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SMASH THE WAGE FREEZE



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Wage Freeze BLASTED In D.C. Demonstration

Eight hundred angry black, Latin, and white workers and students marched in Washington DC August 21st to show their hatred of the most serious attack on US workers in thirty years — Nixon's racist wage freeze. Although about ten employment centers lined the streets of the march route (most jobs paying only \$1.25 per hour), hundreds stood on sidewalks out of work. Many moved into the street shouting "Freeze Nixon, not wages!"

Piled on top of work-study cuts, layoffs of campus workers, and no jobs for anyone, people have had just about enough from the shitty big businessmen, and the wage freeze had people in a fighting mood. A worker who had joined the march heard one cop say to another: "Hey, why don't we arrest him?" The other cop answered: "Are you kidding? They'd tear us apart!" Not even the most sophisticated riot equipment in the world kept these cops from shaking in the face of such massive black, Latin, and white unity.

This was no peace demonstration led by lying liberal politicians. Few DC workers joined those demonstrations, and few cops were scared by them. Black, Latin, and white students shouting "Smash the wage freeze!" joined together to fight against this exploitative system. The same system that cuts campus workers and students' scholarships uses unemployment as a tool to keep itself in operation, since lower wages mean higher profits for the bosses. This same system can be broken down by the kind of student and worker unity that built this march.

Nixon's racist wage freeze set the mood for both the militant action at the White House the day before (see front page) and the march. Many DCers had read about it or seen it, and they all thought it should be done away with.

As busses arrived from as far off as Chicago, Houston, Iowa City, and Minneapolis the morning of the march, high-school and college students,



grad students and professors, campus workers and other working people went out to leaflet and talk to people about the march planned for that day. Most DC workers and students already knew about it. Hundreds of people from the DC area joined this fight against the wage freeze. There were vets, Neighborhood Youth Corps members, unemployed workers, and some of the bus drivers who had brought the demonstrators down to DC.

As the rally began, a member of the Puerto Rican Socialist League delivered solidarity greetings from the workers and students of Puerto Rico. His speech was interrupted by a tremendous round of applause as he explained that whether in Puerto Rico or in the US, the same bosses are responsible for the workers' increasing misery. Speaking in Spanish, he went on to tell of the severe repression the PRSL is facing, and how workers and students all over Puerto Rico are meeting this repression with

militant battles against the bosses. He urged us to continue the fight which is part of the overall international fight against the world ruling class.

A high-school student from DC spoke about the SDS and NYC action in which an NYC director was held captive for three hours until he met the students' demands (see last issue of NLN) at the University of Maryland. A campus worker from Houston spoke of the fight against the high parking-fee hike at the County Hospital. And a member of the University Action Group spoke of work this organization has been doing among grad students and professors, winning them to ally with workers to fight the system. Spirited chants broke out between these speeches calling for an end to the wage freeze and demanding more jobs.

A speech by a Pittsburgh SDSer urged students to shut down their schools because they are nothing but the bosses' tools. Schools spread ruling-class ideas. We can never learn anything good in schools that are run by the people we're fighting against. These schools teach lies like the one that claims that people like Rockefeller and Mellon built this country instead of workers. The speech ended by applauding the action of the Greensburg, Pennsylvania telephone workers who have wildcatted despite Nixon's strike ban.

With flags whipping in the wind, the two-mile march began. The route went through the ghetto where a few years earlier a rebellion had taken place after Martin Luther King was shot. Many hundreds of working people flocked to windows and into the street. Many gave the clenched fist in a show of support, and others joined in the march. Nobody was fooled by the Nixon wage freeze! They saw it for the pile of racist crap that it is!

We rallied outside an NYC office where a PLP member addressed the crowd on the need for a strike against the bosses' wage freeze. He spoke of the need to build unity of workers and students around the world to kick out the parasite bosses forever.

People plan to go back to their campuses and their communities and continue with the building of the worker-student alliance. When students and workers unite as they did on August 21st, it's the beginning of the end for the bosses and their exploitative system!



Defy Picket Ban, Fight Cops

Wage Freeze Protest At White House

"Let me know the next time you're going down there, and I'll slap Nixon's face." That was one woman's reaction when she heard about the demonstration in which 50 students picketed in front of the White House demanding an end to Nixon's racist wage freeze.

A score of police cars lined Pennsylvania Avenue. Over 100 cops crawled out of their cars and blocked the streets and sidewalks so that no one could join the students from across the street. Then the cops surrounded the picketers and shoved them up against the White House fence. The students linked arms and were determined to make the cops fight for everyone they tried to haul away. As the cops attacked, the students fought back and chanted "Freeze Nixon, Not Wages!"

A crowd of working people from the nearby government offices had gathered across the street. It was clear what they thought of the wage freeze as many cheered the students and booed the cops. "They said back and forth how the wage freeze should be stopped!"

The cops hoped they could cool off the students'

militancy by stuffing them in sweltering paddy wagons. But this didn't work too well. Students continued to chant their hatred of the racist wage freeze. In a last-ditch effort the cops pumped tear gas into a paddy wagon filled with militant women in order to try to shut them up.

When they got to jail they were put into 5 x 7 foot cells with no water — five to a cell. They continued to sing songs and chant to show the cops and their bosses that the solidarity of the group was not then and never could be destroyed.

The wage freeze is a vicious and racist attack on all workers, but especially black and Latin workers, to try to force workers to pay for the situation corporations find themselves in now. This demonstration by SDS showed that students are not going to sit back and let Nixon and his bosses in big business feed off the blood and sweat of workers and students anymore. The wage freeze must be crushed, and only by the militant actions of workers and students can it be smashed.

Mike Flores, Atlanta SDS

Frisco Marchers Attack Cutbacks; Demand Bread, No More Baloney

The figure of Ronald Reagan was hanged in effigy as angry workers and students shouted: "We can't get a job, we can't get fed. We've got the baloney, now we want the bread!"

The token scholarship program for black and Latin college students called the Educational Opportunity Program (OEO) has been slashed to 1/6 of its original figure, bringing its total to \$40,000. This brought workers and students from all over the Bay Area to San Francisco August 21st to demand an end to California's racist cuts in budget and Nixon's wage freeze.

At a rally in front of the State Building these racist cutbacks and wage freeze were attacked by a member of MECHA (a Chicano organization of students which fights racism), calling on SDS and MECHA to join together and answer the attacks by fighting racist unemployment and demanding more jobs.

A Radical Arts Troupe (RAT) skit presented by Berkeley SDS depicting the effects of the cuts got the message across clearly — All workers and students hate the wage freeze and the budget cutbacks. They must be fought!

"The way to fight these cuts is by demanding more jobs!" was the observation of one Laney Junior College (Oakland) SDSer. The struggle for jobs at Laney has resulted in a group called Laney Fighters for Jobs becoming a chapter of SDS.

A march to the Federal Building and a rally there brought many federal workers out of the offices to express their anger at Nixon's wage freeze plan, which will cut the federal work force by 5%. Federal workers have no job security — state workers have no unemployment insurance guarantee if laid off.

The striking longshoremen who have tied up the West Coast docks for months present a great example of defiance of the Nixon wage freeze and strike ban. People from the demonstration joined the longshoremen on the picket lines in a show of support of their fight against the big business bosses after the demonstration.



High school teachers and students march in Washington demanding an end to racist treatment in the schools.

NATIONAL ON-CAMPUS ACTION!

Utah Coalition Corners Welfare Boss

Three people were arrested, one a member of SDS, at a confrontation at the Salt Lake City State Welfare Office to fight for more and better Welfare and food stamps and aid for striking workers. Sixty people including members of SDS and friends of the Progressive Labor Party picketed and chanted at the State Welfare Office in Salt Lake City last July 29th.

One member of the group, Mrs. Maestas, a Welfare mother with three children, said: "I'm sick and tired of being tossed back and forth between the Welfare Office and the Guadalupe Center (low-cost food distributor). My kids have been eating beans for a week because they never give us enough food stamps!"

Mr. Wheelock, a railroad striker, had no money or food to feed his family and had been to the Welfare Office six times; they never even let him fill out an application. To top this, his landlord was trying to evict him, even though he knew Mr. Wheelock was on strike.

When confronted with these conditions and many others, the Welfare bosses tried to pass the buck. Then one of the workers asked the boss: "What about the \$100,000 in food stamps in the back room? Why don't you just walk back and get some for us?" Another worker asked: "How about reaching into your \$20,000-a-year pockets to help people feed their families?" The boss said he had no power to do anything, and told us to go to the Capitol and talk to the Governor.

It was very clear to all of us that Welfare assistance is not designed to help people. In fact it's the bosses' plan for slow death to workers who can't find jobs, since what little aid the program provides is never enough to live on. (In Utah, recipients get \$28 a month per person in food stamps — less than a dollar a day.)

The cops arrived and told us to leave or be arrested. We decided to leave and come back the next day with more people. We left the building and were standing outside on the lawn when cops poured out of the building behind us and began chasing people. Three were arrested, one a member of SDS. At one point bail was set at \$30,000 per person by the County Attorney as "preventive detention". They were panic-stricken because someone had said that if the three were released they would show up the next day with 5,000 people. However if we had been more organized and had stuck together, we could have avoided anyone's getting arrested.

Mrs. Maestas went back later to the Welfare Office to get money to buy school clothes for her kids. When they found out that she was the same woman who had come to the Welfare Office with lots of people to demand more Welfare, they helped her right away, instead of making her wait.

The Welfare bosses, like all bosses, are scared of people who will stand up and fight. Experience has shown the bosses will retreat every time they find themselves faced with massive worker-student unity.



Students in welfare office to demand more food stamps.

Workers & Students Demand Racist Charges Be Dropped

On July 21st Andrea Perkins, a football player at the University of Illinois Chicago Circle Campus, walked into the Physical Education Building. A guard stopped Andrea and demanded to see his student ID card. (The guards carry out a racist university policy of stopping all black students who enter the building. They stop very few whites.) Andrea showed his ID, but the guard wasn't satisfied. He started harassing Andrea and wasn't satisfied with any other identification he carried. Andrea started down to the locker room to get some teammates to identify him. The guard grabbed Andrea. Andrea told him to let go. When the guard refused to stop trying to drag Andrea back up the stairs, the guard was knocked down the steps. Andrea continued down to the locker room.

The guard got two UICC cops, who came downstairs and told Andrea he was under arrest. After Andrea demanded to have his ID back, one cop tried to handcuff him. The cop tried to choke Andrea, and they both fell over. The cop's ribs were supposedly injured. City police then came in and arrested Andrea for battery, aggravated battery, and resisting arrest.

After hearing about this racist arrest, library workers embarked on a petition campaign to demand that the charges be dropped. SDSers met with Andrea, and it was decided to call a meeting to start a support campaign. After publicizing the arrest, we held a rally and marched on the campus police office. The head of the cops said he'd talk with some of us. This guy tried to evade our questions by saying the situation was "out of his hands" and it should be "left up to the court". We kept pressuring him about the charges. He finally agreed not to press aggravated battery charges. He admitted the battery charge also was unjust since the guard had no authority to grab Andrea. However, true to the spirit of doubletalk, the University is still going to press charges.

UICC is scared of the unity among black, Latin, and white students that is being built to fight the university system. They're sending out more cops to try to scare us from fighting their racist policies. We are continuing to build more support for Andrea at school for the upcoming trial. We will not be stopped by intimidation.
UICC SDS

Join SDS

Work-Study Students Shout Down Lackey

In Philadelphia as in other cities only a very few students were able to get work-study jobs this summer. Most worked in government offices as "gophers". (They had to "go for" coffee, "go for" pencils, and so on.) The Government had figured that by employing a few hundred students for \$1.60 to \$2 an hour they could keep them quiet and at the same time feed them plenty of that "start small and work your way up in government" business.

The culmination was the work-study student conference at Drexel University on August 9th. All work-study students were obliged to attend. The conference was to consist of a series of lectures and panel discussions by government flunkies — everyone from a fake radical student working for Governor Shapp to ex-Philadelphia Mayor Richardson Dilworth.

No sooner had the first panel discussion ended than hands shot up among the 250 students in attendance. A member of SDS was mistakenly called on by a Government flunkey. The SDSer attacked the Government as a tool of the bosses and denounced the "vote your way to happiness" BS being pushed. The hall rocked with thunderous applause.

After this speech all hell broke loose for the Government officials. Every person called on attacked the Government, and many called for revolution. Cheers greeted those speakers who called for workers and students to unite to fight the Government. An attack on the Government's racist practices was led by the black students after the meeting.

The meeting turned into a complete fiasco for the bosses when ex-Mayor Dilworth was forced to stop his speech repeatedly because of booing and heckling. Virtually the entire assembly of students joined in attacking this rat. Visibly shaken, he beat a hasty retreat — just like all bosses do when they're exposed.

Philadelphia SDS

Hot Welcome Planned for GOP in San Diego

The people of San Diego are preparing a hot welcome for the Republican Party when it comes to plan the 1972 Convention. Black, Latin, and white workers and students are planning to greet the Republican Party hacks with a picket line at the Community Concourse September 17th.

The city of San Diego bid \$1,700,000 for the Convention. SDSers and others will demand that the \$1,700,000 be used to create more jobs. It's now being used to pay cops and others to make sure the Convention doesn't get disturbed.

The picketing starts at noon. Let's make sure the Republicans get a welcome that will make the bosses' flunkies look for another site. The people of San Diego should turn out en masse! Demand more jobs, not more bullshit political conventions!



The "Houston Poor People United to Fight" were joined by the Texas Southern University SDS in their picket line protesting against the parking fees hike at the county "charity" hospital in Houston.

Despite Admin. Harrassment Berkeley SDS Ban Fought

SDS has been banned on the University of California Berkeley campus for over a year now, and the University Administration has every intention of making sure we don't exist at all. Their tactics consist mainly of using super police harassment to intimidate us and any student who might join us. Here are examples:

When we recently called a demonstration at the library to protest a proposed cut in library hours and layoff of student workers and regular workers, most of us never got to the library; we were stopped by pigs along the way and told we would be banned from campus or arrested if we attempted to have a demonstration! When SDSers casually talk to someone on campus, the pigs come up and ask for identification from the person we are talking to! The pigs have told us "SDS is not an organization on this campus, and if you try to exist none of you will be allowed to stay on campus."

Because of this harassment, we've had trouble getting a struggle started. We turned to our limited dramatic skills to try to reach students

and workers on campus. We put on a skit daily about the rich regents who run the University of California at Berkeley. Each time we drew 50 to 75 people and were able to talk to people and get names of people interested in building a struggle for jobs on campus.

Following the skit, someone from SDS would make a speech encouraging people to join the struggle for jobs. The cops were afraid to harass us with the crowd gathered, and we were able to reach a number of people who were interested in doing something about the job situation. We are now planning a struggle around the layoff of a black carpenter who is being fired for being "incompetent". The school is holding a hearing about him, but he is not allowed to be present! SDS plans to use another skit to build support for this worker. We want to encourage others to try some skits. People enjoy the skits and are interested in the ideas; it's a good way to get across politics and build a struggle.

University of California Berkeley SDS

This Fall **PLANNED FUTURE ACTION**

- Chicago :** Iranian Students Association Conference
September 3rd
- San Diego :** Demonstration Against Republican Convention
September 17th
- Chicago :** Nixon Visit (time and place of demonstration
to be announced) September 3rd
- Nationwide :** Demonstrations building international support
for anti-imperialist struggles September 27th

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Message of Post Demo Meeting - Fight Back Harder

How to best fight the big business bosses who constantly screw workers and students was the theme of the SDS mass meeting August 22nd in Washington DC. The answer to fighting for jobs, ending the wage freeze, defeating racist lies pushed in the classroom—the answer to all attacks on working people and students—is to continue to build the worker-student alliance! People in workshops discussed their experiences building the worker-student alliance and fighting racism.

When campus workers are fired, work-study jobs are eliminated, student scholarships are cut, and ROTC continues with the University's blessings, SDS and other workers and students will fight back!

One thrust for SDS nationally this fall will be fighting racist unemployment and demanding jobs for all—particularly campus workers, teachers, and high-school and college students. Everyone is hit hard by unemployment, especially blacks and Latins. Students are hit by scholarship cuts and tuition increases. Campus workers are screwed by layoffs, speed-up, and continuous on-the-job harassment. Workers and students together must fight against these conditions as the same university bosses are responsible for them. We have to defeat a common enemy!

Fighting the wage freeze and strike ban is a major focus. It takes more money out of the pockets of working people and converts it into higher profits for big businessmen. Worker and student unity will dump this bosses' plan!

Another front from which the bosses attack is the classroom. The universities' main role is to push those ideas which serve the ruling class. Reactionary ideas like racism, imperialism, and male chauvinism must be attacked. These hold no benefits for either workers or students. The classroom should be turned into the main area where bosses' ideas are fought!

Professors and others who knowingly teach racist ideas, like Jensen in California (who says blacks have lower IQs) and Professor of Racism Halsted at Buffalo (who says the Indians were innately inferior to the British) should not be allowed to push their ideas, which are mainly justifications for the exploitation of the people worldwide. Workers and students are fighting imperialism around the globe—in places like Vietnam, Ireland, Puerto Rico, and Pakistan. Strong ties should be built with these rebels to support them in their struggles. Nationwide demonstrations in support of Irish, Pakistani, and Vietnamese people were proposed for September 27th, on which day SDS will express solidarity with the fighting workers and students in these countries. These rebels are fighting the same fight as American workers and students, against the same enemy.

We are tired of having to pay for the Cadillacs and minks of the ruling class. All around the world, people are fighting back. SDS joins in the struggle against the rulers of the world.

PRSL MEMBER SAYS: PUERTO RICAN BOSSES CAN'T STOP WORKERS REVOLT

This is an interview with Alberto Couret, a member of the Puerto Rican Socialist League (Liga Socialista), the communist party of the Puerto Rican working class. The Liga is involved in the struggles of the workers and students in Puerto Rico to smash imperialism and capitalism and win socialism, a system where the working class rules.

Because the Liga has been winning many workers to its ideas, the rulers of Puerto Rico have tried to destroy the organization (see New Left Notes August 12th) — but they can't. Their most recent attempt was the jailing of 12 Liga leaders. The Government hasn't been able to get away with these jailings.

Q. WHAT ARE CONDITIONS LIKE FOR THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO?

A. In Puerto Rico unemployment is officially 12%. It is really 30% though — 300,000 people are without jobs. The working class of Puerto Rico receive very low salaries besides — about one third the salaries North American workers receive.

Another major problem is housing. The people don't have houses, so they are taking land on which to build them. They are taking land from the Government and the landlords, and they are building their houses there without permission from either.

The reason people are doing this is that many people live in slums — approximately 400,000. That is, about 400,000 people don't have adequate housing. In Trujillo Alto where people built these houses the police came and burned the houses with the people inside. No one was hurt because the people ran from the houses, but all the beds and other furniture was burned. The Government and landlords utilize the courts to prohibit the people from building their houses again.

In relation to unemployment, there is a small town in Puerto Rico called Comerio where there were 1500 industrial jobs. Now there are only 150 industrial jobs, because all of the factories closed in that town. Another problem is that only 15% of the working class is organized into unions — and the majority of these are international sellout unions like the AFL-CIO. Women workers have a problem too, because their pay is lower than that of men workers, even for the same sort of work.

Public transportation is still another major problem in Puerto Rico. All busses used to cost 10¢. Now some busses cost 10¢ and some cost 25¢. All of them are very inefficient, but the 25¢ busses are air conditioned. Well, you can stand about an hour or an hour and a half waiting for a bus. You can wait and wait and wait, and all you'll see will be air conditioned busses — the kind that cost 25¢. And most workers can't pay that.

Another problem is drugs — meaning heroin, marijuana, opium, and LSD. A lot of young people use drugs. The Government "tries" to control the problem by putting drug users in prison. But they don't do anything to those who traffic and sell drugs, because they don't really want to solve the problem. It's a tactic, because people using the drugs don't fight the Government, and because many of the people who use drugs are people without jobs. For that reason the Puerto Rican Government uses drugs, to insure that the people won't fight against it.

A problem exists for students as well. For example high-school students finish school and



Alberto Couret, (with microphone), speaking at August 21 SDS rally in Washington

don't have jobs, while college and university students major in history or biology and don't have anywhere to work. The Government "tried" to solve this problem, too — by saying that the youth could go to a technical school or into the Army. There are many opportunities for youth (smile).

Q. IS THERE ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN THESE PROBLEMS AND US IMPERIALISM IN PUERTO RICO?

A. Yes In the years since the US invaded Puerto Rico in 1898, the US has gained control of 98% of the Puerto Rican economy. One of the first things the imperialists did was to seize control of the sugar plantations — the principal industry of Puerto Rico. They also devaluated the Puerto Rican dollar to 60¢, stealing the other 40¢ outright.

More and more the US imperialists have industrialized Puerto Rico to increase profits. They have forced people from the countryside into the cities to look for jobs. There many, as I said before, find neither jobs nor houses. US imperialism needs unemployment, because with it they have a big working class that needs jobs, which means they can pay low salaries. When a strike starts in a factory, because of the extent of unemployment, they can try to use workers who don't have jobs against the workers who are on strike.

The factories of the US don't pay taxes to the Government of Puerto Rico. They can start industries in Puerto Rico without having to pay taxes for ten years. So they exploit the working class of Puerto Rico for eight years, and then they disappear. They change their names, and come back as other companies. In this way the profits they make in Puerto Rico are more than in the US, since they would have to pay taxes to the US Government and would have to pay higher salaries to the workers of the US than to those of the colony, Puerto Rico.

Q. HOW HAVE THE PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE REACTED TO THESE PROBLEMS, AND WHAT ROLE DOES THE LIGA PLAY?

A. The people are fighting. For example, in response to unemployment, the people are going on strike.

We try to help them organize, and we tell them

that it is important to fight against the bosses, but that the solution is not just to fight against the bosses or just to fight for a salary, but to fight for socialism. When we go to workers, we say that we're communists and that the problems of the working class can't be solved within the capitalist system. They will have to change the system. The problems are in the system.

We give all the help we can to workers on strike, and we have an example of how successful the Liga has been with the strike of the workers at GE. Every day we went to the strike. The Company said it couldn't negotiate with the workers because there was a third party in the strike. GE tried to make a division between the workers and the Liga, but the workers refused to accept GE's position, so we continued to support the workers. We built a demonstration to support the strike, and the strike didn't end for nine months. The Liga said that the demands

of the workers had to be met, and that if GE didn't accept these demands, the strike would have to continue. That became the position of the workers after we spoke to them. Because of this GE, in collaboration with the CIA, planned to kill a member of the Liga, but their attempt failed.

In the University we began to work at first with students only, taking part in the campaign against ROTC. In the past year we began to work with the campus workers. We tried to build a WSA. We went to talk with the workers to see what their primary problems were, we sold our newspaper to them, and when they went out on strike we supported them. We moved students to support the strike, to go out to the picket line, to talk to the workers about socialism, and to talk to them about how, in order to win, workers and students needed to unite, because they have the same enemy — the University Administration (that is, the boss). We made many friends among the workers, and we continue working with them.

After March 11th, the University was closed until April 12th, when it was re-opened with TV cameras everywhere to watch the students, and with many plainclothes policemen. And then, with the University open again, came the workers' strike, which we think was the most important action of all the struggles. This strike closed the University down again. Now many students are joining with the workers to fight against the University Administration and against the ROTC.

Q. WHAT WILL YOU TELL PUERTO RICAN STUDENTS ABOUT SDS?

A. The work of SDS and the line that SDS is building is a worker-student alliance. They are having good results. They are really building a worker-student alliance I can give examples of. Last Saturday (August 21st) SDS organized a big march — a great march — against Nixon's wage freeze. In the march were black workers, Latin workers, and white workers, and many students. That's good! SDS is an organization that is growing every day because of its position in support of workers. SDS is an organization that has an overt position of building worker-student alliance. This is important because the working class is the class that is finally going to smash imperialism. This is important because SDS is struggling in the heart of imperialism, and the workers in colonies have the support of workers and students in the US.

University of Maryland SDS

Reactions To Wage FREEZE Tighten Our Belt?

We can't even afford one!

"The wage freeze is an attack on the working man....It'll just keep the rich richer." This is the general reaction of working people across the nation to Nixon's wage freeze. To gain some first-hand knowledge of the situation, a couple of SDSers went to the Loop in Chicago to ask passersby what they thought of the wage freeze.

One person said: "I think it benefits only big business and will cause hardships on the working man."

Sandra Coleman said: "My job was frozen even before the wage freeze. I think Nixon stinks. He is especially against black people. The wage freeze won't hurt the rich."

The freeze hurts all workers and students — especially black and Latin people. Blacks and Latins get an average of \$3,000 a year less to start with. Now that wage gap can't even begin to be closed!

"People hate the wage freeze because they see money from their pockets going into the coffers of the bosses." Workers certainly aren't getting any benefit from this economic plan!

Mr. Worley, a painting contractor, said: "Nixon can stick the wage freeze up his ass! I'll lose 75¢ an hour starting April 1st. It'll affect me since it'll last longer than 90 days. I think the prices will stay the same for a while, however I don't know how to tell whether or not the prices are going up. I don't know whether they're cheating me or not!"

Another person who had just been knocked out of a raise said he'd like to wait and see what happens. "If the wage freeze lasts longer than 90 days, we'll have a lot to gripe about."

Some workers will be getting the pay raises they were promised, while others will not. Even though the steel workers settled their contract before the wage freeze, they will not be receiving the increase. Steel prices went up, however, a full 8%. So who's making money off this deal?

"The wage freeze is really no more unusual than any of the other shit in this country. It's a backwards move when one considers that right before the wage freeze the cost of living was still accelerating. So now we get 90 days of

financial limbo the end of which will probably turn out to be hell."

Many workers who have been promised salary increases will not get them. In many instances, employees' salaries were lowered just before the wage freeze took effect. One worker said: "The whole wage freeze is ridiculous. It doesn't matter who you get in there; they're all the same." Delphia J. Johnson said: "I don't like it. It stopped my raise."

Another worker said: "It's awful. The freeze is making it bad for me on the job. Instead of paying me what she did last year, my boss lowered my wages \$10 a month before the wage freeze. I think we should fight against this!"

Another said: "All I know is that it stinks. I was supposed to get a raise today, but I didn't get it."

This attack on workers was obviously planned beforehand, since it came at a time when there were a lot of strikes.

One person summed it up by saying: "This is the worst attack on workers that has taken place since Hoover's time. Nixon says it's going to last for 90 days, but after that 90 days is over there'll still be another 90 days." In other words this isn't just a short-term plan to doctor up the economy; it's a plan for the future.

Mr. Charlie Dee, a yellow cab driver, said: "It doesn't provide for any raises, of which I've had none in the last five years anyway. The wage freeze is ineffective because the taxes on homes did not freeze."

Every politician was in favor of the freeze before Nixon executed it. People are pissed off and ready to fight back.

Prices and taxes (the things workers pay for) did not freeze. The bosses will continue to make their profits, wringing more and more out of workers and students. Most workers and students hate this wage freeze and strike ban. As one woman has said: "I think we should fight back against this!"

Campaigns to end this rotten plan will be waged all over the country. The workers and students are saying no to Nixon and his big business pals.

Allegheny Community College SDS

Comments from some University of Maryland campus workers regarding the wage freeze:

"Hell, Nixon is taking away my pay raise! He ought to freeze IBM instead! IBM closed 19 points ahead on Wall Street yesterday. Who is Nixon trying to freeze? Working people, that's who."

"They say the freeze is temporary, but it usually takes the Government three to five years to get things straightened out. Why should this be different?"

"Nixon froze wages and prices, but investors are spending money like crazy on the stock market. The freeze is certainly not freezing their profits. Government is taking from the poor and giving to the rich."

"Nixon is even trying to freeze strikes. He's telling us we can't even fight for better wages and working conditions. He's no different from my boss."

"The President is telling us to tighten our belts. Well, I can't even afford a belt!"

These campus workers expressed majority opinion on the wage freeze. Everybody hates this latest attack by Nixon and the big-business interests he serves.

Chris Lee, University of Maryland SDS

On August 24th I visited a Job Corps counselor who is pretty militant and asked him about his views on the wage-price freeze. These were his comments:

"The price freeze is all right. But the wage freeze wasn't such a bright idea of Tricky Dick. In this particular institution four teachers have been laid off, and all are black. More are to be laid off because of the wage freeze. The teachers laid off were radicals. These brothers and sisters were dedicated to the struggles of the oppressed people. I'm sorry to see them go because I've learned a lot from them. Nixon's wage freeze is just really screwed up."

Lionel Jagger
University of Maryland SDS

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For workers, Racist Wage -Strike Freeze Biggest Attack in 30 Years!

The day Nixon announced the wage-strike freeze, the stock market soared over 30 points. It climbed another 30 points the next day. Big businessmen sure knew that the freeze was great for them!

But for American workers, particularly black and Latin workers, the wage-strike freeze was the most serious and vicious attack in 30 years. If you're a steel worker in Buffalo and are absolutely fed up with seeing your friends in the mill taken to the hospital or morgue day after day, and you go on strike, you can be fined \$5,000 a day. If you're an auto worker in Detroit and work in the paint ovens where life expectancy is 17 years after you start, and you strike to get decent masks to protect yourself from the paint fumes, you can be fined \$5,000 a day. If you're a garment worker in New York and don't have enough money to move out of the apartment where your children eat lead paint which is chipping off the walls, and you strike for higher wages, you can be fined \$5,000. And since black and Latin workers usually get these jobs where improved working conditions and higher pay are really a life-and-death matter, making strikes a crime is racist to the core. It's no exaggeration, no empty rhetoric, to say that Nixon might as well have ordered cops to walk into factories and working-class communities to shoot people down. This freeze is legalized racist murder of working people!

Price Freeze Farce

But according to all the economic experts and the press, this freeze will help everybody by controlling prices. What bullshit! The price freeze is a cynical farce. Even US News and World Report, noted big business mouthpiece, admits that "enforcement of the price freeze will be on a skeleton basis...businesses will probably not be bothered much by regulations." A quick check at supermarkets or department stores will show that US News is right this time. Food and clothing prices have continued to soar. And although rents are supposedly subject to the freeze (with the exception of state and federal housing projects), landlords are still jacking up rents. To top it all off, the Government recently announced that the 8% steel price increase had somehow slipped through a loophole...and the increase is OK. If this is a price freeze, then what's inflation?

Good For Who?

The wage-strike freeze has other measures intended "for the good of everybody":

- No wage increases for the next 90 days, until November 15th. (All cost-of-living raises and new contract negotiations are included in this.)
- A 5% cutback of federal workers. (A hundred



Aug. 21 march against wage freeze can be start of huge movement like workers' movement in the 1930's (below: textile workers rally in Gastonia, North Carolina in 1929)

thousand people will be laid off!)

- Profits and bank interest rates can go up at will. (They are not affected.)

- Federal workers' pay will be frozen for at least six months past January 1972.

- Tuition increases are not subject to the freeze. (Students will have to pay fee increases.)

There are a number of things which aren't covered by the freeze, however. There is no freeze on layoffs. There is no freeze on speedup. Or racist pay differentials which mean black and Latin workers make around \$3,000 a year less than white workers. Or pay differentials for women which cost women workers thousands of dollars a year. In short, there is no freeze on the many ways in which businessmen gouge the workers and pile up their already staggering profits.

Liberals, Union Hacks Role

In the face of this attack on working people, union "leaders" like Woodcock (president of the UAW) and Meany (president of the AFL-CIO) have been forced to come out against the freeze by pressure from angry rank-and-file workers. They soon switched their story to "wait and see".

And they continued to moan the old crap about "Nixon's" freeze.

You'd think these union hacks would get tired of this old refrain. LIBERAL POLITICIANS WERE THE FIRST ONES TO PROPOSE THIS WAGE-STRIKE FREEZE! Liberal Senator Mike Mansfield has been whining for months about how a wage-price freeze was needed. And McGovern, of "anti-war" fame, has come up with a very liberal plan — liberal to corporate profits — to eliminate the price freeze for all but the top 100 companies. (Maybe McGovern was thinking that the extra profits from completely unrestrained prices could go into his campaign coffers.) Not one liberal — McGovern, Kennedy, Muskie, and the rest — has come out against this wage-strike freeze!

Rank & File Strike Back Against Business' Interest

In fact, the only people who have come out against this freeze are thousands of workers and students. 150,000 West Coast longshoremen are continuing to tie up the docks despite pleas to go back to work from all sorts of government officials. Thousands of teachers are striking. And in Washington DC on August 21st a thousand workers and students marched together through the streets to show their hatred of the freeze.

All the appeals to the national interest (which means the big business interest), all the union hacks' "wait and see", and all the liberal double-talk can't pull the wool over the eyes of the workers and students. We can see all too clearly that this freeze is meant to increase profits at our expense. This wage-strike freeze on top of no jobs, higher taxes, and cutbacks in education and Welfare amounts to increasingly unbearable lives for workers and students. We aren't going to sit by while this crap goes on. Workers and students all over the country are currently building a movement to SMASH THE WAGE-STRIKE FREEZE!

Tom Schultz, Chicago SDS

