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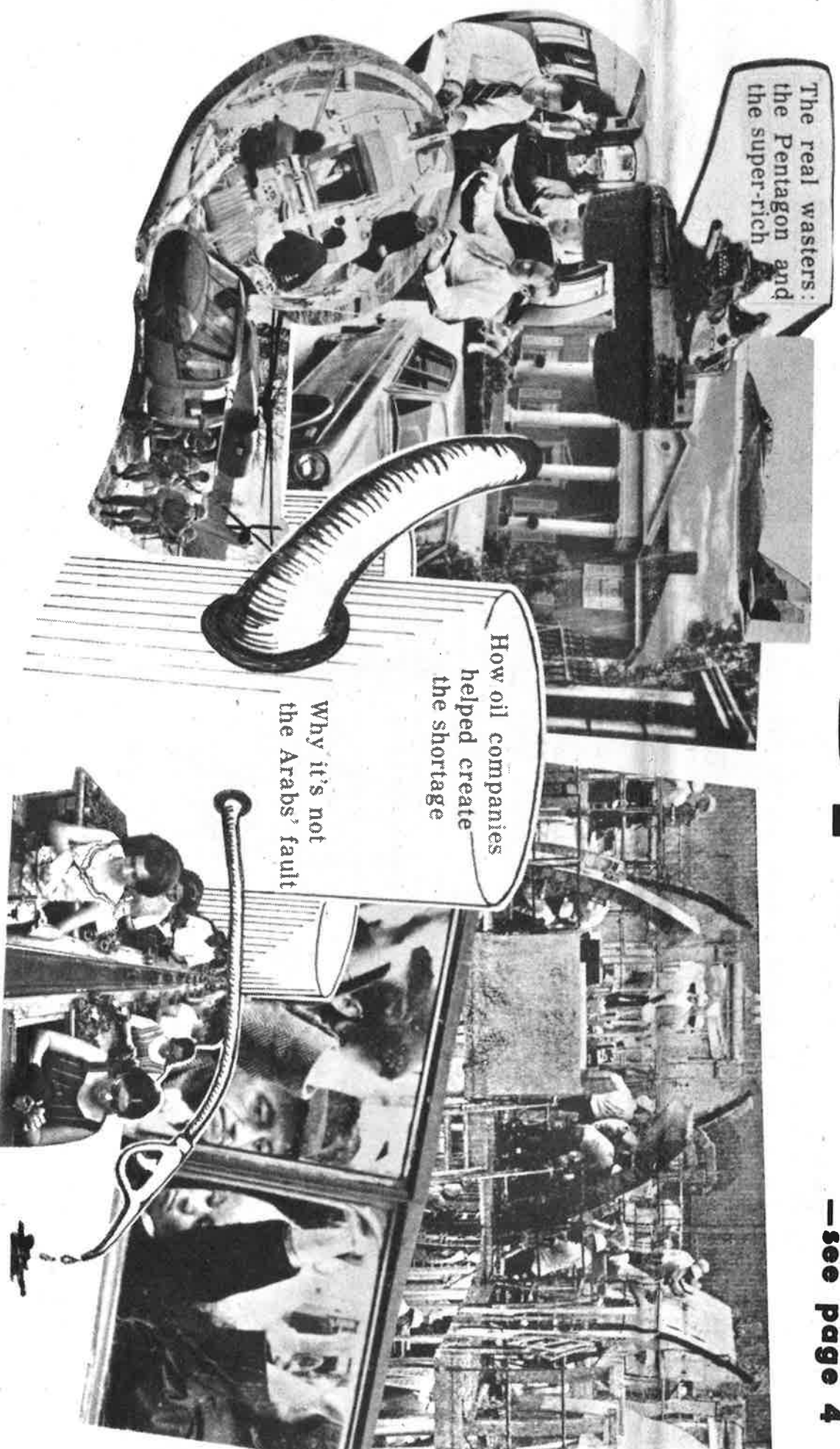
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GI union alerts troops to danger of military coup

NOVEMBER 15—Is Nixon contemplating a military coup? Syndicated columnist Jack Anderson disclosed today: "One of President Nixon's earliest acts after he moved into the White House was to draw up contingency plans for the call-up of federal troops in case of a domestic crisis. . . . Some high officials, aware of Nixon's belligerent attitude toward his Watergate critics, wonder whether he would use his emergency power to hang on to the presidency if he should be faced with impeachment. . . ."

"The plans are ready for him to declare a state of emergency, meanwhile, if he should choose. The details of the military takeover are laid out in classified contingency plans known

collectively as 'Garden Plot.' "

Anderson has got hold of a Xerox copy of the coup plan with the words "approve" and "good planning" written in Nixon's handwriting in the bottom margin.

This Anderson article, which refers to "the worried whispers (about a coup) which have been heard at the highest levels of government," comes hard on the heels of accumulating evidence that Washington is seriously considering such a contingency as a way out of the present crisis.

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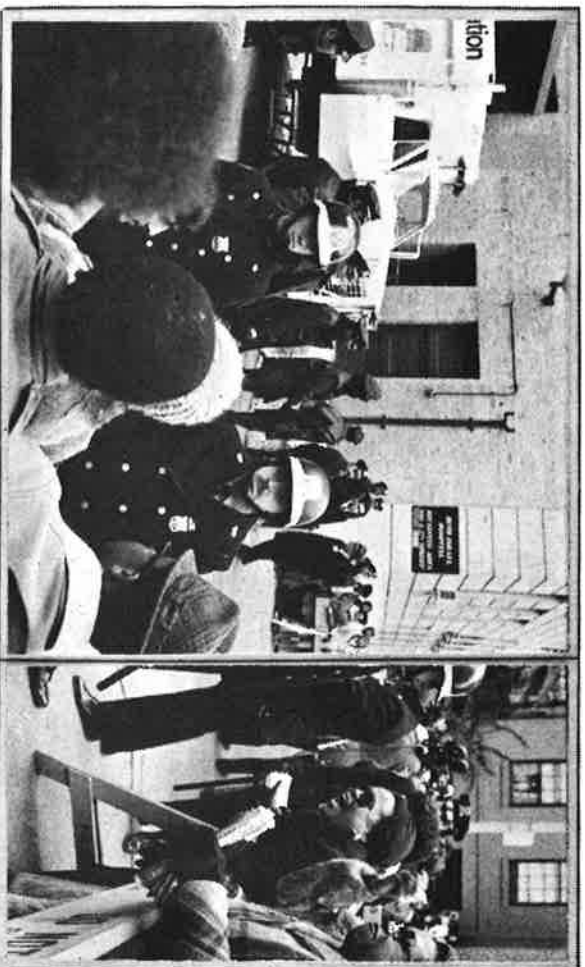
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Pay Board robs hospital workers of \$3 raise

By an 1199 rank-and-filer
NEW YORK, Nov. 12—Since last Monday this city has been the scene of a bitter struggle between 30,000 hospital workers and a staggering array of opponents including the League of Voluntary Hospitals (management), the Federal Cost of Living Council (Nixon), the federal courts, and the mass media. Today, the workers returned to their jobs, having been issued an ultimatum by the Council to accept a 6 percent raise or else.

The workers, organized into Local 1199 of the Drug and Hospital Workers, hit the bricks last Monday morning at 48 area hospitals and nursing homes to dramatize their demand that Nixon's Cost of Living Council immediately approve the 7.5 percent wage increase which the union had supposedly won through arbitration in June of 1972. A previous wage increase was delayed 11 months by the Council and the union warned it would not tolerate another long delay this year. The November 1



WW photo: Dick

W. Hartford mayor tells Puerto Ricans to stay out

By MARK DORAN

The racism of a big-shot mayor in West Hartford, Connecticut, has caused an explosion in the Puerto Rican community. Mayor Ellsworth Grant has taken his place alongside the Yortys and Rizzos of larger cities.

The storm started when Mayor Grant was quoted as saying: "There is no room here for people who cannot work in the types of jobs we have." When asked to elaborate he said, "The Puerto Rican people, for instance."

The community's reaction of outrage caused the mayor to make what he thought was a "clarification." He said it was an "economic problem," and that anyone was welcome provided they could work in the city—in other words, those who are "qualified" to work as executives in West Hartford's insurance industry. While refusing to meet with a prominent Puerto Rican community leader, Grant told reporters: "The matter is closed." The mayor is right that it is an economic

problem, but that only probes at the root of the mayor's racism. First there is the economic problem of the mayor himself and his financial backers in the big insurance companies who hold the economic life of the city in their pocket. In terms of concentration of wealth, insurance companies are the largest nonindustrial corporations.

Then there is the racist discrimination against the Puerto Rican people, who are written off by big business as fit only to work in sweatshops and factories or to form part of the army of the unemployed.

To their plight, Grant arrogantly replies, "They are going to have to stay in the core city or go back where they came from." In other words back to Puerto Rico—which has been invaded by the very moneymen who won't let Puerto Ricans live in West Hartford!

Mayor Grant, you and your friends in the insurance industry are the economic problem, and the day will come when the workers, Black, Puerto Rican, and white, will take matters out of your hands.

deadline set by the union for Council action passed with the Council indicating that it had no intention of meeting on the issue until after Thanksgiving. The workers, however, felt they had waited long enough. Their wage increase was supposed to begin July 1.

The Council, as well as the League of Voluntary Hospitals, the federal courts, and the media, have come down heavily on the strikers. Daily reports issued by the League on hospital conditions here have been calculated to portray the striking workers as bloodthirsty and drunken brawlers who are indifferent to the welfare of the patients. The administrators and professionals found it very difficult to provide even minimum service without the workers, but instead of putting pressure on the Council to come through with the full increase or, better yet, granting the wage increase in anticipation of a favorable Council ruling, the League attacked the union.

This sudden concern for the patients smelled very fishy to the workers and there is a strong feeling that the League knew in advance that the agreement it reached with the union would be overturned by the Council. Of course, this is just the way Nixon planned it when he announced that the Council would oversee wage increases for health workers and other underpaid workers, especially in industries where a majority are nonwhite (between 70 and 80 percent of Local 1199's members are Black and Latin) and female (70 percent of the members are women). Nixon had the mandatory 5.5 percent wage guidelines continued in these industries while they were made voluntary for other workers.

The newspapers made it abundantly clear whose side they were on. All week they interviewed "overworked" administrators and "fireless" doctors and portrayed them, as well as the patients, as victims of the "selfish" workers. In fact, the workers let through all crucial supplies such as blood and oxygen and, in spite of the propaganda against them, won widespread sympathy among other workers in New York City for their struggle against skyrocketing living costs.

In ordinary times, these workers, who take care of maintenance, laundry, food, cleaning, and other jobs which have little prestige, are continuously told how unimportant they are and are treated with little respect by the big wigs. But the strike has made it clear that without them, the hospitals cannot function. It has also exposed the racism, sexism, and elitism of the administrators and professionals, many of whom brake down under pressure of doing hard work for the first time in their lives, things the workers do every day. And it was a real joke to hear those doctors, many of whom put their biggest efforts into improving their golf games, saying that the workers don't care about the patients. Unlike these overpaid labor fakers, the workers are there with the patients every day, get to know them well, and work to make their hospital stays truly comfortable and pleasant.

As if the hostility of the League and the press weren't enough, Federal District Judge Robert L. Carter issued a restraining order against the strike and leveled fines of \$500,000 on the union, additional penalties of \$25,000 per day for each day the strike continued, \$10,000 on union head Leon Davis, and similar fines on 14 other union officials. No such penalties were leveled against members of the Cost of Living Council, though it brazenly defied the court's order to meet on Saturday. Could the collusion of the various agencies of the bosses' government be any clearer?

The sisters and brothers of Local 1199 met the barrage of attacks with courage and unity. Strike support was 99 percent with strong lines at all the hospitals.

The Cost of Living Council ruling is a racist attack on low-paid workers and a threat to the whole process of collective bargaining. Nixon has bailed out an individual employer using the whole power of the capitalist government. But the workers know very well that this was not the final battle. They are madder than hell and even now are planning strategy for the next clash, which may come when the present contract expires next June.

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response was to knock the reporter to the ground.

Threatening indictments against Armstrong supporters, the police are trying to crush the new wave of protest that has grown out of this trial. Armstrong used his trial to expose the crimes of the U.S. government. More than 40 Vietnam veterans, scholars, and political prisoners were called to the stand to testify to the atrocities committed against the Vietnamese people by the U.S. military.

As Karl was taken away, he raised his clenched fist in the air and shouted, "Carry on with the revolution!"

Rodney Haymes

Prisoners Solidarity Committee, Buffalo, N.Y., Nov. 8:

Each year witnesses a strike or rebellion by prisoners in one or another U.S. prison, jail, or stockade. The causes behind these justified and daring acts are universally the same: rotten and criminal conditions.

Clinton Prison in Dannemora, is no different. The conditions there have been brought before the eyes of the world by the prisoners on numerous occasions, in every arena of struggle and on every level. Yet, nothing has changed.

Recently, however, a legal victory has been won from the federal court of appeals. Reversing a decision of U.S. District Judge Foley, it recognizes the validity and merit of a class action suit instituted by eight Clinton captives, seeking relief against criminal brutality on the part of the prison administrators.

The suit was initiated through the efforts and legal knowledge of Brother Rodney Haymes, a jailhouse lawyer who had been held in the notorious Unit 14, a segregation unit, for half a year. He has been deprived of full food rations, beaten to unconsciousness, gassed, maced, forced to submit to rectal examinations at whim, and otherwise tortured.

Rodney's plight, like that of the others who are imprisoned with him—Antonio Cruz, Mark Frasier, Anthony Seales, Thomas Grey, David Lavilla, Arvon Sanders, Wilmar Brown, Jake Elmore, Albert

—Post strike

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to seal off the building, even though there were by then approximately 200 District of Columbia police outside.

About 2:00 a.m., three trucks tried to leave the building. They did need heavy police protection. For the printers thought they might be taking galleys to the other D.C. paper, the Washington Star-News. So they smashed a few windshields and tried to throw nails under the tires. They also busted a huge plateglass window in the Post building.

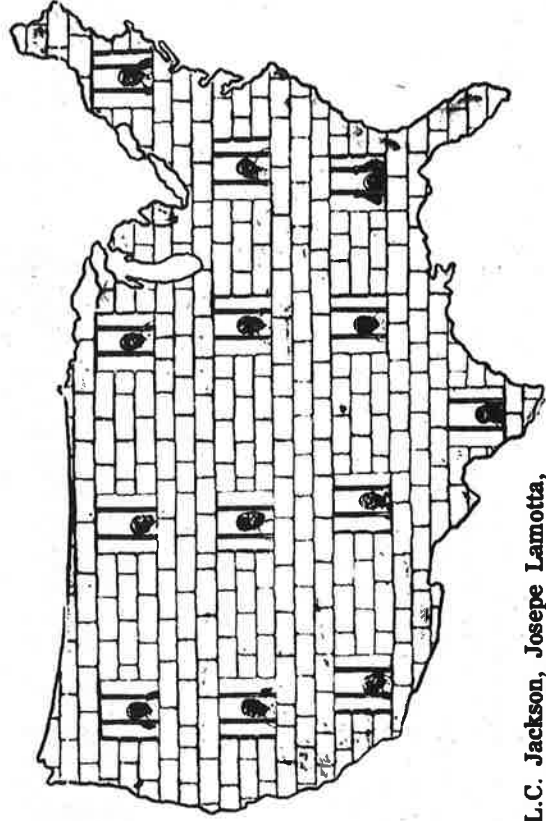
Finally, the Post gave in on the rehiring of Pacilla, because the other craft unions had so strongly backed up the printers. All the scabs had been able to do was put out a street edition late Monday morning. And, then, the union printers had managed to sabotage some parts of the story on the strike—the parts they disagreed with.

Although a brother had been rehired, the other jobs were still in danger, and the printers didn't like this kind of settlement. But, after three days of talking, union officials got them to go back in on Monday, November 5.

Twelve members face charges of criminal contempt of court. The union lawyer refuses to defend them, but says he'll help them find lawyers. The Post is also pressing a \$500,000 grievance against the union, in spite of the fact that its misleaders had tried harder to help the Post than to help their own members.

A battle has been won. But it is only the first. The workers know that unity and militancy pay off, and that they can fight to keep from being laid off separately and gradually, in order to win the bigger struggles that lie ahead.

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McQueen, L.C. Jackson, Josepe Lamotta, and others—had been known to a few people on the outside. Their letters protesting Foley's prejudicial rulings and efforts to put pressure on the Department of Correction, have helped force the appeals court to act.

However, instead of granting any concrete relief, the court went no further than to return the suit to the original court for an evidentiary hearing, which will be presided over by none other than Judge Foley!

The fact that the courts agreed to hear the case at all shows that if enough pressure is mobilized, a victory for all prisoners and progressive people may be won. The courts themselves, however, cannot be relied upon to protect the constitutional rights of prisoners or other oppressed peoples.

The prisoners are appealing to the public to offer the widest possible campaign of support for this suit.

Individuals or organizations that can be of help in any way (financially, legally, or by transporting lawyers and relatives to Clinton), or who want a speaker on prisons or more information, please write or call Project for Prisoners Rights, 123 Stadium Place, Syracuse, New York 13210. Letters in support of the suit and protesting the criminal conditions allowed to continue while the courts pass the buck should be sent to Judge Foley, Peter Preiser, Department of Corrections, and J. Edwin La Valle, Superintendent of Clinton.

Free all Unit 14 prisoners!

—'Energy crisis'

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battle in the long-protracted war in the Middle East. Israel, armed to the teeth by the U.S. imperialists, is acting as an agent of these very same oil companies. The issue is clouded in a lot of people's minds as an Arab-Jew conflict. But the Arabs and the Jews lived together peacefully in that area for two thousand years. It was only after the discovery of oil in this century that the conflict began.

Since the ceasefire the Arab countries have turned to another weapon to get Israel and the U.S. off their backs—the oil embargo. Even though it's costing them a lot of money in oil revenues, they feel it may force the U.S. into making a few concessions from what has been a consistently anti-Arab position.

This embargo alone wouldn't cause the "energy crisis," however. Before the recent war, official figures put the amount of Mideast oil used in the U.S. at only 6 percent of total consumption! But a huge percentage of Mideast oil was being used to operate U.S. ships and planes in Asia. Since the embargo, are they diverting our heating oil to the Seventh Fleet and the Thailand-based B-52s?

WE CAN FIGHT THE OIL BARONS!

The Arab people are entitled to enjoy the fruits of their labor and their resources, just as the American people are entitled to the same rights. But we're both being robbed, lied to, and threatened with loss of our livelihood by the same enemy: the billionaire corporations who control the economy, the government, and generally lord it over this society.

And now they're even trying to panic us

prison (where racism and brutality are more prevalent).

Had the trial continued, Dim would surely have been convicted and would have received a stiff sentence, to be served in a state prison, without any recourse until an appeal came through.

Were it not for the fact that Dim-Mak is a Black man who, in addition to being poor, is virtually unknown, he may never have been indicted on this trumped-up charge. Carol Rosenberg

Letter

Federal Prison, Springfield, Mo.:

The Palestinian Arabs and the Amerikan Indians' historical plights are distinctive but sufficiently analogous to make a comparison.

Both of these people were forcefully ejected from their homes and lands, the Indian nations by treaties they could not read and the Palestinian Arabs by a U.S. resolution in which they had no voice.

The Indians were relegated to reservations under wretched and stone age conditions and the Palestinian people to refugee camps under miserable, inhuman existence. Similarly, the U.S. government has played a role in each, directly in the cases of the native Indians and indirectly via Israeli colonialism towards Palestinians.

While for over a half-century the Jewish people suffered anti-Semitic persecution culminating in ferocious genocide, they were undeniably justified in seeking a sanctuary. But the manner in acquiring this refuge from racism and the aims of the "State" must be called into question.

The governments run by representatives of the owners of industrial finance capital must be distinguished from the people. The capitalists' and people's interest are diametrically opposed. Therefore, the only solutions are the liquidation of these governments (such as the U.S. government and the Zionist rulers of Israel), and the arrangement of society in accord with the aspirations of its people. Without a doubt, the conflict in the Middle East is not Jews vs. Arabs, but capitalism vs. self-determination.

Odell Bennet, 85504132

—Saxbe

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wave of protests over the U.S. invasion of Cambodia.

William Saxbe, as a Senator from Ohio, a close collaborator with former Ohio Governor James Rhodes (who ordered the National Guard out at Kent State), and a life-long member of the National Guard itself, is sure to do his best to squash any real investigation of the Kent State case.

But then, that's what his new job is all about—to prosecute the poor and oppressed and protect the wealthy criminals.

into a greater war in the Middle East. But one thing is for sure: the American people could only suffer even more terribly from such a war.

What can we expect for the future? Only this: that the arrogance, greed, and recklessness of the oil barons will create such anger among the working and poor masses that we will finally get the opportunity to fight together, as one class, for a world where the resources of this beautiful planet can be enjoyed by all its peoples and monopoly capital will be only a category in the history books.



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Notes from fascist Chile: terror and resistance

(Reprinted from Tricontinental News Service)

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 27 (TNS)—A Chilean Army patrol fell into a guerrilla ambush near the agricultural city of Osorno, 550 miles south of Santiago, official sources in Chile admitted today.

There is no reliable information on the number of casualties or the size of the guerrilla force.

Lt. Col. Lizardo Abarca Maggi, chief of the Osorno state of siege zone, confirmed that sabotage is being carried out in the countryside by "former Marxist agents thus far unidentified but uncovered by military intelligence."

The Santiago daily newspaper El Mercurio, which repeats the official point of view, has also reported that the Army faces both guerrilla forces and sabotage.

Interior Minister General Oscar Bonilla stated Wednesday that the Army is expecting to meet increased resistance. "They are reorganizing," he said, referring to the popular forces. "They have arms and they are going to use them."

The Chilean Navy has issued an urgent call to Marine Corps reservists who were

trained under compulsory military service between 1971 and August 15 of this year. They are required to present themselves or be court martialled.

The Army and Air Force have mobilized their reserve officers. The Carabineers are calling for volunteers.

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Editor's note: The following letter was sent to Workers World by The Daily Texan. It is from a person living—hunted by the junta—underground in Chile. The Daily Texan staff stated that it saw the original letter and its envelope postmarked in Chile to verify its authenticity. The letter is excerpted below.
Dear Friends:

I sincerely hope that this letter reaches you even though I doubt it very much because the military dictatorship violates correspondence and censors all information. Keep this in mind, and in your future correspondence to the friends whom you have in Chile avoid any comments that might compromise people who are already scared.

From north to south the country is plagued with concentration camps with thousands of political prisoners, "prisoners

of war" the gorillas (gorillas is a derogatory Latin term for military dictators) say, who are summarily tried by the military war tribunals.

It is deplorable to see how freedom has disappeared to be replaced with the most cruel dictatorship. Frankly, it seems like we are living a nightmare. It's to be expected that the bosses are happy; instead of strikes and petitions by the workers and peasants, there are bullets. Instead of lines to buy merchandise there is an astronomical rise in the prices, which favors the industrialist and the rich. The masses are suffering unemployment, hunger, jail and death.

You where you are can help by telling everybody the truth and unmasking the North American Government before its people. We know that the North American people are honest. But their government favors the outright nazism to insure the profits of the big monopolies and it is not concerned with how many people may suffer or die. We know that Nixon will give \$200 million worth of arms to the Chilean "gorillas"; I hope that American people, in whose basic goodness I trust, will impede this.

We will continue to combat the dictatorship on the military front; democratic alternatives no longer exist. Everything, absolutely everything is controlled. The universities are not autonomous; their rectors are military men. The leftists and democratic professors are imprisoned. Students are being re-registered and many have been forced out of the university. Other courses of study have been eliminated forever. The conservative press is all that circulates and under military censorship at that. In spite of this situation, the Interamerican Press Association (SIP) is shameless enough to affirm "finally freedom of the press has returned to Chile." It makes you want to laugh but you also rage at your impotence.

We have two alternatives now: either we defeat the nazi generals, or they receive sufficient military aid from the United States government to turn our country into a new Vietnam.

I know that in the end, after untold sacrifices, we will win. A handful of international capitalists backed by a nazi military on foreign salaries cannot subjugate the majority of the Chilean people.

Imias hijacked in Canal Zone

By MARK DORAN

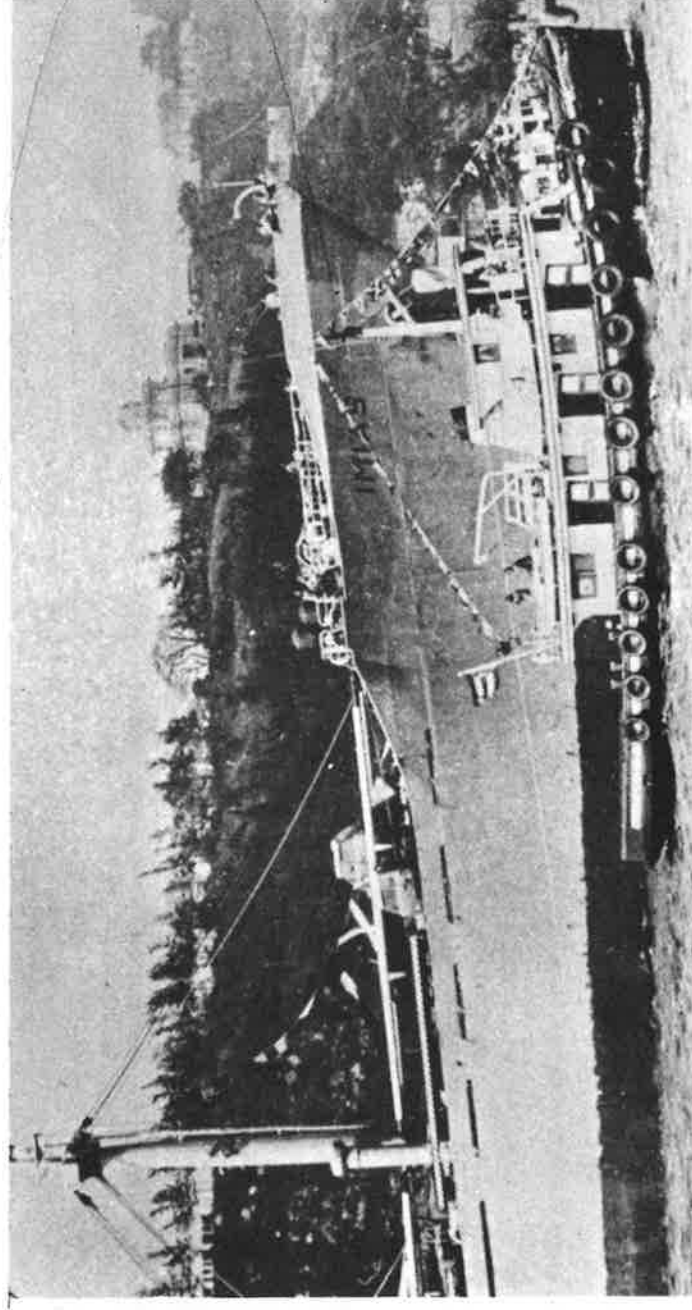
Two ships, the Cuban freighter Imias and the USSR's William Foster, seized on October 2, have finally been released after being held in the Panama Canal Zone by U.S. authorities at the behest of the Chilean military junta. The forcible holding of the two ships not only constituted an act of piracy by the U.S. in international waters, but also exposed the criminal collaboration between U.S. imperialism and its client, the bloody dictatorship of Chile.

The Foreign Ministry and National Assembly of Panama had condemned the seizures as illegal and in disregard of Panama's sovereignty. The Panamanian government charged the U.S. had violated its own agreements with respect to the operation of the canal, which include commitments that the canal will never be blockaded and that no hostile act against ships will be undertaken.

The crew of the Imias conducted itself in a heroic manner, refusing to cooperate with U.S. authorities. As U.S. gunboats circled the Imias 24 hours a day, the crew painted on the side of the ship this inscription: "Comrade Fidel, we await your orders." They announced that they would refuse to surrender the ship, even if that meant sinking it in the middle of the canal.

Nor is this the first time these Cuban sailors have stood up to U.S. threats. The Imias was one of two Cuban ships that elected to enter Haiphong harbor with supplies for the North Vietnamese people even after Nixon announced the harbor was about to be mined. The ship remained there for months, through some of the worst bombing of the war.

The seizure of the Cuban ship was carried out on the pretext that Cuba owed the Chilean junta a shipment full of sugar. What actually happened was that the Imias turned back from making the delivery when the fascist military takeover took place in



Bravo, crew of the Imias! — heroes of Haiphong harbor and the Panama Canal.

September. It narrowly missed having to fight its way out of Chile—as happened to another unarmed Cuban freighter, the Playa Larga, which was followed into international waters by the fascists' gunboats and planes and fired on repeatedly, sustaining heavy damage.

The "Canal Zone," an outright U.S. colony, constitutes gross interference in the internal affairs of Panama, as a little history from the past 70 years will show. In 1903, "Big Stick" Teddy Roosevelt tried to bully Colombia (of which present-day Panama was then a part) into agreeing to build a canal. When Colombia refused,

photo: Cuba Internacional
percent of that). An added bargain is that U.S. warships passing through the canal pay nothing.

Not satisfied with stealing the Canal Zone from the Panamanians, the U.S. has used various pretexts for armed raids against the people. There were interventions by U.S. troops in 1886, 1916, and 1925. Then, in 1964, when the illegal raising of the American flag over the Canal Zone by some North American hoodlums caused a spontaneous reaction by Panama's masses, U.S. troops killed 20 Panamanian citizens and wounded 500 more.

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NLRB sues supporters of Farah strikers

Special to Workers World
 ROCHESTER, N. Y., Nov. 12—The National Labor Relations Board for the upstate N. Y. region today failed to win an injunction against the Center for United Labor Action (CULA) in the Federal District Court in Rochester which would have barred any and all activity in support of the Farah strikers. Sibley's, a department store that Rochester CULA has been picketing and boycotting for carrying scab Farah slacks, filed the initial complaint with the NLRB. The temporary stay of an in-

junction goes back to court, however, on Monday, November 19.
 The Center views this as an extremely important political attack by the anti-labor Nixon administration. It reflects a racist conspiracy on the part of Nixon and the Farah Manufacturing Co., using the NLRB as a cover, to break the Farah strike. Furthermore, although focusing on the Rochester CULA, the NLRB's move is seen as an attempt to prevent this independent labor organization from supporting on a nationwide level the just struggles of the

workers and the oppressed. Particularly, it is an attempt to break the bonds of solidarity between the Farah strikers and the CULA and to destroy the support they have been able to mobilize on a national scale.

Their case is based on a ridiculous legal argument: that the CULA is an agent of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America. This is supposed to justify an injunction against the organization's successful strike support efforts in Rochester. In other words, these racist conspirators are making a serious attempt to unconstitutionally corral and contain the national CULA's efforts on behalf of the Farah strikers and are attempting to prevent any national organization, such as the CULA, from mobilizing the masses in support of any struggles of the workers and the oppressed that might develop.

The Center for United Labor Action has been consistently involved in supporting the over 3,000 Farah workers (most of whom are Chicana women) who have been on strike for over a year and a half demanding union recognition, higher pay, and an end to the racist and brutal conditions on the job. CULA chapters all over the country have been successfully supporting this strike. In New York City, CULA was successful in forcing Korvettes department store to cease its racist strikebreaking and take its scab Farah slacks off the racks.

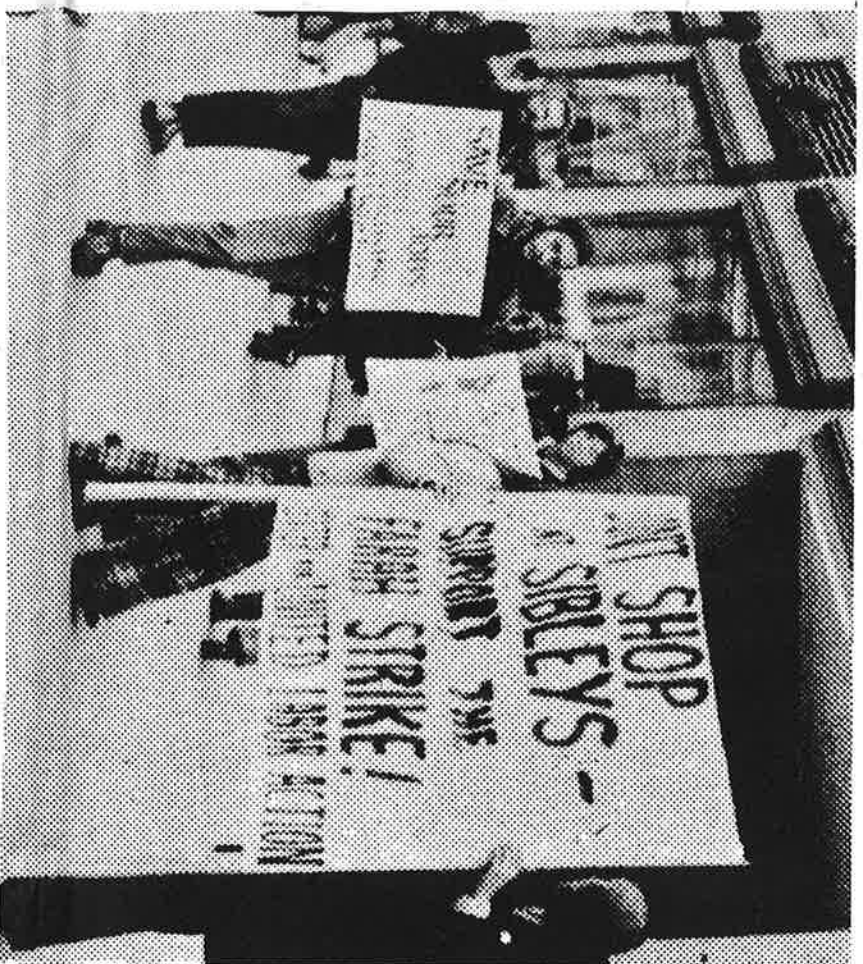
The members of Rochester CULA, refusing to be intimidated, have continued and stepped up their support of the Farah strikers. This past Saturday, November 10, they along with members of the Buffalo chapter of CULA held another successful picket line in front of Sibley's department store. Over 40 people attended.

Following the federal court appearance this past Monday, at which the CULA was successful in winning a temporary stay of the injunction for at least a week, Mike Tilli, National Chairman of the CULA, in Rochester to assist the brothers and sisters

police officer"—a charge which all the defendants face. This will give the defense an accurate portrayal of the state's flimsy case against the 12 Brothers.

Now that all 12 are out on bail, they must prepare for the long, hard struggle of a protracted defense to counter the hysterical propaganda put out by the Houston "Justice" Department.

Funds are still needed for day-to-day struggle. We cannot depend on the rich for funds to defend our brothers. Only progressive people and those in our class—the working class—have come forward to help us out. The Houston 12 Defense Committee urgently appeals to all progressive people to continue sending funds to help fight the oppression which is common to all



While the NLRB tries to enjoin support for striking Farah workers, members of CULA continue to picket store carrying scab slacks.
 Photo: Rochester Patriot

Last of Houston 12 free on bail

By JULIO GHIGLIOTTI
 HOUSTON, Nov. 11—The initial phase of the Houston 12 defense has ended with the release of Eugenio Trujillo and George Cardenas on Tuesday, November 6.

In a five-minute arraignment hearing, originally a "probation revocation" hearing, Judge Miron Love of Harris County, Houston, set December 17 as the date for the probation hearing. He also released the two Chicanos on their personal recognizance for the charge of breaking probation and he reduced the bail for the aggravated assault charge from \$1,500 to \$400, enabling the Defense Committee to get them out that same day.

The morning of the arraignment, about 60 relatives and supporters held a press conference outside the Harris County Courthouse to demand the freedom of the two Chicanos. In an obvious attempt to defuse a strong show of support inside the courtroom, the two defendants were brought in sharply at 9 a.m. and rushed through the hearing in five minutes. The hallway outside the courtroom was filled with supporters as they got off the elevators. They got into the courtroom as George and Eugenio were being led out of the room. However, the judge had gotten a leaflet outside as he came into the building and he did see the many supporters outside, so the effect was not lost.

The struggle for the defense of the 12 antiwar demonstrators, arrested on October 9 while demonstrating against U.S. aggression in the Middle East, has involved a battle against the biased bourgeois media

and police propaganda. Radio and TV interviews in which the 12 have participated have reeked with an air of hostility against the Arab cause, with the interviewers throwing out such questions as: "What were Chicanos doing demonstrating for an Arab cause?" The only exception was the Black radio station, KYOK. Kenneth Brantly, interviewer for the station, asked probing questions which got down to the facts of the case.

The probation hearing on December 17 for Eugenio Trujillo and George Cardenas will open the second phase of the defense—picking apart the state's frameup charges. To prove that the two Chicanos broke probation, the prosecution will have to prove its charge of "aggravated assault on a



in this battle, made this statement on the courthouse steps: "Racist anti-labor Nixon and the Farah Co. are attempting to smash the effectiveness of CULA as an independent national organization capable of giving aid and assistance to workers and oppressed who are attempting to fight the bosses in an effort to better their conditions of life. The CULA will bend all its efforts to break this union-busting and racist conspiracy."

"We plan to increase the pace of our activities. Distributions will be carried out on a daily basis. Speaking engagements are being organized. Every effort will be made to mobilize the masses of people to break this new attack upon the workers and the oppressed."

"We plan to be out in front of Sibley's again this Saturday with renewed determination to inform the people of this serious attempt by the federal government to break the Farah strike. Victory to the Farah strikers!"



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Who's responsible for the 'energy crisis'?

By EDDIE YOOD

A nationwide hysteria is being whipped up about the so-called energy crisis. Nixon is talking about the first fuel rationing program since World War II. Tighten your belts, sacrifice, freeze if necessary say the oil monopolies and their government agents. They talk to the poor and working people of this country as if we were the ones who caused the crisis.

And this from an administration unmatched in U.S. history for its criminal activity, for its deceit, bribes (many from the oil companies themselves!), and lies.

The rulers of this country have used millions of tons of oil and other precious resources in the most destructive war in history in Indochina. They have just sent billions of dollars of military supplies (including fuel for jets and tanks) to Israel. On top of that, they have created an artificial fuel shortage in America, a land of bountiful natural resources, and then blamed it on everyone but themselves!

Who are the real wasters? The New York Times (November 11) blamed the energy crisis on "our profligate society." Nixon talks about the "average American" who uses as much energy in a week as most people use in a year. But who is this average American? It's certainly not the Black or Latin worker who's lucky to get heat from the slumlord. And if it's a worker who must drive to the job, is it his or her fault there's no decent public transportation?

The real wasters are in the Pentagon, in the private jet planes and chauffeured limousines. They are the heads of useless and destructive industries that prey on the people. They are the super-tycoons who let their greed for profits stand in the way of a planned, rational, and efficient society.

IS THERE REALLY A FUEL SHORTAGE?

All the crisis talk of a 4-day week and gasoline at \$1.20 a gallon might sound as though the oil wells had suddenly gone dry.

But on October 18 a Senate hearing was held to find out why a staff official of the Federal Power Commission actually destroyed information on fuel reserves in the U.S. And in the testimony it came out that there are 167 offshore Louisiana leases, a total of 839,000 acres of proven fuel reserves, which the petroleum industry isn't bothering to use.

If that destroyed data were known, it might show a lot more resources untapped. We already know that the major oil companies were withholding gasoline a few months ago to drive up the price. This came out from independent gas station owners, who charged that the big oil firms were trying to squeeze the small owners out of business. (This is also happening in Britain, where U.S. and Anglo oil monopolies are forcing out all the little independent dealers.)

The U.S. controls tremendous fuel reserves throughout the 50 states that are largely untapped. It has the largest proven coal reserves in the world. But it's expensive to get much of this energy out of the ground in a way that won't destroy the environment. And the oil and coal companies are used to decades of going where labor is cheap, getting the fuel out in the cheapest possible way without a care for anything else, and leaving when the best stuff has been got out, even if there's a lot of fuel still left in the ground.

RECORD PROFITS OF OIL COMPANIES

While they're telling us we might be freezing this winter, how are things at the oil companies? They are making record profits. (See chart.) They are using real and artificial shortages to drive up the price of fuel oil, gasoline, electricity, cooking gas, coal—and these higher prices are being passed along in transit fares, etc.

And when they charge the military machine higher prices, the bill is just passed

along to us in more taxes! (The single largest consumer of oil is the U.S. Navy. And the Secretary of the Navy, Robert Warner, Jr., is the son-in-law of Paul Mellon of Gulf Oil. Neat trick!)

When the U.S. military submits a bill of \$85 billion this year, it means ever higher prices for essentials like oil, bigger profits for the oil companies, and more shortages for the people—who only consume about 30 percent of the nonmilitary energy used in the U.S.

The companies that will be raking it in are some of the biggest in the world. Just a few families of financiers like the Rockefeller and the Mellons dominate the major U.S. oil companies.

In 1966, three oil companies—Standard Oil of New Jersey, Standard Oil of California, and Mobil Oil—controlled 18 percent of all the combined foreign assets of all 4,200 U.S. corporations doing business abroad. All three are dominated by the Rockefellers.

The Rockefeller interests have dominated U.S. foreign policy for most of this century. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, who made policy near the Marines were sent to Lebanon in 1958, was groomed for his government position at the Rockefeller Foundation. Secretary of State Kissinger, now responsible for protecting the oil companies' interests in the Mideast, entered "public life" after working for—the Rockefeller Foundation.

These gigantic supranational firms, practically empires unto themselves, have been spared paying about \$140 billion in taxes since the oil depletion allowance and other tax breaks went into effect. No wonder they didn't mind kicking in a few million for Nixon's campaign!

ANGER TO ENVIRONMENT

Under pressure of the "energy crisis," bills have been stamped through Congress in recent weeks that cancel out many of the conservation measures adopted earlier. The big fuel companies had of course resisted these measures all along. Take coal, for instance. Coal supplies are abundant, but the coal companies don't want to take the necessary measures to

protect the terrain, maintain adequate safety conditions for the miners, and prevent the kind of disaster that occurred when a slag heap collapsed and the village of Buffalo Creek was swept away in February 1972.

Nixon called for allowing more strip mining in his "energy crisis" speech, thereby earning more support from the coal barons. But the minable underground coal reserves in this country are 8 to 10 times larger than stripable reserves. If it were just a question of getting more energy, the underground coal would do fine. But the coal barons want to get coal cheaply so they can make more profit. And it's cheaper to get it by stripping off the surface of the earth (it takes one-third the manpower), even when that means wrecking the countryside, gouging out whole towns, and causing terrible erosion.

Nixon asked for speeding up the licensing and construction of nuclear power plants. But from 1958 to 1965 there were 15 spills of radioactive fallout at such installations. This year at the Hanford, Washington storage tank where 75 percent of the U.S. radioactive wastes are kept (and which is owned by Atlantic Richfield Oil Company), 115,000 gallons of radioactive waste leaked into the ground. Some of it is capable of killing people for the next 25,000 years.

The Nixons, Mellons, and Rockefellers say they have to endanger the lives of present and future generations to get more fuel, but they won't consider cutting back their enormous military machine because it protects their empire of profits!

OIL AND THE ARAB PEOPLE

Don't blame us for the high prices and shortages! say Nixon and the oil companies. It's all the fault of those Arabs!

Why have the Arab countries begun an embargo on oil to the U.S.? And should that alone cause an "energy crisis" over here?

The oil billionaires have been talking out fabulous profits from the Middle East for decades. If things continued to go their way, their present investment of \$5 billion in Mideast oil would be yielding \$5.9 billion in profits each year by 1980. They've been getting almost \$3 billion a year profit as it

U.S. Oil Companies: Profits Rise Sharply

Net Earnings, Per Cent Gain (1973, July-Sept., Over a Year or a Year ago)

Exxon	638	80%
Mobil	231	64%
Gulf Oil	210	91%
Standard Oil (Indiana)	147	37%
Shell	82	23%
Phillips	54	43%
Continental	54	38%
Gaty	32	71%
Marathon	31	35%
Cities Service Co.	27	61%
Ashland	24	17%
Standard, Ohio	18	14%

is—which is about half of all U.S. profits made overseas.

What if you lived in a poor country and saw that kind of incredible wealth being drained away year after year? Wouldn't you fight to do something about it?

Before 1971, the Arab countries only got about 3 cents on every gallon of gasoline refined from their oil. And the masses of people, of course, got practically nothing, since the U.S. presence helped to prop up the most corrupt sheiks and kings in the countries with the most oil.

Arab oil workers are among the lowest paid in the world (\$2 a day at Aramco), which is one reason why Arab oil is so cheap—and so profitable for the oil companies. Another reason is that it gushes from the ground under natural pressure, and no pumping is required. Getting a barrel of oil out of the ground in Kuwait costs just six cents.

But in 1971 the oil-producing countries got together at the Teheran Conference and decided they would demand a bigger cut of the oil revenues. They didn't go as far as to take over these robbing corporations (which they have every right to do!), but it scared the oil monopolies.

Then came the build-up for the recent

(Continued on page 15)



Daring helicopter rescue frees IRA people's heroes

By JIM KOWALSKI

At 3:30 p.m. on October 31, a helicopter touched down in the exercise yard of Mountjoy Jail in Dublin. Seamus Twomey, J. B. O'Hagan, and Kevin Mallon jumped aboard. Within seconds these IRA fighters were free.

The surprised pilot of the diverted commercial aircraft later told newsmen: "Everybody was at first bewildered. But when the prisoners in the yard—they are all Provisionals—realized what had happened, they cheered."

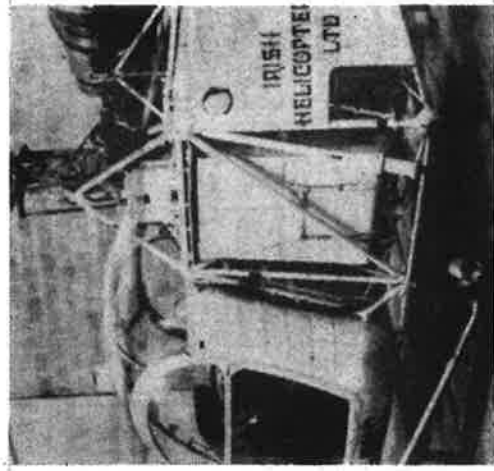
Seamus Twomey, 54, has been a lifelong fighter for Irish freedom. He was imprisoned from 1939 to 1945. At the time of his arrest on September 1, he was one of the most wanted men in both the outright British colony of northern Ireland and in the neocolonial Irish Republic. While among the 60 to 70 members of the Provisional Irish Republican Army in Mountjoy, Twomey served as a negotiator for a hunger strike endured by eight of the men. After three and a half weeks, they won political recognition and a relaxation of some of the deplorable conditions inflicted upon them.

J. B. O'Hagan, who also escaped, was one of the hunger-strikers. Many captured Irish independence fighters have died on similar hunger strikes.

Betrayed by the capitalist politicians of their own country, the poor and working people of Ireland have fought long and hard against their oppression. Through a tradition of daring struggle, they have gained the expertise and organization needed for something like the recent daylight helicopter rescue mission. That same Mountjoy Jail has seen mass escapes of twenty IRA men in 1919 and seven in 1921.

The Halloween pickup at Mountjoy threw the collaborationist government of Ireland into a commotion. A meeting was called with the heads of the army and police. But as of this writing the trio appear to have found a safe haven among the people.

Throughout the history of Ireland under British rule, the servants of British capital



In a daring escape from Dublin prison last week, 3 IRA leaders were lifted to freedom by this helicopter.

have resorted to the most brutal methods in vain attempts to crush the struggle of the people for a free and united Ireland. For example, on January 20, 1972, British soldiers occupying northern Ireland shot two Derry demonstrators. British paratroopers then rushed into the area and started shooting at point-blank range. Thirteen people fell dead, including women, children, and old men. The Derry coroner, at the inquest this past August, pronounced the cause of death: "sheer, unadulterated murder."

The guardians of the decayed British empire have not retired to harmless, eccentric pursuits. British wealth still craves foreign areas for labor exploitation and monopolistic profit gouging. And Ireland is their oldest colony. But behind the trembling paw of the senile British lion is the still sharp claw of the American eagle. While the Crown has 20,000 troops stationed in northern Ireland, the White House has 21,000 troops filling in on England's soil. U.S. capital is also penetrating the Republic of Ireland, and it serves the U.S. capitalists' interests to suppress the struggle for Irish freedom to secure the area for their own exploitation.

U.S., Portugal in secret deal over Mideast airlift

who remain in a few enclaves of colonial control.

The U.S., which has been covertly supporting Portugal all along and which supplies much of its weaponry, can be expected to be even more open in its procolonialist policy in the future. Already, evidence of the deal was seen when the U.S. voted against allowing a UN debate on the status of Guinea-Bissau.

The Guardian points out U.S. vulnerability in any protracted war in the Mideast. "It quickly became clear to the Pentagon that the U.S. base in the Azores was the only logistics center available to help funnel the cargoes of arms to Israel. The NATO countries had refused to become involved in the airlift, earning last week's rebuke from the State Department, and midair refueling techniques were not enough to service the armada of aircraft used to ferry the arms."

However, Portugal, which already is fighting more than one war in Africa and faces an underground resistance movement at home, was alarmed at the prospect of Arab guerrillas taking reprisals against it. When news of the airlift leaked out through the British press, "the alarm in Lisbon became acute."

Surely, it is a sign of the weakened state of U.S. imperialism that it can only dredge up as an ally one moth-eaten, bloodstained colonial regime that is itself reeling from the blows of the liberation struggles of the people.

Mass starvation in Ethiopia; U.S. gives guns, not butter

By CAL BONNER

NEW YORK, Nov. 13—From April to August of this year between 50,000 and 100,000 people died in the Ethiopian Empire while government officials, many of them feudal lords, stalled for months before reacting to the crisis.

For more than half a year the subsistence farmers of the northeastern highland provinces of Tigre and Wollo have been suffering the disastrous effects of a famine. The farmers could no longer grow enough crops for themselves and their families and became totally dependent on government grain supplies. This has not been enough; they continue to die.

Ethiopia is a desperately poor country. Its northern provinces of Tigre and Wollo, extremely rich in history and culture, are unfortunately not as well blessed by steady rainfall or technological innovations in agriculture. Soil erosion and now apparently near-total crop failure caused by drought are causing the starvation of thousands of human beings.

According to Manchester Guardian reporter Jonathan Dimbleby's account describing the suffering: "Now the Government has established 13 relief centres in Wollo, dotted along the main road north from Addis Ababa to Asmara. It was when we reached these shelters that we saw for the first time the effects of mass starvation. Wollo's camps house 14,000 men, women and children. At this moment they are dying in them at the rate of between 700



Famine-stricken Ethiopians carry off their dead. Feudal regime gets millions from U.S. — for military use.

and 1,000 each week, which means that the camps should be wiped out within three months. In fact, as each thousand die, another thousand arrive from the depths of the surrounding country to replace them."

GOVERNMENT ACTION: "TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE"

But the action of the Ethiopian feudal lords was, according to the same on-the-scene reporter, "much too little and far too late."

But while the reporters from the West who witness this horrible suffering sound genuinely shocked, they shy away from any reference to the fact that Ethiopia, while a terribly poor country, has become deeply penetrated by U.S. imperialism. Alongside the hovels and starving millions stand strategic U.S. bases that house some of the most modern electronic equipment in the world.

In 1962 the United States prompted Ethiopia to colonize Eritrea, situated to the north, because it needs the base at Asmara and the Eritrean port cities along the Red Sea to control events in Africa. The U.S. provides the weapons, financial, diplomatic, and propaganda muscle to Ethiopia, and Ethiopia provides a legal presence to U.S.

imperialism. The people of Eritrea have responded with armed resistance under the leadership of the Eritrean Liberation Front.

A June 19, 1967 article in the U.S. News & World Report is worth quoting: "Ethiopia receives more than half of all U.S. military aid to nations on the African continent. The cost of the program now has climbed to over one hundred million dollars. And the U.S. Military Assistance Advisory Group of some one hundred and ten officers and men in Ethiopia is the biggest in economic assistance. The U.S. plainly considers Ethiopia a force for stability not only in the Horn of Africa, but in all the countries of Black Africa. In addition to its interests in Kagnaw Station (the collective name for a series of huge military bases having the largest telecommunications center outside the U.S. — C.B.), the U.S. is clearly putting its money on the Ethiopia of Haile Selassie, and whoever his successors may be, as a base from which to maintain its influence in the Red Sea basin."

Strong opposition to the government's policies has come from the World Wide Federation of Ethiopian Students, an anti-imperialist organization. The organization has issued a series of statements condemning the Ethiopian feudalists' international and domestic policies and appealing for help from progressive humanity to stem the tide of mass starvation which threatens to engulf the entire country. The statement reads in part: "An average of five million people, covering one quarter of

Ethiopia, is hit.... Thousands of people and cattle are already dead and dying. Thousands of people have fled as far as the Sudan.

"A policy of total news blackout and belittling the effect of the famine has been evident. When university students offered parts of their daily meals, the government sent its police to beat them up. In a high school in the famine-ravaged area, a police opened fire and killed nine students and wounded 32.

"Independent investigators, teachers who called for the immediate support of the people, were all threatened. Far from helping the famine victims, the government is engaged in brutal repression."

The working people of Ethiopia, 90 percent of whom are peasants compelled by the parasitic landlord class to part with three-quarters of their produce, need help desperately. They need doctors, nurses, medicine, blankets, and money. But what is most urgently needed is food. It is needed now and it is expected that people will need it for months to come.

The Ethiopian students ask that help be sent, not to the Ethiopian government, but to Ethiopia House, 1768 Columbia Rd., 2 NW, Washington, D.C. 20009.

Political prisoners

Thomas Wansley

By ALVIN LONG

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 13—Thomas Wansley was returned to prison today after nearly a year of freedom. A federal appeals court had last week reversed a lower court decision which last January granted bail to this young Black man pending an appeal of his case.

Wansley had served ten years in prison on a frameup charge of raping an elderly white woman in 1962. Wansley, a Black man from Lynchburg, Va., was 16 years old at the time of the alleged rape and began serving his prison sentence at age 17.

He was released from prison on bond early this year after a federal judge ruled that his 1967 trial had been prejudiced by newspaper publicity in Lynchburg. An earlier conviction, in which Wansley was sentenced to death, had been reversed by the Virginia Supreme Court.

In last week's decision, the U.S. 4th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that, while Wansley's 1963 conviction had been unfair because of prejudicial publicity, there was no such publicity against Wansley before his 1967 trial. The Circuit Court opinion said that most of the publicity between 1963 and 1967 dealt not with Wansley, but with one of his attorneys, William M. Kunstler, whom the court described as "a national figure whose name has often appeared in the news as an attorney who has been linked on numerous occasions with Communist-front organizations and efforts."

If the Circuit Court decision is upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court, Thomas Wansley will have to serve a sentence of life plus 20 years!

The Committee to Free James Carrington and Thomas Wansley and the Prisoners Solidarity Committee are starting new efforts to build a struggle for Thomas Wansley's freedom. Many supporters went

to the bail hearing in Richmond today, and a petition to Virginia Governor Linwood Holton for a full pardon for Wansley is being circulated.

The petition argues that Wansley has served ten years in prison, as well as been through the mental anguish of a death sentence, that he was subjected to cruel and unusual punishment while in prison, and that since his release he has been a hard-working citizen, giving large amounts of his time to voluntary community service work. These facts, combined with the controversy and racism surrounding his conviction, are clear proof that Thomas Wansley has a right to be a free man regardless of the courts' decisions.

Closely linked with the Wansley case, which has been one of the major struggles against racism and repression in Virginia's history, is the less publicized case of James Carrington, a Black man from Southside, Virginia who is serving 75 years on a similar frameup charge of raping a white woman. The James Carrington case provides clear proof that the frameup charges against Thomas Wansley are not an isolated incident, but that the jails and prisons are full of Black men facing the same predicament, especially in the South, where the charge of rape has historically been used as a special bludgeon against the Black community.

The supporters of Thomas Wansley see the struggle for his freedom as a struggle in behalf of James Carrington and all other victims of racist frameups, and the latest court decision will give rise to the greatest outpouring to date of support for Thomas Wansley in his 11-year fight for freedom.

Full information on the Wansley and Carrington cases and on the struggle against the racist use of the rape charge in the South is available from the Committee to Free James Carrington and Thomas Wansley, 1103 Floyd Ave., Richmond, Va. 23220 (804-355-4860) or P.O. Box 7032, Norfolk, Va. 33509 (804-625-7759).

Martin Sostre

ROCHESTER, N.Y., Nov. 1—The Appellate Division of the State Supreme Court turned down the appeal of MARTIN SOSTRE from his 1968 frameup conviction in Buffalo on narcotics charges.

However, the court was forced to reduce the sentence from 31-40 years to 25-30 years in an attempt to cover the injustice of

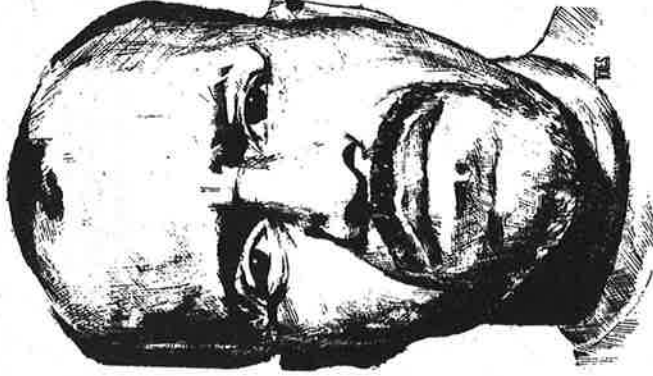


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Martin Sostre refusing Sostre a new trial.

Arto Williams, the central witness against Sostre, has admitted he lied under pressure from Sergeant Alvin Gristmacher, who has since been indicted for heroin theft.

Williams testified how he planted heroin on Sostre to Federal Judge John Curtin last May 30, but Curtin has indefinitely "reserved decision" on a new trial.

The ruling by the Appellate Division against a new trial will be appealed.

Meanwhile, Sostre is in solitary confinement at Clinton Prison, as he has been for most of his imprisonment.

Because Sostre refuses to submit to degrading rectal searches (previously condemned by federal courts in a case brought by Sostre against Nelson Rockefeller), the Clinton officials refuse to allow Sostre to meet with lawyers. In addition, Sostre is facing assault charges stemming from beatings inflicted on him by guards trying to force Sostre to bend over and submit to the search.

Karl Armstrong

By PEGGY GEDEEN

MILWAUKEE, Nov. 1—KARL ARMSTRONG was sentenced to 23 years in Waupun State Prison by a Madison court today for bombing the Army Math Research Center on the University of Wisconsin Campus in August 1970. Tonight hundreds of angry Armstrong supporters responded to this vicious sentence by trashing downtown Madison. Eight were arrested, and the police are threatening indictments for "inciting to riot."

Judge William Sasstjen rejected as "interesting but irrelevant" the defense's argument that the bombing was justified in view of the calculated bombings and murders carried out by the U.S. government in South East Asia. Sticking close to the 25-year sentence recommended by the prosecution, the judge claimed that any substantial reduction would have been an "endorsement by the courts of the use of violence" by those opposed to the U.S. government.

The courtroom was packed with Armstrong supporters who had maintained a vigil outside the courthouse from the previous night. Following the sentencing, a reporter told Donald Armstrong, Karl's father, that Karl should have been sentenced to 100 years. Mr. Armstrong's just

Boston students sit in to oppose Master Plan

BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 9—Over 80 students from Boston State College, Lowell State, Westfield State, and the University of Massachusetts yesterday occupied a meeting of the Massachusetts State Colleges Board of Trustees in downtown Boston. This action was the latest in a long campaign waged by students at Boston State (a community college which is overwhelmingly working class) to stop the Master Plan from being implemented in the state schools.

The Master Plan is a vague document which in essence calls for a technical orientation for state college students as opposed to liberal arts. It represents the first step toward regimenting the curriculum in working class colleges, using television and other "teaching techniques" to replace teachers. In addition, the Master Plan introduces the not-so-new concept of enforced tenure, through which part-time teachers, not eligible for tenure, would replace full-time instructors. An affirmative action program would recruit women and Third World people to fill these part-time positions. This is meant to sound good, but these oppressed groups recognize that this ploy would not only pit one group of teachers against the other, but would build racism and sexism in the process.

The Master Plan has been under discussion by the Board for almost two years and is basically a response to the lack of funds for education in Massachusetts. As the economic crisis intensifies, working

class and Third World people are the first and hardest hit by any austerity program.

As a statement issued by Boston State students reads, "We know the content of this Plan and can see clearly that it is, as the name implies, to serve only the masters of our schools, society, and lives. . . . Already at Boston State they have fired fourteen teachers and they will not be replaced. . . . We see part-time teachers being hired to replace full-time teachers and this is just a ploy to divide the faculty."

The demands of the students, besides no Master Plan, are: (1) rehire the fourteen full-time teachers, (2) no political firings (i.e., Henry Allen and Blaney Lee, two progressive teachers, one of whom has been fired three times in four years and has been rehired each time due to student pressure), and (3) the right of students to control their own lives.

The students see this as a protracted struggle, already having a strong base, with more battles ahead. Earlier this year over 2,500 students at Boston State signed a petition supporting the demands. The demands were endorsed by the New Student Union, the African Students Association, the Black Caucus, and the Faculty Federation. A series of forums were held to try to move the administration.

On October 17, after being frustrated by all "legal" channels, 50 students took over a building at the college that houses the switchboard while 200 supporters demon-

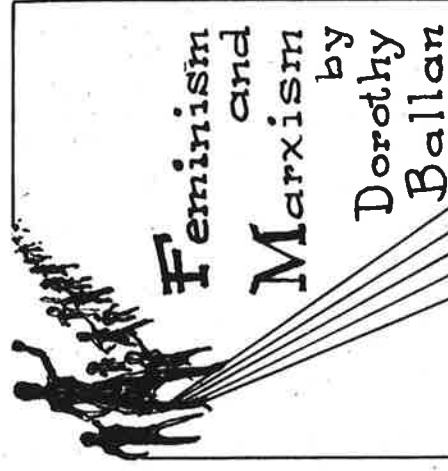
strated outside. The administration and President Morrissey responded with an injunction naming 12 students as "ringleaders" (one of the 12 was not even involved in the takeover).

The struggle at Boston State, far from



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UN and creation of Israel

Is UN a 'peacekeeper' in the Mideast?

By P. MEISNER

The fourth Arab-Israeli war in the last 25 years has once again raised an often-asked question: What role does the UN play in the Middle East? Is it just a neutral "peacekeeping force" or is its "neutral" image manipulated by U.S. imperialism? Before going back to the forties, when both Israel and the UN were being created, let's first examine the most recent ceasefire. When the war began on October 6, the United Arab Republic (UAR) and Syria quickly recaptured portions of the Golan Heights and the Sinai Peninsula seized by Israel in the June War of 1967. The Arab advances took place within the first week of the war, and showed a whole new relationship of forces in the Mideast. But it is no coincidence that the UN did not produce a ceasefire resolution then.

The U.S. finally got the USSR to support a ceasefire resolution on October 22, only after Israel had been sufficiently resupplied by Washington and after Israel had recaptured most of the territory it had just lost. And to boot, the UN did nothing to stop Israel from violating the October 22 ceasefire and from capturing a large chunk of Egyptian territory on the west bank of the Suez Canal—in spite of yet another UN "peacekeeping" force (called the "UN Emergency Force"). Thus, the new settlement just signed by the UAR and Israel doesn't even make Israel go back to the October 22 ceasefire lines. It provides Israel with an additional territorial advantage in negotiating with the Arab nations.

It should be obvious that the only protection the Arab countries have against further Israeli (and U.S.) aggression is their own strength and support from socialist and progressive countries—not the UN.

Again, the UN has diplomatically reinforced Israel's expansion into Arab lands and perhaps even more significantly, it has covered up the aggressive role of the U.S. in backing its client state of Israel. And, unfortunately, it was all done with the active collaboration of the revisionist Soviet leaders.

Moreover, the Palestinian people and their organizations again have been completely excluded from all negotiations, whether inside or outside the UN, thereby bolstering the diplomatic position of Israel as a "sovereign state" and further denying the existence of the Palestinian nation.

CREATION OF UN

The UN was created in late 1945 largely at the initiative of the U.S. government, the decisive victor and conqueror in the second major war between the imperialist powers. Everything in the UN was originally designed for U.S. dominance, from its financing to the structure of the Security Council, where the U.S. could veto, if necessary, any "operative" decision it didn't like. But the big facade of the UN was that all nations represented would be treated as "equal," whether big or small, capitalist or socialist, imperialist or neocolonial.

In reality, the U.S. was to have a solid voting bloc in the UN (retained to this very day) composed of its neocolonial puppet states in Latin America, Africa, and Asia, along with its semidependent imperialist countries in Western Europe.

The Palestine-Israel issue was first brought before the UN in April 1947. British imperialism, in effect a defeated and battered imperialist power after World War II, could no longer control its colony in Palestine, after three decades of "divide and conquer" rule over the Arabs and Jews living in Palestine. Rather than allow real self-determination, the British turned Palestine over to the UN—which was the same as giving it over to the new leader of Western imperialism, the U.S.

Washington's objective was to get a

firm foothold in any new state or states, regardless of form, carved out of Palestine. Having backed the Zionist forces heavily in Palestine, Washington knew that the Zionists had the upper hand militarily over the Palestinian Arabs.

But the U.S. role would be better hidden if the UN (rather than the U.S. directly) were to "create" a solution to the Palestine conflict.

In November 1947, the UN barely passed the Partition Resolution over the opposition of all Arab nations. This resolution rubber-stamped the Zionist conquests and called for a Jewish state comprising 56 percent of the total area of Palestine and an Arab state of 43 percent of the area, with an international zone (Jerusalem, Bethlehem, etc.) comprising 1 percent. However, the population of the Jewish state would be just about 50 percent Jewish and 50 percent Arab, while the Arab state would be 98 percent Arab and only 2 percent Jewish.

For opportunist reasons, the USSR, under the leadership of Stalin, supported the imperialist carving up of Palestine, marking the beginning of a historic betrayal of the cause of Arab national liberation. Stalin thought he could have significant political influence over the new Jewish state, but he completely miscalculated the Zionist leadership's role as a puppet of U.S. imperialism.

The Palestinian Arab position on the UN Partition Plan was succinctly stated by Sami Hadawi in his book, *Palestine, Loss of a Heritage*, published in 1963:

"The Palestinian Arabs, supported by the Arab states, rejected the partition for obvious reasons. They maintained that, contrary to what public opinion had been

given to understand, the General Assembly of the United Nations was not a legislative or judicial body and, therefore, its resolution on the partition of Palestine was no more than a recommendation. It did not have the force of a decision and could not be binding on the majority of the people of Palestine who had opposed it. The action of the United Nations was therefore unconstitutional, since it conflicted with the basic principle for which the world organization had been established, namely, to uphold the right of all nations, great and small, to self-determination.

"By denying the Palestinian Arabs, who formed the two-thirds majority of the country in 1947, the right to decide for themselves, the United Nations was violating its own principles."

Thus, the UN did not physically establish the Jewish state in Palestine, but it gave the new state quasi-legal or diplomatic recognition. It was the armed conquest by the Zionist forces, and, of course, their imperialist backers in Washington that created the Zionist state.

But the Zionist forces were not satisfied with expropriating 50 percent of Palestine. The better armed and better trained Zionist troops launched a campaign of terror expelling tens of thousands of Palestinian Arabs from the UN-designated Arab state sector as well as from the Jewish state sector. By May 1948, some 400,000 Palestinians had been forced out of their homeland.

On May 14, 1948, the Zionist leadership had declared statehood. Simultaneously the UN General Assembly passed a resolution dropping the Partition Plan, thereby ratifying Israel's already "illegal" ex-

pansion. Prior to May 1948, Washington had supported a proposal to put Palestine, at least temporarily, under the authority of the UN Trusteeship Council (where the USSR was not represented), in which the U.S. could more directly control both the Jewish and Arab sections of Palestine.

But the quick military turn of events in favor of the Zionist forces convinced the imperialist strategists in Washington that supporting the newly expanded Jewish state would make U.S. imperialism's image look favorable to the Zionist leadership—especially since the USSR as well as the Zionists were strong opponents of trusteeship. And on May 15, 1948, the U.S. had already recognized the state of Israel.

The Zionist declaration of independence was at the same time a declaration of war against the Palestinian Arabs. Arab nations immediately intervened on behalf of the persecuted and already dispersed Palestinian Arabs and in order to halt Israeli aggression and expansion. And despite several ceasefire resolutions passed by the UN, the Israeli forces continued to drive out thousands more Palestinians from their homeland until there were more than one million refugees and Israel had conquered more than 77 percent of Palestinian territory (compared to the 56 percent originally "mandated" by the 1947 UN Partition Plan).

ISRAEL JOINS THE UN CLUB

Washington then promptly rewarded itself and the Zionist aggressors for their military triumphs by getting Israel membership in the UN on May 11, 1949.

Thus, Israel was destined to become Washington's and Wall Street's garrison state in the Middle East, to be used as a club over the Palestinian people and the Arab states in order to protect the billion-dollar U.S. investments in the oil-rich Arab countries. On the other hand, to avoid a continentwide Arab rebellion against U.S. imperialist exploitation, Washington has had to, on occasion, restrain the most aggressive, reactionary, and expansionist sections of the Israeli-ruling class. In fact, between 1948 and 1968, Israel was condemned by 31 UN resolutions for aggressive acts against Arab states, with the U.S. supporting many, although not all, of the resolutions.

(To be continued.)

The 1956 invasion of Suez

By JOEL MEYERS

"Israel's job is to be kind of a watchdog... Israel can be trusted to punish one or a number of neighboring countries whose lack of politeness to the West became too much."

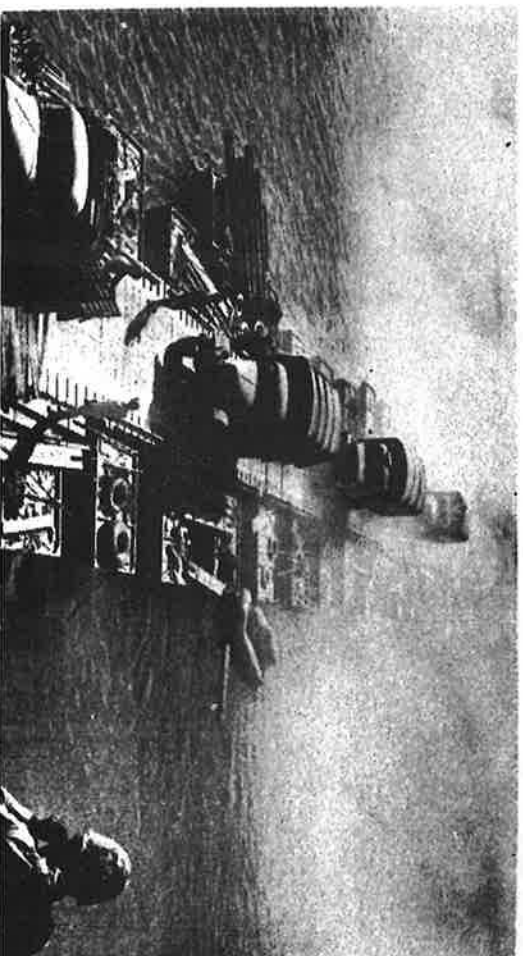
These words of G. Schocken in the Israeli publication *Haaretz* of September 30, 1951, are remarkable for their accuracy.

Perhaps one of the clearest confirmations of this "watchdog" character of Israel came in the 1956 invasion of Egypt by Israel, in partnership with Britain and France.

After the overthrow in Egypt of the archreactionary King Farouk and his camarilla, Abdel Gamal Nasser and the nationalist elements around him had proceeded to establish a degree of independence from the Western imperialists by building ties with the socialist camp, although at the same time not breaking completely with the old imperialist powers. This policy was advanced as "positive neutralism."

Some of the landmarks in the breach with total dependence on Western imperialism were Nasser's overtures to People's China during Egypt's participation at the Bandung Conference of nonaligned countries and, shortly thereafter, his receipt of \$80 million in arms from Czechoslovakia. (At that time, the Sino-Soviet split had not developed into the mutually destructive feud that now delights the common enemy at the expense of the entire camp of the oppressed.)

The U.S., Britain, and France retaliated in various panicky moves such as withdrawing aid to the Aswan Dam Project and lending support to various pro-imperialist plotters inside Egypt itself. These moves, although intended, according to the 1971 *New York Times Almanac*, to "drive Nasser from power," only succeeded in widening



Egyptian troops cross the Suez Canal on pontoon bridges to win back Sinai land. As early as 1956, Israel sought to gain control of the canal.

Egypt's break with the imperialists. Finally, in 1956, the Nasser regime nationalized the Suez Canal, without compensation to its Anglo-French owners who had milked a fortune out of Egypt through it.

Now, if Israel had been just one more oppressed country in the area, it too would have seen the seizure of the Suez Canal as prying loose the imperialist vultures' stranglehold on the virtual aorta of the Mideast region. But, instead, Israel launched a "retaliatory" invasion of Egypt.

This had to be called off, however, when the U.S., instead of backing its European allies and their watchdog, sought to take advantage of the situation to push the British and French out of the Middle East and thereby leave U.S. imperialist hegemony in the area a free hand.

During the next months after the in-

vasion of Egypt, the Nuri Said government of Iraq, one of the most reactionary governments of the area, was overthrown in a popular uprising. And in the aftermath of this uprising, the governments of Lebanon and Jordan were only narrowly propped up by direct U.S.-British troop intervention. Egypt went on to seize all British and French holdings in the area.

Since that time Israel has developed from being a "watchdog" for imperialism into a virtual garrison state. At the urging of its imperialist masters, it has again and again made the Suez Canal the target of its military actions—depriving the Egyptian government of a major source of revenue, enhancing the commercial importance of its political ally South Africa (since most ships are forced to detour around Africa), and preventing the Soviet Union from having easy access by sea to the Far East.



The Mideast truce and the false superpower concept

NOVEMBER 13—At this moment the ceasefire agreement between the Israelis and the Egyptians is so precarious that any conclusions regarding the truce that was worked out and signed earlier are highly speculative. Nevertheless, there are some incontestable facts which have emerged from the war which should command the attention of all who are concerned with the progress of the liberation struggle in the Middle East.

At the end of the 1967 Israeli aggression, the internal situation in the UAR was

such that President Nasser offered to resign. The Egyptian military establishment was in utter disarray and only the spontaneous and momentous intervention of the Egyptian masses in the streets by the hundreds of thousands persuaded President Nasser to stay on and also gave cause to the U.S.-Israeli aggressors to ponder the advisability of further incursions into Arab territory.

Today it is Defense Minister Moshe Dayan who has offered his resignation. The top military brass of the Israeli army are consumed by a venomous internal struggle on who to blame for their failure. The whole country is convulsed by the magnitude of the fatalities suffered and the large number of POWs in the hands of the Arab countries.

Slowly but surely, the true measure of the almost complete worldwide isolation of the tiny puppet state is dawning upon all Israelis. Even in the Zionist movement abroad, a "reevaluation of values" concerning the perspective of the Zionist state is beginning to surface. It becomes more evident day by day that the objectives of American imperialism are to protect and defend its predatory material interests in the Arab world, and that Israel is merely a

convenient means to accomplish that end. All the talk about the "emotional affinity" to Israel, the outpost of "Western democracy" and "freedom," etc., is merely a cover to mask the insatiable appetite of the oil monopolists and the expansionist aims of the Pentagon.

For it is never forgotten in the Pentagon that Arab oil has been the prime fuel source for all American land forces overseas. It is Arab oil which fuels the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean. It is Arab oil which enables the Seventh Fleet to cover the Pacific, and it is Arab oil which fuels the entire overseas Air Force. The last thing the military brass would want to see is the Navy and the Air Force forced to fall back on U.S. domestic production. However, this is only a secondary consideration in the calculations of the Pentagon's overall perspective of maintaining worldwide military hegemony at a time when U.S. military, political, economic, and diplomatic positions throughout the world are crumbling.

Nowhere has this process of erosion of the U.S. position been more true than in the Middle East, where one U.S. bastion after another has successively fallen. Even the



SOMEONE UPSTAIRS

CBS-TV News Special, Nov. 3:

"When told that he was President Nixon's choice for the job of attorney general, William Saxbe said, 'If someone upstairs wants me to be the attorney general of these United States, then I will accept.'

"Asked if the phrase, 'someone upstairs' meant someone in the White House, Saxbe replied, 'No, I mean God.'"

GET'EM YOUNG

Vocational Guidance Series, Denison Books, 1973:

"Here is a unique set of books that has been compiled to interest students and familiarize them with future job opportunities.

"For ages 9-13:

Ray Visits the Air Force Academy.

"Ten-year-old Ray Wilson, who is fascinated with flying, is invited by his uncle and his Boy Scout troop to visit the Air Force Academy. Ray is able to visit with cadets, professors and administrators and he is deeply impressed with the campus, the people and the mission of the United States Air Force Academy."

Like napping! Indochinese villages? Tim Learns About Mutual Funds.

"Eleven-year-old Tim Mills spends his summer painting house numbers on curbs in his neighborhood and he earns two hundred and sixty dollars. He wants to invest his money, and at his father's suggestion he investigates a mutual fund."

Like Nixon's secret mutual fund with.

most reactionary feudal monarchies and sheikdoms have been forced into an increasingly anti-U.S. and anti-imperialist stand.

It is the mass awakening of the millions upon millions of Arab people from one end of the Arab world to the other which is unquestionably the basic driving force behind the resistance of the Arab governments. No small part in the resistance struggle of the Arab people is played by the tremendous military and material support given by the USSR.

What is it that the Arabs have asked of the U.S.? It is to get out. What have they asked of the USSR? To give them aid and material assistance in order to get the U.S. out.

It is presumably because of this help and because the USSR has itself become a formidable military power that the false concept of the so-called superpower theory has arisen, which ascribes to the USSR as well as to the U.S. an imperialist role.

But what is it, for instance, that the Arabs have asked of the U.S.? In a word, it is to get out. And what have they asked of the USSR? To give them aid and material assistance in order to get the U.S. out.

The dispute between the USSR and some of the Arab governments rotates around the unwillingness of the USSR to totally commit itself militarily to the Arab cause. Regardless of the merits of this request, it should be obvious that this is an altogether different matter than the problem the Arabs have in forcing the U.S. out.

In the one case where there was a serious dispute between the Egyptian government and that of the USSR over its refusal to give Egypt offensive weapons, the Egyptians asked the USSR to remove its military personnel from Egypt, which it promptly did.

The aim of bourgeois propaganda in drawing an equal sign between the divergent and irreconcilable positions of

the USSR and the U.S. serves not only to cover up the aggressive imperialist role of the U.S. but to blur the class character of the USSR as a (workers') socialist state. For a revolutionary working class organization to adopt this viewpoint is to sink to the level of bourgeois apologists for imperialism.

Marxist-Leninist criticism of Soviet policy has its origins in the revisionist character of the Soviet bureaucracy and its congenial opportunism in relationship to the worldwide working class and national liberation movements. Any criticism of

Soviet policy in the Middle East must be viewed from that vantage point.

Why, for instance, hasn't the USSR given Egypt offensive weapons or committed itself more firmly in a military way?

The answer lies in part in the understandable fear of the USSR of provoking a military confrontation with the U.S. But it is also because the Soviet leaders are geared toward long-term accommodation with the U.S. Instead of mere diplomatic normalization. They have substituted the politics of bourgeois détente for correct and normal Leninist commercial and diplomatic intercourse between socialist and capitalist states.

The rationale which prompted the Soviet leaders to capitulate during the Harpington mining crisis and the nuclear threat to a sister socialist country is also what has prompted them to hasten an accord with Nixon following his phony special nuclear alert.

The problem in the USSR is revisionism, as it is in the worldwide working class movement. The problem in the U.S. is imperialism. It is impossible to fight for the socialist revolution unless these two different social phenomena are clearly kept in mind.



on the sidewalks of New York. But six years later, as a sergeant in the American Army, he ran a small town in occupied Germany, mainly by playing on the disposition of former Gestapo men to be loyal to anyone in authority." (Emphasis WW.)

THE PRECINCT CONNECTION

The New York Times, Nov. 1:

"A federal judge adopted the recommendation of a prosecutor yesterday and imposed a suspended sentence on a New York City detective who last May 21 pleaded guilty to splitting a \$4,000 payoff.

"Judge Sylvester J. Ryan put the suspended detective, Louis M. D'Ambrosio, 33 years old, on two years probation. "He and his partner, Joseph N. Nun-

ziata, were accused of agreeing to take a payoff from an undercover informer to conceal the fact that the informer was allowed to leave the United States. At the time, the two detectives were members of a Federal-Local Task Force Against Narcotics. Nunziata's name reportedly was signed on six vouchers used to withdraw quantities of drugs from the police property clerk's office.

"D'Ambrosio's defense attorney, James G. Starkey, also urged that there be no prison sentence, saying there was special danger to the lives of policemen sent to prison.

"Detective Nunziata never faced charges. He was found dead in a parked car in Brooklyn on March 27, 1972."

Howard Hughes?

Jeff Learns About the FBI.

"Jeff Nelson, age 10, hears of a bank robbery on his transistor radio and spots the getaway car. He contacts the FBI and aids them in capturing the bandits. The agent in charge of the FBI office invites Jeff to spend a day with the Bureau learning about how the FBI operates."

Does Jeff see FBI chief L. Patrick Grey burning Watergate evidence?

Danny Graham, Banker.

"Danny Graham faces the decision of how to profitably spend the summer. Because he was intrigued with the activities and function of his town's largest bank, he seeks a summer job there. A program is set up for Danny to teach other fourth graders exactly what a bank does."

Does Danny learn about foreclosing on mortgages and bankrupting small shopkeepers?

Shelby Goes to Wall Street.

"Shelby, a ten-year-old boy, is unable to explain to his pals exactly what his stockbroker father does for a living."

When Shelby finally finds out exactly what his stockbroker father does for a living, does he leave home and become a revolutionary socialist?

HENRY AND THE GESTAPO

The New York Times Magazine, Oct. 28:

"When he (Henry Kissinger) came to this country in 1938, he had been so frightened by his experience as a Jew in Nazi Germany that he would cross the street on seeing groups of boys approaching him

Preventable diseases spreading

By SHARON SHELTON

Despite the advanced state of medical wonder in the United States, with its wonder drugs, kidney machines, and heart transplants, indications show that contagious diseases threaten to send the health of the population—especially of poor and oppressed people—a giant step backward this year.

Consider recent events: Bubonic plague broke out in Texas, resulting in the first domestic death from the dread disease in 45 years. Diphtheria suddenly swept through three U.S. cities and created panic. An epidemic of polio hit a church school in Connecticut and left 12 youths crippled for life.

The plague, diphtheria, and polio. All are deadly. All are preventable. And all are among an alarming number of epidemic diseases on the rise in the United States.

These diseases, according to the Bureau of the Census of the U.S. Department of Labor, include rubella, leprosy, tuberculosis, venereal disease, typhus, and tetanus.

And government figures are revealing. Since World War II, leprosy cases have tripled. Last year, twice as many people died from polio as did the year before, while typhus rose 50 percent and instances of tuberculosis went up by 37,137 new cases. Among civilians alone, venereal disease grew from 236,197 cases reported in 1955 to 600,072 in 1972.

What's more, Dr. John J. Witte, head of the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, predicts even more widespread eruptions of epidemics this year—a situation which could lead to a national crisis.

KIDS CAN'T GET NEEDED SHOTS

Part of the reason for such a dramatic comeback of epidemic diseases, according to Dr. Witte, lies in the dangerously low levels of immunization among children. Last year, for instance, 5 million infants failed to receive their shots. In fact, an estimated 37 percent of American youths have not been vaccinated for polio, a 24 percent drop in coverage since the mass immunization drive of the mid-sixties. And 37 percent are without measles or rubella protection, while 25 percent have not been given shots for diphtheria, tetanus, and whooping cough.

Figures are higher for urban areas with their greater concentrations of poor and oppressed people. Here 31 percent lack diphtheria, tetanus, and whooping cough immunity, while a staggering 43 percent do not have rubella, measles, or polio shots. There are a host of reasons why these youths haven't been inoculated. Pediatric care is expensive, especially in the wake of enormous maternity costs, and free immunization centers are too often inaccessible or nonexistent. Even where free immunization is easily available, a working mother often must forfeit a day's pay or even risk her job for each set of shots her child receives. Also, there is no ongoing systematic effort to disseminate information about the need for protection from dangerous disease. Vaccination campaigns usually come after the fact, after a disease reaches crisis proportions, and even so are often neglected in rural areas.

DECLINING LIVING STANDARD

Perhaps a deeper reason for the spread of these diseases, though, lies in the rapidly disintegrating social structure in the United States. Not only has the Nixon administration made a bad situation worse by cutting back medical care programs, but the health of the population has suffered through more indirect means brought on by high food prices, lack of heat, deteriorating housing, and decline of the general standard of living due to the wage freeze. As the potential for real catastrophe increases, it becomes clear that the United States is totally unequipped to handle any major epidemic. Thousands and thousands could

die—from diseases which have been preventable for years.

What is the key to proper control of these diseases? A look at two of the socialist countries, the Soviet Union and Cuba, shows the effectiveness of a rationally planned medical system in controlling epidemics.

In the Soviet Union, dangerous infectious diseases such as cholera, plague, smallpox, and typhoid have been completely eliminated. As a result, life expectancy has more than doubled since the revolution in 1917. At present, there are more than 4 million doctors and medical personnel working in special medical stations in workplaces throughout the country. Doctors make sure that sanitary conditions are maintained in the plants, and preventative medicine is emphasized through control of air pollution, housing, and hygiene.

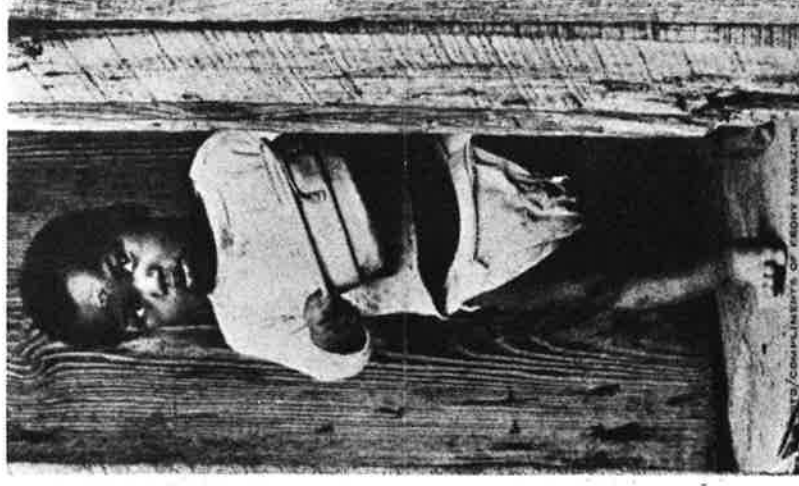
NO POLIO IN CUBA

And in socialist Cuba—despite the hardship of an economic blockade—polio has been completely stamped out in the short time since the 1959 revolution. The last case of polio, in fact, occurred in 1965, as compared with the recent upswing in deaths

from this disease in the far more technologically advanced United States. Cuba also has eliminated malaria, which once ravished the country, and has been able to control diphtheria and venereal disease. All this has been achieved by centralizing the medical system, increasing the number of doctors, providing for even geographical distribution of medical facilities, and aggressively seeking out those who are ill through systematic checkups at home and in the workplaces.

The Soviet Union and Cuba are just two examples. The People's Republic of China, the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, and the People's Republic of Korea also have achieved similar advances in controlling disease and promoting the health of the masses of people.

The lesson is clear. Health care, as in the socialist countries, must be planned. It must be centralized, have adequate economic support, and be readily available to all sectors of society—not just to the rich as is the case in the United States. Moreover, the conditions in which contagious disease festers must be eradicated. Adequate rest, fresh air, sunshine, proper



nutrition, and clean safe housing not only are the right of all people, but are part of effective epidemic control. The battle for health can only be won by creating a healthy social structure.

Women jailed for fighting discrimination

By ELIZABETH ROSS

Seven women in Berkeley, California, are awaiting trial for fighting to enforce rights supposedly granted them by a law passed in 1972.

The city's Affirmative Action Law was supposed to end discrimination against minority groups and women, but little, if anything, has been done to implement it. Permanent city jobs for women remain only 25 percent of those hired, and are almost all at the lowest level, exactly as before.

The affirmative action fight began last February, when Hellen Dorsey, a supervisor in the Recreation and Parks Department, was passed over for promotion in

favor of a white male who had less training and experience than Ms. Dorsey. This was the second time she had been passed over, although she had been praised for doing "an outstanding job" in her district.

When she filed an appeal, she was given a two-day suspension without pay, but went on appealing until finally, backed by a number of women's groups including NOW, she stormed the City Council. She demanded a public hearing on her case, but the City Council turned her down, advising that she take her case to the Affirmative Action Subcommittee—a committee which did not even exist!

Jean Miller, an employee of the city library, actively supported Ms. Dorsey

from the beginning of her fight and together they founded the Berkeley Women's Affirmative Action Union (BWAAU).

Both of these women were arrested by plainclothesmen when they stepped out into the hall after addressing the City Council. Although there had been many stormy hearings in the City Council in the past, no one had ever been arrested before because of their disagreements. Both women were charged with resisting arrest, although the plainclothesmen did not identify themselves.

Then both women suffered reprisals on their jobs—suspensions without pay, and in Jean Miller's case loss of a special assignment, the Women's Project, which entailed finding books that would help women in their struggle for equality, and adding that literature to the library.

When she protested this high-handed action on the part of the head librarian she was joined by other women. She was arrested for protesting, and went to jail along with Louise Merrill and Johanna Feng. They remained incarcerated for ten days until they could obtain bail.

Jean Miller did not give up her fight and the response of the Board of Trustees was to fire her.

But if the bosses of the library thought they had stamped out opposition to their policies, they were very much mistaken. On the Monday after Jean's firing, 40 to 50 women showed up and occupied the office of the head librarian. Again the answer was police suppression. Arrested along with Jean were Hellen Dorsey, Flo Kennedy, the well-known fighter for women's rights, Linda Gianonni, Linda Thomas, and Anne Leonard. Anne was beaten by police and then charged with assault.

"We will not allow our sisters to be jailed, beaten, and deprived of their livelihood when they stand up for themselves and for all women," says the BWAAU.

They are demanding (1) reinstatement for Jean Miller and (2) Hellen Dorsey's rightful promotion under the Affirmative Action Program. They also demand the dropping of all criminal charges against the seven women now under indictment in connection with this struggle.

All these women need financial and moral support. Their legal debts are tremendous and continuing. Their case has received little publicity.

Messages of support and donations can be sent to: Berkeley Women's Affirmative Action Union, Box 840, Berkeley, California 94701.



Hellen Dorsey of the Berkeley Women's Affirmative Action Union arrested for demanding equality.

Church vs. cemetery union; 8 weeks' strikebreaking fails

NEWARK, N.J., Nov. 7.—The strike for a union shop of the Holy Cross Cemetery workers, members of the Cemetery Workers and Greens Attendants Union, Local 365, is now entering its eighth week. (See Workers World, Oct. 19, for details.)

With each passing day the strikers' bitterness against the church and Archbishop Boland increases as the church bosses continue to use all the power they can muster in an attempt to break the strike and crush the union.

The church has lined up the support of the business interests and the wealth of New Jersey. This past Saturday night at Seton Hall University, the church held a mass and a \$150-a-plate fundraising dinner with Archbishop Boland as the guest speaker. Most of the wealthy bosses of New Jersey attended.

The mass and dinner were picketed by a delegation of 30 strikers and members of the Center for United Labor Action (CULA). The workers had come with a statement from Sam Cimaglia, the union president, which they wanted to read to the Archbishop. But he refused to meet with them and instead had security guards posted in front of the church and the dining hall. The bishop didn't seem to care how long the hungry strikers and their supporters stayed out picketing in the freezing cold, as long as his elegantly dressed, well-fed, filthy rich supporters were well cared for and protected.

On Sunday the strikers, their families, and a large delegation from the CULA again were on the street picketing the Sacred Heart Cathedral where the Archbishop says mass. From there the delegation of 60 or so people went to and picketed in front of the Archbishop's estate, which ranks among the elegant.

On Monday some strikers and CULA members decided to picket the Chancery of the Newark Diocese (administrative office of the church). The Archbishop has his office in the Chancery and the workers wanted a chance to confront him. When he pulled up in his chauffeured car, a shop steward asked, "What are you going to do about our starving children?" With the self-confidence of a well-fed boss, he said, "You can have your jobs back anytime you want." meaning, give up your strike and your fight for future job security. And when the steward responded, "All you have to do is sign the contract" giving the workers a union shop, the Archbishop turned and walked inside.

The press had maintained a virtual press blackout about the strike until Sam Cimaglia, the Local 365 president, went on a hunger strike inside the Cathedral. After a week the Archbishop called in the cops and had him arrested for trespassing. Upon his release from jail, Cimaglia went to another church and is currently continuing his hunger strike there. He is scheduled to appear in court on November 12 on charges of illegal entry(?).!

The Service Employees International Union to date has not given any support, financial or otherwise. It was only after Sam Cimaglia was arrested that the International bureaucrats were embarrassed into a pledge of financial support. It is clear that the bureaucrats are not mobilizing the resources of their union to win the strike. Instead, they have proposed to the Bishop that the National Association of American Bishops decide the issue of a union shop and that their decision be binding on both parties.

As one worried striker said, "It's like asking the fox to protect the chicken coup."

Production first: safety last

By DOUG ROEPKE
MILWAUKEE, October 29—Workers at the Rexnord Plant in West Milwaukee were furious when this week's accident report was posted. This is how the company safety director reported a major injury:

"Date: September 25. Plant: Casting Division. Days lost: 5. Type of injury: Burns to throat and esophagus. Cause—What happened? "

"Employee reports while pouring molten iron into a mold, some of the iron hit an iron weight used to hold cope of mold down. As the iron hit weight it splattered and some came up towards his face and entered his throat and mouth.

"Corrective measures: In 25 years, this is the first time that we have ever had an injury of this nature. Suggest employees keep their mouths closed while pouring molten metal at 2300 degrees."!!

The immediate result of this outrage was that seven rank-and-file members of the Safety Committee quit. Every day, all over the country, hundreds of workers are injured on the job because, as one former Safety Committeeman said: "The company puts production first, safety last."

It is time we working people showed these foremen and bosses what we think of them!

Workers win battle against scabs, cops, and Post millionaire

By GREGORY DUNKEL and MARIE GUREVICH

WASHINGTON, D.C., Nov. 10—The liberal Washington Post and its liberal millionaire owner, Katherine Graham, are out to break their workers' union. The printers' union, Local 101, Columbia Typographical Union of the International Typographers Union (ITU), has been working without a contract ever since the old one expired on September 30. The Post wants to introduce the new automated "cold-type" process using nonunion workers, and then lay off 210 highly skilled union members because the bosses claim they cost too much money.

The test of strength began Saturday, November 3, when the typographers

Buffalo workers suffer new hardships; profits way up

By ANNE HAWKINS

BUFFALO, N.Y., November 6—The working and poor people of this city have been hit especially hard by the present economic crisis.

Despite protests by several area community organizations, unions, and senior citizens' organizations, the local city bus company has demanded increases in fares once a year for the past three years. The gas and electric companies have demanded one or two rate hikes a year; most of the time they were granted. The notorious AT&T, through its state branch, New York Telephone, has gone from A to Z in finding disguised ways to raise telephone bills (for example, by claiming higher costs for equipment installation, coin calls, increased deposits, by charging for information calls, and by instituting the "message unit" system, etc.).

Buffalo's unemployment rate, at one time reaching 8 percent, is one of the highest in the nation. This reflects increased plant closings, layoffs, and firings. The rising cost of living has forced many unorganized workers here onto welfare rolls and has forced many organized workers to strike.

In a further reflection of the bosses' arrogance, Buffalo's Chamber of Commerce, which represents at least 100 local companies, recently met to issue a confidential report on business "gripes" that was submitted to the County Executive. The "un"confidential version of the report that was finally released to the public was, in truth, a blatant slander of all working people in Buffalo.

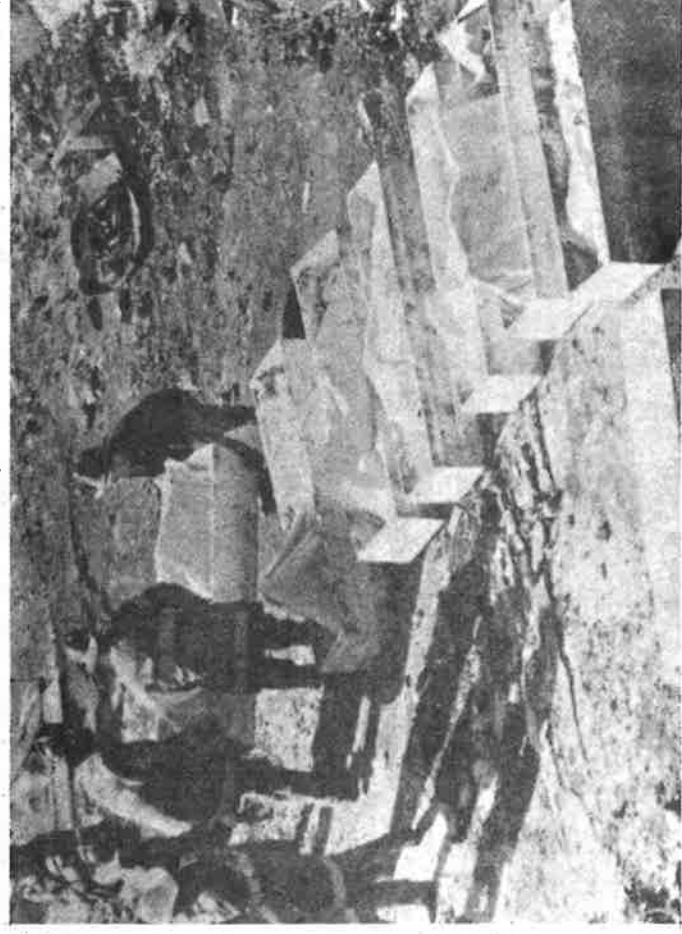
While businessmen are crying crocodile tears over the need to increase their already huge profits, the companies want to stop

payment of compensation and disability to injured workers, along with unemployment benefits to strikers. Since this report was issued, AT&T has announced plans to fight payment of unemployment benefits. Of course, this effort on behalf of one of the nation's largest corporations will open the door to a flood of similar corporate actions.

But the report did not go unnoticed by local workers. The Center for United Labor Action here issued an answer to the Chamber of Commerce with their own report of labor's gripes against local area businesses. Their report gave the working people's side of the question concerning compensation and disability, unemployment, rising cost of living, job safety, discrimination, pensions, etc. With facts and figures, the Center documented increasing attacks on working people in a period of skyrocketing corporate profits. Copies of the reports were sent to local area unions and community organizations.

As a climax, the working people's report was presented to the County Executive. The Center demanded that the county take action on conditions mentioned in the CULA report, and further, that the County Executive convene a public meeting to listen to working people's complaints. Members of the CULA reported that the County Executive denied granting the meeting.

Though it is no surprise that the government has refused to take action that will benefit workers, the CULA's report provided a unifying and action-oriented example. The economic crisis presently affecting the U.S. economy is definitely felt by the most oppressed, whose militancy and willingness to fight back are increasing.



Forty workers, killed when a gas tank exploded in Staten Island, N.Y., last year, are only a few of more than 20,000 victims murdered every year by big business.

over a year, operated by scab supervisors. That did it. The picket line turned from joking to confrontation.

At first, the picketers had joked with the police and asked them why they were protecting a millionaire like Katherine Graham instead of the workers' jobs. Their attitude had been: "After all, we are mainly white, middle-income men and support 'law and order.' So why pick on us?"

But events and the few Black trainees among the picketers began to make them see the true nature of the police. Near the end, when a real confrontation erupted, these reporters heard the workers call the cops "pigs."

When Graham announced the printing of the Monday edition, the engravers and stereotypers (who prepare the plates for the press) went in. But they had agreed with the typographers not to do any work—just keep their eyes open. Meanwhile, the supervisors

were trying to set the cold type, and the paper missed deadline after deadline. Around 1:00 a.m. on Monday morning, the engravers came out and reported that the supervisors had prepared some of the presses for printing.

Fifty pressmen, led by their Local President James Dugan, entered the pressroom, pulled the paper out of the presses, and barricaded the pressroom with heavy paper rolls. They told the company: "When there's a strike, there are certain ground rules—we don't get paid and you don't print a paper."

The Post management had let them into the building because it hoped they had come to work, not to help their fellow workers. But they soon learned what working class solidarity means. After the pressmen stopped the presses, the Post felt it needed more protection and called in U.S. marshals (Continued on page 14)

The crisis deepens

By SAM MARCY

November 14—At this moment it would appear that Nixon is almost completely isolated from his former political allies and supporters. With calls for his resignation now coming from the Denver Post, the Atlanta Journal, Time magazine, and the Detroit News, not to speak of The New York Times and the New York Post, the bulk of the capitalist press seems to have solidly lined up for Nixon's resignation.

Similar calls had earlier come from the press in Britain, notably the London Times, the Economist, and the Observer.

This could easily lead to the conclusion that, given the profound isolation of Nixon and how terribly discredited he has become in the eyes of the broad masses of people, he will resign. His November 7 nationwide telecast, however, indicated otherwise, at least for now.

WHEN CAPITALIST POLITICIANS SEEM TO DEFEY THEIR CLASS

The relationship between the capitalist ruling class and its press is very analogous to the relationship between the capitalist class and its political leaders.

The capitalist politicians, like the press and the pulpit, do not immediately and directly or spontaneously reflect the interests of the ruling class.

They represent its generalized interests. There are times when the ideological and political leadership of the ruling class may be way ahead, or for that matter, way behind, the position of the ruling class itself.

Furthermore, the capitalist politicians are always calling into question what really constitutes "the vital interests" of the ruling class at any given moment. Mere factional rifts may have their origin in contending ruling class groupings, but bitter controversies frequently reflects a genuine difference over perspective arising out of the dilemma of U.S. imperialist decline. There have been times when the ruling class has exhibited a vicious and most venomous attitude toward its political representatives when they have merely been trying to serve their class and its interests, and were perhaps even more far-sighted than any segment of the class itself.

ROOSEVELT

Franklin D. Roosevelt was regarded as an arch-enemy of the ruling class, and he in turn lambasted them as economic royalists. But historically his mission was to save the capitalist system from collapse and to divert the unprecedented surge of militancy and revolutionary energy of the masses, generated by the Depression, into safe governmental channels. The capitalist press, especially in the thirties, continually attacked him, and to this day many bourgeois historians regard him as a traitor to his class.

History is full of illustrations of apparent contradictions and sharp conflicts between political leaders and the class they represent.

THE RULING CLASS AND ITS PRESS

There is no question that the capitalist press and media faithfully serve the class interests of American finance capital. But the fact that they have at last come out so strongly for Nixon's resignation should give us pause for reflection. When the Detroit News, Atlanta Journal, and Denver Post call for Nixon's resignation, this can scarcely be regarded as a gesture for greater freedom, democracy, or any of the other myths. If one remembers that these papers vociferously promoted the "law and order" Nixon campaigns of 1968 and 1972, their change of heart is not due to any moral renaissance on their part. They want to hurry up and put in a rightwing Republican as a solution to the problem. Their sudden switch reflects a mixture of fear, growing panic, and a crude attempt to achieve a peaceful transition from Nixon to Ford. They are deeply

worried about the dangerous tidal wave of mass resentment and protest and want to see the crisis over Nixon quickly resolved, the republic again in secure (and reactionary) hands, and the growing mass movement over impeachment subside.

However, it is well to note, without giving it too much significance, that a poll taken by the Washington Post of a broad cross section of big business shows that very few of the giant corporate executives are willing to go as far as to call for Nixon's resignation, although many of them have been losing confidence in him (New York Post, Nov. 5).

Of course, none of the names of the giant corporations or their executives were listed, it being a so-called confidential poll. Nevertheless, it is probably true that the ruling class establishment as a whole does not yet share the view of the capitalist press and media.

Considering the momentous character of the issues involved, the likelihood of a complete accord between the ruling class and its servants, whether in the press or in the Congress, is highly unlikely. During the entire Roosevelt and Truman period, the capitalist press was overwhelmingly hostile to both of them, but the opposition never took on the proportions of a demand for resignation. The furthest it went was for 120 Congressmen to sign a petition calling for the resignation of Dean Acheson, the then Secretary of State, even though he was an architect of NATO and the Cold War. But the calls for Truman's resignation were few in number and came mostly from small-city politicians on the extreme right.

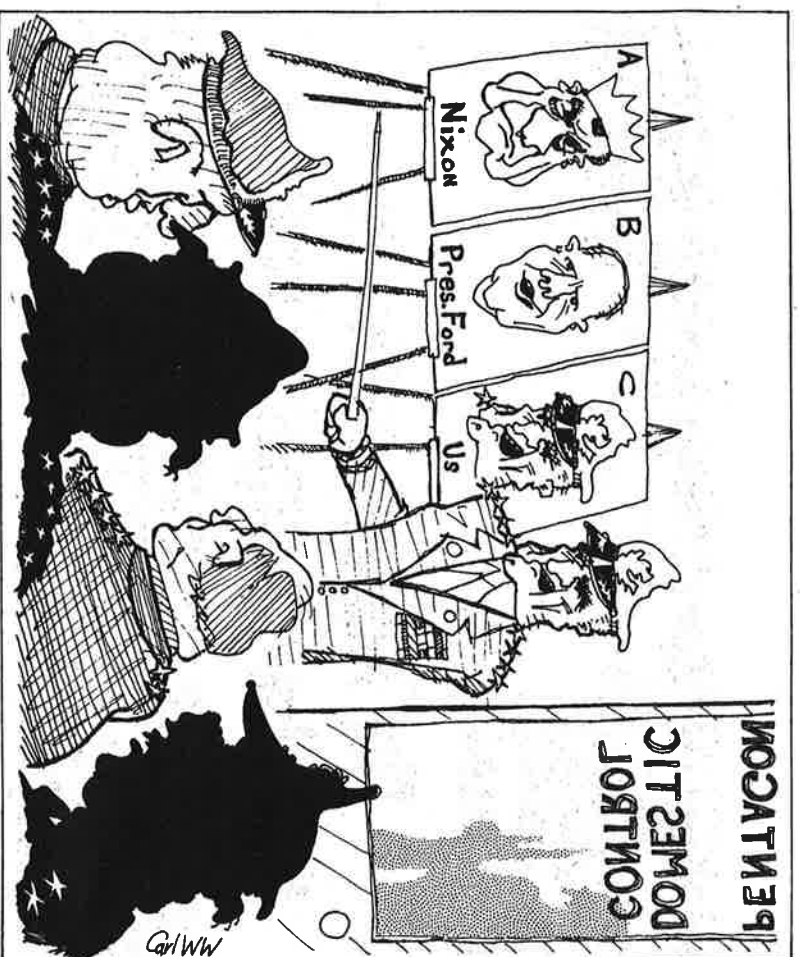
THE SWITCH TO FORD

The eagerness of the capitalist press to achieve a quick and easy transition from Nixon to another GOP rightist has sobered some of the Democratic politicians in



Congress. It has at once made clear to them that they can become entrapped by their own maneuvers. Regardless of what more basic issues are involved in the struggle, an easy transition to a GOP rightist such as Ford would mean a reactionary Republican as President, one who in the past was in some ways to the right of Nixon and later carried out all Nixon's domestic legislation, one who has a Goldwater position on racism, and a foreign policy only too eager to be fashioned by the Pentagon.

It would be a neat and facile maneuver to end the acute internal crisis of the ruling class if GOP rightist Ford were to be substituted for Nixon. Perhaps because it appears all too easy, the ruling class itself is still cautious, as the Washington Post poll shows. It is fearful that the dangers of such



Gentlemen: We also have contingency plans in the event history calls on us.

GI union alerts troops to danger of military coup

By ANDY STAPP

On November 5, the American Servicemen's Union, an organization of rank-and-file servicemen and women and veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces, appealed to the masses of GIs, sailors, airmen, and marines to resist any attempt by the military brass to intervene in the current domestic crisis with military force.

The Bond, the newspaper of the ASU, warned the enlisted men and women of the various military branches that the Pentagon bosses might attempt to declare martial law and seize power, using the Watergate political scandals as their excuse to take over the government.

In its front-page article, headlined "Are Nixon & Brass Plotting a Coup?", "The Bond attacked the many fascist-minded officers 'who dream of turning the U.S. into one huge barracks' and pointed out that the October 25 worldwide U.S. military alert might well have been 'a dry run for a military seizure in Washington and other big American cities.'"

The Bond also pointed out that such a coup plan does indeed exist! The groundwork for a military seizure was laid during the Black rebellions of 1967, when the Pentagon began openly to prepare for the day "they may be called upon to take over the operation of a government the size of New York City or larger" (New York Daily News, August 5, 1967).

Of course, the situation in the last year, with the corrupt and totalitarian Nixon reeling from one crisis to another, lends itself particularly to the possibility of a military coup.

There is coup talk in the air: some of it emanating from conservative capitalist papers like The Times of London. This formerly pro-Nixon English newspaper wrote on October 22, "Last night as the FBI men moved in without warrant to 'seal' the Cox files, the whiff of the Gestapo was in the clear October air. Some of the soberest men an easy transition are underestimated and that the formidable character of issues which are hidden beneath the surface may break out into the open with full force. For it is not the matter of the tapes, nor the break-in at the Democratic Party headquarters, nor the burglary at Ellsberg's psychiatrist's office, nor other related matters which are at the bottom of the clash within the ruling class establishment.

CONCEALED SPLIT OVER DETENTE?

A far more potent issue is the one which relates to the detente between the U.S. and the USSR and China. But it is too explosive a matter for the ruling class factions to debate right out in the open, particularly in the midst of the protracted Mideast conflict. In one way or another, the detente may be

in government and out are now privately expressing anxiety that the military might now intervene—either to back the president or throw him out."

On October 24, Rep. Robert Leggett (D-Calif.) said: "Fears that he (Nixon) will impose martial law are cropping up more and more in the messages we receive."

On November 7, Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.), when asked a question by a Workers World reporter about the possibility of a military coup, answered, "It's possible. After seven months of Watergate exposures, it is certainly possible."

The New York Post of Saturday, November 3, reported: "A California Congressman says he thinks Nixon might attempt a military takeover of the government rather than relinquish his office voluntarily. 'As the noose of justice tightens around Nixon, he is growing more desperate,' Rep. Forney H. Stark (D-Calif.) said yesterday. He said such an attempt would fail because most military officers would refuse to go along with it."

The ASU stated that the American people must not rely on the military officer caste to protect them from a military coup. The Servicemen's Union has fought against these same racist and pro-war officers for five years in the struggle to win elementary democratic rights for servicemen and women. The ASU instructed its members and supporters in the military "to place under arrest anyone issuing such (coup) orders."

Tens of thousands of this anti-coup issue of The Bond are now in the possession of GIs, especially the elite airborne units at Ft. Bragg, N.C.

The brass now know that if they attempt to directly move into the center of the political stage by taking the reins of power in their hands, they will face not only the rage of the masses of civilians, but the organized anger of the lower ranks of "their own" army as well.

the axis on which the real controversy rotates.

(Secretary of State Kissinger, in his most recent visit to Peking, went far out of his way to assure Premier Chou En-lai that American policy toward China would remain constant, "no matter what happens in the United States in the future.")

Since the end of the Second World War, the principal issue in the U.S. ruling class establishment has been its aggressive and expansive foreign policy. And it would indeed be a break with the past if the Watergate issue were not merely a surface manifestation of this deeper issue.

The inner frictions among the capitalist politicians are bound to come to the surface, if they are not already doing so. A noticeable

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Now that the American people—especially the poor and working people—understand that Nixon is a ruthless and criminal tyrant in the pay of a clique of multimillionaires, the question is: What do the people do about it?

Many within the government who seem to be Nixon's harshest critics want him out so they can restore the image of the U.S. presidency and Washington as a whole. They would have us believe that something called "democracy" can really work in a country where the vast majority of the people work for a small class of super-rich millionaires and billionaires.

In this section, **Workers World** looks at the different branches of the federal government, and asks the question: If none of them really represent the people, then don't we have to fight to build a revolutionary movement completely independent of the bosses and their institutions?

The executive

By BOB McTUBBIN

Many people believe that while President Nixon may be corrupt, the American institution of the presidency itself is a democratic one. Many still believe that the constitutional safeguards against presidential tyranny, if not perfect, have proven very effective over almost 200 years of constitutional government. That Richard Nixon should be president is to them an unfortunate occurrence, but they would argue that the wheels of "due process" under the Constitution continue to turn and that the "temporary" problem of having a man like Nixon in the White House will soon be ended.

But if Richard Nixon is not a real leader of the people, it is only incidentally related to his Watergate crimes. He never was a fighter for the people's rights and neither were any of the other U.S. presidents. Now this may seem like a very extreme statement but it is borne out by a careful, class-conscious study of U.S. history. There has never been a U.S. president who was not either very wealthy himself or else was bought and paid for by the wealthy bankers



Nixon (right) with Abdullah and Rebozo. Every U.S. president has been bought and paid for.

and businessmen who feed off the labor of the American workers.

WHERE NIXON'S MILLIONS

CAME FROM

For example, in the rigged 1972 elections, the top 100 corporations each illegally kicked in at least \$100,000 for Nixon. That is \$10,000,000 just for a start. Most of the other \$50,000,000 Nixon got came from large individual fortunes and at least two multimillionaire families; the Stones of Chicago and the Mellons of Pittsburgh gave Nixon over \$1,000,000 each!

Now it is a well-known fact that many big bankers and businessmen make contributions to both the Democratic and Republican parties. The reason they do this is two-fold. First, they want both major candidates to be indebted to them, and second, they know that, under most circumstances, it doesn't matter which one wins. The important thing is to make sure that two candidates run so that the people will continue to be deceived into thinking that they have a real choice.

Time and time again, candidates for the presidency have promised to keep the country out of war, only to do the opposite once they were elected. (Remember

Woodrow Wilson? Franklin Roosevelt? Lyndon Johnson?) What this demonstrates is that when big business wants war, it doesn't matter what the people want. And what president has ever supported workers' strikes for higher wages?

There is a popular myth that, while the Republican party is definitely a big-business party, the Democrats are more for the "common man." Someone should have reminded Harry Truman of that fact. Not the least of Truman's connections with big business was Charles E. Wilson, head of General Electric, whom Truman made at home in his administration.

One of Wilson's more quotable quotes was, "The problems of the U.S. can be capiously summed up in two words: Russia abroad, Labor at home." Truman himself was a mighty strikebreaker, having used the anti-labor Taft-Hartley Act nine times to prevent strikes for higher wages and, before its passage, having threatened to draft striking railroad workers into the U.S. Army if they didn't desist and return to work.

And, by the way, was Truman's "police action" in Korea in the interest of "the common man"? The tens of thousands of young American workers who died in that "other" Asian war were told they were fighting for democracy but that's not what the Korean people thought, who had their cities and farms destroyed and their fellow

countrymen and women slaughtered by U.S. troops.

DICTATORSHIP OF THE RICH

But there's nothing special about Harry Truman. His crimes are typical of the crimes that all U.S. presidents have routinely committed against the poor and working people. The U.S. political system is a democracy for the rich. But it is a dictatorship of the rich against the poor and all the working people.

The executive branch of the government, like the other two branches, exists for the purpose of maintaining the rule of the rich over the rest of society. There are approximately 2.7 million people working in the federal government bureaucracy, most of them in the executive branch. Surely such a large and complex society needs government regulation and guidance to oversee the wide range of services, enterprises, etc., that are required. It is interesting though, that in spite of such huge bureaucracies as the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, to name just one, the problems of health, education, and welfare of the masses continue to remain unsolved and untreated year after year, becoming progressively

more serious as programs get cut back and cancelled and the cities continue to deteriorate.

The vast offices that make up the executive branch function on the basis of favors to the corporations, payoffs, and push jobs to the "special friends" and "loyal" party officials, and deception of the masses of people. The people are told there is a Department of Justice. But just imagine a worn-out old worker going there to get justice in the form of decent retirement benefits from his boss. Or imagine the Farah strikers or the United Farmworkers going there to seek justice in their righteous struggles.

The billionaires call the tune to which the executive bureaucracy dances and the lyrics are always the same: serve the rich, deceive and repress the rest. And speaking of repression, the budget for repression is astronomical. The new FBI building (supposedly a subdivision of the Justice Department) is ten times as large as the Justice Department building itself. The U.S. military machine, with its intimate connections to big business (2,134 former high-ranking military officers were employed by "defense" industries in 1969), and the CIA (whose budget is a closely guarded secret) have no other function but the preservation by force and treachery of U.S. big-business rule around the world.

Does the president represent the people? If you answered yes, guess again. The executive branch of government, from the president on down, is a sophisticated mechanism for enforcing the dictatorship of the billionaires. When the people take over, and they will, they will tear down that monstrous edifice brick by brick, and then, and only then, will the rule of the Nixons, whatever their actual names, be ended once and for all.

The legislative

By TOM MITCHELL

Congress, we are told, is the branch of government closest to the people, because there are so many of them, elected in all sections of the states.

But, in fact, the Congress of the United States of America is controlled by the super-rich corporation owners. The hundreds of millions of dollars spent on campaigns are a very profitable investment for the bankers and industrialists who have such enormous sums at their command.

The Republican party is financed overwhelmingly by business. And the Democrats, said to represent labor and the poor, also get the bulk of their cash from management, more than three times as much as from unions.

Both major political parties and all the successful vote-getters are absolute and unyielding defenders of business-as-usual, the right of the few to get richer while the many get poorer.

With so few barriers against it, conflict of interest becomes commonplace in Congress. "If everyone abstained on grounds of personal interest," former Senator Robert Kerr claimed, "I doubt if you could get a quorum (enough congressmen to hold a vote) on any subject." Kerr's own position neatly illustrates the problem. As a millionaire oilman from Oklahoma, Kerr stood to lose or gain on huge sums, depending on the government's tax rules on oil. As a powerful member of the Senate Finance Committee, Kerr was one of the men who decided what the tax laws should be. It does not take long to see the conflict. "Hell," Kerr bragged, "I'm in everything."

In this great "democracy," anybody has the chance to go to Congress and become a millionaire on graft, as long as you get promoted by the party machine, the

press, and rich financial backers. Big business can't lose when both carefully chosen candidates have strings attached.

CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES AND LOBBIES

Just in case the rigged election system fails on occasion, Congress, in making laws and raising taxes, is organized into committees. For every committee (commerce, banking, agriculture, health, etc.), there is a lobby that pulls the strings.

The word "lobbying" dates from the period right after the Civil War when the rising industrial tycoons took over dominance in the government from the slaveowners. The bribery was so much out in the open when Washington was more isolated from the people that the payoffs took place right in the lobbies of Congress. The great transcontinental railroad was one of the more famous giveaways, amounting to millions of acres of public land and fabulously overpriced contracts. The railroads aren't what they used to be, but the subsidy rolls on.

Lobbies are the directly employed agents of the business groups who control Congress. Money still does the talking, but the lobbies now do most of their "persuading" behind the closed doors of congressional committee rooms. And the media cooperate in keeping the secret government censored for the most part.

When was the last time you read about how organizations like the National Association of Manufacturers, the Chamber of Commerce, the National Farm Bureau, the American Medical Association, the Bankers Political Action Committee, or the nameless oil lobby are actually writing the laws that our "representatives" introduce on the floor of Congress?

When has it been noticed that the public spectacle of \$1,000-a-plate fund raising dinners and \$2,500 speaking fees for politicians are really a form of graft rewards for service that every politician takes? And this is just the small part, the over-the-table kickbacks!

DEMOCRACY FOR THE RICH

Less than .05 percent of the people in the U.S. are worth a million dollars and have the capital to make controlling investments in politicians. But these few big wheels don't always agree on how to share the pie and keep the people in line.

Congress is an arena in which the different business groups in the U.S. maneuver for political leadership of their class. All the talk about the welfare of the people and the national interest is just so much hot air—a smokescreen to hide the true character of their doings.

When big business writes the rules so that democracy is a privilege reserved for them, those who hope to bring about change simply by electing a progressive candidate here and there are being tricked into a trap.

The judicial

By DEIRDRE GRISWOLD

Of all the branches of the government, the one with the greatest awe and mystique attached to it is the judiciary.

Those words "In God We Trust," so often lettered in gold above the bench, endorse the black-robed figure with an infallibility emanating from heaven itself.

How could a whisper of bias or gross material interest be attached to an institution clothed in such solemn surroundings and supported by such lofty marble columns?

But the history of the U.S. Supreme Court is as sordid as that of the other branches. Interest-peddling cloaked in noble sentiments, harsh and cruel "justice" against the poor and oppressed, and, in

...and who they represent

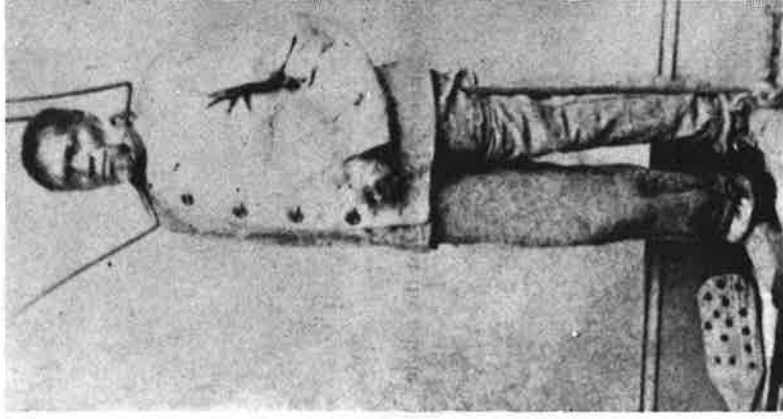
general, a very keen sense for smelling out what are the most vital interests of the wealthy classes and translating them into law—these have been the outstanding characteristics of the final court of appeal, the "last judgment" for anyone afool of the law.

The Supreme Court, since its birth in 1789, has given the stamp of legality to every important decision of the U.S. oligarchy. (An excellent and highly detailed account is given in "The History of the Supreme Court" by Gustavus Myers.)

It was the Court that ratified the tremendous land seizures and appropriations that had been made, many of them fraudulently, in the days of the British Crown. By the time of the Revolution, there were already quite a few millionaires in the new-born United States of America, and it was these men of immense property, most of it in landed estates, who ran the affairs of the new nation.

LAND GIVEAWAYS UNDER JAY

John Jay, first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, was himself connected by birth and marriage to a number of these



A slave in irons: "The doctrine of acquiescence."

mighty landed families. It was his job as head of the Court to strengthen the government against the people, who had just fought in a revolution with guns in hand and wanted to reap the benefits of their sacrifice.

Under the Jay court, further distribution of millions of acres of the public lands took place at pennies an acre, not to the poor settlers but to the rich aristocrats of the time. Also, the law-making power of the legislatures (which were still much more directly under the pressure of the poor and working people) was formally usurped by the Court, which demanded the right to declare a law "unconstitutional."

Justice John Marshall is praised by many bourgeois authorities as the great "democrat" of the Supreme Court. Yet his term as Chief Justice (1801-1835) saw the further codifying into tradition of judicial decisions that benefited the long-range interests of the wealthy classes.

MARSHALL AND SLAVERY

Marshall may have bemoaned the slave trade in pious terms—but he ruled that it was legal because of "the doctrine of acquiescence." Because slavery had existed since ancient times, he wrote, it has passed "the test of general usage." "That which has received the assent of all, must be the law of all."

The fact that the slaves themselves had never assented to their condition was in-

suddenly all the legalisms and lengthy congressional debates paled into insignificance. Just imagine what it would have signified if Nixon had called directly on the military!

What is the state?

Understanding the state is basic to understanding society. Yet you can go from kindergarten to college and never get a clear answer.

Why?

A few examples of the state in action will show why the bosses, who control the educational system, do not want to discuss the state.

The massacre by the National Guard of Kent State students protesting the invasion of Cambodia was the state in action. The murder of Fred Hampton, Black Panther Party leader, in his bed by invading police was the state in action.

More massive state violence took place in the 1960s when the police, the National



One of the major roles of the state is to break labor struggles. Here, police guard the Washington Post offices on Nov. 5 during strike. (Strike article on p. 12.)

Guard, and the Army killed hundreds of Black and Latin people during rebellions against racism, poverty, and unemployment.

Throughout history workers have had to face the capitalist state: in the 1930s during the drive to organize the CIO; after World War I, when an organizing drive of workers was crushed; during the 1880s and the struggle for the 8-hour day. At every historic moment that workers or oppressed people have tried to better their conditions of life under capitalism or rebelled against intolerable exploitation they have had to face the police, the army, the courts, the FBI; they have been beaten, jailed, and killed—and, above all, they have only won when they were able to overcome the force thrown against them by the bosses.

STATE VS. GOVERNMENT

That is the state: the machine of organized violence of the bosses and bankers, the ultimate means by which they enforce their regime of exploitation.

Governments are bodies which make policy for the capitalists. They rise and fall according to whether the Rockefeller, the DuPonts, the Fords, or the Mellons are satisfied with their policies. Sometimes by popular pressure the masses of people can force the ruling class to get rid of a government. But the power still resides in the ruling class because it still has the state. Governments come and go, but the state remains. (J. Edgar Hoover remained head of the FBI through nine successive Presidents!) It is increasingly strengthened year after year by the bosses with new appropriations and new weapons for repression.

The Armed Forces, the FBI, the CIA, the National Guard, the state, county and municipal police, judges, wardens, sheriffs, and every sort of armed parasite stand ready to do the bidding of the corporate rulers who created them.

They are sent to intervene in every struggle that breaks out 24 hours a day—whether it be an individual worker who gets

fed up and hits a foreman or 100,000 workers striking against a corporate giant. The workers get threats and violence; the bosses and scabs get protection. It has never been any other way and never will, so long as capitalism exists.

BOSSSES NEED THE STATE

The capitalists are a tiny minority who live off the labor of the vast majority of wage slaves. No working class would ever voluntarily submit to this system for long. That is why the bosses need the state. Behind the day-to-day obedience in the factories lies, not love for the flag or constitution or bourgeois law, but the knowledge that the police and courts are at the beck and call of the employers.

The state as the organized violence of one class for the suppression of another began long ago when human beings were first divided into classes. The Roman legions were the ancient equivalent of the

cops and the army rolled into one. Their job was to enforce the rule of the slave masters and extend slavery. That was the slave state.

The peasants and serfs under feudalism were bound to the land of the lord and would not have tolerated this for long without the feudal state of the landlords. The knights in shining armor were really the armed body of men enforcing feudalism.

Today working people are faced with the capitalist state: the last great obstacle to the establishment of a society where all can produce and enjoy the fruits of their labor equally—socialism. To at last transfer power from the hands of the tiny minority of exploiters to the vast majority of the people who produce, it will be necessary to have a government of the workers and oppressed people, but for that day to dawn, the capitalist state must first be done away with forever.

Who are the ruling class?

By ANDY STAPP

Behind the guns and clubs of the police and armed forces of the capitalist state, pulling the strings and giving the orders, stands the ruling class itself. The names of many of these millionaires and billionaires are well known to most of the people:

The Rockefellers, with their vast holdings in banks and oil, are perhaps the richest of all, controlling a personal fortune estimated at somewhere between \$6,000,000,000 and \$10,000,000,000.

The DuPonts, who rule the monstrously large chemical empire, have relegated the state of Delaware to the position of a family duchy; with their personal assets of \$4,000,000,000 to \$9,000,000,000, they are quite possibly as powerful as the Rockefellers.

The Mellons—owners of Gulf Oil (recently fined \$5,000 for giving an illegal contribution of \$100,000 to Nixon's 1972 campaign), owners of Alcoa (The Aluminum Company of America), owners of Westinghouse, owners of The Mellon National Bank and Trust—have a personal wealth estimated at \$4,000,000,000 to \$9,000,000,000.

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Behind the government lies the state, and behind the state, the ruling class itself.

How does a group of billionaires manage to get control of a vast country like the U.S. (and a good part of the rest of the world)? How can the workers and oppressed prepare to meet—the organized violence of this monstrous state apparatus?

What is the state?

By FRED GOLDSTEIN

Richard Nixon has used many legal and illegal methods to try and put a halt to the Watergate revelations. But everyone realized that a whole new dimension to the struggle had been added when, after firing Archibald Cox and forcing the resignation of Attorney General Richardson, Nixon ordered the FBI to seize the offices of the Special Prosecutor. Washington was electrified by the spectacle of armed agents turning away the secretaries and lawyers whose offices had been sealed.

This was a direct use of the state, and

RAILROADS RUN THE COURT

As the U.S. began to develop into an industrial giant, the banks and railroad companies began to have increasing power over the Supreme Court. Over 212 million acres of public lands were granted directly to the railroads, most through bribing Congress and the state legislatures. But it was the Supreme Court that ratified this legislation.

With the growth of industry came the struggle of workers to get better wages and conditions. All the vile practices of the industrial revolution—child labor, 16- and 18-hour days, the lack of safety regulations leading to the regular slaughter of tens of thousands of workers—had been approved by the Supreme Court. But when workers began to combine into unions, the Court invoked the Sherman Anti-Trust Law in 1911 (which hadn't broken a single real trust) and began fining unions enormous sums of money.

This sketchy history should give some indication why the "nine old men" who hold office for life are so invaluable to the U.S. imperialist ruling class. Is it any wonder that they refused to hear arguments that the Indochina War is unconstitutional? Is it any wonder that they ratified the Korean War with their silence?

As long as there's a Supreme Court, the law will be that of the ruling oligarchy.

And it should be clear that, in the present political struggle between Nixon and his opponents in the ruling class, no relief for the masses of people can be expected from the Supreme Court, or any of the courts under it.

-Ruling class

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The Fords have made Detroit the center of their octopus-like world auto empire; their personal wealth is in the range of \$1,200,000,000 to \$4,000,000,000.

Other billionaire families include the Gettys (oil), the Hughes (oil), the Cullens (oil), the Humts (oil), the Pews (oil), the Ludwigs (shipping), the MacArthurs (life insurance), and the Dorrances (Campbell soup.)

There are 67 families in the U.S. with personal fortunes in excess of \$100,000,000. There are over 100,000 individuals in America who are "worth" a million dollars or more. But the real ruling class is in fact much smaller than the number of millionaires: It is likely that as few as 1,000 men rule America.

How does this class of super-rich businessmen and bankers control the state?

Firstly, they control the two capitalist political parties, the Republicans and Democrats, by financing the campaigns of the various candidates. The big bourgeoisie gave Nixon at least \$50,000,000 to insure his reelection.

Secondly, and more importantly, they control the state apparatus directly. Of the 16 men who have been Secretary of War or Secretary of Defense since 1952, ten have been multimillionaire members of the ruling class.

New York financial groupings have sent their own bankers and lawyers to fill this top Pentagon spot: under Roosevelt, Wall Street

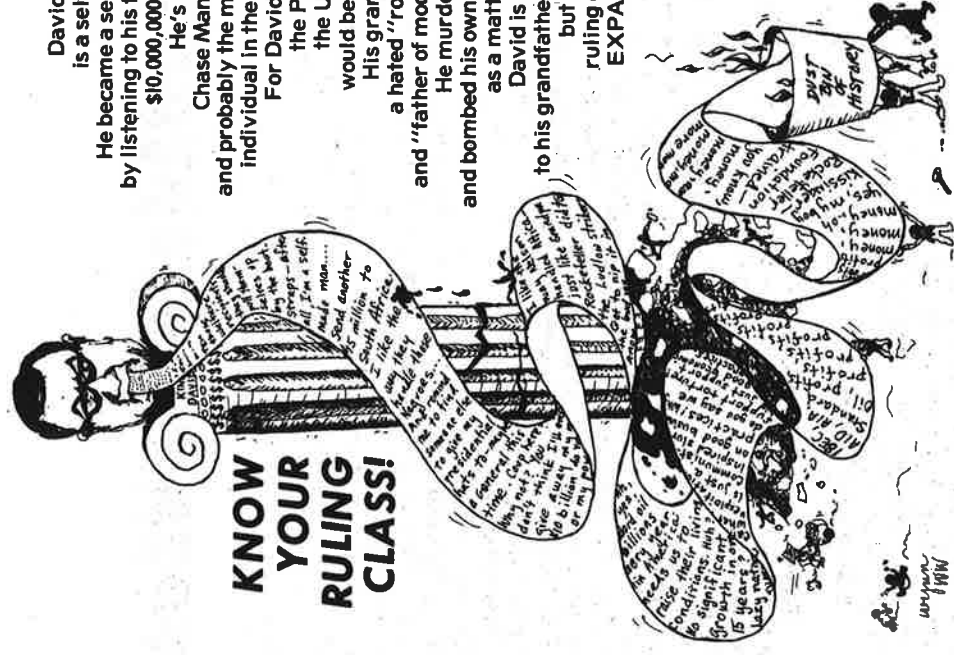
lawyer Henry Stimson; under Truman, three Wall Street men, Robert Patterson, Kenneth Royal, and James Forrestall (who came from the presidency of Dillon, Reed) as well as investment banker Robert Lovett (an executive of Brown Brothers, Harriman and Company).

The first two men Eisenhower appointed to head the Defense Department were Charles E. Wilson of General Motors and Neil H. McElroy of Proctor & Gamble. These two were succeeded by a banker, Thomas S. Gates, who went on to the presidency of the Morgan Guarantee Trust Company in 1965.

Robert McNamara (Ford Motor), Clark Clifford (a DuPont lawyer), and Elliot Richardson (Boston Brahmin) are all the most recent examples of ruling class elements in control of the military bureaucracy.

The same pattern of big money control over the Defense Department also exists in all the other state agencies: the "Justice" Department, the CIA, the Federal Reserve Board, among others. In fact, the ruling class dominates all important institutions of capitalist society, i.e., the universities, the newspapers and TV, the courts, the Congress, and even the so-called "non-profit" organizations.

The ruling class would have us believe that they don't even exist, but they have run this country from the very beginning. A small section of them have surfaced in the Watergate crisis as the real power behind Nixon. But we can be sure that if this same ruling class is able to reach an agreement, even if only a temporary one, on who they want to represent them in the White House, they'll once again close ranks and try to convince us all that the U.S.A. is a country run "of, by, and for the people."



David Rockefeller is a self-made man. He became a self-made man by listening to his father's will: \$10,000,000,000 tax free. He's Chairman of Chase Manhattan Bank and probably the most powerful individual in the ruling class. For David Rockefeller the Presidency of the United States would be a demotion! His grandfather was a hated "robber baron" and "father of modern trusts." He murdered strikers and bombed his own competitors as a matter of course. David is heir not only to his grandfather's fortune—but his legacy of ruling class policy: EXPAND OR DIE.

The Kent State murders (Why Nixon wants Saxbe)

By NAOMI COHEN

On the very day that Nixon announced he was going to nominate Republican Senator William Saxbe of Ohio for the job of Attorney General, Saxbe revealed what kind of "law enforcer" he intended to be. On November 1, he told reporters that he might halt the Justice Department investigation into the Kent State shootings of 1970 because he was "under the impression that the case had been reopened to satisfy public clamor." He went on to say that he was "kind of distressed when they reopened the case because I didn't think there was enough evidence."

While it is probably true that the Justice Department reopened the investigation with the precise purpose of trying to close the case and sweep the murders of four students under the rug once and for all, Saxbe goes a step further in openly blaming the students for their own deaths.

On May 6, 1970 (just two days after the shootings), Saxbe had already concluded that "the blame rests not on the guardsmen, but on the way the children have been raised, buffered from the frustrations and disappointments of the world." He reached this conclusion, of course, before even a whitewash in the courts could claim that the guardsmen were absolved of all wrongdoing. Later on Saxbe told the press, "It had to happen as confrontations grew in violence all over the country. And when it finally did, it brought them to a screeching halt." In other words, the Kent State murders were quite a successful and conscious tactic, as far as he is concerned, in halting student protests—not an accident, at

the Democrats who were calling for impeachment or resignation, now it is the Republicans who are more in the forefront. Thus, when Republican Minority leader Hugh Scott makes allusions to Nixon giving "full disclosure data to the Watergate Committee," he is in some respects taking the initiative from the Democrats.

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The least favorable variant for widening the mass struggle to oust Nixon lies in an easy transition to a successor duly appointed by the same ruling class which put Nixon into the presidency in the first place.

Of course, the ruling class desperately needs an end to the crisis in order to restore among the masses confidence in its system of exploitation and oppression. More than anything else the master class fears that the

People throughout the country are demanding the impeachment of archcriminal Nixon. In Washington, women show their contempt for the man in the White House. . . and in New York City, one thousand people march in the streets.

-Crisis deepens

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shift in emphasis has taken place by spokesmen for the Democratic Party. Thus, the Democratic leader of the Judiciary Committee has indicated that this key body would hesitate to confirm the nomination of Ford. They reason that this would unquestionably hurt Democratic chances if they accommodated Nixon by confirming his nominee, who could then be the next president.

Senator Kennedy also drew back on the question of hurrying the Ford nomination, and some others have found it necessary to soften their call for impeachment. The reckoning behind this is that a quick solution to the problem would work against their clique, partisan interests.

At any rate, there has been a sudden, but not too noticeable, reversal of roles between the Democrats and the Republicans in Congress. Whereas it was



Saxbe on junket: The kids at Kent State learned their lesson.

This kind of attitude, of course, makes Saxbe a perfect candidate for the job of Attorney General. He follows in the tradition of the last Attorney General, Richard Kleindienst, who openly stated that he thought anti-war protestors should just be rounded up and put into concentration camps.

With the mass of evidence of dirty tricks used by the Nixon administration to halt any and all opposition, the suspicion is now steadily growing that the shootings at Kent State, too, might have been ordered from the White House to teach the student demonstrators "a lesson" and halt the tidal (Continued on page 15)

continuation and aggravation of the crisis will open the eyes of more and more people to the really criminal character of the whole system. In its historic and unprecedented editorial calling on Nixon to resign, Time magazine (Nov. 12 issue) admitted and emphasized this very point. "Events have achieved an alarming momentum," it reads. "Additional facts that would be brought out under subpoena power at an impeachment trial could strike in many unforeseen and dangerous directions."

Rather than be a blind tool in the interests of facilitating this or that choice of the ruling class to succeed Nixon, the movement to oust Nixon must assume an independent working class perspective and channel the tremendous anti-Nixon protest movement into working class and revolutionary socialist channels.



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