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## Nicaragua Dynasty Crumbling



Somoza

September 1978: Nicaraguan youth tear up Somoza's picture.

Civil war is once again raging in Nicaragua as the hatred of the Nicaraguan people for U.S. imperialism and its fascist henchman Anastasio Somoza explodes. Beginning in May the Sandinista Front for National Liberation led attacks on targets in the southeastern region of the country. Assaults on Somoza's National Guard steadily increased and became more widespread. Armed clashes broke

out in major cities: Managua, Matagalpa and León. There were many heroic actions by the people which brought back to mind the scenes of the offensive last fall when Nicaraguans, including many youth, picked up anything at hand—from "Saturday night specials" to iron pipes—to do battle with the heavily equipped, U.S.-trained National Guard. And the people kicked their butts as often as

not.

On May 31, the Sandinistas launched a major offensive against the regime and called for a general strike to begin on June 4.

Electricity on the west coast, including in the capital city of Managua, has been cut off by the Sandinista forces. Heavy fighting continues in other cities. The Somoza regime is desperate to stop the struggle and the

air force is using napalm in the cities of Rives and Chinandega.

As we go to press the whole part of the country north of and including León, which is Nicaragua's second largest city, has been liberated. All major cities that have not been liberated have continued the general strike. The Sandinistas issued a communique on June 4 from a hidden location saying, "The general strike which began today will end on the day on which the Somoza regime is overthrown and the people, led by the Sandinista National Liberation Front, have controlled their destiny according to their own will."

U.S. imperialism is shitting in its pants. It would hate to see another one of its boys go the way of the Shah of Iran, especially one so close to home. And a U.S. boy is exactly what Somoza is. His family was put in power in 1927

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### Chicago Rock Against Racism

# "We're Black, We're White, We're Dynamite!"

Chicago—On Memorial Day in Chicago while prune-faced Mayor Jane Byrne was presiding over the red-white-and-blue hype for Vietnam Vets Day in the band shell downtown, a Black family and their friends were leaving Schiller Woods, a park on the Northside, after picnicking all day. Suddenly the nightmare began. A gang of white goons came at them, hurling bricks and bottles at the cars and the people inside and brandishing guns. They beat on the cars until the people were forced out and then they chased them through the

park. One white youth, holding a broken bottle, threatened 20-year-old James Jackson, taunting "Come on nigger!" Jackson defended himself but was stabbed.

After 30 of these goons ambushed the cars, other white people from all over the park swarmed in on the Black people. They took one car, drove it into a thicket and set it on fire. They drove another car into the lagoon. A number of middle-aged white men armed with rifles joined in this cowardly and disgusting attack. And the police? The

pigs in blue didn't move a goddamn muscle until a 50-year-old mother of three ran to them and begged them to stop the beatings. Although the cops took away a few rifles, they later denied that they had found any weapons at the scene. One white youth was arrested.

Chicago. Business as usual for the pigs who have protected reactionaries like Frank Collins and his Nazi rat-pack in Marquette Park, business as usual for these servants of the rich who have a license to kill Blacks and Puerto Ricans, a license to roam the parks and beaches

harassing the youth, especially if they see Black and white together. Business as usual for reaction.

But what is not business as usual in this town is the rumbling sound of the people of all nationalities standing united against this racist crap. And in the week before the Rock Against Racism concert, June 9 in Chicago's Lincoln Park, definite rumblings could be heard as word of this concert spread throughout Chicago. Fed up with the swastika brain, white-sheeted fools run-

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# IRAN WORKERS ANSWER FUGITIVE GM EXEC

The following is an exchange of letters which appeared in *Forward, Worker*, the newspaper of the League of Struggle for the Emancipation of the Working Class, in Iran. The first is from the executive director of GM's Iran plant, who split from Iran to save his neck before the Shah fell. The second is from a number of workers at the plant.

Text of the telegram received from Mr. Gann, Executive Director of General Motors.

29 Esfand 1357 March 20, 1979.

To: All employees of GM Iran Company

On behalf of GM, as well as other members of the foreign directors of GM, we relay our greetings to all workers of GM Iran and their families.

Those of us who have had to witness the expansion and development of Iran from outside Iran can only express our admiration of the way in which you, and in fact all Iranians, overcame your difficulties.

GM executives also thank you for your continued sincere services in GM Iran in spite of the present difficulties.

It is our hope to be able to join you as soon as possible to carry out our duties in reconstruction of GM Iran in unity with you. Once again we extend our greetings on the occasion of the arrival of the year filled with advances and victories to each and every one of you.

(signed)  
Gerald Gann, Executive Director

This is the text of the letter of a number of workers at GM Iran's factory.

6 Farvardin 1358 March 27, 1979

To: Mr. Gann, the fugitive executive director of GM Iran:

1. On behalf of workers we ask you: where were you on New Year's Eve? Who was supposed to pay our wages and special bonuses? At a time when our families were wanting for a single pair of shoes, you and that thieving Akhavan (Iranian Chairman of the Board for GM and Mercedes Benz in Iran, and one of Iran's richest capitalists, who was deservedly executed last month—RW) pocketed the fruits of a year of our toil and preferred to run instead of staying.

2. Those of you who have had to tie our industry to the foreigners, had always used the police and SAVAK to suppress our struggles. You, with the help of your obedient servant, the fugitive Shah, wanted to keep us Iranians in the shackles of slavery and bondage.

3. The GM executives always used our sincere services to fill their big pockets and those of their masters, and are now attempting to climb on our backs through creating obstacles and difficulties in the continuation of production.

4. We hope to be able to bring you back to Iran as soon as possible. Not as executive director, of course, but to hand you over to the courts. Incidentally, we would like to inform you once again that the people of Iran will never allow the likes of you to ride on our backs.

(signed)  
Some of the workers

# Troops Attack Arab Minority



Areas of Iran inhabited by minority-nations and tribes.

Khurramshahr, Iran. Last week, heavy fighting broke out in this port city between government troops and the Arab minority, who for many years have lived in this oil-producing region of southern Iran. After the insurrection in February that swept away the Shah's hated regime, the Arabs have raised demands for democratic rights and autonomy—including the right to develop their own culture, to use Arabic in the schools, and to choose their own political representatives. One particularly hated figure among the Arab people is the appointed governor of Khuzistan province, Admiral Madari, the commander-in-chief of the Iranian Navy.

Three weeks ago, Khurramshahr's dock workers went on strike to press the demands of the Arab community. Daily street demonstrations were organized out of the city's former American Consulate—renamed the Arab Cultural Center. Then on May 30, the local army garrison raided the center.

The Arab community exploded, setting port facilities on fire and beating back the government troops. When the army called for reinforcements, Arab fighters set up roadblocks outside the city. At one point, the government forces called in the Iranian Navy, which used U.S.-made helicopter gunships to strafe the city. In three days of intense fighting, more than 200 were killed. Fighting was also reported to have spread to nearby Abadan, the site of the world's largest oil refinery, where there is also a sizable Arab community.

Under the Shah's rule, the Arab people labored in Iran under a double yoke of oppression. In addition to being exploited by foreign monopolies and by local landlords and capitalists, they suffered national oppression in every area of society. Traditional Arab culture was trampled underfoot. The teaching and speaking of Arabic in the schools was banned. The Shah appointed reactionaries of other nationalities to official posts who exploited and bullied people. Today, in the cities and towns of Khuzistan, the Arab people still face discrimination in jobs and housing, and their language and culture is treated unequally.

One of the most important democratic tasks of the Iranian revolution is putting an end to the oppression and economic backwardness faced by the Arabs and other oppressed nationalities—who make up more than half of Iran's 35 million people. However, the new Islamic government has responded to the just demands of these peoples with armed force. In the past few months, it has sent troops to suppress movements among the Kurds and Turkomans, calling them "separatists" and "counter-revolutionaries who work hand-in-hand with the plunderers of the previous regime."

In fact, the government itself is continuing to use many of the same reactionary methods employed by the Shah to rule over Iran's oppressed nationalities. Events such as these demonstrate that the revolution in Iran is far from finished.

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# U.S. Imperialists Fire Papal Warhead

The Western world and no small number of Eastern European Catholics have gone ape over the Pope's trip back to Poland. That now familiar stupid grin on the Pope's face has been splashed across the front page of newspapers around the world and, contrary to appearances, the sole purpose of John Paul's "pilgrimage" is *not* kissing babies, hands and the ground. Actually the Pope's trip has a much more sinister motive—one which the Pope has been none too subtle about. As he slobbers around in the cities of Poland, the most significant kissing has been reserved for the ass of U.S. imperialism in the context of its sharpening contention with the Soviet Union.

At every stop, the Pope has raised the cross to beat down the revisionist rulers of Poland and the other East European governments, as well as these puppets' masters in the Soviet Union. "A civilization truly worthy of man," said his holiness the day of his arrival, "must be a Christian civilization." The large audience which hung on his every word was a sign of the inroads the U.S. bloc is making into Poland, and it is clear how much of a god-send (so to speak) the promotion of a Polish Pope has been to the West. As hundreds of thousands line the streets to hear the message of this prophet, the Pope is attempting to "deliver" them into the hands of an oppressor equally as vicious as the one they face now.

The Vatican had originally applied with the Polish authorities for a visit in May. The idea was for the Pope's trip to coincide with the 900th anniversary of the execution of Poland's patron Saint Stanislaw. Legend has it that Stanislaw was an outstanding human rights advocate, and the May visit was intended to score some points for the West against the Soviets on this count. It was taken as such by the Polish authorities and was denied. They did, however, grant a visit in June, and the trip was on. As for Stanislaw, the Church simply moved his anniversary back a month, while the Polish government maintains that the occasion of the visit is the "35th anniversary of Socialist Poland."

"We welcome the Pope," said a Polish official, "The climate of the reciprocal church-state relations can only be improved by his presence." In truth, the Gierek government in Poland has its own reasons for allowing the papal visit. The government has the task of handling extremely sharp domestic contradictions. Poland's economy is in disastrous shape. Things grow worse daily as shortages hit virtually every consumer good. The Catholic church has been a center of criticism of conditions in Poland, of the Gierek government and of Soviet control of the country. Denial of the trip

## D-Day Anniversary—Commemoration or Forecast?

The June 6th commemoration of D-day in France this year had much more to do with a future war than a past one. Symbolizing U.S. "commitment" to Europe, the guest of honor at one event was none other than the oldest living 5-star general in the U.S. army, Omar Bradley. Raymond Triboutel, the president of the D-day Commemoration Committee, let the reasoning behind the fanfare slip out. "We fought World War Two," said Triboutel, "hoping to see France and the world at peace for many years to follow. And now, all of a sudden, a sort of turmoil has started almost everywhere in the world that reminds us of those sinister days that preceded 1939."

would have left Gierek more exposed than he already is, giving his Catholic critics an even broader audience. There is also, no doubt, some truth in the way that an opponent of the Gierek government summed it up. "Gierek is trying to buy people off with the Pope. He is telling them he can't provide meat for their dinner tables, but he can provide the Pope."

In fact, despite the Pope's reputation as a man "tempered by 33 years of confrontation with a communist state," the revisionists and the church, petty squabbles aside, have gotten along fine in the past. The Catholic church has historically been very adept at adjusting to meet the needs of one or another ruling class. This is indicated by the Pope's side trip to Auschwitz and the tribute he paid the Jews murdered there during World War 2. Better for John Paul that the role of former Pope Pius as an open collaborator with the Nazis be forgotten. In regard to the Polish revisionists, John Paul himself, when he was still Cardinal Wojtyla, played a key role in backing up the state's efforts to smash a rebellion of Polish workers over food price increases.

But today conditions are rapidly changing. Things are developing at a quickening pace toward world war. The cooperation between the Polish authorities and the church which characterized the past is yielding to open conflict and confrontation.

To aid its own imperialist designs, the U.S. sees a potentially vast political reserve in the millions of Eastern European Catholics, particularly those in Poland. It would like to whip up a sort of Catholic 5th column and mobilize people under the banner of the lord above to fight its enemies here on earth.

Poland itself is extremely important strategically for any ground war fought in Europe. Division upon division of Warsaw Pact troops is stationed in Poland—and the Church, incidentally, maintains chaplains in the Polish Army. Critical for supply routes, the country is located between the USSR and East Germany and also has a coastline key to Soviet sea lanes. Enter a Polish Pope, just the man to galvanize anti-Soviet sentiments behind the holy cause of U.S. imperialism.

The running theme of the Pope's trip was highlighted the day of his arrival. Gierek appeared with the Pope on the reviewing stand and in his opening remarks paid tribute to the "help" that Poland had received from the Soviet Union. The Pope shot back with a

statement about colonialism, not just economic but "political and cultural colonialism."

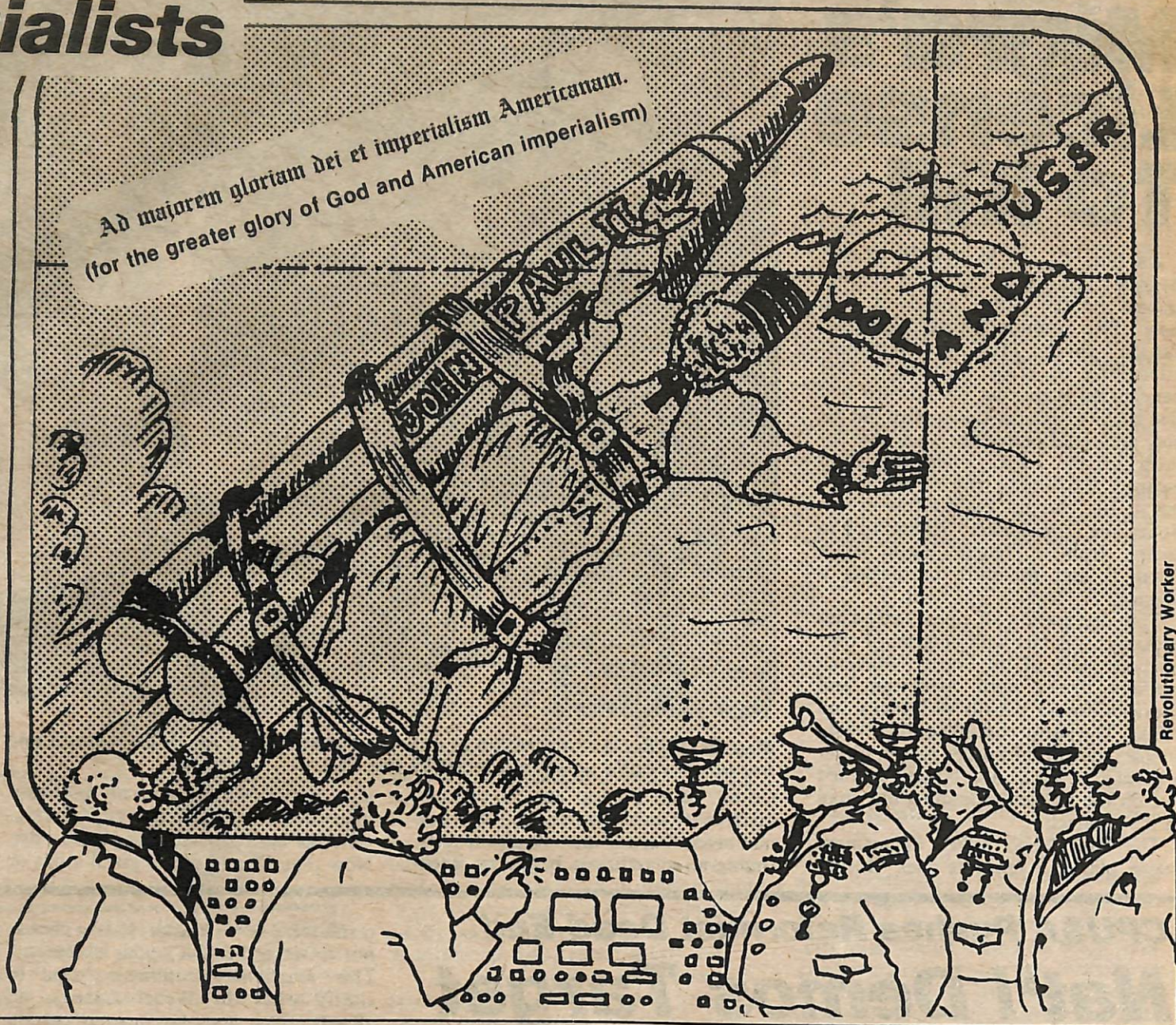
The following day, the Pope delivered a sort of mass mass to upwards of a million people. He reaffirmed, as one newspaper put it, that "Our Lady remains Queen of the Poles, whatever transitory government might claim power." This wasn't just religious ranting. In fact, on the third day of his trip, his holiness drove home to Gierek and the Soviets the highly political nature of his visit and exactly which "transitory government" the church and its western masters should supersede.

The proceedings of a "closed"

meeting between the Pope and the Polish church hierarchy was billed as the most "outright challenge" yet to the revisionist regime. Evidently, the Pope laid out the facts of life to his boys, calling for a stepped up offensive against the government and a more militant defense of what the Pope called "HIS nation." After all, who speaks for more Poles, the revisionists or the church?

The U.S. press has played this up as a "battle of ideologies"—Communism vs. Catholicism—and has pointed to the throngs of people who turned out to see the Pope. Of course, the real battle of "isms" going on here is that between

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## SAVAK—The Only Way to Fly!

When it was recently uncovered that Marion Javits, wife of Senator Jacob Javits, had a \$67,500 contract as a public relations consultant to the Shah of Iran's bloody regime, she was "shocked." Maybe so, but not for the reasons she gave. She was "shocked" because someone had spilled the beans.

It seems, according to Mrs. Javits, that all along she thought she had a "straightforward, professional assignment" with Iran Airlines to "promote travel by cultural and educational leaders to Iran." Oh, just imagine her surprise! Why, she must have felt like the Shah when he found out that his regime had jailed and tortured over 100,000 people and massacred tens of thousands in the streets.

But alas! O! Marion did not cover her tracks as well as the hundreds of other U.S. figures who "accepted certain gifts" from the Shah in return for services to his majesty the U.S. puppet. In 1974 this "innocent" reactionary hag wrote a letter to the Shah's Prime Minister Hoveida (since executed) suggesting a big PR campaign to dress up the Shah's tarnished image and offering her humble services. She recommended a campaign around the following points as well as others: 1) "Politically and militarily Iran holds the key to stability in the Middle East and deserves our support and encouragement in that direction"; and 2) "The fact is that the Shah, even though he is in a sense an absolute ruler, has highly constructive social goals and under the conditions

that exist in Iran, the only way to accomplish these goals is by tight control, firm leadership, detailed national planning—and that he does this with benevolence and without repression." OOPS! This is a little more than "fly the friendly skies of Iran Air."

Needless to say, Hoveida was quick to clinch the deal, saying to other Iranian officials, "I think the performance of this plan is advisable even if its only result will be to pour more money in the pocket of Mrs. Javits." After all, her husband was very influential and tight with the Shah. This is indicated by his initiation of the recent Senate resolution denouncing the executions of the Shah's henchmen. At the time of the payoff, he assured her that this would all be top secret and disguised as a PR campaign for Iran Air. Unfortunately for Mrs. Javits, the Shah was forced to make an unexpected departure via a one-way flight out of Iran, and someone blew the whistle on her. She has been left with egg on her face and blood on her hands. Tsk, tsk!

None of this amusing episode is at all surprising. After all, corruption, bribery and support for reaction are all part of the imperialist political scene. But in the midst of all the big "exposure" of this affair, it should be remembered who was pulling whose strings. It was the Shah who worked for the U.S. imperialists (until the Iranian people canceled his contract, that is), not the other way around. ■



# Migra's License To Kill

On May 17, the San Diego District Attorney decided not to bring charges against border patrol murderer Dan Cole. Two months before, Cole had caught three Mexican nationals attempting to cross the border. He handcuffed them, but they turned and fled back to Mexico. Cole pulled out his gun and cold-bloodedly shot two of them in the back, while the third escaped. Explaining why he was refusing to file charges against this executioner, the D.A. stated, "Attempting to escape from a federal agent is a felony," and therefore murdering a Mexican is "legally" justified.

This declaration of open season on Mexicans was met with outcries of rage on both sides of the border. Mexican workers pelted both American and Mexican border patrols with rocks and bricks. The battle continued for a week. In one incident the border patrol, under a barrage of rocks and bottles, opened fire on the masses, wounding one man in the stomach.

The San Diego police department began plans to reinstate their Border



May 20, 1978. Demonstration in Laredo, Texas after a Mexican woman and her unborn child were murdered by the INS.

Crime Task Force, an "anti-bandit undercover unit" to help out their outnumbered border patrol pig friends. Immigration officials began an inten-

sive crack-down on Mexican nationals, deporting 3500 in three days. The reign of terror has escalated along the border. Now that Cole has been given a pat on

the back the border patrol pigs know they can gun down Mexicans and notch their guns without even a second thought. ■

## CPUSA Pushes Reformist Dead-End Nat'l Demos Target Weber Case

On January 2nd several thousand people demonstrated in various cities around the country against the Weber Case—the latest attempt to slash away at affirmative action programs, this time in industry, under the guise of opposing "reverse discrimination." Under the slogans "Reverse the Weber Decision" and "Defend and Expand Affirmative Action," a thousand people marched to the sacred halls of the Supreme Court in Washington where the case is presently pending. In Oakland, California over 800 people marched.

The thousands who came out on June 2 went right up against the lies of the bourgeoisie that admitting Blacks and other minorities into medical schools, the skilled trades, and so on, (in which minorities have been basically frozen out) is somehow "discriminating against whites."

The Weber Case comes on the heels of the notorious Bakke decision of the high court a year ago which outlawed a University of California affirmative action program for medical students. Brian Weber is a technician at a Kaiser Metal plant in Louisiana who sued in court to be allowed into the apprenticeship program for the skilled trades, charging that the affirmative action program was denying him a place. This reactionary never had any intention of taking the job (he probably has much bigger ambitions!)—he readily admits he didn't have enough seniority to get into the program anyway and he is just trying to "test the legality of the program."

Where Weber is coming from is clear from the many, much-broadcast media interviews he has given. In one such interview with a New Orleans newspaper he said, "I never agreed with making

restaurants serve Blacks. If you choose not to serve them, it's your business." This reactionary comment helps to clarify what the Weber Case is all about, which goes far beyond cutting back on the crumbs given Blacks and other minorities during the struggles of the 1960s.

What the ruling class is most hoping to get out of legal cases like Bakke and Weber is to spread a lot of poison that discrimination against minorities is a thing of the past. Others even have the gall to claim that Blacks have infringed on the rights of whites. The wretched conditions in which so many have to live are their own fault because they are not as "qualified" and intelligent as whites, the argument goes.

No, the Black liberation struggle of the 1960s and the fight of other oppressed nationalities never won a "fair share of the pie." Reforms like affirmative action never affected more than a small percentage of minorities. What the struggle of the '60s *did* do was indict the capitalist system and the vicious inequality and oppression that it breeds and it gave rise to powerful sentiments and movements aimed at *overthrowing* this system of exploitation and oppression. So today when the hullabaloo of "reverse discrimination" is raised, it is not mainly to make room for reactionaries like Bakke in medical schools and the skilled trades, or even mainly to take away the few crumbs that were won a decade earlier. While they certainly do want to rip away any gains won in the '60s, most of all, the capitalists, with their sacred court system leading the way, are trying to reverse the verdict that the movement of the '60s placed on the rotten capitalist system, and the discrimination and oppression it breeds like a cancer.

### Leadership of Demonstrations Misdirect Movement

Unfortunately, the demonstrations were not as powerful a blow against the oppression of minorities as they could have been due to their leadership. Many unions took part in the demonstration (and some even mobilized a few of their members, for once!), but they brought the same kind of faith in capitalism to the demonstration that they exhibit all the rest of the time. Some leaflets for the demonstration were titled, "Want A Decent Job?" which only served to foster the illusion that the affirmative action programs really can provide a solution to inequality in American society. Other leaflets said, "Our right to a decent job is under attack!" Tell that to the unemployed! There is no such right under capitalism, for Blacks, or whites, with or without affirmative action. A big force pushing this myth is

the Communist Party, USA which had a significant influence on the demonstrations. The CP has long ago given up even the thought of revolution and instead preaches that it is possible for a decent society to be achieved by slow, steady "progress" and the good intentions of the capitalist rulers.

Key to their strategy is to promote an alliance at the top between trade union hacks, so-called "leaders of the Black community" (meaning those few who have received cushy jobs with the government or business in return for trying to cool out mass resistance) and "enlightened" members of the capitalist ruling class (like Kennedy or McGovern). It is this type of politics they imposed on the anti-Weber actions. They preached that the key to solving inequality and discrimination is action by the trade unions coupled with legislation.

For example, the organizers of the demonstration in Oakland made the point of getting the Oakland City Council to endorse the demonstration, which they did unanimously as well as fork over \$1200 to help build it. This reflected two things: the large opposition to the Weber Case in the largely Black city, and, secondly, that the honorable Council felt assured that the demonstration would be kept respectable and offer no serious challenge to the capitalist rulers. This is in stark contrast to the attempts of the Oakland city government to prevent this year's revolutionary May Day march and the harassment of the march by the same pigs who treated this demonstration with kid gloves. (One interesting side-note is that the only abstention on the city council came from an executive from Kaiser, the company which is allegedly opposing Weber!)

In contrast to the dead-end road promoted by the CP and others, the Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade (youth organization of the RCP) raised the banner, "Fight Imperialism—The Source of National Oppression!" at the Oakland march. While uniting with the fight against the Weber Case, the RCYB made clear its views that the fight must take a different direction—it must be aimed at the capitalist system. Fighting attacks like the Weber Case and to defend and expand affirmative action can be an important component of such a movement against national oppression and its source. ■

## Doctor's Rx For Zionism

A young Zionist walked into a Boston hospital expecting to walk out with visa papers to go to Israel, but he found it wasn't quite so easy. When it came to signing the bottom line on this immigration paper that would allow permanent residency, the examining doctor, Jim Ryan, stopped short. He refused to sign, "I support the struggle of the Palestinian people to reclaim their homeland."

The young Zionist flew into a rage, saying, "There is no Palestine and we will never give up our land." After this very pious remark, he called in the B'nai Brith Anti-Defamation League, who charged the doctor and hospital with discrimination against Jews. These puffed up toad stools like to blur the clear distinction between a stand against Zionism and discrimination against Jews. Their real interest in doing this is to carve themselves a niche defending the imperialist Zionist state.

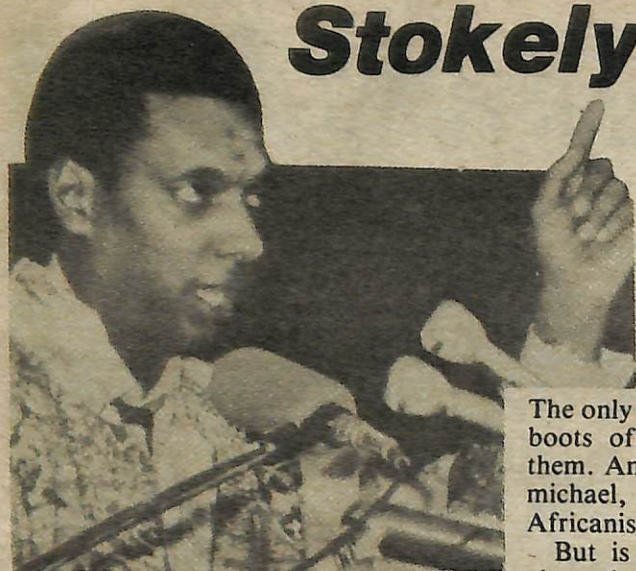
The hospital trustees went wild. "This is inexcusable! Politics and medicine don't mix." They threatened

the doctor, a member of the Norman Bethune Caucus of the Medical Committee for Human Rights, with firing and revoking his license. "This is no way for a physician to behave." They demanded a written apology. These are of course the "professional colleagues" of the trustees of the Boston City Hospital who only last week murdered a baby because of understaffing. This, however, is not political.

But these are the very politics that will bring more and more professionals to stand up to this imperialist system. In his written response the doctor said, "My refusal to sign was based solely on my support for the rights of hundreds of thousands of Arab Palestinians who have been driven from their home by Zionism to resettle in a free Palestine." He went on to say that he would take the same stand in support of oppressed people anywhere—"be it Palestine, Zimbabwe or South Africa."

The charges against the doctor are still pending. ■





# Stokely: Search for a Sugar Daddy

The only way to get these bloodsuckers' boots off our necks is to overthrow them. And this is exactly the task Carmichael, the AAPRP and all Pan Africanists shy away from.

But is Carmichael at least the real champion of African liberation? Wrong again. Even starting from the goal of liberating Africa, his line represents an upside-down point of view, the reverse of reality. Supporting genuine liberation struggles of the people in Africa is a must for any revolutionary or other freedom-loving person in this country. But what will be our biggest assistance to the liberation of the people of Africa? Nothing short of rising up and overthrowing our own ruling class of imperialists who suck not only our blood, but the blood of millions on every continent. The day we do them in will be a great day indeed for people everywhere.

Carmichael doesn't just forget the struggle in this country—he opposes it. For example, at his African Liberation Day Festival in 1978, Carmichael sternly criticized anyone building organization and support to free the Wilmington 10, who have been framed up in North Carolina. Instead of this diversion, he said, only "permanent organization" should be built, meaning struggle and organization limited to the "total liberation of Africa." Carmichael recommends that political prisoners should be passive. AAPRP written accounts run his line this way: "In the case of Rap Brown, he served his sentence peacefully and asked that no ad hoc organization be formed to secure his release." Just organize to Free Africa. Thanks, Stokely, but waiting ain't our style.

The defeatism of this Pan Africanist view even extends to the task of building support for African freedom. In 1972, many Black people rallied in support of the African liberation movements to build the first African Liberation Day in this country on a mass scale. It was somewhat ironic, but consistent with Carmichael's house slave politics, that his loyalists initially fought against having a demonstration for ALD. They wanted something quieter, claiming that if thousands of Black people were marching in the streets of Washington D.C., the pigs would vamp and massacre the people. For all his heavy rapping, if it had been up to Carmichael, ALD would never have stepped out with a militant start.

While this article is not meant to sum up all of Carmichael's line and political

career in the U.S., it is clear that this kind of capitulation by Stokely has a history. In his introduction to the book *Black Power*, which he co-authored, we find the following: "This book presents a political framework and ideology which represents the last reasonable opportunity for this society to work out the racial problems short of prolonged destructive guerrilla warfare." Roughly translated, this "revolutionary" is saying, "Listen, masters, it's my way—or revolution."

During the mid-'60s as the Black liberation movement steamrolled past the reformist goals of the Civil Rights movement, proclaiming nothing short of the total liberation of Black people as its aim, the ruling class unleashed hell-bent repression. Much of it was aimed at militant groups like SNCC, to which Carmichael belonged until he was expelled in the summer of 1969. SNCC workers were jailed in Atlanta and charged with insurrection. In Chicago and Philadelphia the SNCC offices were raided, and in Philly people were arrested for supposed possession of dynamite.

Carmichael's response to the growing attacks on the Black liberation movement was not to rely on and intensify the revolutionary upsurge of Black people, which was then near its height, as dramatically symbolized by the urban rebellions. Neither did he see any hope of mobilizing the masses of people of all nationalities who are kicked around and driven down by capitalism.

Instead he saw the only way to do anything about the growing repression was to develop what he called—and still calls today—a "white buffer zone," that is, to rely on the limousine liberals to rescue the Black liberation movement. As some Black revolutionaries who were developing into Marxist-Leninists at the time put it, to Carmichael, "It never was a question of whether or not to unite with whites—was it? Just *which class*." Well, as we shall see, Carmichael always would go for sugar daddies.

## Cheering on the Soviets

Carmichael's power-stricken awe and shameless love for big powers has landed him at the feet of Soviet social-imperialism. Now there's a *real* big-time power. This came out brazenly at a recent AAPRP-sponsored African Liberation Day Conference in Washington D.C. There it stood in all its ugliness, support for Soviet aggression throughout Africa, support for Soviet domination of Angola, support for Idi Amin (who over the last couple of years had received Soviet backing). This year the conference was marked by going from bad to worse, to naked and open defense of the rape and plunder of Africa by the new Tarzan, the Soviet Union.

One such depth in this new low for AAPRP is their new-found undying support for the blood-soaked Soviet-Cuban regime, the fascist "Dergue" in Ethiopia, which with the assistance of Soviet weapons and Cuban hit men has gunned down literally thousands of patriotic forces. Under the phony guise that the junta is building "socialism," AAPRP cheers on the shelling of villages by Soviet ships and the napalm bombing and raining down of chemical defoliants on the peasants of Eritrea (annexed by Ethiopia) by Cuban-piloted planes, reminiscent of the U.S. in Vietnam.

The real bottom line at the conference was run out at a workshop on the role of the "socialist countries"—i.e. the Soviet bloc—which was in reality an exhibit of profiles in treachery. The line-up was a gallery of Soviet puppets from Ethiopia, Cuba and Angola who all brought the same message: without reliance on the Soviet Union and Cuba, Africa could not become free. (According to the Cubans, people's war could not be used to stop South Africa's invasion of Angola in 1974-75 because of South Africa's military superiority. The only way they could be stopped—yes, you guessed it—was with large-scale Soviet weapons

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ANGOLA (above): MPLA soldiers armed with AK-47's supplied by the Soviet imperialists—with strings on them that stretch all the way to Moscow.

IRAN (left): Rebel troops and revolutionaries on a captured tank—they "didn't need an imperialist guardian angel."

For several years now Stokely Carmichael and his All African People's Revolutionary Party (AAPRP) have been working steadily. Roaming particularly on campuses among the Black students, they have been trying to pickpocket the growing support for African liberation and divert it from a progressive course into two reactionary side channels. "Don't struggle against oppression and for revolution in the U.S.A.—you're helpless until Africa is free," has been one part of Stokely's message. The other part—a more recent development—has been his perverted message for Africa itself: "Hold on, you can't be free without the Soviet Union and Cuba." Stokely is prettying up domination using the name of "liberation." He is organizing a cheering section for one of the two main enemies of the African people—Soviet social-imperialism—as it rains down napalm on the peasants of Eritrea and bolsters its Cuban occupation force in Angola.

Stokely's two bottles of poison are really the same brand, because both are based on the view that the masses of people, here or in Africa, can't really get out from under the oppression and exploitation they face through their own efforts—they need a sugar daddy to pull their chestnuts out of the fire.

## Revolution in U.S. "Impossible"

Carmichael was once identified with the forward march of the Black liberation struggle. He became famous for the slogans "Black Power" as well as "Hell No, We Won't Go" when these represented a righteous challenge to the Congress-begging, turn-the-other-cheek, shuffling path to nowhere offered by Martin Luther King and others. But by the late '60s, Carmichael was turning into his opposite. By 1969 he saw no way of mobilizing the masses for revolution in the U.S., so he pronounced that revolution here was hopeless and that the only chance for Black people in the U.S. was to wait for the liberation of Africa.

Today the AAPRP has concentrated this view into a whole reactionary program. As Carmichael puts it, speaking with the funk of the ruling class on his breath, "I cannot talk about building socialism in America because that is not my primary objective." Never mind the fact that Black people, along with the oppressed of every nationality, catch hell every day at the hands of U.S. capitalism and will continue to until they unite to overthrow it; instead, he says, "Our primary objective must be the building of Africa. Our primary objective must be the consolidation of socialism in Africa."

And why is this? In Carmichael's own words, his whole bourgeois world view stands out. It's the same point of view of relying on a "big power" backer—not the masses—that lands him in bed with the Soviets in Africa. Africa must be liberated first, he states, because "Unless the Black man has a power behind him to speak on his behalf and to protect him, he will never be respected." It would be hard to find more obvious eye-popped awe of wealth and power.

Will this ever really lead to revolution in the U.S.? No way. Even if every African country were to win its independence and even if they were all free from imperialist domination in any form, would the U.S. capitalist class stop oppressing Black people in this country? Would they stop oppressing any of the people here? Of course not.



# WORLDWIDE ANTI-NUKE ACTIONS

Beginning with the massive demonstration in Washington, D.C. last May 6, huge numbers of people, many of them young and only beginning to get involved in political struggle, have been drawn into the Anti-Nuclear movement. Within this broad movement, many are beginning to see that there is something fundamentally wrong with the whole system that threatens the lives of millions with nuclear reactor meltdowns and threatens to unleash a nuclear war that would incinerate tens or even hundreds of millions of people.

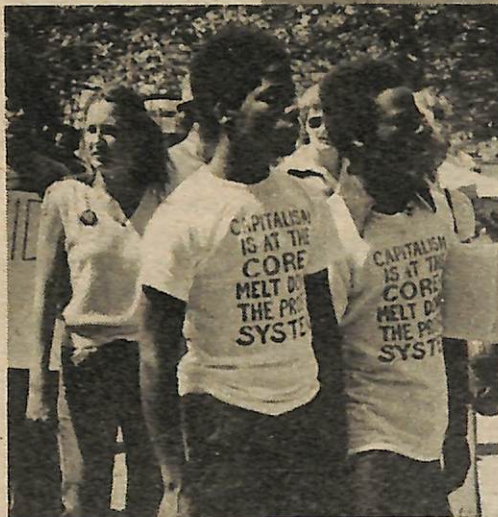
This anti-nuke wave continued on the weekend of June 2-3 as demonstrations were held in nearly thirty states in the U.S. Internationally, protests were held in Canada, Japan, Belgium, the Netherlands, West Germany, Switzerland, Italy and Spain. In Spain, police went on the rampage, firing on demonstrators with rubber bullets and smoke grenades. One woman was killed and several other demonstrators injured when a guard opened fire with a submachine gun.

In the U.S. there was wide diversity among the demonstrations both in size (from a few hundred to 15,000) and in activities (from speeches by Democratic Party hacks and "die-ins" to more militant actions). There were several clashes with police as the anger and outrage of some of the protesters came to the surface.

At the Limerick nuclear power plant construction site near Philadelphia, there were nearly as many cops as there were demonstrators. The crowd reacted in anger to this show of force and to the actions of organizers of the action who repeatedly told everyone who was not "trained in civil disobedience" and pre-selected for arrest to go home.

At the Shoreham plant, currently under construction on Long Island, demonstrators tore down one of the gates leading onto the plant site. Police and guards inside the perimeter quickly reinforced it and prevented the protes-

Perry, Ohio



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ters from entering. The Shoreham demonstration was the largest in the country, with nearly 15,000 participants. Over 600 were arrested for climbing over the fence onto the power company's property.

Altogether over 1,400 protesters were arrested in the two days of demonstrations. At the Black Fox nuclear plant near Tulsa, Oklahoma, the entire demonstration of over 500 was hauled off to jail, along with television news teams and camera crews.

At the Zimmer plant near Cincinnati, protesters faced 250 riot-equipped cops who wielded axe handles, while cops with dogs, cops on horseback and a SWAT squad waited in the wings. When the cops tried to assert themselves they were met by jeers and a lot of oinking. When revolutionaries began chanting, "Cops are the tool of the rich man's rule," more and more people joined in, despite the attempts of some liberal forces to quiet them down. The cops were forced to back off out of sight.

At virtually every demonstration, protesters were barraged with time-worn reformist calls for more "respon-



Seattle, Washington

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sive" government, for "enlightened" legislation and so on. In the face of this, many of the protesters hungered for something with more substance. The speakers' platform at the Perry nuke demonstration near Cleveland, like at many others, was crowded to overflowing with Democratic Party politicians. The politicians were outraged when a VVAW member addressed the crowd of 2,500. He got a tremendous response as he laid bare the bloody hand of the imperialists behind the nightmare of the Three Mile Island meltdown. As he moved to link up TMI with the even greater "nightmare" the ruling class has in store for the people of the world—the impending war with the Soviet Union—the politicians, led by the "maverick" populist mayor Kucinich, freaked out and cut him off. They were booed and jeered by the crowd.

At many of the demonstrations, agitators selling the *Revolutionary Worker* especially focused on World War 3 and nuclear war, which resulted in lively discussion and debate. Many people pointed to talk of reinstituting the draft as an indication that war is definitely on the horizon. A frequent response was "If they launch another-war, I won't go." The idea of waging a revolutionary war to overthrow the imperialists and prevent future wars of plunder was very controversial and challenged the strong pacifist beliefs of many. This was a very good thing. More and more people are beginning to question their way of look-

ing at things, beginning to look this system straight in the face and see it for what it is.

At a rally of 1,500 at the Fermi 2 construction site near Detroit, the revolutionary singing group Right to Rebel performed from the stage to a cheering crowd. They sang Prairie Fire's "War Song" and were interrupted several times with applause, especially when they got to the verse about what to do when the rich send us off to war:

And then they will put guns into our hands  
To fight and kill the slaves of other lands  
But we'll unite to turn those guns around  
And point them in the right direction!

In spite of the attempts of the ruling class to capitalize on the upsurge of the anti-nuke movement and twist it for its own ends, as demonstrated by the recent actions of their hack politicians and would be social reformers, the movement continues to be a significant force in opposition to the capitalists' nuclear strategy. And it continues to bring people into motion against this criminal system. ■



## Cleveland Cops Lynch Blacks in Jail

**Flash! Cleveland, Ohio—June 4, as we go to press a shootout left Anthony "Red" McClain, a 20 year-old Black man dead. He was working on his car when two pigs came to arrest him. The other side caught the worst of it—pig John Hubbell is dead, his partner was filled with lead, but unfortunately is expected to live.**

A new wave of police murders has hit Black people in Cleveland, as the cops gun up for a long hot summer. Some have taken place on the street. A whole series of other police murders have taken place inside the jail—under the guise of "suicide" hangings.

The current wave of killings follows the three young Black men blown away by Cleveland pigs last January. At that time the pigs told people to expect more. Police Chief Jeffrey Fox said there would be more to come, warning all "punks and thugs" to watch out and saying his cops had orders to shoot "gun toters." The head of the police association oinked, "If I see a criminal (sic) with a gun he better be able to shoot faster than me."

### Maurice Chandler

Wednesday, May 23, Maurice Chandler, a 28 year-old Black man, was executed—murdered in cold blood by

Cleveland's finest. The particular pair of pigs that did it, like Starsky and Hutch, were known to be out to make a name for themselves by messing with people. That day they were harassing a motorcyclist.

Like everybody else in the Black community, Maurice had seen this kind of pig harassment a thousand times, but he wasn't the type to bite his tongue and say, "at least it's not happening to me." He came to the brother's defense, telling the two cops to "leave the brother alone." For that he was arrested, taken to the Fourth District jail, beaten and finally strung up by the neck in his cell.

"Suicide," concluded the official police investigation and the coroner's report. "MURDER" the facts shriek out. Other prisoners heard Maurice scream and sounds of a beating. Silence. They saw a number of cops come out of his cell. His mother, grandmother, and fiancé all say Maurice was angry and eager to get out when he called them earlier.

At the time of his murder Maurice was waiting for his brother to bail him out. When he arrived at the jail, his brother was only told "there's been an accident." Then Maurice's sister on a hunch since the family had been told

nothing, went down to the morgue at 11 p.m. and was shown Maurice's body. The morgue attendant only uncovered the face, but she snatched the sheets off. Maurice's body was covered with bruises.

A wave of anger and outrage swept the Black community. To cool it out Artha Woods—a Black city councilwoman with a history of fronting for Cleveland's ruling capitalists—called a demonstration Saturday, June 2, following the funeral in front of the Fourth District police station to "get justice for Maurice Chandler through independent NAACP and FBI investigations." Her purpose was made perfectly clear by the prominently waving American flag. At one point in the march it was torn down and trampled on!

Woods tried to drive out members and supporters of the Revolutionary Communist Party. She said to a revolutionary, "Go away. This is my demonstration. I organized it. These people belong to me." The people were in no mood to put up with being owned by anybody. They cheered when a revolutionary said, "This system has never given people justice, it's the source of the injustice Black people face. The way to get justice is to make revolution. To overthrow the capitalists behind these murdering pigs."

Angry people marched up to the door of the pig station chanting, "Death to the pigs" until Wood's flunkys stopped them by ordering the demonstration to march to a nearby park for a

meeting. One guy exposed her, running down several other police murders where the FBI investigations only covered up the pigs' crimes and was used to lull people to sleep. Woods pleaded with the people to trust her, to be non-violent, to have faith in the FBI (since there are now some Black FBI!), and as a last resort, to have faith in religion.

Thinking she had the people under her control, Woods yelled back to the guy in the crowd, "What's your solution?" Before he could answer, several people shot back, "Revolution," while many others shouted in very clear terms what they would like to do to the pigs right now.

### Sherman Young

At the very same time as the demonstration was going on and before Maurice Chandler's body was in the grave, the pigs murdered still another Black man, this time in county jail. Once again they told the same sickening story. Sherman Young, 27, supposedly hung himself with a sheet.

The city's rulers were running scared from the people's outrage over Maurice Chandler's murder. The last thing they wanted was for people to hear of this latest pig murder. Several radio stations refused to report Sherman's "suicide" when it happened.

To cover their filthy crime the police and the coroner refused the family permission to see the body until after an autopsy was performed which they did

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## —El Salvador

# “When 10 are Killed, A Hundred Step into Battle”

San Salvador, El Salvador—June 1, 26 members of the Popular Revolutionary Bloc victoriously abandoned the French and Venezuelan embassies and were safely flown to Panama on route to Mexico where they had been granted political asylum.

This occupation, which began four weeks ago, is part of the recent upsurge of the people of El Salvador. On the evening news last month, millions in the U.S. watched Salvadorean government troops gun down peaceful demonstrators. The 20,000-strong funeral procession for the murdered demonstrators two days later gave some indication of the scope of the present movement.

The *Revolutionary Worker* talked with an activist recently returned to this country from El Salvador. *M* drew a picture of what U.S. imperialism means to the masses in Latin America and spoke of the growing revolutionary struggle against General Roberto Romero, the latest in a long line of puppets put into power in El Salvador and propped up by the U.S.

*M* described the situation which has peasants earning two dollars for twelve hours' work. “The conditions are very bad. Some people never see a doctor in their life, people have to live in huts, large portions of the population. Children are underfed, a lot of them die before they are one year old. A lot don't get any schooling. They go around without any shoes, half naked. The answer to these conditions would take a major action, a major change within the structure of the economy. The rich class has consolidated its power. They know that to solve the problems of the country would mean to loose the privileged positions they enjoy.”

We asked how the people view the role of the U.S. in El Salvador and throughout Latin America.

“At different times in our history,” said *M*, “the people have seen that the U.S. government never intended to help us out of our misery, out of our poverty, but that the U.S. government was most responsible for the situation we find ourselves in. In every movement in Latin America, there is the idea to overthrow the classes that have direct control of the population, and also the idea that this control is not limited to that country, that this control is carried out from Washington and it covers all of Latin America...”

What this control means for the people of El Salvador is constant suppression at the hands of the military state. “The masses say they don't want the military because it has done nothing but oppress the people. There is something that is so much a part of one's mind, you wake up, you go to sleep, you always see the motherfucker with a rifle in his hand, dressed in his military clothes. You go outside, they're out there all over the place—stopping you, searching you. They can take you, beat you, kill you, no one will ever hear from you again. This is the thing you have to live with on a daily basis...”

And this is what has given rise to the recent revolutionary uprisings in El Salvador. *M* told us that the present upsurge is drawing many people into struggle from different strata of society. Workers, students, peasants, intellectuals and professionals are fighting to overthrow the Romero puppet government.

He talked about the role of the students in particular. “In 1975, students started getting together, with the workers and professionals, and started protesting over the closing of the university. That's one of the issues they were fighting over, because of the university being the center of political agitation.

“It would be open for two or three months and then closed for six months out of the year or even more. This had a tremendous impact on the education.

People could never finish their education. They would not come back to study or they would have to leave the country. The education itself is controlled by the government and is at its orders. The whole education planning is all laid out by them. There are armed guards within the university, this is the atmosphere that people have to study in.

“In 1975, different segments involved in political activity got together and started the Popular Revolutionary Bloc. They have been active in the mass movement, and have organized and taken up the issues of different production segments of society.”

The peasants, who make up the majority of the population in El Salvador, have increasingly been drawn into the struggle against the regime. This has been the first significant peasant movement since the 1930s when another U.S.-dominated government in El Salvador gunned down 30,000 peasants.

“It wasn't until 1975,” said *M*, “that the peasants started getting involved again because the conditions didn't get any better. Every day they get worse, it's incredible. Today they have a tortilla to eat, tomorrow they might not even have that.

“So it's gotten to a point where people have no other choice but to fight to improve their conditions. It's like if you are going to die and you know that something's going to cause your death, you're going to fight it all the way. You don't have any other choice. There's no escape in their situation. They have to use violence, they've tried everything...”

Romero's days are clearly numbered. As Samozá in nearby Nicaragua is close to being finished off, the U.S. imperialist's empire in Latin America is receiving new blows from the heroic struggle of the people of El Salvador.

“The people are going out there and they've been shot,” said *M*, “but they just pick up their dead and continue to fight. All kinds of people are getting killed. 10 people get killed, 100 people step up to the line and battle again. Every day it increases.”

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## Embassy 5 Trial Begins

White paint. When it hit the Chinese Embassy wall last January it was as if Teng Hsiao-ping himself had got it in the eye. It was a mark befitting this backstabber who'd betrayed the red flag. It was an international incident. Carter had matching egg on his face. The U.S. government had to offer an official apology to the Chinese.

Teng's trip to the U.S. hadn't even started yet, and already their reactionary political plans to parade around this traitor to revolution—to glory in his betrayal of communism and his enlistment of China in the U.S. war bloc—all this was being dragged into the light of day. And once he reached the U.S. Teng wouldn't be able to travel anywhere without catching the horrifying sight of Maoist revolutionaries waving Mao's Red Book in his little rat face.

Today, six months later, on June 11, 5 revolutionaries are being brought to trial for this act. “Not political.” “Common criminals,” says the prosecution. But this very political government is trying to get its pound of flesh of vengeance for the revolutionaries' very political actions. The five face possible life terms. And beyond this, the government is also trying to use this trial to further prepare their railroad case against the other Mao Tsetung defendants—the 78 revolutionaries, including Revolutionary Communist Party Chairman Bob Avakian, who were arrested when cops attacked a demonstration the day of Teng's White House dinner.

Committees to Free the Mao Tsetung Defendants are spreading the word far and wide across the country. In Chicago, red balloons saying “Free the Mao Tsetung Defendants” are going like hot cakes when sold in the parks. Petitions, telegrams, letters of support and money are starting to arrive in Washington, D.C.

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# Youth Put Thorns in Rose Festival

The annual Rose Festival in Portland, Oregon is turning out to be a lot thornier than the local capitalists would like. This spectacle is aimed at portraying the city and the USA as a great place to live, and it is a big money maker for local business. But Portland's pigs have had their hands full trying to deal with hundreds of rebellious youth who have come out just to have a good time but represent a real threat to the local authorities.

As of Sunday night, June 3, over 20 people have been busted or given tickets and over 90 people kicked out of the waterfront park where the Rose Festival Fun Center is set up. But what the city fathers have worried about is that at least seven pigs were injured during these attacks.

"It's a mess," squealed pig sergeant Jerry Bennett. "Friday night was an extremely serious situation. Two officers were assaulted by a crowd that tried to take their guns away from them. Some people were trying to help the police,

but they were outweighed by the others."

Poor pigs. The two oinkers were dragging a guy to the police command post around midnight when a brother liberated one of the pig's nightsticks from behind in order to free the prisoner. In the ensuing struggle, the club was wielded over the pig's head for a change and other uniformed thugs who rushed into the scene were kicked and shoved.

"At one point," whined Bennett, "a crowd of about 500 persons had gathered." About 100 of them blocking traffic on Front Avenue. The cops were pelted with rocks, drinks and anything else at hand, forcing them to retreat to their command post after making two arrests. On Saturday, a pig had to draw his gun against 30 angry people, two of whom had grabbed for the guns of him and his partner and escaped with a prisoner they had just busted.

These were just some of the growing number of confrontations between the

uniformed thugs of the state, increasingly on the prowl with their tactics of harassment and intimidation, and the growing ranks of outraged youth unwilling to put up with their shit. A few weeks ago on Monday, May 21, three pigs invaded the Forecourt Fountain (popularly called People's Park) to harass the youth hanging out there. But what the pigs thought would be a routine bust turned into an angry confrontation. A crowd of nearly 100 people quickly gathered around and freaked the pigs after they began vamping on one guy, scaring them enough to call for reinforcements. Marked and unmarked pig cars surrounded the park, and the pigs proceeded to beat the hell out of a few other people, busting one guy for inciting to riot.

The people were pissed and talked of forming an anti-pig patrol. "The next time they come down on the people," said one brother, "they won't be the only ones armed."

Sensing this hostility, the City Council gave the pigs a blank check to vamp on the youth during the Rose Festival by passing a special two-week ordinance allowing them to ban people

from the park for 30 days. "It will take the first couple of days for people to realize that police have that authority and we'll use it to maintain the type of family attraction we want," said the Rose Festival head honcho.

The Rose Festival is a slice of Americana at its finest. Apple pie, mom and the U.S. Navy. The Navy warships, including a nuclear submarine this year, sail into Portland Harbor in the middle of the week. The Navy has already won two awards in the Starlight Parade, including one for their underwater warfare float. Of course, the city fathers would like everyone to fit into the mold of the Rose Festival queen and her court chosen from local high school girls.

While incidents of youth whomping pigs with their own nightsticks don't exactly fit this image, the authorities can look forward to more of the same. What's in store for youth can be seen in the \$1.80 per-hour jobs just made legal by the Oregon State Legislature, not to mention the system's plans to throw them onto warships for reasons other than sailing into Portland Harbor. With this kind of future, rebellion is where it's at.

"In nine and a half years on the force, I've never seen anything like this," slobbered pig Bennett. "God only knows what's gonna happen tonight." ■

## Stearns Strike Defeated

# A War Zone For 33 Months

Stearns, Kentucky: the winding country road leading up to Blue Diamond Coal Company's Justus mine appears quiet now. But the signs of the bitter battle that raged here for almost three years between Blue Diamond and 120 miners striking for a UMWA contract still remain. The miners' strike shack more resembles a bunker protected by sandbags. And every building on the mine site visible from the road is riddled with bullet holes. Between the mine and the strike shack an entire section of tree tops has been literally ripped away by numerous exchanges of bullets between the strikers' high-powered rifles and the mine guards' automatic weapons.

For 33 months it was a war zone. But on May 3, the strike ended in defeat for the miners. In a National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) union election, 110 scabs voted for the Three Diamond's company union, the Justus Employees Association, against the UMWA. The scabs had to face a barrage of rocks from the Stearns strikers who refused to take part in the election and picketed outside the mine, saying they wouldn't be part of this set-up.

"We've fought too long and too hard to just walk in there like mules and take part in that vote," said one striker. "It was rigged from the start." It was a set-up clear and simple. The NLRB had allowed all 110 scabs, but only 60 strikers, to vote. A week earlier, the class traitors who head up the UMWA had agreed to the terms of the election, saying they had "no choice."

When word that the election would be held got out, the Stearns strikers began picketing union mines in a last ditch effort to save their strike. Immediately UMWA president Arnold Miller sent a three-page telegram to all UMWA locals, ordering them to keep working, and whining about a few "malcontented persons who are trying to confuse the issue." He said the "legal rights" of the strikers were being protected, and they should be grateful for all the attention they receive from the International.

Legal rights? Throughout this whole strike, a lot of people began to see what "legal rights" under this system are all about. In fact it was precisely the law, the Taft-Hartley Act, which provided the cover for the sham election. This law says that once a strike has lasted twelve months, any striker whose job has been replaced by a scab is automatically disenfranchised from the union election.

The legal system protected Blue Diamond's rights to hire 40 armed thugs and handed down injunctions limiting the number of pickets to 10. The legal system sent hundreds of state troopers



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Left: Arrow points to depression in trees carved out by 2 years of gunfire between company and union. The company used mostly automatic weapons. Strikers made sandbag bunkers.

Above: Guard at mine.

into Stearns to club the strikers and their wives when they tried to take a stand against Blue Diamond's legal rights to hire scabs. The legal system provided daily police escorts for the scabs and sent strikers to jail for months. And the same legal system gave slap-on-the-wrist fines to Blue Diamond for sending 26 miners to their deaths in an explosion four years ago at their Scotia mine.

The battle was a sharp one from the beginning because of the number of non-union mines in eastern Kentucky. The deepening economic crisis of capitalism has whipped the coal industry, and the coal companies' promises of boom have turned to bust. In their efforts to compete for shrinking markets, the companies have waged massive campaigns to keep the UMWA out of eastern Kentucky. They commonly set up company unions like the Southern Labor Union and the Justus Employees Association to appear as if they're providing miners with a free choice. The companies are willing to buy off non-union miners with slightly

higher wages to head off a greater danger to their profits—the militancy and the enforcement of safety and job rights that can come from the strength of greater organization.

Thousands of miners had their eyes on the Stearns strike and were inspired by the strikers' determined stand. But it became increasingly clear that although the strikers and their wives tried hard to sustain the strike, overall it was kept under the firm control of the International union bureaucrats.

The attention which Miller brags about in fact amounted to periodic articles in the UMWA journal asking for pity for the "poor Stearns strikers" while at the same time putting a lid on any efforts to build militant support among the rank and file. The International forbid the strikers from pulling out other Blue Diamond mines or other UMWA mines, threatening them with the cut-off of strike benefits.

On May 4, after the election, the International called back the organizers and permanently cut off strike benefits to the Stearns miners and their families. ■

**"Shut Your Mouth About This System!"**

Want to hear the real meaning of American justice laid out straight? Well, just listen to an Hawaii state prosecutor spell it out in his preliminary motion to the court in the case of 15 members and supporters of the Revolutionary Communist Party attacked and busted for bringing the Party's Mao Tsetung Enrollment into a housing project.

- 1) "That defendants and their attorneys be ordered to refrain from referring to or espousing their political views, *vis-a-vis the Chinese communist revolution as opposed to the American capitalistic society.*"
- 2) "That the defendants and their attorneys be ordered to refrain from any activity which may disrupt the orderly proceedings of the court." Why? Because "he believes the defendants and their attorneys will attempt to raise questions regarding their *arrest by representatives of a capitalistic society.*"

Very well put, Mr. Prosecutor. This is your so-called great American "democracy" at its finest. Not only do you savagely oppress and exploit the masses of people but you openly flaunt it in our face, saying "This is our capitalistic society, what are you going to do about it? In fact you can't even talk about it in our democratic courts, so sit down and shut up." We say, go ahead Mr. Prosecutor keep on flaunting it. But just one more thing, you will never be able to silence us from "espousing our political views...vis-a-vis...the American capitalistic society."

It seems that this motion was just a little too out front at this time, so the judge denied it opting instead to try the defendants one by one to split them up and thus help perpetuate in another form the charade that "no politics was involved" in the arrest of the fifteen.

As the prosecutor said, "This is the kind of case where what's on trial is more what you do [make revolution] than what you did." ■



We don't ask for no mercy  
No such thing as a fair shake  
Don't trust nothin' they give us  
What we need we must take  
Only a fool would give them his gun  
Ask no mercy and give them none  
NO MERCY will be shown  
NO MERCY drag them from their throne  
NO MERCY til they're dead and gone  
Yeah, yeah you heard us right, we're out for blood tonight.

# «Prairie Fire: NO MERCY»

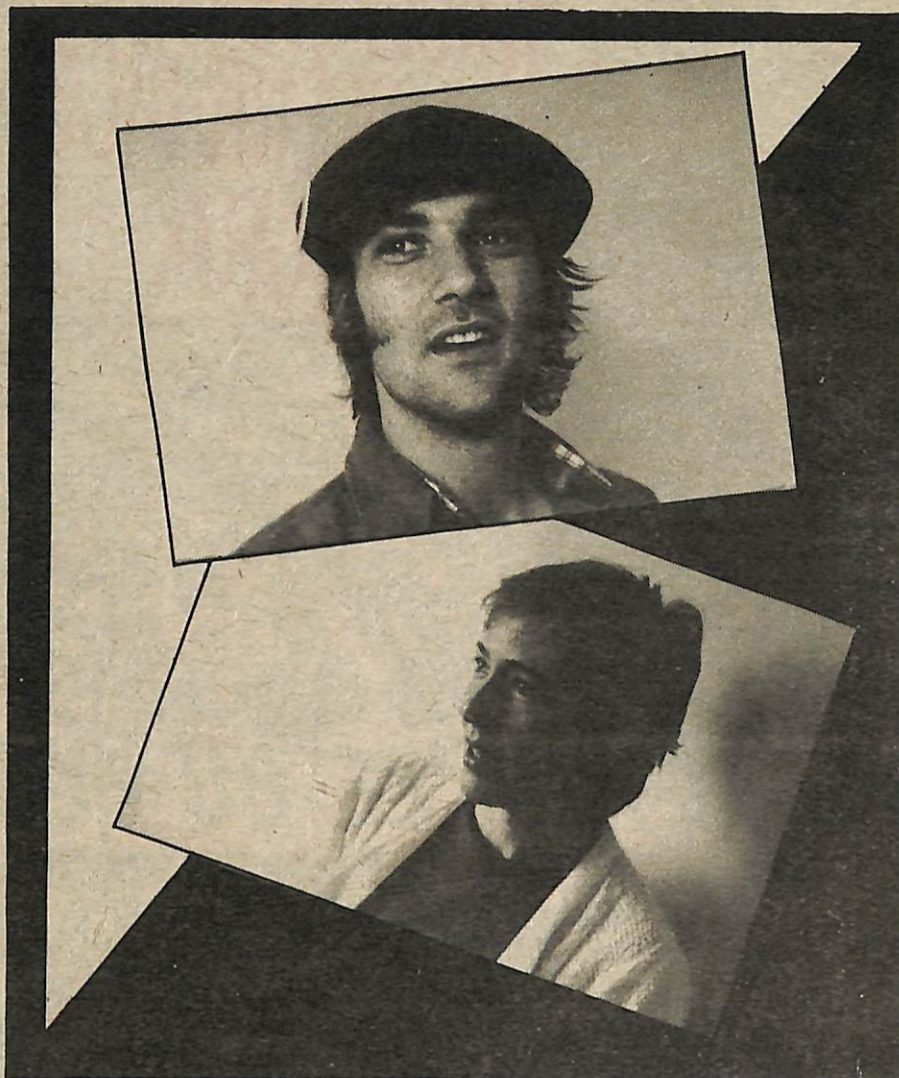
*Prairie Fire, a revolutionary rock band from San Francisco, made their first appearance with a new lineup only a month ago (See Revolutionary Worker, May 11, 1979). On June 9th they are appearing at the Rock Against Racism concert, Lincoln Park, Chicago. Last week, the Revolutionary Worker cornered them, in the middle of their hectic rehearsal and playing schedule, early one morning at their San Francisco home, and asked them about the response to the new Prairie Fire lineup:*

PF: "It's like a razor blade, very sharp. We've had a lot of people say, 'I thought life was over, that all this was dead, where have you been?' And at the same time at our last gig, someone marched through, carrying an American flag. It's not like everybody loves us. If everybody loved us, then we wouldn't be shit. We want some people to hate us. We want the handful of oppressors to hate us, and there's people who think like them and they won't like us either.

"Now, I don't want to give the impression that everything is about ready to explode. There's a lot of people they say, 'Whoa you guys are a little too blatant, I agree with a lot of what you're saying, but you don't leave anything to the imagination.' Some people say we're not artistic 'cause we come out and say what we mean, so we're gonna write a song, 'We are blatant, we're not vacant.' And we are blatant, we say, 'Revolution, communism, overthrow the oppressor, stomp 'em into the ground, NO MERCY, we're out for blood tonight!'

"We don't give a fuck if they kill us, we're going to keep fighting for it, and that's just the way it is. People say, 'I dig it. But everyone else ain't gonna dig it.' And then they see other people digging it, so they gotta see that there's an awful lot of people just like them. That's the way it's been going down. It was really hip when these punk rockers came up and said, 'You're blatant.' I thought that was a real compliment! I thought that was the greatest thing I ever heard. . . .

"You know the bourgeoisie says we want to brainwash people, but they're the ones who really don't let people use their imaginations. Everything they say about us, it's really them that do it. They're just talking about their own motherfucking selves. The thing that we don't leave anything to the imagination, that's bullshit. We stimulate the imagination, we make people dream dreams that they never thought they could dream! We have people in the audience grinning from ear to ear, 'cause they never heard anybody stand up and say, 'Overthrow the government!'



Matt and Sandy Callahan "Prairie Fire"

## Rock Against Racism

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ning amuck on the tube, the press and in the streets, sick of the way things are and of being told to "let it be," that "Black and white can never get together and will always be at each other's throats"—and sick and tired of the rotten poison in pop music polluting the airwaves, people of all nationalities and all ages have been turned on to a new beat.

At Bogan High School in Marquette Park, where the Nazi rat pack (which seems to be laying low these days) last year organized gangs of white youth in rock and roll T-shirts to yell "kill the niggers" and attempt to do just that, where the hatchet-faced, child-beating women from the Bogan Mothers organization screamed like banshees at the idea of Black kids going to the neighborhood schools, one white youth said, "This Rock Against Racism is just what we need...if the Nazis try to come to this school the kids would kill 'em."

Not to get carried away, it was clear that this youth did not speak for everybody at Bogan. In fact, the lines were drawn pretty sharp. But what is significant is that the anger and disgust of many people in the neighborhood against the racist reactionary crap that Marquette Park, the Nazis, the big-time realtors' and bankers' redlining schemes have all come to represent, is surfacing and people see the RAR concert as a way to take a stand against all the garbage that they've been living in. The natives are getting restless.

### Rock Against Racism

Rock Against Racism surfaced in England in response to a wave of racial violence aimed at West Indian and Pakistani immigrants. When rock superstars like Eric Clapton and David Bowie spouted support for the racist-neo-Nazi garbage of the National Front, RAR took up the battle cries: "We're Black, We're White, We're Dynamite!" And "Pogo on a Nazi!" RAR has since grown into a massive rank and file rock movement against the "respectable" National Front,

racism and the music industry's superstardom rat trap. Woodstock-sized crowds have turned out in the British Isles for marches and concerts featuring New Wave bands like the Clash and Tom Robinson Band, and among musicians in England, RAR is a real dividing line.

Now RAR has hit the U.S. and thousands have already come together in Houston, Dayton, Columbus and New York City at RAR gigs, but June 9 in Chicago is a crucial test. Musicians around the city have been wearing RAR buttons and talking up the concert on and off stage at the clubs. Already, the Chicago concert has drawn over 100 bands to volunteer to do benefits and help build for the June 9th concert which promises to be an extraordinary musical event, bringing together New Wave punk, reggae, blues, rock, and salsa bands who would otherwise probably never make it on the same gig together.

The musicians see this concert as a way to make a statement. They are fed up with the rat-race that they as musicians are subjected to and angry about the oppressive racist trash being heaped on the masses of people and just generally about "the way things are." The idea of this concert taking the offensive has sent sparks flying and in taking the word out about June 9, the desire of the masses of people to unite and fight against the oppression of Black and minority people and the whole rotten set-up of capitalist society has been demonstrated in a thousand ways.

### Stuck Pigs Squeal

The pigs and reactionaries of all sorts have been definitely uptight. While the Nazis squealed on their hotline about how this concert was a direct attack on them, the pigs and other garbage, including several high school principals have been feeling the heat. At one high school, the Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade, which has been taking out RAR all over the city, showed up with a banner that read, "We're Black, We're White, We're Brown, We're

Gonna Rip the Whole Damn System Down." Hundreds of students and even some of the teachers took leaflets into the school, and one girl said that her whole neighborhood knew about it and they had held block meetings to talk about it. At another high school in the largely Chicano Pilsen district, students formed an anti-racist organization at the school when they heard about the RAR concert.

All this has upset the authorities. At Chicago Vocational High, an all-Black school, the Black principal who is running for state representative came out and told a group of six RCYB'ers, 3 Black and 3 white, to "Get your white people out of here, we don't listen to honkies, I'm a racist and the students here are too." This outraged the students, who said, "How dare he speak for us and say we're racists," and about 100 students gathered around to talk about RAR. The principal called the pigs, who started hassling the youth where they had gathered in a park across the street, but this only made the students madder.

On Wednesday, June 6, three from the RCYB were busted when a shouting match occurred with the school engineers at Whitney Young High School, who tried to stop them from talking to the students. About 150 students, Black, white and Latin, gathered around and told the engineer, who was loudly proclaiming that he was a racist, to get lost.

When the pigs arrived on the scene, the students all gathered around the pig car, "We see who you are, you police, you're a pig," yelled one of the students, "You don't have no right telling us what to do." As the pigs pushed the three into the car, charging them with disorderly conduct, the students raised clenched fists and said, "See you at Rock Against Racism."

Later that day, in Hyde Park, a woman distributing RAR leaflets ran into a Black youth who told her about the bust. A student at Whitney High, a magnet school downtown which is 40% Black, 40% white and 20% Latino, the brother said, "Before everybody would stick to their own little group, Black with Black, white with white. This is the first time that people are really standing together, united."

Out at the beach, a Black youth took the RAR sticker and stuck it in his wallet like a badge. Then he went up to where the cops were hassling some of the youth and flashed his "badge" at the cop. An old Chicano man in the Pilsen stuck one on his car. He couldn't speak English, but he knew damn well what it meant. Scenes like these have been repeated all over town from the housing projects to the clubs on the Northside—people are taking a stand.

One youth said, "Jessie Jackson says, 'just get an education and a job and we'll be alright,' and he's just playing the rich man's game. People will rise up one day and make revolution in this country. I believe that."

Listen up, Mr. Millionaire, Mr. Pig, Mr. Nazi, and Mrs. Keep-Your-Eye-On-Your-Own-Front-Yard. The people are getting tired of taking your shit. ■

## Cleveland

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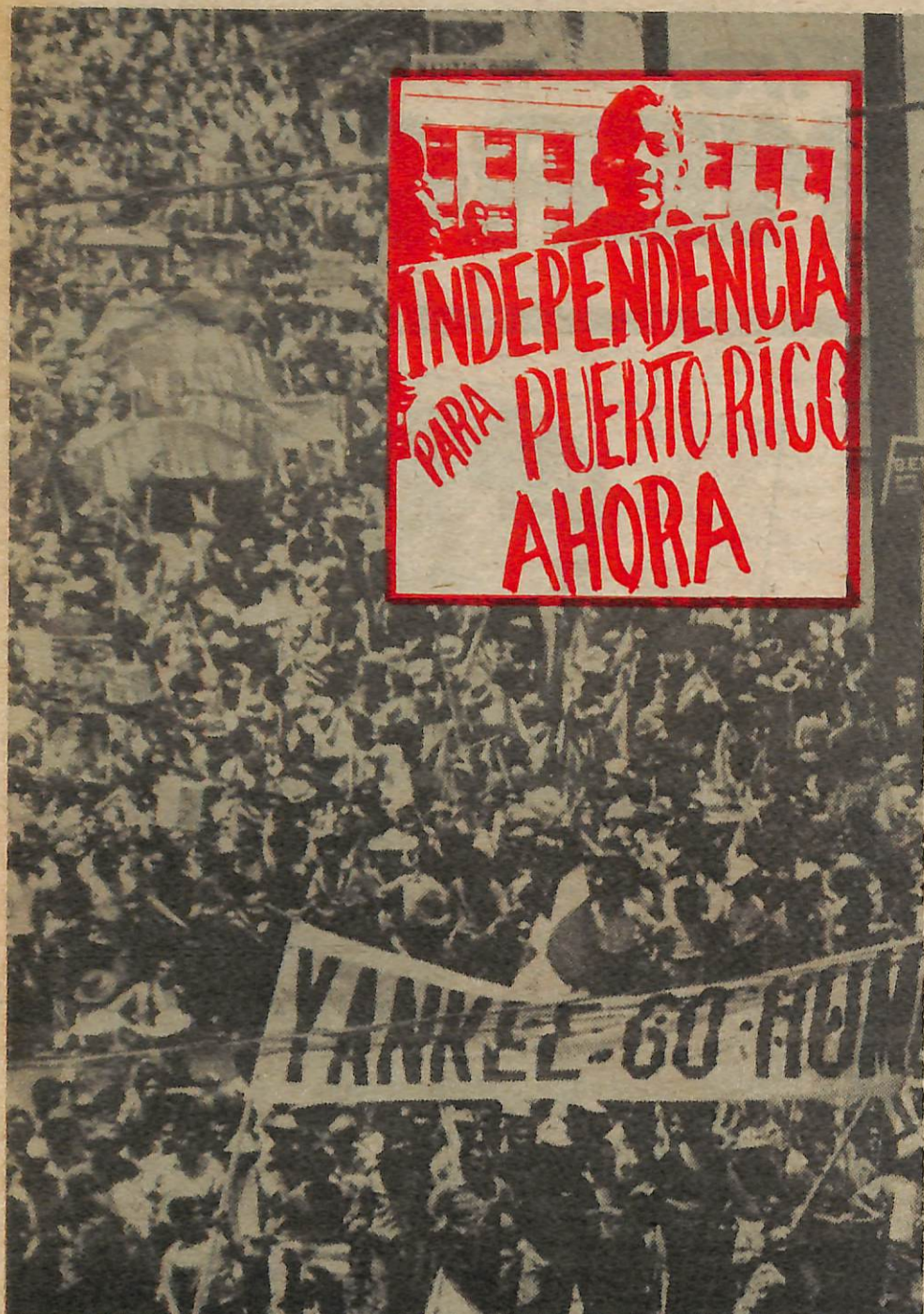
without the family's consent, against their wishes. When the family saw the body they knew why. Sherman was badly cut up and mutilated in the autopsy. Any evidence of a pig's crime was systematically destroyed.

To further cover their murder the police claim Sherman left a suicide note saying he was depressed over a heavy sentence, the judge gave him the day before on a burglary charge. Far from wanting to end it all Sherman was angry and prepared to fight the sentence. He called his sister the night of his murder and spoke of appealing the decision!

The cops refused to show the family the suicide note, claiming it was official evidence. Three days later his family was given a xerox copy. They say it is a forgery—some of the letters are formed differently than the way Sherman wrote.

"It's not just my brother," Sherman's sister said, "there have been too many hangings, especially of Black men." Sherman's murder became the third so-called jail hanging "suicide" in the last month and in March at the East Cleveland jail the murder of two more Black men was covered over by police reports of "hanging suicides." ■





San Juan marchers demand independence.



(Top) The Ponce Massacre, March 21, 1937. One hundred marchers gathered to protest the frame-up and imprisonment of Nationalist Party leader Albizu Campos on charges of "conspiracy to overthrow the U.S. government." As they reached the center of Ponce, 150 U.S. colonial police opened fire on marchers and spectators with machine guns and carbines. When the smoke cleared, 20 people lay murdered and over 150 were wounded. (Bottom) The Jayuya Uprising, Oct. 30-Nov. 6, 1950. On October 30, 1950, Puerto Rican Na-



tionals seized control of police and government buildings in Jayuya, proclaiming an independent Puerto Rican republic. Popular insurrections spread throughout



January, 1978—Islanders from Vieques prevented the U.S. Coast Guard from continuing to bomb the island for target practice.

# FREE PU

"Puerto Rico—Isla del Encanto—Island of Enchantment"—these are the pretty words that will be on banners atop floats covered with paper flowers and filled with musicians and dancers hired by big companies like "La Jewel Supermarket" y "La Con Edison" at this year's annual Puerto Rican Day parades in New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and other U.S. cities. But there's nothing enchanting about being a colony—or else why would nearly a million Puerto Ricans, nearly a third of the island's population, be forced to leave their homelands for the broken-down barrios and housing projects of the U.S.?

Puerto Ricans didn't come to this country because they were filled with an irresistible desire to leave their seacoast towns and mountain villages to come live in burned-out, rat-infested neighborhoods like the South Bronx which the newspapers like to say "looks like a landscape on the moon." Where's it's freezing half the year and there's no heat in the apartment. Where if the dope and the gangbang don't get your kids the cops definitely will. Where Puerto Ricans are robbed of their language and culture and abused and ridiculed. Where they are paid half as much on the average as other workers. No, what made them leave this subtropical island for the sweatshops and slums of America is that jobs and the possibility of getting by were

just plain disappearing on the enchanted island.

In fact, when these big American companies show their "gratitude" to the Puerto Ricans whose blood they suck here by hiring little floats that say "Puerto Rico Me Encanta—Puerto Rico Enchants Me," this is a very sick joke. The American capitalists have never done anything but abuse and degrade the island and its people trying to squeeze everything of value out of them.

The big tourist hotels owned by giant American corporations like Hilton and American Airlines, where the capitalists sell tourists a few days of island beauty, are themselves a symbol of the people's subjugation. Ordinary Puerto Ricans aren't allowed to set foot on the beaches around them. American chemical companies and oil refineries have turned large areas into wastelands. On the nearby island of Vieques, the fishermen have been waging a long and bitter struggle against the U.S. Navy, which uses their island for target practice and to show off how good its weapons blow things up to potential buyers of American armaments.

Yes, Puerto Rico enchants the American capitalists all right—that's why *Business Week* calls it "Puerto Rico: Profit Island." From the Hilton

## Worcester Barricades &

Worcester, Ma.—The Great Brooks Valley project will never be the same. Last Monday night "business as usual" for the housing authority cops was turned into people's business—the business of putting seven cops in the hospital and attacking the pig station.

The rebellion started when a sixteen-year-old Puerto Rican youth was beaten and arrested by two cops. He was "trespassing" on a playground near his home. When his brother heard the commotion, he came to his aid, and the pigs started beating him too. Nothing unusual. As one young man said, "These cops harass the kids all the time out here, especially the Puerto Ricans." The cops yell "stinkin' nigger" out their windows and then beat and arrest anyone who answers back.

But this time it was different. As the cops waited for reinforcements to haul in these two Puerto Rican brothers, a crowd of all nationalities—Black, white and Puerto Rican—gathered and started yelling at these pigs. Then the crowd closed in. This time it was the pigs who ran when their nightsticks were taken and used on them.

Fifteen state troopers and 30 city cops were called in. The word spread. Two hundred youths—Puerto Rican,



the island for six days, and were only defeated with U.S. tanks and Air Force bombings backing up the well-equipped puppet "national" guard.



o Ricans in Newark  
explode in rebellion,  
early 1970s.



# PUERTO RICO!

and Marriot signs at the airport to the signs saying Pittsburgh Paint and Glass, Dow Chemical, Crown Cork Bottling and so on at the plant entrance, from the American chain supermarkets and department stores to Burger King and Kentucky Fried, you can get a glimpse of how Puerto Rico is dominated economically.

But it goes even deeper, because the investments of the Rockefellers and the other big American banks aren't advertised in neon. Especially in the factories, the vast majority work directly or indirectly for U.S. companies. The stores sell practically nothing but American goods—even rice and fruits and other foods which not long ago flourished in Puerto Rico have to be bought from American companies, because these monopolies have crushed Puerto Rican agriculture. Meanwhile prices are higher than on the mainland.

## Ruin 'Em—Use 'Em

When U.S. troops snatched up Puerto Rico in 1898, American interests bought up the land, ruining the small farmers and leaving many with no choice but to work on the giant sugar plantations and tobacco and coffee farms which produced for the export market. Then, when growing these cash crops in other countries seemed even

more profitable, the rural workers were left jobless—which was the main thing forcing Puerto Ricans to leave in the 1950s and early 1960s.

Since then many American companies have rushed in to take advantage of all this labor kept cheap by oppression. More jobs for Puerto Ricans? More unemployment. Agriculture and small businesses ruined and more and more automated plants.

What about that other great privilege, American citizenship? This is nothing but a chain on Puerto Rican necks, since it was imposed on them in 1917 in order to draft them for World War 1 (and every war since then). Its main purpose has been to feed Puerto Ricans like so much raw material into the jaws of American industry.

The U.S. military bases which squat on huge chunks of the island make it plain that Puerto Rico is no more the independent and sovereign "free associated state" that it's said to be than a prisoner is "freely associated" with a jailer. The U.S. Congress and the federal government have the final say on everything. The courts are American, and trials take place in English. The FBI and other pigs who run free here are as American as apple pie.

Nothing better reveals just how much the island's government is a puppet of American imperialism than the way it has worked hand in hand with the U.S. ruling class to crush the Puerto Rican independence movement. Especially in the last year or so, this has taken not only the form of arrests and frameups of independentistas, but also cold-blooded political murders. The police have "caught" no one even after a long series of assassinations of political activists.

The bourgeoisie in Puerto Rico tries to smear the independence movement there, as it does here, by saying that it's nothing but a bunch of bloodthirsty "terrorists." But recently it's come out a little just how much the government itself is using secret as well as open and legal terrorism against the independence movement. Last summer, two young Puerto Rican men were lured by an undercover police agent to a hilltop called Cerro Maravilla. There they were ambushed and riddled with hundreds of bullets by the police who were hiding there waiting for them.

Governor Carlos Romero Barcelo immediately issued an announcement praising the police for their "heroism" in preventing a "terrorist attack" (the police claim they found charcoal briquets and matches in the dead men's possession, as well as a gun which hadn't been fired). He declared that even more police repression would be necessary in the future to "protect our democratic way of life." More recently, it has come out that during the time the

ambush was being set up, Governor Romero Barcelo was consulting with the police officials who planned it on a daily basis. Clearly the whole thing was meant to discredit and terrorize the independence movement and create an excuse for more terror.

But the effect of this incident has been the opposite of what he intended. This colonial puppet governor has been more exposed and isolated as a wave of indignant outcry has continued to grow stronger and stronger in the year since these two men were murdered and more facts have come out.

As for crushing the independence movement, 20,000 people turned out for the March funeral of Andres Figueroa Cordero—jailed along with four other Puerto Rican Nationalists in the U.S. since the early 1950s. They made it into a militant demonstration against U.S. imperialism's domination and showed the strength and widespread support of the independence movement.

## Statehood Controversy

This same Governor Romero Barcelo has been the main advocate of statehood for Puerto Rico. He is the island's first pro-statehood governor. This question has been the subject of controversy in Puerto Rico since President Ford publicly proposed it during his last days in office. The whole idea behind this proposal is to slam the door on the question of independence—a question which has always dominated the political life of Puerto Rico.

Today, unlike a few years ago, almost everyone would have to admit that Puerto Rico is a colony. Even the UN has passed a resolution condemning the U.S.'s colonial domination of Puerto Rico, a fact which really annoys the American imperialists. The national aspirations of the people continue to be a very real threat to American interests in Puerto Rico. So these imperialists have had to deal with it.

One favorite argument of theirs is, "Being free of us just means getting tied to the Soviets." But these U.S. rulers have got a lot of nerve. Pointing to another gangster to justify your own plunder is nothing but the method of an international protection racket. The working class, which must lead the struggle for independence, has no interest in replacing one oppressor with another. Only the most thorough struggle against every vestige of colonialism—centering right now on the U.S. grip on Puerto Rico—can lead to real freedom from all oppressors.

Through their thousand and one mouthpieces, including the governor, the U.S. imperialists point to the mess they've made of the people's lives on the island and say, "Things can't go on this way. Puerto Rico is tied by a thousand threads to the U.S. and it might as

well go all the way." While Romero Barcelo and his government's own vicious attacks have helped expose this phony "concern" for the welfare of the people, some Puerto Ricans do hope that maybe things would get better through statehood.

But the fact is that Puerto Rico is not part of the United States, economically, socially, culturally or historically. The thousand threads that tie it are threads of oppression. Statehood would change the form of Puerto Rico's colonial subjugation but not the essence.

The superprofits the U.S. imperialists rake in from Puerto Rico depend on keeping the island chained and backward, and the imperialists will never willingly give that up, any more than they will ever willingly give up the superprofits squeezed out of the minorities held in chains within the U.S. or the profits squeezed from workers of all nationalities.

## Double Trap

Even if the imperialists can't or don't want to actually move to hold some kind of phony referendum on statehood in Puerto Rico in 1981, a prospect which Romero Barcelo's political troubles now make less likely, the whole way the debate on statehood has gone down has helped fortify their position. It has allowed them to pose the question as though the people had to choose between continuing with the island's present status (which is all but unbearable) or permanently giving up all dreams of national liberation (which most people don't want to give up).

Some forces which have been prominent in the independence movement, such as the Puerto Rican Socialist Party, have been so hypnotized by the threat of statehood that they have found themselves trailing behind some of the big-time colonial politicians who defend the imperialists' grip on Puerto Rico by using the alternative of statehood as an excuse to give their long-time loyal defense of the way things are now a more "nationalist" cover.

By following the line that first you have to defeat the threat of statehood before you can center your work around fighting for independence, the PSP and others have fallen into the imperialists' trap on this question. More and more, bourgeois politicians have had to put on some nationalist clothing, even calling for the freedom of the remaining four Nationalist prisoners from U.S. prisons and hailing them as great patriots—while still attacking the cause of independence the Nationalists fought for.

There is no way out of the colonial hell-hole that U.S. imperialism has cast Puerto Rico into, except to drive out the imperialists and all their lackeys. And as they struggle to do so, the people of Puerto Rico will be striking powerful blows against the oppressors and exploiters of the workers of every nationality right here in this country. It is part of the duty of every worker, part of our own struggle against oppression, to support the Puerto Rican people in this fight. ■

## ester: & Firebombs

Black and white—gathered and laid a trap. They set up a barricade in the street with trash cans. As each pig car was forced to turn around at the barricade, it was showered with rocks and bottles. Car after car was turned away, until the whole fleet of oinkers was forced to retreat to an "unidentified parking garage" for the night. Then the army of youth marched to the pig station, built a year and a half ago right in the middle of the projects, and threw a molotov cocktail right in the back door.

One youth showed us the dent in his steel helmet from the "revolution," as he called it. "We want to get rid of these cops out here. We tried the easy way—tried to talk about it in meetings, but that ain't gonna work. So now we're trying the hard way—breaking windows and starting fires."

The cops insist the rebellion was "just a couple of kids that got into some trouble." They wish. Now you can see a look of fear on their faces as they cruise through the projects. They still have the slogan "to protect and serve" on their back fender, but the pig cars speed up past groups of more than three. And the people are saying, "If they come back, we'll do it again." ■



# Nicaragua

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by the U.S. in order to put a Nicaraguan face on U.S. control of the country—which had been under U.S. Marine occupation. In 1978 Jimmy "human rights" Carter discovered some "problems" with Somoza, and began to criticize his regime a bit. Of course the real "problem" Carter discovered was that Somoza seemed likely to fall at the time. A few months later, when Somoza seemed to be hanging on to power, Carter changed his tune and praised the dictator for "making substantial progress" (!) in human rights. Carter even sweetened the pot by requesting an additional \$15,000 training grant for Somoza's National Guard. Of course all along the U.S. has kept military advisors in Nicaragua, giving pointers to the puppet.

This time around the U.S. government isn't vacillating a bit. They are gunning Somoza to the teeth and stocking him with cannon fodder. While they might prefer someone less exposed and hated to do their dirty work, the U.S. does not want him overthrown. The U.S. Undersecretary of Inter-American Affairs has refused to deny the U.S. would intervene militarily.

And threats are not all the U.S. is sending. Many observers have reported seeing U.S. Hercules air transport planes arriving in Nicaragua from Howard Air Force Base in the Panama Canal Zone—part of a large airlift of arms, munitions and other materials.

Somoza's son—an heir apparent soon to have his throne ripped out from under him—ran to the U.S. and bought ten T-38 jets on June 2. Israeli planes have also been sent to Nicaragua.

On top of this the U.S.-owned dictatorships of El Salvador and Guatemala have sent troops as well as other supplies in U.S.-made C-47 planes. Apparently U.S. advisors and supplies aren't enough. The covers were blown off this clandestine operation when the Sandinistas captured a Guatemalan officer.

In response to this blatant action by the U.S., the Sandinistas issued the following call in a communique on June 1: "These acts constitute a direct intervention in the internal affairs of Nicaragua, where the people are confronting a criminal and alien dictatorship, and contradict official declarations of the Carter administration which claims to have terminated all military aid to Somoza. The Sandinista National Liberation Front vehemently calls on all people of the world, especially the people of the U.S., to stop this intervention

in support of the dictatorship."

Somoza is very isolated in Nicaragua. His long years of oppression, exploitation and repression—and downright U.S. lackeyism—have made for a widespread opposition not only among the workers and peasants but virtually every group and faction—even including the reactionary Catholic Church, conservative parties, and many businessmen. Internationally, the U.S. could not even get the OAS (Organization of American States), which is largely jammed with its own lackeys, to back Somoza. A number of neighboring reactionary countries like Costa Rica are afraid to defend him because of the mass sentiment in their own countries.

In this situation, along with using military means, the U.S. has had to go fishing among the Nicaraguan opposition for possible future support. In January, after last year's armed offensive, the U.S. ambassador set up a meeting between Somoza and others in a Broad Opposition Front, which included most opposition elements in Nicaragua. But no agreement resulted. In fact, the Broad Opposition Front then fell apart, and increasingly the Sandinistas have taken leadership of the political opposition. The Frente Patriótico Nacional, which they fully support, is prepared to set up a provi-

sional government after Somoza's fall which will include all opposition parties and will call for elections.

Of course the Sandinistas themselves contain various forces—including some who oppose Somoza but do not fully oppose every aspect of the U.S. domination of Nicaragua. The U.S. even hopes to capitalize on this. Even while they back Somoza with guns and puppet troops, they are hedging their bets, hoping not to lose their whole ass when he goes down. But the blow the Sandinistas are striking against Somoza is a righteous one, one that will weaken imperialism's grip on Nicaragua.

There is a possibility that Somoza, with U.S. help, might survive the current offensive, but he won't last long. Today, his private Boeing 727 jet is parked on his private runway, ready to go. Last fall the Nicaraguan people's offensive was only halted by Somoza's bombing of cities to ruins, murdering thousands and imposing terror on many more. But at the time, the Sandinistas pointed out that this would only be a lull in the struggle. And right they were. Less than a year later, the people have risen again—more powerful than before. And they are determined to drive Somoza and the monster of U.S. imperialism behind him into the dirt. ■



**"This is murder!" John Spenkelink yelled as they prepared the electric chair. According to inmates at Florida State Prison, he fought the guards for 15 minutes before his execution.**

**Now, "to finance the police softball team's trip to a 'super-cop' tournament in New Orleans" these degenerate killers from the Jackson, Florida police department sell T-shirts with the motto "1 Down, 133 to Go." That's the number of prisoners left on Florida's death row. Newspapers all around the country pick up this picture and run it. Cute story, huh?**

**This capitalist system and its warped appendages like these pigs are so unbelievably sick it's unreal. Not that class conscious workers have any sentimentality about true enemies of society. What these cops and their masters will get as punishment when state power is taken by the working class will definitely testify to that.**

**One thought comes to mind upon seeing this picture. "One more reason down to banish this system from the face of this earth. How many more?"**

## Pope

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two brands of capitalism—Soviet revisionism vs. Americanism—and the Pope is merely the latest weapon in the arsenal of the West.

But beyond this, that millions would anxiously await the visit of such a monument to the dark ages, and that hundreds of thousands more would turn out and be swayed by him, exposes the degeneration and bankruptcy of the Polish and Soviet revisionists. The system they rule is just as rotten and just as capitalist as that of their western counterparts. It has driven the masses into desperation, ruin, and the arms of Pope John Paul II.

That the Pope could draw these large numbers illustrates how far these revisionists have departed from Marxism. In fact, Marx's very words stand as an appropriate description of the situation in Poland and, at the same time, are a ringing denunciation of revisionist rule:

"Religious distress is at the same time the expression of real distress and the protest against real distress. Religion is the sigh of the oppressed creature, the heart of a heartless world, just as it is the spirit of a spiritless situation. It is the opium of the people."

The mass turnout for the Pope is also a testament to the fact that many in this world are still mired in the backward morass of individual petty production and the "rural way of life"—a leftover of the Middle Ages. The fact that there are still Popes in this world shows mankind has a way to go. While this is certainly the era of proletarian revolution, it is still early in the era.

The proletariat also envisions millions in the streets—not in holy celebration of darkness, mysticism and enslavement to one or another exploiting class—but millions in the streets in celebration of consciousness, understanding and the application of knowledge in revolutionary struggle to transform the world. ■



## Stokely

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and Cuban hit men. This was the only hope.)

AAPRP and numerous other Pan Africanists have echoed this view. How can the African people whip Western imperialism and the white minority regimes who have tanks, planes and all kinds of sophisticated weapons? Do you want Africans fighting planes and tanks with spears and bows and arrows? Can you expect the people of Africa to win unless they get help from the Soviet bloc? They cloak this in a seemingly militant stance, arguing, "My objective is the liberation of Africa, so what's wrong with getting weapons to fight my enemy from his enemy?" But this is the logic that lands them dead in the trap of the Soviet Union. Today, for example, in Angola, there are still 25,000 Cuban troops—10,000 more than it was claimed they had there to fight South Africa.

Carmichael and the AAPRP aren't the first Pan Africanists to organize a cheering section for an imperialist power as the backer of "liberation" in Africa. In the mid-1950s George Padmore, one of the grand old men of Pan Africanism, wrote a book, *Pan Africanism or Communism*. This was at a time when the old colonial powers such as France, Britain, Belgium and Portugal were being ushered out of domination in Africa, and the U.S. was working to replace them. So the U.S. was trying to picture itself as the

"defender of the free world" and the champion of anti-colonialism. In the '50s a movie was even made, "Something of Value," starring Rock Hudson and Sidney Poitier, which was supposed to expose British colonialism in Kenya.

Padmore, who might have thought he was being slick, actually went hook, line and sinker for this U.S. line. Check out his book: "If America, the 'foremost champion and defender of the free world,' is really worried about communism taking root in Africa and wants to prevent such a calamity from taking place, I can offer an insurance against it. This insurance will not only forestall communism, but endear the people of the great North American republic forever to the Africans . . . This gesture should take the form of a Marshall aid programme for Africa." In less than a decade, making use of this type of "aid" and other means, the U.S. had become the dominant oppressive power on the continent of Africa. So much for illusions. So much for "using"—actually relying on—your enemy's enemy.

Carmichael and Padmore throw dust in people's eyes, saying that people are helpless without some imperialist guardian angel. But the experience of every victorious revolution stands contrary to this defeatism. Take the recent example of the people of Iran who ran out the Shah, backed by the U.S. to the tune of \$18 billion in the latest arms. True, they relied on the guns of an imperialist power to do this—the guns they rose up and seized by force from the Shah and the U.S. Now they have all kinds of

arms they can use to continue their revolution.

During the Chinese revolution, the revolutionaries captured so many arms from the U.S.-supplied reactionary armies of Chiang Kai-shek that they referred to him as "the quartermaster" for arms supplies. And they did this in the face of some in China at the time who claimed that there was no way to defeat Chiang because of his superior technology and modern weaponry.

### Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes

Still it remains to ask why Carmichael and the AAPRP started singing these modern hymns of praise to the Soviets and Cubans. This wasn't always the case; many Pan Africanists denounced these countries in the past, although on a superficial basis. Many of those who now nod approvingly as they listen to Fidel Castro babble about the "African blood running in Cuban veins" only a few years ago were denouncing Cuba for being racist.

What has changed is the world situation. Between the mid-1950s and the mid-1960s, the Soviet Union—in the process of restoring capitalism—was playing the role of a yes-man and collaborator with U.S. imperialism. During this period, and for a while afterwards, many Pan Africanists denounced the Soviets for not giving aid to African liberation struggles. But today the Soviets have matured into a full-blown imperialist power and are challenging U.S. domination everywhere to replace it with their own. Now they are all too willing to "aid"

anyone who will come under their wing in seeking to dislodge the U.S. So, in the eyes of those who are dazzled by the glitter of apparent quick help and immediate gain, the Soviets have fundamentally changed. They're no longer limp wristed—they are macho men. In the eyes of the Pan Africanists, Cuba has magically been transformed into a long lost brother, and the Soviet Union into a rich uncle by marriage.

The Pan Africanists never concerned themselves with the question of what class was actually ruling the Soviet Union. They not only overlook but refuse to even consider relevant its capitalist nature. So they end up in the dizzy position of calling the Soviets "enemy" one week when they refuse to give guns, to calling them "indispensable friend" the next week when they offer guns—no matter what strings are attached.

On every front—here and in Africa—Stokely Carmichael is in the pit of opportunism. His stand has a class basis—that of the petty bourgeoisie, caught under the oppression of the big imperialists, but afraid and untrusting of the revolutionary potential of the real revolutionary force, the masses of people. Such petty-bourgeois elements may partially resist the oppression of an enemy—but out of greed or fear, left on their own they will always tend to end up caving in to the enemy. Such is the case with Stokely Carmichael. With his petty-bourgeois stand now developed into a full-blown reactionary line, he has divorced himself from revolution in Africa and in the U.S.A. and has plopped himself in the camp of the enemy.



## "You weren't supposed to say that!" Nurd Takes Stand in Oakland Trial

Oakland, June 4—Judge Levine, in an act of mercy for the prosecution, has declared the trial of the Oakland High 3 a mistrial. The 3 are revolutionaries arrested at Oakland High for agitating for youth to wear black armbands and attend the funeral of Melvin Black, a youth murdered by Oakland pigs. If not for the ruling class being dead serious at wanting to put these revolutionaries behind bars, the entire proceedings around this trial could be labeled comedy.

Since they killed Melvin Black, all the authorities have managed to do is make more trouble for themselves. A Black community was sickened and outraged by still another unprovoked killing. So what did the police do? First clear themselves of any wrong doing—"justifiable homicide" was their ruling. Second, go out and viciously attack those people who are most out there in exposing capitalism's bloody hand behind this crime. But since they haven't quite reached the point of star chamber inquisitions, the state had to act out its fairy tale of a fair trial convincingly enough to get a jury to return a conviction.

**Department 11, Oakland Municipal Court.**—Not a hundred yards away the city is fast building a new and bigger jail. While in jail a Black construction worker told one of the defendants that he had been working on a new city jail. But when he realized just what the hell this dungeon was for, he up and quit. It was too much. Somehow this reality is supposed to vanish as soon as they get you inside the courtroom—the never-never land of American justice. But

people's memories don't disappear.

This trial sets a record for the longest jury selection for a misdemeanor trial in Oakland's history. The D.A. has to knock off twelve Blacks from the jury, because every one of them has "prejudicial" experience with police brutality. By the time the D.A. reaches the tenth prospective Black juror, he is embarrassed, sweating, shaking his head.

On top of this the revolutionaries won't play by the rules. From the start they base their case on the fact that they aren't criminal except in the eyes of this criminal system. They walk into court each day with a new political T-shirt.

The district attorney really thinks he has the three nailed, when on the first day of the trial he whips out a leaflet by the RCYB headlined, "Avenge the Murder of Melvin Black" and reads it aloud to the jury. AHA! It says right here they are communists who think the system is rotten and should be overthrown. He and the judge can't believe it when the defense attorney himself insists on making this same point. He asks the jury, did they remember back in the '60s when the Black Panthers carried around Mao Tsetung's Red Book?

The state said it intended to prove that these three went to Oakland High School with the illegal purpose of encouraging habitual truancy and inciting the students to riot. The police merely came over to protect the three from the wrath of the students who were getting their education interfered with. The state's first witness, school security monitor Noble testifies, "Not one student took and armband or a leaflet...they threw them all to the

ground...no one wanted to go to Melvin Black's funeral." Yeah, and Abe Lincoln freed the slaves. Even the Oakland Tribune had a picture of the funeral showing nearly a hundred students there.

The rest of the D.A.'s case is a parade of buffoons. Like the three little pigs, the three testifying cops harmonize, "The RCYB says 'Kill the pigs, burn the school, and quit the school' about a hundred times." One officer testifies how students came up to him and fearfully asked him, "Do we have to take their leaflets?" Then comes the star witness. Student Orlando Guyton, who has led a small group of we-love-our-police jerkos in trying to attack the communists who have continued to rally support among Oakland High students. Last week the police department went to a special school assembly to present Orlando with an official commendation award—for helping them out in preventing a riot the day they busted the Oakland 3.

Here's Orlando in action. Defense lawyer: "What do you think about the cops who shot Melvin Black?" Orlando: "They did what they had to do." Lawyer: "How do you feel about the murder of Melvin Black?" Orlando: "It doesn't mean anything to me." Lawyer: "What was the RCYB saying out there?" Orlando: "That the administration should be bombed."

The defense lawyer asked Orlando to physically demonstrate what one of the arresting officers did. So Orlando got up and demonstrated on the lawyer what happened, describing how the 220 lb. karate teacher cop arrested one of the 3. Throughout the demonstration he called the cop by his first name: Tommy. Orlando said that he followed Tommy around as he was dragging the brother to the paddy wagon and went on at great length how the cop grabbed the brother and slammed him against the paddy wagon. (*Oops! Not in the courtroom, Orlando*) Later on, under cross examination, Orlando contradicted previous testimony admitting that some students did in fact wear armbands on that day and were yelling at him. *Let's face it. You blew your big chance, Orlando.* By the time the testimony was over, the D.A. was slumped in his chair in obvious dejection.

What has outraged the authorities all along is that communists were daring to "incite" on that most sacred ground—the minds of youth. The judge finds it

even dangerous to have communists on public trial. He instructed an Oakland Tech High teacher who brought his civics class to court that perhaps he should keep them away from this particular example of justice in action.

The prosecution's case has become so shabby that even before the defense has called its witnesses (including students who have braved intimidation to step forward to defend the Oakland 3), something must be done to save the case. Finally, when the school vice-principal in charge of security testifies that he called the cops because the Oakland 3 were violating the law by being on school property, the judge saw his out. It seems that, amazingly, he and the D.A. hadn't realize that there was such a law. So he calls the lawyers up to his bench and explains the situation. It dawns on the district attorney that he is being given another chance after having blown it so bad this time.

After the mistrial is declared, the defendants talk to the jurors. One guy says, "I didn't think it should have ever been brought to trial." Two others say that school should have been called off that day to let all the students go to Melvin's funeral. Clearly, "not guilty" was in the air. The mistrial itself is an indicator that the only justice the state is interested in seeing is getting these revolutionaries and teaching the masses the lesson that if the slaves rebel, they pay dearly. The revolutionaries for their part intend to fight any new trial the same way as this one. Put pig justice on trial for all the people to see.

After the mistrial had been declared, the 3 along with the RCYB went back to Oakland High School, where they have publicly challenged the school administration to a debate. There they and the students were treated to another show of buffoonery. The star witness, Orlando, went around offering to kiss everybody's ass, since the RCYB leaflet had named him as a kiss-ass for the cops. But when he saw he was being more laughed at than laughed with, he grew furious and threw a bottle at the revolutionaries' car as they were leaving. It's these kind of antics the state will have to serve up, no matter who they get to testify in the next trial. For the more capitalism screws over the masses of people and then tries to hang those who most boldly step forward to challenge them, the more their bourgeois justice ends up wearing the clothes of a clown. ■

## "I HUNG OUT MY SOUL SISTER SIGN"

To the Revolutionary Worker:

In the '50s I was a young white girl in the West End. I simply wanted to make my home among the Black people so right away, I was dubbed a nigger-lovin' bitch. I didn't understand at the time, why all the big fuss over one white woman.

I fully understand now that the man on top hates seeing whites and Blacks together, living together and having unity. Of course, it's okay for him to take the Black woman to bed because after all didn't he do this in the days of slavery?

Well, I didn't give up, I stayed and lived with the Black people. That is when I was not railroaded into the workhouse or city jail or their other hotel, county jail. I would be going down the street and here would come lieutenant pig—he would greet me with lovely salutations like, "Hey, nigger lover, have you got a rent receipt?" "Hell no," I would say, "I don't carry my rent receipt around." "Okay, bitch, get into the car." The charge—vagrancy. One time I was picked up because a pig was shot. I didn't know who did it, but in the blue eyes of the pig I should know every rotten thing that happened. After all I was a nigger lover.

One could walk down the street on Saturday night and hear moans and groans coming from alleys and small streets. Another Black had fallen to his oppressor, the pigs. The cops unleashed their vicious attack dogs on the people, so now not only did we have to fear the clubs and the guns, we had the dogs as well. That was the '50s, still I thought things will get better.

The '60s were here and one evening all hell broke loose in Avondale. The Black and poor underdog were sick of being shoved around and beat and made to live in the rat-infested dumps. They were tired of holding their heads down. The people dug the fires of rebellion, it was sweet as wine. They burned and looted, some ate better than they had in all their lives. You could see

the fires burning in Avondale. I was proud. I hung out my soul sister sign.

Now it's '79 and nothing has improved...Blacks are being shot in the back, the rich whites are demanding capital punishment, the cops demanding more weapons, all to keep us in line.

There was this cop Hinzy, he was out there just trying to do his usual job of kicking Blacks and poor whites in the ass when he got a call. He responded and got blown away. There was a march of cops. They cried and demanded their new weapons, after all they just lost one of their number one boys.

Hinzy was good at beating heads and was one of their most vicious cops. He is missed by the rich and their cops who want to keep Blacks and poor whites in their little hovels. There was an incident before his departure, when he stopped a white man with his baby (his wife was Black). The cop Hinzy asked, is this your baby? The man replied, yes, it's mine. Hinzy said, I don't like people who fuck niggers. The man answered, well, fuck you. Hinzy threatened him with arrest.

Yes, Hinzy will be missed, unless they find someone to take his place and it looks like they have. Approximately a week ago a white truck driver was in a bar having a few drinks with his intended Black wife. The cops had seen him leave the Black bar and stopped him and told him he was a nigger lover. They beat him good. Then to top things off they arrested him for talking back.

These cops tell Black prostitutes you can give me sexual pleasure or take a trip downtown. That's okay for them. But white and Black men and women should not marry and have these beautiful kids. They hate seeing us together loving and respecting each other. But to hell with what they want and to hell with what they think. Let's join together and have revolution.

Signed,

Mary

A Cincinnati woman

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