed Geraldine around, framed us with a sale of narcotics, wrecked the Bookshop and stole everything of value.

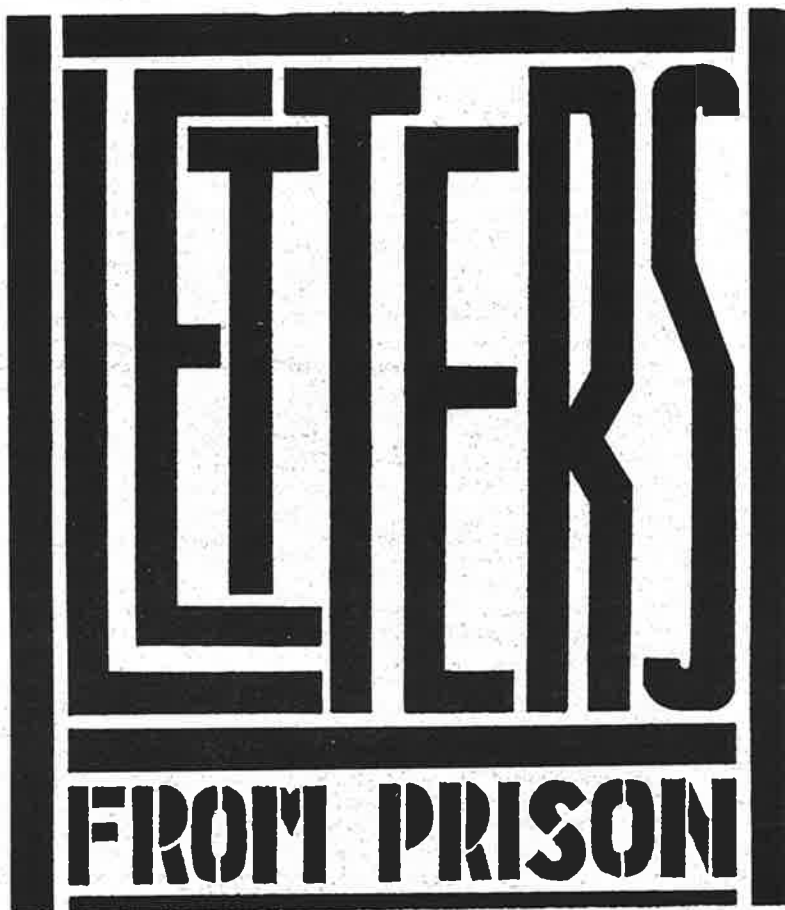
While in Erie County Jail under \$50,000 bail, and charged with arson and starting the recent "riot" here in Buffalo, in addition to the above said narcotics charge, I had an unexpected visitor with a strange message.

This visitor was an Uncle Tom lawyer-politician who was aspiring to become one of the accommodating Negro leaders. He informed me that there was talk in the Black community of another "riot" during the weekend (this visitor came on July 27th, Thursday) and the power structure had sent him to request that I send this Uncle Tom to the main "leaders" so that Uncle Tom could find out from them their demands or grievances and present them to the power structure.

In this way, he said, bloodshed could be avoided because the city officials had informed him that next time they would show the "rioters" no mercy; that his sole interest was to avoid bloodshed and loss of property by interposing himself between "our people and the power structure" to see if the issue could be negotiated peacefully.

I replied that assuming the untenable hypothesis that I would send him to the "gang leaders," they would not let him act as their spokesman because he was not one of us at the grass-roots; we did not trust him. I reminded him that until recently (when he lost his County job) he had been most zealous in prosecuting our people on behalf of the oppressor and that he had sent to prison some of the same youths that he now sought to represent.

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--Martin Sostre's correspondence from Erie County Jail and Green Haven Penitentiary, Stormville, New York. Martin Sostre is a black political prisoner serving a 40-year sentence. He was the proprietor of a bookstore which sold literature of the black liberation struggle and was framed by Buffalo authorities after a black rebellion in that city in 1967.

Order this pamphlet from: The Martin Sostre Defense Committee, P. O. Box 382, Ellicott Station, Buffalo, New York 14205. Donation: \$1.00, plus postage.

Martin Sostre is a revolutionary black nationalist with a deep understanding of Communism and the worldwide class struggle. If the capitalist press had built him up instead of tearing him down and framing him, he would now be considered on a level with Malcolm X, Eugene Debs and Nat Turner.

He opened a revolutionary black bookstore in the heart of the black community in Buffalo, New York, struggled to maintain it by working 40 hours a week in the Lackawanna steel plant and 60 hours a week in the store in his "spare time." Later, developing an l.p. record business to help bring potential young rebels into the store to buy records and radical books besides, he was able by working 100 hours a week in the store to eke out \$60 a week to live on.

He sold the works of Malcolm X, LeRoi Jones, W. E. B. DuBois, Frederick Douglass, Mao Tse-tung, Fidel Castro and Lenin. He stocked magazines and periodicals like Partisan, the Liberator, the Black Panther, etc. None of these was ever sold publicly in Buffalo before Sostre sold them.

Besides educating the youth in books and theory, he became a "prominent figure" in Buffalo's first black uprising (June 1967), as the capitalist press kept emphasizing for months before his trial, thus prejudicing his all-white jury. And according to stool pigeons (unnamed) who were quoted by the Chief of Police at a U.S. Senate committee hearing in Washington — also before his trial — Martin Sostre conducted a school for young men and teen-agers to learn how to throw Molotov cocktails and provided leadership during the actual rebellion.

Sostre challenged the Buffalo imperialist rulers who operate a wide-open company-ruled and company-operated town, who almost openly use the Mafia to adjust relations between police, prostitution and gambling elements, the courts and the political Establishment itself.

After two years in the steel plant, he quit a \$135-a-week job to become a full-time bookstore proprietor and revolutionary. He was visited on at least two occasions by the FBI and the "subversive" department of the Buffalo cops. On each occasion he was warned about his "hate" literature and once asked what he was doing behind this "front."

Of the 259 persons arrested during and immediately after the uprising, Sostre and his co-defendant were the only ones held for trial. After the authorities decided to drop the "arson and riot" charges against him, he was charged with possession and sale of narcotics.

During the uprising, firemen flooded his store on the excuse they were putting out a fire next door (which was already out). Instead of taking the hint, bowing out of the struggle for a while and winding up his affairs, he used plywood boards which the police and firemen nailed in front of his windows to make a "Big Wall Poster" display, which became a neighborhood conversation piece.

He pasted up stories about the NLF

Geraldine Robinson

Awaits Sentencing

On Frame-up Charges



Geraldine Robinson and her children: (l-r) Exzertios, 7; Terrance, 8; James, 9; Christa, 3; Monique, 5.

BUFFALO, July 11 -- Mrs. Geraldine Robinson, the co-defendant of Martin Sostre in the Buffalo Rebellion frame-up case, today won a postponement of her sentencing until September 4. Supporters of the Martin Sostre Defense Committee were on hand at the Erie County Court and declared that they intended to use the period before sentencing to arouse further support for the black mother of five young children.

Mrs. Robinson was convicted by a racist jury on March 29, 1969, of the trumped-up charges of aiding in the sale of narcotics and interfering with an arrest. Her trial took three weeks and was a blatant example of how the ruling class violates its own rules when those rules interfere with the political persecution of black liberation fighters.

The chief "crime" of this heroic 25-year old black woman was that she was a collaborator of Martin Sostre, whose Afro-Asian Bookstore was the center of political life of the black liberation movement in the city. During the June-July 1967 rebellion on the East Side the police smashed up the bookstore and shortly afterwards they arrested Sostre and Mrs. Robinson and carried on a public campaign to make them the scapegoats for the rebellion.

Mrs. Robinson is the victim of a frame-up which is just as crude as the one which was used to send Martin Sostre to jail for 41 years. The all-white, prosperous, suburban, middle-aged, middle-class jury was deliberately chosen so that it would be just as hostile to an individual poor, black mother as it is to the black masses in general and doubly hostile to the Buffalo rebellion for which Sostre and Mrs. Robinson are really being tried.

There was not one non-white person on the entire panel from which the jury was chosen.

Attorney Charles McKinney put up a brilliant and militant defense facing the racist team of Judge Colucci and D.A. Carl Doboizin.

The prosecution case in brief sought to prove that a Detective Sergeant, Alvin Gristmacher, drove with a black informant and a plainclothed trooper to a point near the bookshop, where Gristmacher gave the informant \$15 in marked bills. The informant allegedly bought a packet of heroin from Sostre, while the trooper watched from the doorway and a police photographer observed the transaction from across the street. They then returned to the police car, where the detective tested the packet and found it contained heroin. Later in the evening, police raided the store and arrested Sostre and Mrs. Robinson.

The so-called "case" against Mrs. Robinson was that she allegedly aided Sostre in selling narcotics and the "proof" was supposed to have been provided by a stool pigeon, Arto Williams, a known heroin addict with five previous convictions who happened to be serving a term for grand larceny at the time of the Buffalo rebellion.

The stool pigeon just happened to have been released from Erie County Jail the day that the cops smashed into the Afro-Asian Bookstore and framed up Sostre. This was proven by McKinney after Gristmacher lied on the stand and said that he saw Williams on the street a few days before the raid.

The authorities were so confident the racist court would do their bidding that they didn't even bother to get their signals straight. Williams testified that he knew Mrs. Robinson in high school. Mrs. Robinson went to an all girl's high school! (Williams never finished serving his larceny term and is now living in California.)

When McKinney asked for the serial numbers of the bills allegedly marked by the police for purposes of identification (and subsequently for use as evidence), the defense was told that Gristmacher's notes containing the serial numbers had been destroyed. Thus the police callously relieved themselves of the burden of producing non-existent "evidence."

Prosecutor Doboizin made the state's case a vicious character assassination, dwelling particularly on the fact that Mrs. Robinson is a welfare recipient and he repeatedly tried to insult the defendant by calling her children "illegitimate." In this way he played on the racist contempt of the jurors for the poor and oppressed.

In addition, a key witness for Mrs. Robinson,

Sostre Out of Solitary After 1 Yr!

At long, long last Martin Sostre is temporarily out of solitary confinement.

After almost 13 months in Green Haven Prison's "segregation," caged in a tiny cell, lit by one dim bulb, with barely enough room to move around, surviving on food rations which were reduced to one half of the normal prison fare, forbidden to have any visitors, forbidden to receive any mail, forbidden to get any reading material and subject to all the vicious brutality and harassment which the prison authorities could deal out to him, Martin Sostre has finally been released from solitary as a result of a federal court order.

Sostre, the principal leader of the Buffalo black liberation struggle, who was framed up for 41 years, was sent to solitary on the absurd charge of practicing law without a license. This was an attempt by the state to stop him from working on legal briefs on behalf of himself and his co-defendant, Geraldine Robinson.

The government was particularly frantic to put a stop to Sostre's brilliant legal work because he has mastered not only the practice of bourgeois law but also the revolutionary art of turning a legal struggle into a political attack against racism, capitalism and imperialism. He has never had even the slightest formal education in law.

The suit has been brought by the law firm of

Rabinowitz & Boudin and is being argued by Victor Rabinowitz and staff attorney Chris Glenn. The National Emergency Civil Liberties Committee arranged for the prominent civil liberties law firm to enter the case which is of national importance because the Sostre case, while certainly an outrageous violation of the most basic human rights, is typical of the prison barbarism against the oppressed throughout the country. Sostre himself has done valuable research in this area, showing, by statistical methods and by citing case histories, how prison regulations are twisted around by the authorities to brutalize and degrade the inmates, especially black and brown prisoners who constitute the vast bulk of the prison population.

A principal purpose of the suit will be to establish rights for the prisoners against the prison authorities; to formulate a procedure governing the commitment of prisoners to solitary, and to outline a method by which prisoners can appeal the arbitrary rulings of the totalitarian prison authorities.

As such, the suit will be applicable to all prisoners in general, and particularly to political prisoners, such as Huey Newton, who are currently filling the jails and who are frequently committed to solitary as part of the fascist-like persecution by the capitalist state which tries to isolate liberation fighters and revolutionaries even within the confines of prison.

BUFFALO YAWF LEADER TO BE SENTENCED

BUFFALO, July 9--The sentencing of Jerry Gross on trumped-up charges of criminal mischief, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct was postponed in court today until July 21. Gross, who is the chairman of Buffalo Youth Against War & Fascism and the Martin Sostre Defense Committee, faces up to 2 years and 15 days on the charges growing out of a militant demonstration against Nixon here on October 7, 1968.

A two-day, non-jury "trial" of the-YAWF leader ended June 6 in conviction on all three counts des-

pite eyewitness testimony refuting allegations by the cops that Gross had broken away from them three times, thrown bottles and smashed a window. In fact, Gross was arrested at Memorial Auditorium after a cop struck him in the stomach with his nightstick. Doubled over in pain, Gross was carried off by the police. Several hundred other demonstrators against Nixon were also beaten and harassed by the Tactical Patrol Unit and Buffalo police. Witnesses saw cops deliberately throw one young woman down a flight of stairs.

As leader of the Martin Sostre Defense Committee and YAWF, Gross has been fingered several times for arrest by the police and subversive squad. He is one of the Buffalo 9 defendants, arrested in an FBI and police raid on a rally supporting two draft resisters in this city last year. (This case resulted in a hung jury for several of the defendants, including Gross, but Buffalo authorities are pressing for a retrial in their hurry to frame the youths involved.)

This spring, Gross was also dragged out of a car as he was driving by a demonstration and later informed in jail that marijuana had been "found" in the vehicle. At first, the cops were trying to stick him with a charge of stealing the car, which belonged to a friend.



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ALFRED KRUPP

He was behind Kiesinger, Adenauer and Adolf Hitler.

FASCISM: As It V

What is fascism? What is imperialist democracy? Is there any sharply dividing difference between the two today, and what are the reasons for there being intense argument about the answers?

Everyone—except the fascists—knows that fascism is bad. But the same “democratic” judge who lectures the fascist Klansman, or fascist killer-cop, and lets him go while he sends the black liberationist to jail for thirty years is also bad.

Where does the anti-imperialist movement stand on the character of such a judge, the necessity of overthrowing him and his system, and the relationship of all this to fascism? Where does it stand on the struggle to defend this judge's victims, especially when the struggle tends toward the streets?

These questions have been raised by the recent appeal of the Black Panther Party for a united front against American fascism—and they are constantly raised by the living struggle against the U.S. imperialists who make war abroad and launch racist repressions and anti-popular actions at home.

The questions are also raised, from time to time, by various theoretical interpretations of fascism which counterpose it to bourgeois “democracy”—usually too rigidly and formalistically, even when they correctly explain the nature of the classical (that is, Hitler-type) fascism of the past.

Democracy's Colonial Slaves

It is almost forgotten now, but it is very much worth remembering, that fascist Germany and fascist Italy had virtually no colonial slaves abroad, while democratic Britain, democratic France and democratic USA had millions of such slaves, with an internal colony of black slaves in the U.S. as well.

This was not accidental.

The fascist countries were the “have-not” countries. That is, the ruling classes did not have colonies.

The “democracy” then existing in Britain was closely connected with the “fascism” Britain practiced in India, Africa, etc. The super-profits extracted by fascist methods in the colonies provided a democratic cushion in the mother country, provided funds to pay unemployment doles, for instance, while unemployed colonial workers starved to death.

Hitler's plan to defeat Britain was motivated by his desire to be overlord of Britain's colonies. British imperialism, on the other hand, did not even pretend to be democratic in its rule of the colonies and took it for granted that the German imperialists would exploit the colonies in about the same way if they should defeat the Allies.

(The fascists could hardly have been worse. It can easily be proven that with the exception of the final cremation of the Jews during the war, the crimes of the democrats in the colonies were worse than the crimes of Hitler in Germany.)

Every imperialist country—with colonies—had “democracy” at home. Even “little Belgium” and “little Holland,” which were such notorious exploiters of the Congo and Indonesia, respectively, were famous partners in the “collective security” of the democratic countries. (The only possible exception was tottering Portugal, which was itself a semi-colony of Britain—now of the U.S.—and

was being robbed by the British even while it was robbing the Africans.)

But the imperialist countries which had few or no colonial slaves—but were very anxious to get some—had no internal democracy; they had absolute totalitarianism—fascism.

On the one hand, one group of imperialists could bribe their white slaves—the workers—at home with the super-profits gouged out of the misery of the black slaves abroad, thus taking the steam out of the white slaves' struggle. On the other hand, another group beaten in war or commerce by the first group, had no such black slaves, had no super-profits to give its white slaves at home and had to fasten the chains more tightly on them for that reason.

The white slaves—who had many revolutionary workers among them—had been in revolt. The whole system was in crisis. So the imperialist slavemasters managed to get them into uniform (after killing their leaders, of course) and march them to war against the “free” slaves of the democratic countries in order to get the colonies they thought they so richly deserved.

At the time, of course, a tremendous howl went up about how fascism differed from democracy. But the black people of the United States were never able to give their opinions on this subject. They were too busy dodging the lynchers and the racist police to notice the benefits of due process, habeas corpus and the Fourteenth Amendment.

In a very real sense the black people of the USA have always lived under fascism (except for the short period of Black Reconstruction). And for the black people the question of Hitlerism as opposed to bourgeois, imperialist democracy is somewhat irrelevant, although not absolutely so.

Democracy Within the Ruling Class And Fascism in the Heart of a Judge

Even among the white workers in the U.S. “democracy,” however, it has long been true that they have more economic freedom than real political rights. The moment they actually challenge the system—at that moment—they discover the limits of democracy, usually in the fascist club of a cop or the fascist heart of a judge.

An honest discussion of the difference between fascism and imperialist democracy is always in order—that is, a discussion that does not rationalize a cop-out from the struggle in the name of “better tactics,” a discussion to make the struggle more powerful, more united and more effective.

Fascism as a political system, of course, throws aside all hypocrisy and openly disavows the Fourteenth Amendment (which the rulers have been violating ever since they passed it) freedom of speech, freedom of press, trial by jury (without bothering to stack the jury or bar black people from sitting on it).

One big reason the capitalists usually prefer their own democracy to open fascism is that under “democracy” they usually can be confident that the masses will never use their democratic freedoms to actually challenge their oppressors. That is when the capitalist system is “stable” and the masses are satisfied, or at least passive.

The moment the masses begin to use the capitalist democracy to oppose the capitalists, that is the moment the capitalists begin to think seriously about fascism.

Another big reason the capitalists are for capitalist democracy is that they can govern by “consent” of the masses that way; they can make more money with less overhead for repression. “Free” slave are always much more productive than enslaved slaves.

The Needle With Slow Poison and The Man at Your Head With a Gun

Naturally the oppressed must have a different tactic toward the person who is pointing a gun at them, ready to fire it, than they would have toward a man who is giving food with one hand and injecting slow day-by-day poison with the other.

This is particularly true if the ordinary union leaders and other fakers are telling the masses the food is great and the poison is harmless and the real leaders can't easily disprove this.

The man with the gun at our head is the open fascist dictatorship and the man with the good food and the nice needle is the capitalist “democratic” dictatorship. Both are enemies; both are deadly. But in their classical form, they use different methods, and different methods have to



YAWF members at joint demonstration for Panther 21 in front of rulers' court in New York City.

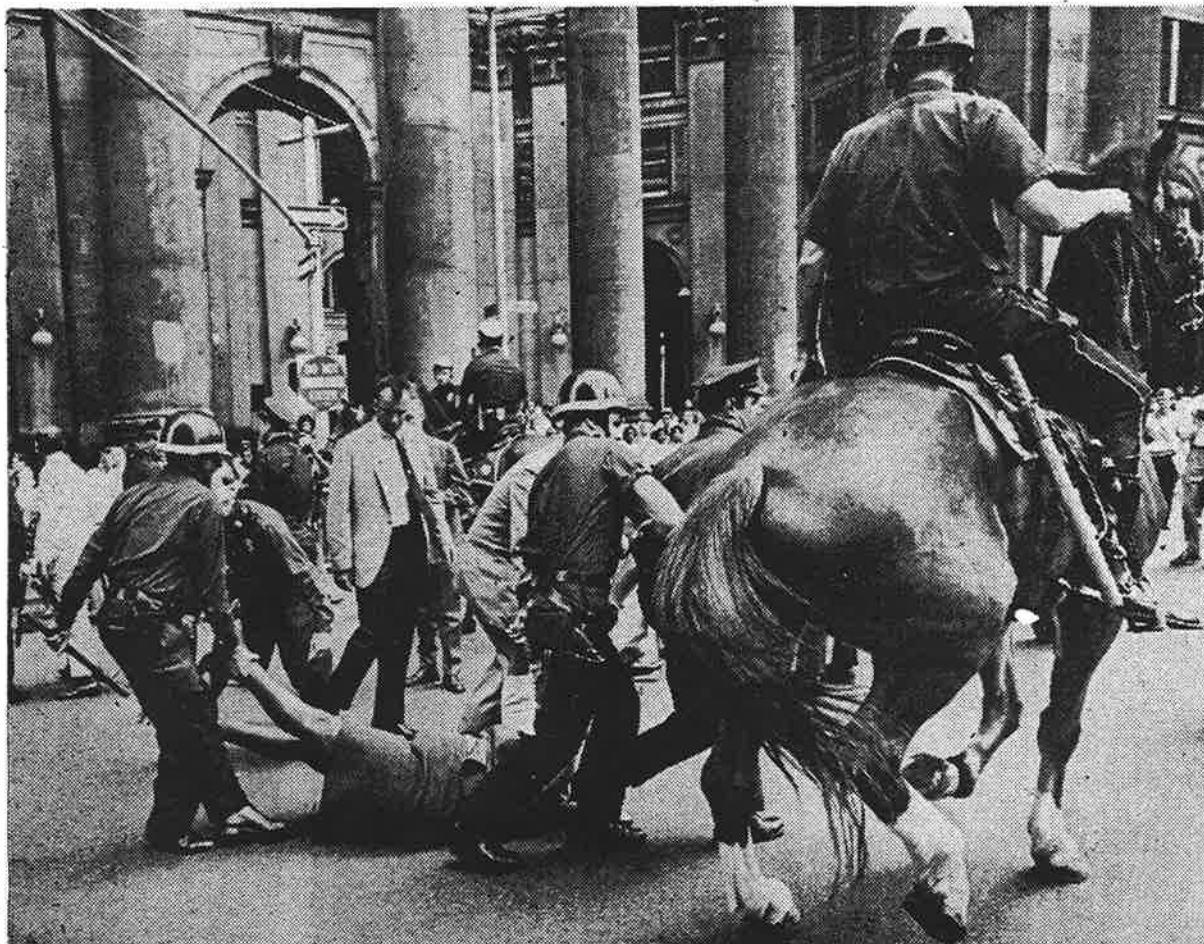
Was — As It Is



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DAVID ROCKEFELLER

He is behind Johnson, Nixon and....



How democratic cops handled welfare demonstrator in front of liberal N.Y. Mayor Lindsay's City Hall.

be used against them— usually.

In studying these methods, however, it is easy to forget that both men, both killers, both dictatorships, serve the same capitalist class. It is also possible to disregard the tendency of the slower killer to take the place of his trigger-happy partner on some occasions.

This is extremely important. A misunderstanding here can lead to sudden death for the revolution. Unfortunately, many people and tendencies have had this misunderstanding in the past, and paid the penalty.

Some of those who take issue with the Panthers' definition of fascism, for example, seem to be waiting for the cops to wear brown shirts and Sam Browne belts before recognizing their fascist character.

"Democrats" Can't Wait for Fascism; They Lynch a Political Party

We are living in a period of the decay and degeneration of capitalist democracy—a period in which even the capitalists themselves do not have the internal freedom to debate one another and mutually check all their factions without resort to force and violence (e.g., the Kennedy assassination).

The august and once-powerful U.S. Senate is a joke today, compared to the almost autocratic power of the Presidency. And a mediocrity like Richard Nixon can be elevated so high above the Senate because the capitalist class needs centralization, quick decisions and ruthless repressions much more desperately than it once did.

"Socialist" experts on fascism point to the fact that bourgeois democracy is extremely different because under it we have the right to organize unions, establish political parties, and so on.

But what about the Black Panther political party? It has been outlawed by the dictate of a handful of judges, with no protest from the bourgeois democratic Congress or the bourgeois democratic President. Is it really necessary to wait for a new Reichstag Fire and a coup d'etat before saying that this is a fascist act?

Now it is true that there is a danger that by using the word "fascist" to describe the horrible repressions, particularly against the black people, we may encourage someone to repeat the mistakes of those whom classical fascism defeated. That is, people may conclude that if we are facing fascism, it is necessary to unite with imperialist democrats against the fascists—with Rockefeller and Lindsay against Marchi, Eastland and Rivers, for instance.

It is necessary to unite with whomever is genuinely against fascism in a struggle against it. But the idea that the democratic supporters of imperialism can be trusted to fight their more fascist-

minded colleagues would be fatal.

Some of the "socialists" who know all about this and are more than willing to give editorial prescriptions to the Panthers were quite willing to conciliate with imperialist John Lindsay in Central Park

on April 27 last year. The revisionist CP and SWP invited him to address a rally against the imperialist war in Vietnam, just at a time when the bourgeois half-opponents of the war were most confusing the genuine proletarian opponents of the war, even though SNCC, YAWF, Workers World Party and others opposed the idea.

Fifth Column "Anti-Fascists"

The famous phrase "Fifth Column" was coined by none other than the fascist Franco to describe the additional forces he counted on to supplement his four-column attack on Madrid in 1931. The "anti-fascist" Spanish capitalists inside Madrid (who were considerably to the left of Lindsay) virtually handed the city over to Franco when they realized that a continuing fight against him would lead to their own defeat at the hands of the genuinely anti-fascist masses.

The main problem is not so much a perfect definition of fascism, nor even a perfect formula for whom to unite with. The main problem is how to get broader masses struggling against the fascist repression.

Many of the people who point to the lessons of thirty or thirty-five years ago seem to think that Hitler came to power and smashed the organizations of the masses because of the purely tactical errors of the revolutionary movement. But the truth is that what Germany and Europe lacked was sufficient revolutionary struggle against the bourgeois democratic rulers and the fascist would-be rulers.

This was because the leadership had illusions about the workers' road to power, about the permanence of bourgeois democratic institutions and about the nature of the capitalist state itself.

The Social Democrats believed in the capitalist state and in the parliamentary road to power. But the Communists of the time, somewhat hypnotized by their own constantly growing parliamentary strength (they got nearly 6 million votes just before Hitler smashed parliamentary democracy altogether), also made the error of assuming they would get constantly stronger and beat the fascists by the vote alone. They thus underestimated the capitalist determination to defeat communism and its possibility of suddenly switching to all-out backing for fascist violence. Of course, the Communists also believed in revolution, but, as it turned out, in an apocalyptic or mythical



Bobby Hutton, 15. The cops killed him for joining Panther liberation fight.

sort of way, without preparing for it and practicing for it, arms in hand -- like the fascists did.

The State and Counterrevolution

A fascist state and a bourgeois democratic state are just two different forms of the same capitalist state, of the same capitalist ruling class. As long as capitalism exists, the tendency to fascism continues and the possibility of complete totalitarian dictatorship exists.

The state is, in essence, a huge repressive apparatus. It is composed of police, prisons, courts, national guards, Army, Navy, Marines, sheriffs, marshals, deputies, and so on. This repressive apparatus is under the direct command of a President and his agents and under the indirect, but more authoritative command of the top banker-industrialists of the capitalist class. The capitalist state, no matter how democratic in outward form and in guarantees for the rights of the capitalists, is actually always the dictatorship of the capitalist class over

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FASCISM: Theory and the Club



Panthers demonstrate determination to fight U.S. ruling class — in Oakland last summer.

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the workers, the oppressed class.

The state must be distinguished from the government, which is composed of Congress, legislatures, and elected politicians who comprise what Lenin called the "talk shops" of capitalism.

The state—the "bodies of armed men"—the capitalists' repressive force is brought into play at the moment that individuals or masses violate the legal system erected by the ruling class to preserve their rule and insure the undisturbed enjoyment of the wealth they have gouged from the workers.

The repressive apparatus continues and grows, no matter who is elected President. And if by some weird chance in the carefully stacked U.S. election system a revolutionary body of Congressmen was ever elected and was able to legislate equality in this country, the state apparatus would be brought to bear against such a Congress. That is, the Army would be used by the capitalists to break up and disperse it.

The Army has been used to break up and disperse the black people in one demonstration or uprising after another during the past five years. There are black GIs in the Army, but that makes no difference to the Army's high command. As long as the GIs take the orders of the officers who are loyal to imperialism, the GIs are part of an imperialist army.

Sharp Repressions and Short Memories

Under capitalist "democracy" this almost absolute power of the state is kept hidden, like an iron hand in a glove. It is revealed only in a crisis, and everyone is surprised and stunned by the brutality of the suppression. Liberals blame "bad" political leaders, and the big politicians write memoirs for the next ten or twenty years explaining it, but meanwhile the capitalists save their system and begin duping a new generation of liberals and credulous radicals whose memories are short.

The Newark, Detroit, Watts and other repressions with scores of murders of black people were carried out in just this way. The 41 people killed in the spring of 1968 after Martin Luther King's assassination were killed in just this way. The sudden invasion of the Dominican Republic and ruthless suppression of its revolution by the U.S. Marines in 1965 was carried out in just this way. The attack on South Vietnam and North Vietnam under the orders of Presidents who ignored or half-ignored the dutiful hand-raisers in Congress was carried on in just this way.

These were all fascist acts carried out by an imperialist democracy. And they were all warnings that the distinctions between "fascism" and "democracy" are not quite so important as they once were, even though the distinctions are still there.

The state is operated pretty much by the capi-

Assassination

by Jacob Kisner

Can we say it's wrong

to sing Conspiracy

when Conspiracy

is the song?

Kennedy

King

Kennedy

talist politicians, by the assorted liberal, conservative, left-liberal and super-conservative politicians who in ordinary times argue among themselves to determine just how hard the state should crack down in a given case—to go to war abroad or shoot down people at home, etc.

And that's the best way for the capitalists because it allows the greatest flexibility and the most effective stability for their system.

Classical Fascism and Why They'd Rather Do It Democratically

Under classical fascism only one group of politicians wields the state apparatus—the most reactionary group. The capitalists themselves hesitate a long time before choosing it because it limits their own freedom of action and deprives them of some of their best methods of deceiving the masses. It also raises the question of revolution constantly in people's minds (even while it chains them against revolution), because it is such an open counter-revolution.

A military dictatorship is very similar to a fascist dictatorship in this respect. And it is, in fact, even more dangerous for the capitalists in some ways because the military, unlike the fascists, does not have a mass party of Brown-Shirts or KKKs to terrorize people for them on the grass-roots level. The military juntas can sometimes be overthrown with much less effort than a victorious fascist party, which so effectively demoralizes and confuses the workers and the oppressed generally.

The classical fascist "take-over" often looks like a revolution, precisely because only one section of capitalist politicians and one type of capitalist leader is entrusted with the actual running of the state. He has to kick the others out.

In such a case, the capitalists themselves usually come together behind the scenes and agree that Adolf or Benito or George will be their man. But this is only after the fascist pretenders have seemed to oppose the capitalists for a long time, during which, of course, they have pumped the masses full of anti-Semitism, anti-black-ism, super-patriotism and hatred of all other countries so as to line them up for the war many of the capitalists were themselves afraid of taking on, because of their fear of real revolution.

The more serious or consistent liberal politicians find it difficult to change their whole life-style and

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— A Letter From Prison

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Moreover, I continued, to divulge the names and addresses of ghetto militants, if one knew them, would only insure their arrest by police officials.

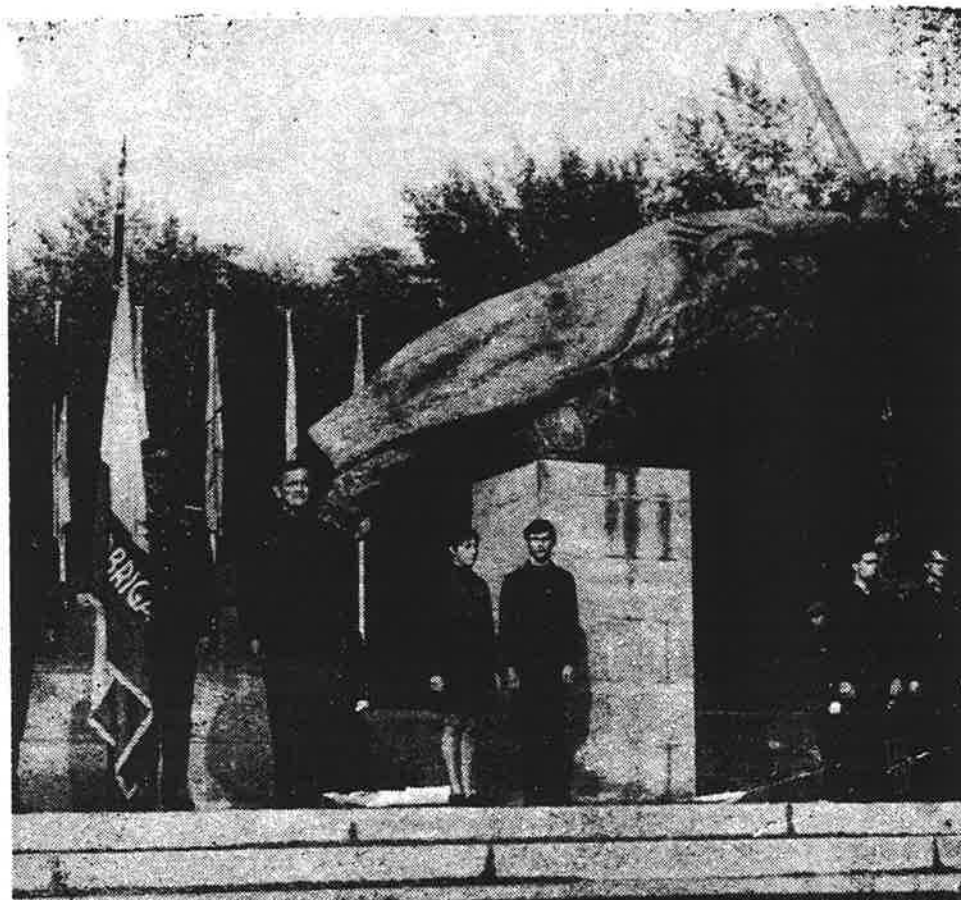
Undaunted by what he probably considered my stubbornness in view of his repeated protestations of sincerity and honesty, he then suggested a meeting in court on the following day between him, the "gang leaders" and myself—if any of the leaders were in the courtroom.

He said that he had noticed many neighborhood youths present at every court proceeding in my case and that possibly some of them were leaders and would be present at the hearing scheduled for the following day. He further stated that he could arrange a private room for the conference. Seeing this as an opportunity to talk with my friends in semi-privacy, receive news from the outside, expose the Uncle Tom and alert the community and militant youth, I told him that I would see him in court the next day and that he should have everything ready.

The next day (before I went to court) I had another visitor at the jail. Mr. Boccio, the public defender, came to reiterate Uncle Tom's offer and to

volunteer his office for the conference.

That afternoon Boccio made the necessary arrangements to use his office and he asked me as soon as I entered the courtroom if any of the young "gang leaders" were present? I told him no. Others were present, however, who would relate the message of negotiation to the leaders. Boccio asked me to pick out those who I wanted in the conference room. I picked out eight or nine friends including a spokesman for my Defense Committee and Geraldine. Uncle Tom did not appear in the courtroom that day. Before the conference got fairly under way, the same district attorney who, a few days earlier, had asked the court to set bail at \$50,000, now stuck his head in the room and announced to Mr. Boccio that he would not object if my bail was reduced to \$25,000. Mr. Boccio replied that he would make such application after the conference—this being an inducement and bribe for my cooperation. However, they were to be disappointed. I used this conference to my advantage to exchange news and views with my friends and to expose the trickery which the officials were employing to discover and jail the militants of the community and thus attempt to prevent the rumored recurrence of revolt that weekend....



Memorial in East Germany for Thaelmann Battalion which fought in Spain, 1936-39. It was composed of German Communists and sympathizers.

By D. Gordon

The fraud of capitalist democracy is nowhere so evident as in the history of voting rights for black people. The Nixon administration's voting rights proposal is only the latest ruling class fraud around this issue.

The Administration concealed the fraud in the following way: It proposed a nationwide ban on literacy tests as a requirement for voting, a nationwide ban on laws that require a certain length of residency in a state in order to vote in a Presidential election, authorization for the Attorney General to dispatch voting examiners and observers to any state, establishment of a national voting advisory commission to study voting discrimination and violations around the country.

Now doesn't that all sound just hunky-dory and like an improvement over the "historic" 1965 Voting Rights Act which was supposed to open up a new era of freedom for the black people, particularly in the South?

Behind the facade are the following facts:

In the 1965 Voting Rights Act all proposed election laws came under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Attorney General or a federal court in Washington. But the Nixon Administration's proposal contains the racist kicker that would place the administration of civil rights laws under the Justice Department, requiring the Attorney General to apply for an injunction against any discriminatory laws and practices in the federal court of the state where the discriminatory laws and practices were being enforced.



Tricky Dick wins nomination as U.S. Senator Thurmond (South Carolina) is happily thinking about what it all means, at right.

Thus if a case originated in a Southern state (and most of them do) the case would be tried not in Washington but in a Southern court, where the black people can be victimized with more impunity.

But, that is not all. The Attorney General (acting for the Nixon Administration) in proposing the Administration's new voting rights program opposed an extension of the 1965 Voting Rights Act when it expires next year. (Admittedly, the 1965 Voting Rights Act is very limited, is full of loop holes and is either not enforced by the fed-

eral government or is incapable of being enforced.) But that is not why the Administration opposed it extension.

The Administration opposition to the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the not so hidden reactionary nature of its own proposal would leave the door open to a roll-back of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Clarence Mitchell of the NAACP, testifying against the Administration proposal last week, charged that the Administration proposal might delay agreement on a bill until after the present 1965 Voting Rights Act lapses. "Then would come again the cross-burning and the slaying of the Negro who has no other desire than to vote," he said.

According to the latest reports from "Capitol Hill" the Administration bill appears to be headed for defeat. However, defeating the Administration bill is not a victory since it leaves the 1965 Voting Rights Act with all its defects in force—without any improvement.

Thus the racist status quo around the political football of voting rights for black people has been maintained with the added danger of a roll-back of the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

PROMISES, PROMISES

At the 1955 NAACP convention in Atlantic City, Nixon expressed great confidence and a resolve that there would be complete legal and social equality for all black people by 1965. In 1968, while campaigning for the Presidency, Nixon made a campaign promise (widely reported in the bourgeois press) to Strom Thurmond, racist Senator from South Carolina, re-

garding the issue of voting rights.

As has been the case since the white man first spoke with forked tongue to the Indians, stole their land and committed genocide against them, Nixon in the interests of the ruling class kept his promise, not to the black people at the NAACP convention, but to Strom Thurmond.

HOW TO MAKE 'CIVIL RIGHTS' STILL PHONIER

— Fascism

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become fascists. So they suffer. They are suddenly called "communists" or "crypto-communists." Even a few of the capitalists may continue to have serious objections to a complete iron lid on society and a strong hunch that the whole experiment will end in their annihilation one way or another.

Democrats Attack Anti-Fascist Struggle

To the extent that the "democratic" state is slower to destroy the revolution than the fascist state, to the extent that the "democratic" state is compelled by internal contradictions to allow the revolutionaries and their friends to mobilize their forces against the more fascist types who are aiming at the creation of a complete classical fascist state, of course, the revolutionaries must take advantage of that.

But one way of preparing for the fascists is to create armed detachments capable of dealing with them in their own language. And the capitalist "democrats" are fighting such ideas tooth and nail. They seem to be far more frightened of the revolutionaries than of the fascist counterrevolutionaries right now.

After the events at Cornell University this spring, the New York State Legislature immediately moved to change the law and prohibit the open possession of un concealed firearms. This was not because the KKK had burned a cross and threatened the lives of black students, but because black students had shown their willingness to fight back with rifles in hand.

U.S. Fascism Might Skip Some Stages Of German and Italian Varieties

The reason for using the words "classical fascism" again and again is that the sequence of events in Germany and Italy may not be exactly repeated in the United States.

There is a different kind of social crisis here and the imperialists are already using different political methods up on top, while they use the police-prison-assassination methods down below, even more than the fascists did before taking power in Germany. Here the police perform many of the functions of the Brown Shirts and in fact often have their own extreme right-wing political organizations with hardly any criticism from the Establishment they serve.

The main distinctive feature of classical fascism as opposed to the ordinary ruling class repression that has gone on for ages is the existence of mass parties of enraged middle class people who in their

impatience with the old-line politicians of the capitalist class want to throw them all out, calling them all communists, crypto-communists and Jews, etc. (But they don't plan to destroy the state—that is, the police, the courts, the army and substitute their own.)

These mass parties take to the streets, arm themselves, beat up the oppressed workers, the rebels, the communists, the real revolutionaries. And the revolutionaries take this from the counterrevolutionaries, because they think the "democratic" state, the police, etc., will protect them from the illegally armed fascist mobs.

But the state does not protect them. The capitalists begin secret dealings with the fascist leaders, allow themselves to be "taken over" and, of course, suddenly finance the fascist campaigns in a colossal way instead of on the relatively small scale of one or two "yahoo" type billionaires shelling out a few thousand dollars.

Then, when the fascists "take over," they do not disband the old army or the old police, but take the ready-made state of the capitalist "democrats" and give it a totalitarian uniform instead of a "civilian control" window dressing.

Gradually, in fact, they disband their own fascist bands (the Brown-Shirts, the Black-Shirts, etc.) because these bands have been told that the lower middle class is going to get big rewards -- which they do not get. And the fascist leaders keep only the elite guard of the most extreme and anti-popular thugs (like the SS men) for a paid palace guard, while the Hitlers and the Mussolinis wed themselves to the Army's old general staff to prevent new uprisings.

George Wallace's Brown Shirts and White Sheets Still in Suburbia

One tremendous difference today is that the middle class support of George Wallace, Barry Goldwater, etc., is mostly in the suburbs and is by no means ready to take to the streets and fight. It is purely an electoral reaction. It can be pushed over by determined revolutionaries of the left and in effect is pushed over whenever there is confrontation.

However, for that very reason, the capitalist class today is more and more dependent upon its police to do the job the Brown Shirts did in Germany in the late nineteen twenties and early thirties. And the police in the U.S. today are accordingly more vicious than the run-of-the-mill cops in Germany in the pre-Hitler period.

Classical fascism has an apparently anti-capital-

ist outlook. Considering the terrible poverty in Germany at the time and the appeal of Communism, it was very necessary for fascism to make this appeal and capitalize on the radical sentiments of great numbers of people who were impatient with the Communist Party (which already had millions of votes) for not making the revolution.

The Nazis called themselves National Socialists. The classical fascists in the United States today call the capitalist democrats "socialists!" There were elements of anti-establishmentism if not anti-capitalism in the Wallace campaign last year. But the capitalists do not seem to need this kind of fascist demagoguery in the U.S. today. The fascism in the U.S. is more like the fascism of South Africa in its rule of the black people, although of course more hypocritical.

The modern fascism is contained in a growing tendency to greater and greater repression by the "democratic" politicians, who seem to have little worry about using fascist methods, as long as they speak in the name of the Constitution. There is a constant tendency for imperialist democrats to turn themselves into fascist types whenever their system is challenged by the revolutionary masses or even a part of those masses — the black part, which is the case today.

Offensive Against Capitalist State Is Essence of Fight Against Fascism

It is always possible that at some turn of events the capitalists will resort to something very like the Hitler dictatorship and use the same tricks and devices right down to the Sam Browne belts and brown shirts.

But our way of fighting this and preparing the people for it is not so much by explaining all the ins and outs of classical fascism as it is by launching struggles against the capitalist class which is the source of this fascism in the first place. It is in the offensives against the capitalist state and the strong defensive struggles against the state's repressions and its terror campaigns that we can best mobilize the people to defeat fascism.

By educating the masses to have utterly no confidence in the "democratic" state, even while utilizing whatever "democratic" weapons are available, the leaders of the oppressed will get larger and larger legions in the army of revolution, will put the fascists on the defensive and smash them in the process of smashing capitalism itself.

The Liberal Rockefellers Buy a Piece Of the Right-Wing Action (A Piece of Marchi)

By ELLEN PIERCE

Ten days after the New York City mayoral primary was swept by the most right-wing candidates on the ballot, an interesting "coincidence" occurred.

"State Sen. John J. Marchi, the Republican candidate for Mayor apparently has a friend at Chase Manhattan," noted the New York Post on June 27.

The article reported that Marchi, out of almost 10,000 lawyers in the city, had been hired by the Rockefel-

lers' Chase bank just a week after his primary victory. He will represent the multi-billion dollar Chase Manhattan in a \$760,000 mortgage transaction.

The amount of money involved in this particular deal is not the important thing—anything under a million dollars is hardly worth discussing where the Rockefellers are concerned. What is significant is that the most powerful financial interest in the state (if not the country) is throwing some of its weight behind Marchi.

When Marchi and the "Democratic" counterpart, Proccacino, won the primaries, the bourgeois analysts were quick to point out the reactionary trend in mayoral elections. Los Angeles, Minneapolis and now New York have chosen openly anti-black candidates. This meant, claimed the analysts, that "the people want law and order."

But it is the financiers' backing of candidates who will carry out their policies and the ruling class' manufacture of racist "public opinion" that elects Yortys and Marchis.

The preponderant majority of monopolies and banks back the politics of

Johnson over the reactionaries' dream boy, Barry Goldwater, in 1964. Today, the decisive section of the ruling class is behind Nixon and his repressive policies. It is this class that molds and manipulates the ideology of the masses and not the "white backlash" that forces ordinary racist politicians to become super-bigots.

The "moderate Republican" Rockefellers—Nelson and David—are making up to Marchi, the right-winger. This does not stem only from the Rockefellers' loyalty to party candidates (they did not endorse Goldwater, and in fact Nelson Rockefeller all but called him a fascist at the time).

If the "backlash" vote had been purely a revolt of the backward, narrow-minded middle class taxpayer and not manipulated by the panicky ruling class, how easy it would have been for "liberal" billionaire Rockefeller to put Marchi, Battista, Yorty and the other candidates for fuhrer in their place!

All the Rockefellers had to do was tell the banks to close off their credit and the corporations to stop giving them

Rockefeller Plaza Fight:

Women's Liberation Liberates Draftees

By Deirdre Griswold

A group of women took a bold and inspiring step last week in the continuing struggle against the war. With careful and thorough planning and execution, they managed to enter an office housing 13 uptown Manhattan draft boards and destroyed a large proportion of the files.

Dossiers covering 200,000 draft-age men were scattered throughout the office, while classification record books used for cross reference were slashed up with a linoleum knife. After having done a thorough job of crippling the induction machine that turns young men into "government issue" (GIs), the women departed, leaving behind a leaflet explaining their action to the employees.

The following day, July 3, the group held a press conference at Rockefeller Center where they further explained their motivation and tossed handfuls of shredded classification files into the air.

"Those files were destroyed to decry the incredible continuation of death in Vietnam. Now, we bring file remains to Rockefeller Center to indict the insidious pattern by which American arms follow capital investment into the Third World," the women declared in a jointly issued statement.

They went on to "make clear the connection between overseas corporate involvement and American military and political intrusions into the affairs of Asia, Africa and Latin America. Corporations such as Dow, Standard Oil, Shell and Chase Manhattan—with offices here in Rockefeller Center—bear much responsibility for U.S. domination of those areas from which we profit. It is obvious how fiercely the recent Latin American protests against Rockefeller belie the "good will" policies mouthed by government and corporations in this country."

The statement was signed by Jill Boskey, Pat Kennedy, Valentine Green, Kathy Czarnik and Maggie Geddes. As these brave women identified themselves to the large crowd of supporters and onlookers, they were arrested by FBI men assisted by city police. Many members of the crowd tried to defend their sisters, however, and the cops had a hard time getting them into waiting police cars.

Arrested along with the first four signers of the leaflet were Mrs. Linda Forest and Barbara Webster, who apparently were seized because they helped scatter the sliced-up documents into the air. All were charged with illegal possession of Selective Service records and held on \$2,500 bail.

The courageous action of these women has helped add a new dimension to the existing women's liberation movement. They acted as women, attempting to counteract the chauvinist role of "comforters to the troops" foisted on women by the war-makers.

But they also acted with a clear anti-imperialist political line in solidarity with both their brothers who are sacrificed as cannonfodder and with the oppressed peoples of those nations raped by American corporations.

This attack on the draft, by its daring and imagination, should do much to dissipate male chauvinism among the anti-war masses.

THE SPOILERS

How the Pigs Pollute Their Own Pens (And Ruin Our World While Doing It!)

By LIBBY ROSS

Professor Morris Nelburger of the University of California predicts that in less than a century we will all be smothered in our own wastes—not suddenly, but by slow suffocation. Unless the bomb gets us first, he says, that's how the world will end—if not with a bang, then with a drawn-out whimper!

The professor has a point. Carbon monoxide from automobile exhausts threatens the cities and highways with lethal concentrations, and sulfur dioxide from burning coal is dumped into the atmosphere in enormous quantities. Coal burning in New York City alone belches out 300 pounds of sulfur dioxide per person every year. When combined with fog, it becomes the killer "smog." A smog disaster in London in 1952 killed 4,000 people.

If you really want to see what chemical erosion has done in New York City, go to Central Park and take a look at Cleopatra's Needle. When it was moved here in 1880 the hieroglyphs cut into its side were clear and sharp. Now, 89 years later, New York's acid bath has done more damage to the stone than 35 centuries of weathering in the Sahara. (And if it can eat away stone, what can it do to human lungs?)

We think of the cities as the danger spots for air pollution, and they are, but even the hiker cooking his steak on a campfire in the White Mountains gets some of it—more this year than last, and a lot more than thirty years ago. These by-products of 20th century industry just don't go away or disappear into outer space. Because we can't see them doesn't mean they aren't there. They keep on accumulating and spread around into every nook and cranny of the earth.

Insecticides, detergents, radioactive fallout, oil slick, dumped nerve gas and other chemical weapons are poisoning not only the air we breathe, but find their way into the underground waterways and eventually pollute the lakes and oceans. DDT has been found in the bodies of penguins in Antarctica.

(There are, of course, other ways to kill insects, but they are more expensive or must be carried out on a very broad basis and organized by the government itself.)

In spite of the fact that DDT has been outlawed in Michigan (it is rumored that there is already a thriving black market for it there), one hundred and thirty-eight million tons of this deadly chemical were sold in the United States in 1968, and there are 51 other toxic pesticides being manufactured and sold, some of them much more devastating than DDT. The stockpiles of all these dangerous compounds should be broken down chemically or buried in Fort Knox or some other impregnable tomb. But will they be?

Will the men who profit by an industry that sells 138 million tons of its product in one year stop making it just because it kills birds, fish and eventually people?

Will automobile manufacturers be willing to produce less cars—to cut back on production—while there's a booming market just because they're polluting the atmosphere?

Have the oil companies stopped pumping just because the leaks off the coast of California have killed thousands of fish, marine birds, and seals and ruined the beaches at Santa Barbara?

Have the armaments-makers stopped stockpiling H-bombs just because they could end the world with a big bang?

And will the U.S. government do anything meaningful about any of these things? Or will it continue cringing before the oil monopolies, the Lockheeds, General Motors and all the other capitalist giants? Will it handle all problems of pollution in the same hypocritical way it did the West Coast oil leaks?

To ask the question is to answer it.

Experts predict that the oxygen supply of the whole world (which is limited) will be materially altered in 30 years, perhaps irretrievably, in a way that will make breathing more difficult, even in the countryside, and cause the weather itself to be much worse than now.

All this may sound like small potatoes compared to the mass murder that takes place each week in Vietnam. And it is all too clear that the imperialist politicians and generals will blow up the world long before 30 years if they are not stopped by the revolutionary masses.

But the capitalists' spoiling of the wilderness, of the air, of the rivers and lakes (they're still working on the oceans) hurts even themselves and ruins the world for themselves as well as for us. Unlike the pigs who so unbelievably foul their own pens, the capitalists do this with the full knowledge that they are doing it and even read books about it.

People like that and a system like that aren't fit to live, let alone rule Vietnam—or the United States, either.

legal business and the political bosses to stop backing them. But instead, the Chase Manhattan gives Marchi a few thousand dollars as possible down payment for fascist services to be rendered.

It is all part of the ruling class shift to police-state measures to put down the black liberation forces, a shift in which yesterday's moderates are today's howlers for "law and order." And bankers, not "backlash," are behind it.

Suspense Story:

Will Revisionists Support Imperialist Lindsay in November?



Lindsay with Wagner, another liberal temporarily shelved by rulers.

NEW YORK—Mayor John V. Lindsay is reportedly starting his "own" party—i.e., his and those Morgan banks which are staying loyal to him.

Undoubtedly beaten by the appeal to racism and reaction in the New York Republican primary last month, he is still no slouch when it comes to racism himself.

Bragging about his own "law and order" record on TV a week before the primary and desperately trying to attract some of the racist vote, Lindsay explained how quickly he had sent carloads of cops to Harlem when there was the threat of a black uprising last year.

Since history has changed the Harlem voting pattern from Republican to Democrat, Lindsay knew he would get few black votes anyway.

His alleged "liberalism," like the liberalism of the Democrats, was simply aimed at better controlling the dissatisfied masses. But unlike the Democrats, he was in the unenviable position of not being able to cash in politically and get the votes of the people whom he is allegedly helping.

It begins to look, however, as though the old Social Democratic wheelhorses of the Liberal Party may get the cooperation of the revisionist fire horses of the Communist Party in galloping to his rescue this fall.

Rasheed Storey, CP candidate for Mayor, said the other day that he might withdraw from the race if a "fusion party" were to nominate Lindsay.

The CP doesn't seem to have learned in all these years that the Marchis and Procaccinos of this world are never beaten by the liberal John Lindsay, but only by the struggles of the masses themselves.

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Anti- Imperialism Enters an Anti-War Conference

SDS, YAWF Chant Ho, Ho, Ho Chi Minh at Student Mobe Confab

CLEVELAND, July 6 — A national Student Mobilization conference was made about 180 degrees more militant when 40 people marched behind an NLF flag to the platform and gave stirring speeches that were out of line with the generally pacifist mood of the organizers of the meeting, but shook up some of their more honest followers.

To a few catcalls by the more factional and more conservative youths present in the crowd of about 400, the revolutionary group chanted "Ho, Ho, Ho Chi Minh; the NLF is going to win!"

The 40 were composed of SDS and YAWF members who were trying to get the conference to support the coming Chicago demonstration on behalf of the Chicago 8 (who include Bobby Seale, Chairman of the Black Panther Party) who are charged with "conspiracy" for their part in the activities around the Democratic convention in August, 1968.

The demonstration is scheduled for September 28.

Colin Neuberger of SDS, Dave Gass of YAWF and Rick Erickson, SDS leader from Kent State University, spoke attacking the SMC leadership for copping out on the most militant demonstrations of the recent past. Besides the Democratic convention, they mentioned the anti-Wallace activities in Cleveland last fall, and the crucial anti-Inaugural demonstration in Washington.

The spokesmen also demanded that a workshop on the coming Chicago action be added to the conference agenda. The leadership agreed, but of course tried to stack the workshop in favor of less militant demonstrations.

SDS and YAWF, however, managed to restate their position to the general body and at all times kept the initiative, forcing the leadership to contend with their militant propositions.

Younger members of the audience were undoubtedly affected by the boldness of the speakers and the revolutionary content of the proposals of SDS-YAWF.

Militants Take Floor

CLEVELAND, July 5 — Mark Rudd headed a large SDS delegation at the anti-war conference of July 4 and 5 here, and presented the decision of SDS about going to Chicago for a big demonstration on September 27 under the following general slogans:

Withdraw Troops From All Colonial Countries, Including Black and Brown America; Support the Black Liberation Struggle; Support Political Prisoners; Free Huey Newton; Support GI Rights and Rebellions.

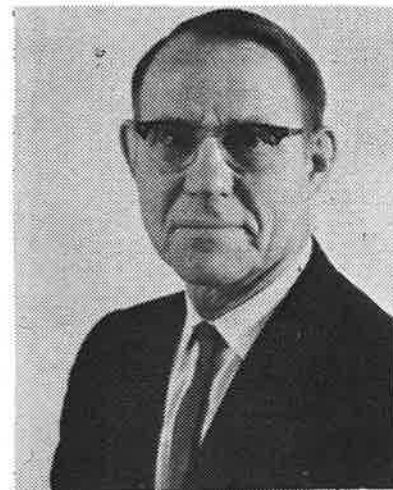
Youth Against War & Fascism supported the SDS position in a leaflet passed out to conference delegates and Ted Dostal supported the position on the floor of the conference.

An SWP-YSA caucus pressed hard for a demonstration in Washington on November 15, the action to be along the lines of the ancient parades of two or three years ago, allegedly calculated to get the greatest number of people in attendance by virtue of a simple "anti-war" (but not anti-imperialist or even anti-"Establishment") approach.

The gathering was still dominated by the old "Mobilization" forces led by Dave Dellinger and Sid Peck. These forces obliquely opposed SWP-YSA for their own reasons, and succeeded in ending the conference with the understanding that both the Washington and Chicago events were to have equal emphasis.

They hedged, however, on the question of slogans, even though they understood quite well that the general tone of the Chicago action was to be more militant. In the past they have shown a desire to keep a foot in both the bourgeois and the revolutionary anti-war camps, while the SWP openly and consistently dissociates itself from revolutionary methods of struggle.

The SDS forces failed to stay through to the end and press for a definitive position on this question. But it appeared to some observers that they had won as much as they could at this type of conference, anyway.



Ted Dostal

Dostal in Pulpit, Flays Cleveland Ruling Class

CLEVELAND, June 29 — The congregation of the East Cleveland Congregational Church heard an unusual sermon today.

Ted Dostal, steelworker militant, prominent anti-war fighter and friend of Black Freedom, spoke on the "Role of the Courts in a Racist Society."

He exposed the use of injunctions and cruel prison terms for disobeying these judge-made laws, particularly in the case of the supporters of the railroaded Ahmed Evans, when 25 were arrested and charged with contempt for demonstrating in behalf of the man who was given the electric chair for "conspiracy" to shoot three cops.

(Dostal was given six months, Mae Mallory a year, and others hit with terms from 15 days to six months.)

He stated that the courts are saturated with racism, the trials are racist and that only continued struggle for black liberation and black self-determination against a society that has a built-in racism can lead to freedom.

Celebrate NLF's War Of Independence

CHICAGO, July 4 — Over 300 people turned out today to declare their independence from the ruling class and its policies of more war, the stepped-up racist attacks on the black community and the political repression going on against those who are resisting the establishment.

The demonstration was sponsored by a coalition of organizations from the Lincoln Park area of the city, including Lincoln Park Town Meeting, Concerned Citizens Survival Front, Young Patriots and Youth Against War & Fascism.

A press conference was held to announce the march and rally. Bob Davis, chairman of the march, announced that Communities United Against the War would not seek to get a permit to march in the streets as he supported the principle that the streets belong to the people.

However, the police came out in such massive numbers that although many people were still willing to take to the streets, the sentiment seemed to be that the community would be better prepared next time for a confrontation.

The people assembled in front of the Concerned Citizens Survival Front office and from there marched to Lincoln Park. The marchers carried signs protesting the war, pointing out its effects here at home with the higher taxes, lower wages and urban renewal programs, as well as revolutionary flags (such as the "don't tread on me" banner carried during the Revolutionary war and NLF flags).

The rally included a speaker from the Chicago 15 (who burned draft files last month) and Bob Stewart, Chicago organizer for YAWF. The march and rally were part of the overall build-up for demonstrations in September, when the trial of the Chicago 8 (indicted on conspiracy charges after last year's Democratic Convention demonstrations) begins.

Brewery Workers Fighting Mad Against A Company That Makes Milwaukee Infamous

By AL STERGAR

MILWAUKEE, July 5 — The brewery workers have won a skirmish in their strike against the Schlitz, Pabst-Blatz and Miller-Gentleman plants here.

Their fierce struggle with the cops on the picket lines and the developing protest by the labor unions against the brutal police attacks have temporarily stopped the strike-breaking actions of the brewery owners.

But this was only after a bitter first-stage fight.

The wealthy Schlitz Brewing Corporation second only to Busch (Anheuser-Busch) dominates the city government and has breweries all across the country as well as seven plants abroad.

Schlitz is controlled by the Uihlein family, who owns 87 per cent of the stock and attempts to build up an image of public spirited citizens (sponsoring the Milwaukee July 4th Circus Parade, etc.). But they reveal their hostility to their own employees by refusing to bring wages and conditions up to those of brewery workers elsewhere. They give elephants to the people on the Fourth of July, but peanuts to the workers the rest of the year.

At one point the company decided that beer bottled before the strike would be loaded on freight cars and would be run through the pickets. The workers felt that if this were successful, the next step would be the hiring of strike-breakers, so they fought back hard.

For several days there was a battle to prevent the cars from leaving the Bottle House. The Milwaukee Police Department in full riot gear brutally attacked the strikers, arresting many pickets and got the scab beer out.

This use of cops against strikers just as they have been used against black people and against students resulted in a protest from the local

labor movement. The head of the Wisconsin AFL-CIO, John W. Schmidt, condemned the police violence and especially noted that the cops had singled out the black strikers.

The Executive Board of striking United Brewery Workers Union Local 9 then stated that they were going to call for a national boycott against Schlitz beer. And it now looks like the whole Milwaukee labor movement is mobilizing against the beer company.

The Schlitz bosses had thought they could break the strike because they believed that the union was weak, the leadership was soft and "responsible," and the labor movement was divided.

For years the craft union leadership and the production union leaders have ordered the men to scab on the other's union picket lines here.

It has been quite customary in this once "socialist" city for unions to ignore the struggles of striking workers. When the teachers at Milwaukee Technical College struck, only

token help was given them. But the situation is now changing.

What the beer bosses didn't foresee was that the workers themselves would respond so militantly to the strike-breaking moves, electrify the whole labor movement and put even the most conservative labor leaders on the spot.

Youth Against War & Fascism is distributing a leaflet to all the major factories in the city calling for solidarity with these brewery workers in their just battle with the company and the cops. The leaflet pointed out that the cops are used against workers just as they are used against the black people and students.

It stated that the labor leaders should "call upon all union men and women to leave their work places and assemble before the Schlitz Brewery Company" to support the embattled strikers. This call has received a very friendly response at shop gates.

A group of SDS militants is carrying on similar activity, effectively exposing the Uihlein family, listing its vast holdings and fascist record.



Navy Hits Seaman With the Smith Act -for Calling a Pig a Pig -American Servicemen's Union Defends Him

A young seaman apprentice and member of the American Servicemen's Union has become the seventh victim of recent Smith Act prosecutions in

the armed forces. The Navy has invoked the notorious gag and thought-control act against Roger Priest of the Washington, D.C.

Naval Station for articles that appeared in an underground paper called "OM, The Servicemen's Newsletter."

The charge sheet against Priest lists nine counts including: soliciting desertion; disrespect towards Gen. Earle G. Wheeler; the use of contemptuous words against L. Mendel Rivers (Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee); urging insubordination, disloyalty and refusal to duty by members of the armed forces; and sedition.

All the charges are based on articles which appeared in OM, some of which were reprinted from other movement papers.

The Navy brass is thus showing its contempt for free speech and free press, which are supposedly guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution and allegedly being fought for by U.S. GIs in foreign wars.

The specification of the charge that the young seaman was "contemptuous" of L. Mendel Rivers quotes from an article in OM entitled "Bobby Seale's Parable."

The parable tells of a very thirsty poor man who finds a stream at the foot of a mountain, but can't drink from it because it is full of filth. A second man explains that there is a huge hog standing in the stream at the top of the mountain.

"This hog," the man said, "is pissing and shitting in the stream and that is why it is so dirty. If you want a cool, clean drink, you must get that hog out of the stream."

The Navy's charge sheet goes on to quote from the moral to the parable: "L. Mendel Rivers. Get your ass out of that stream. You hear, boy?"

The charge of disrespect to Gen. Earle Wheeler, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, refers to an OM article entitled "Does This Pig Speak for You?"

"General Earle G. Wheeler, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, speaks for the power structure. He demands obedience. He says, you do as you're told no matter what it is. If he orders you to go to Vietnam and get killed you aren't supposed to ask questions. It's



GIs demonstrate at Nixon inauguration.

just your job to die for important people like him. And they're ready to fight. They're ready to fight to the last drop of YOUR blood.

"He and his kind are the power behind every rotten officer and lifer.

"He says, I and the people that count give the orders, son; you just do what you're told and shut up about it and say sir when you're talking to an officer."

The Smith Act hasn't been used against civilians since the days of the McCarthy witch-hunts. However, Priest is the seventh enlisted man to be charged under this act since the Pentagon began to get worried about rising anti-war sentiment among GIs.

Particularly disturbing to the military brass is the audacity shown by the young men in uniform who are spreading anti-war, anti-officer literature to their eagerly interested buddies. OM typifies a rash of GI newspapers that are punchy, bold and nail the brass where it hurts.

Civil liberties attorney David Rein, who has handled several cases for the GI union, will defend Priest.

Who Rules

CANADA From
'Commonwealth' to
U.S. Colony

-----the Empire?



Rockefeller's provocative trip to Latin America has served to remind everyone that U.S. domination over Latin America is not only very real and very oppressive, but is very much hated by the Latin American people. From Mexico to Argentina, with the exception of free Cuba, the hemisphere is under the heel of U.S. occupation. Though it is less generally known here, this U.S. occupation also extends north to the vast colonial province of Canada.

All Canadians know it, if U.S. citizens do not. The Canadian government, in an attempt to appear to be concerned about the "problem," sponsored a 427-page document last year, called "Foreign Ownership and the Structure of Canadian Industry." The economist who headed the group which prepared the report, Melville Watkins, disclosed in an interview to the New York Times (1/20/69) that "Canada has the highest, greatest extent of foreign ownership and control—it is predominantly American—of any country in the world. We have something like half of our manufacturing industry under foreign ownership and control, on the order of two-thirds of our mining and smelting, petroleum and gas industries. We have very, very high ratios in automobiles, rubber, chemicals—ratios that in some cases approach 100 per cent."

MORE DOLLARS HERE THAN ANYWHERE ABROAD

In a rough way, the magnitude of U.S. ownership and control of Canada can be seen from the figures of U.S. investments abroad. According to Time Magazine (12/29/67), U.S. corporations' total direct investment was \$64.8 billion in that year. It was distributed like this—\$12.9 billion invested in all of Latin America, \$20.2 billion in all of Western Europe, \$12.4 billion in Asia, Africa and Australia, and in Canada alone, \$19.3 billion. (On a per capita basis, there is 20 times more U.S. capital in Canada than in Latin America.)

(While the national and class oppression of Canadians by the U.S. is very great, it is, of course, not as brutal and destructive as is the U.S. onslaught against Latin America, Asia, Africa and the Arab world.)

The exploitation of Canada, of its natural and human resources, is gigantic. In 1967, the New York Times disclosed there was a total (both direct and indirect investments) of \$25 billion in capital there. Each year, almost half a billion more is invested. The profits withdrawn exceed the new investments, spurring still larger investments and still larger profits. The wealth of Canada that remains for the Canadian people becomes less and less.

According to the May-June 1969 issue of Progressive Worker, published in Vancouver, B.C., Canada, a comparison of Canadian income levels to those in the U.S. reveals their "status as an economic colony."

"The latest figures at hand are those published by the Economic Council of Canada about two years ago," says PW. "Placing the U.S. average at 100, the report showed the comparative standing to be: Ontario 83; British Columbia 80; Prairies 71; Quebec 62; Maritimes 47." Only the poverty-stricken southeastern states of Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia had average income levels slightly lower than Canada's highest region—Ontario. PW points out that since prices are higher in Canada, real incomes are still lower.

While the Canadian people live with depressed income levels, the U.S. monopolies there are not complaining. For example, in the province of Alberta, the oil companies of Standard, Gulf, Shell and Texaco own all the refineries and control 86 per cent of the retail gasoline distribution. Litton Industries of California, the close ally of the fascist junta in Greece, has moved into Canada on a large scale. The monopolies don't limit themselves to plundering natural resources and exploiting workers; in one case Gulf Oil Co. (in the form of a subsidiary) received \$10 million from the Canadian government as a subsidy.

THE MARINES HAVEN'T LANDED . . . YET

Because the U.S. controls the world capitalist market, Canadian farmers can sell only a small fraction of the grain they produce. They are even being squeezed out by the U.S. in a more direct way. At a farmers' convention in Saskatchewan, a resolution was unanimously passed asking for the ban of all land sales to U.S. buyers. U.S. holdings have already reached menacing proportions there.

In recent years, as U.S. capital has penetrated the Canadian financial and banking circles, elements of the Canadian bourgeoisie have reacted. As laws to restrict the operations of U.S. banks in Canada were being debated in Parliament (a normal exercise of national sovereignty), the U.S. State Department sent "urgent" notes of "protest" to the Canadian government and provoked a major scandal. (The branch of First National City Bank that provoked the crisis by its aggressive expansion evidently forgot it was in Montreal, not Saigon.) The Canadian bankers retain a semblance of independence, and U.S. crudities that give away the show are bitterly resented.

That the Marines haven't landed in Canada yet is only due to the fact that they haven't had to. But that they would, if it was necessary "to protect U.S. interests" there, is confirmed by this AP dispatch from Washington:

"Senator Russell B. Long . . . said Tuesday in the Senate it is conceivable that the U.S. and Canada may some day be at war with each other.

"When (Senator) Proxmire asked if he were serious, Long replied the war was entirely conceivable.

"He said that if anyone had said 20 years ago that war between the U.S. and Cuba was a possibility, he would have told him he was dreaming."

Senator Long's analogy was a good one. He and his colleagues have been awakened by the rude shock of a war for national liberation. Cuba is the first free territory in this hemisphere, and it certainly won't be the last.

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