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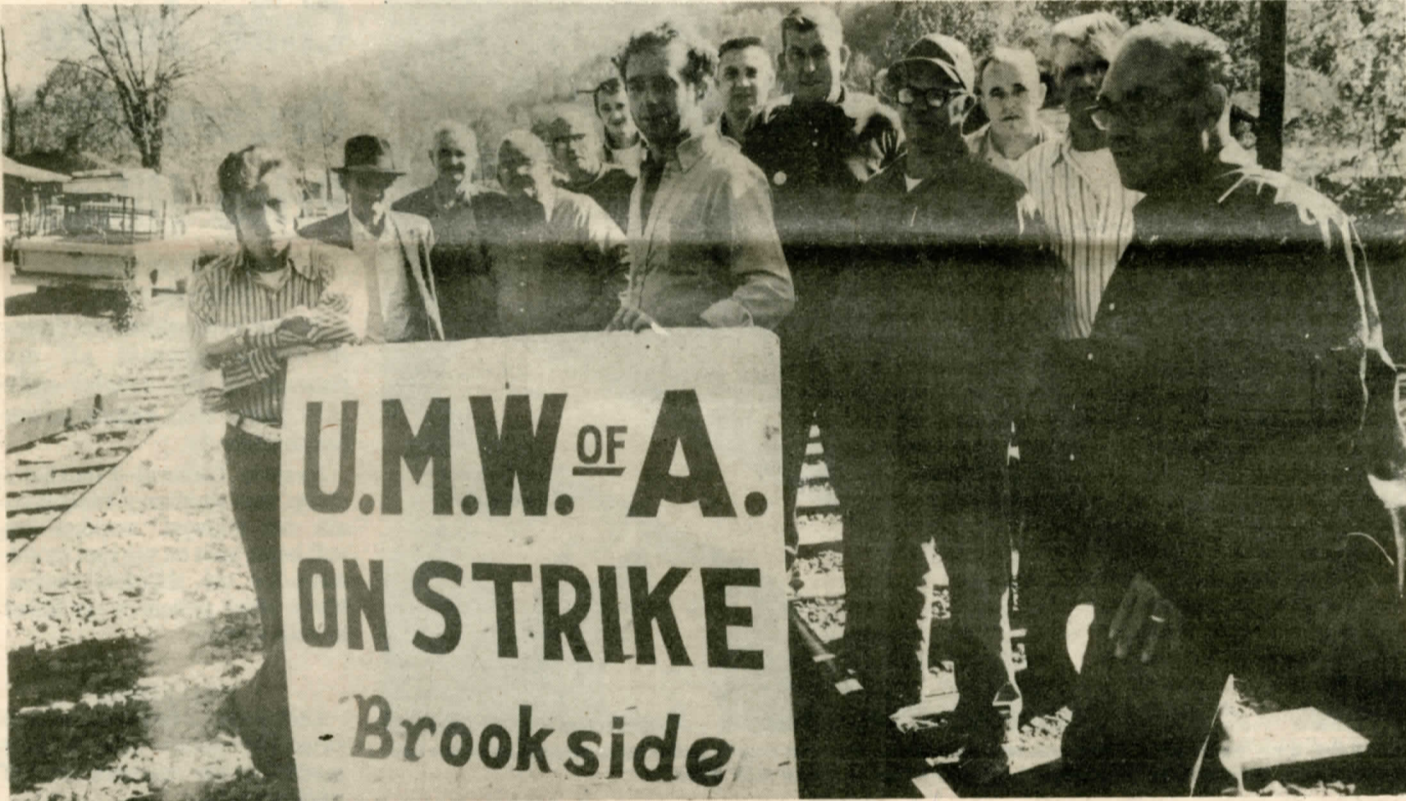
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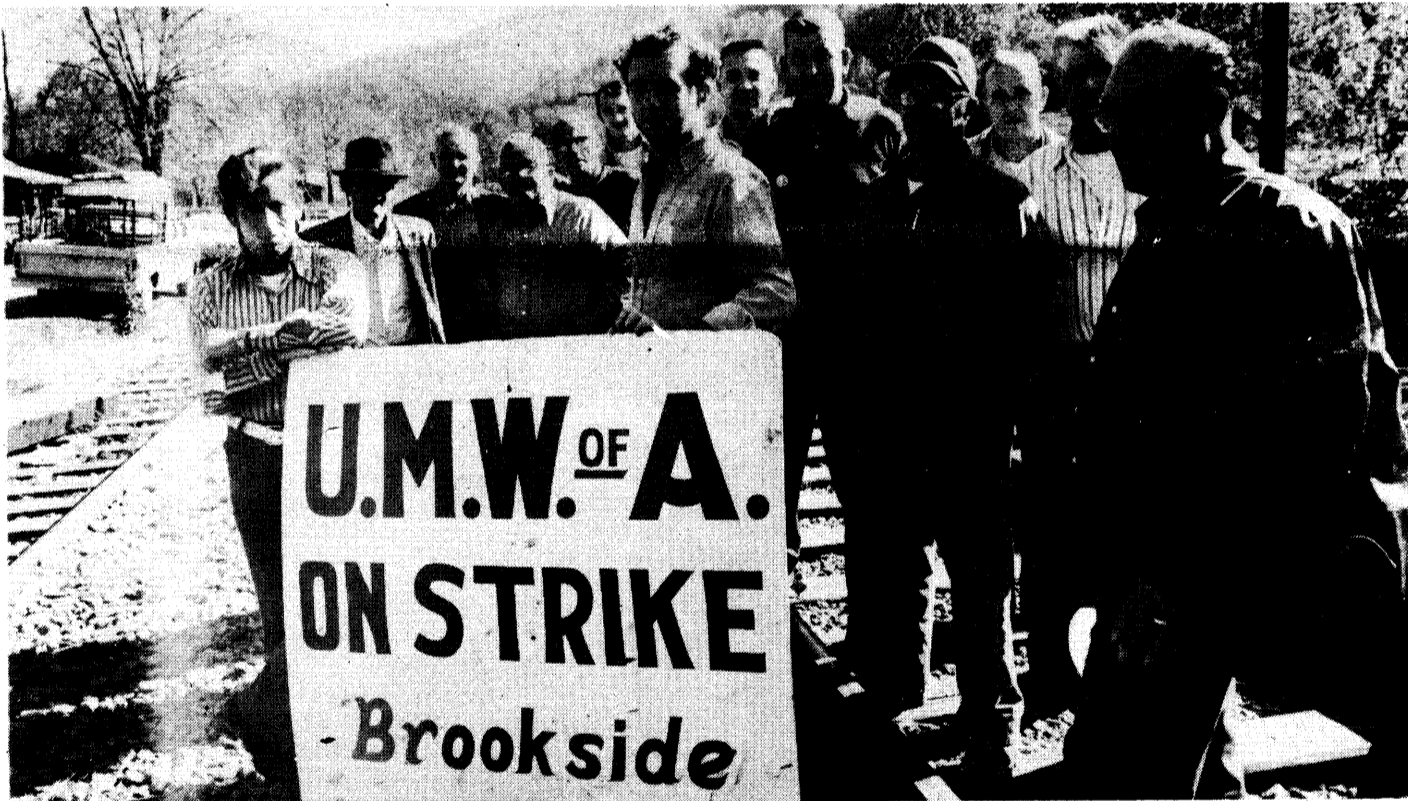
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The Lordstown Four And Defense Of Trade Union Rights

New evidence is mounting every day on the alleged criminal activities of Richard Nixon. He is under investigation for tax evasion, bribery, extortion, burglary and corruption at the same time he is under investigation for his open defiance of the courts, the Congress, and Constitution and his conspiracy against democratic rights. His vice-president was forced to resign because of tax evasion.

While the real criminals go scott free, breaking the laws they themselves have made, the law of the land is being imposed viciously on the trade unions.

What We Think

Last Thursday, three members of the United Auto Workers in Lordstown, Ohio were sentenced to 90 days in jail and fined \$200 each on framed up charges of having concealed their faces with paper bags. A

180-year-old law was dug up when the men were arrested in front of the Vega plant hours before a wild-cat strike was to begin. These workers will be forced to spend even more than 90 days in jail because they do not have \$200 for the fine.

The government is out to destroy all of the democratic rights the working class has won in 200 years of struggle. What is at stake in Lordstown is the most basic rights of the unions, the right to strike, the right to picket.

The attack on the Lordstown workers follows the fining of teachers' unions throughout the country. Last week, the court in Detroit upheld a quarter of a million dollar fine on the Detroit Federation of Teachers for striking for a decent standard of living.

Nixon and his Cost of Living Council have made it illegal for unions to strike for wage increases above 5.5 percent, opening the way to fines, injunctions and jailings.

In the 1900s the capitalist government used the courts and fines to try to stop the struggle of workers to form



Lordstown auto workers, sentenced to 90 days in jail for picketing.

unions. In 1900 the government tried to fine the Danbury Hatters Union out of existence by using the Sherman antitrust law. In Britain the government used the Taff Vale judgment to fine and destroy the unions. It was this action that led to the formation of the British Labour Party.

The government's attacks on the Danbury hatters took place in a period of the growth and development of capitalism. Today these attacks take place under conditions of a capitalist system in tremendous crisis and decay.

The attempts to destroy the independence of the unions and incorporate them into the state are the first steps towards fascism. The new stage of attacks on the unions are a central part of Nixon's moves towards dictatorship.

The leadership of the unions, the UAW, AFL-CIO and Teamsters, have refused to face up to the crisis which has developed between the government and the unions. The labor leadership sits back while the unions are robbed of their rights, while workers are jailed and fined. Leonard Woodcock, head of the UAW, remains silent as the Lordstown UAW members are hit with

vicious fines and sentences.

A big campaign must now be mounted in throughout the entire labor movement to defend the workers in Lordstown and the democratic rights of the working class. This means raising funds for these workers and fighting to get this case thrown out of court.

What is required if the very right to have a union is to be defended is the unity of the entire labor movement in a political fight against these attacks. If Nixon is not thrown out and replaced with labor's own party, then he or his military supporters will move to destroy the unions and all democratic rights.

The union-busting campaign opened by the Nixon government gives even greater urgency to the demand that the AFL-CIO act on the resolution calling for Nixon to resign.

To meet this crisis, all workers must face up to their responsibilities to immediately begin a campaign to mobilize the unions in every city in massive demonstrations demanding Nixon resign.

This movement will provide the basis now to construct a labor party as the only alternative to the real criminals: Nixon, the Democrats and Republicans.



When Fire Brigade Union members in England heard that their leadership was launching a campaign to force the men to accept a Tory-dictated pay

hike and end their strike, the men angrily gathered outside their union hall calling on other firemen to strike with them.

Chile Junta Orders 600% Price Hikes

BY A FOREIGN REPORTER

Brutal repression continues in Chile against all opponents of the fascist military junta that seized power September 11.

Despite General Pinochet's claim that summary executions are not allowed, workers are still being shot on the spot by soldiers for the slightest reason. Many other prisoners are killed in cold blood.

EXECUTED

Last week, a firing squad executed four people after a court martial in the northern town of Antomagasta.

The Bank of Chile has announced that the rate of inflation this year will be 600 percent. The junta has ordered price increases to boost production that will raise the price of food 200 to 400 percent and gasoline, 700 percent.

The generals published a book on October 29 in an attempt to give credibility to their line that the Allende government planned to assassinate "political leaders, military leaders of the opposition, union militants, and journalists."

PLAN Z

This fantastic story, dubbed "Plan Z" by the junta, includes the charge that Allende hid enough arms for 5000 people and used his home for guerrilla training.

This propaganda is aimed at frightening the middle class into supporting the most brutal measures.

More than 200 plants nationalized are in the process of being returned to their former owners and discussions are being held with Kennecott and Anaconda Copper companies for compensation of their mines in Chile.

Ceylon Coalition Expels CP

BY A CORRESPONDENT
Prime Minister Sirimavo Bandaranaike of Sri Lanka (Ceylon) has expelled the Communist Party from her coalition government and is preparing the most savage repression against the workers and starving peasants.

This is Bandaranaike's solution to the open rebellion

of the masses of people on the island against food rationing, soaring prices, and unemployment.

Impending famine and a total collapse of the economy have created conditions for a military coup actively being prepared by the right-wing United National Party.

CIA

Bandaranaike has publicly warned of the threat of a coup d'etat "aided by the CIA" with the help of "those within." This is sheer demagoguery that is being used to slander all left critics as

agents of imperialism. She has branded any worker who goes on strike as a traitor.

The government's brutal decision to slash the rice ration in half provoked a mass demonstration of 50,000 people that lasted three days in defiance of a ban on marches.

Faced with riots, Bandaranaike was forced to increase the rice ration to two pounds for two weeks beginning October 29 and to temporarily reduce the price per pound to one rupee.

The UNP has seized on the ferment among the oppressed masses in the countryside to precipitate the government's downfall. The demonstrations in Colombo were organized and led by UNP leader J.R. Jayewardene.

The right-wing is being encouraged by United States and British governments which through the World Bank demand what Finance Minister N.M. Perera has called "unacceptable" conditions for loans. There are no foreign exchange

reserves to import food, meaning that millions face starvation.

The Ceylonese Communist Party is in complete crisis and disarray. By promising the workers and peasants that Bandaranaike would better their conditions, it has opened the door to dictatorship just as the Stalinists did in Chile.

Last year, when Bandaranaike introduced the Criminal Justice Commissions Bill to legalize the emergency powers used to suppress the revolt among youth in 1971, two CP members left Parliament during the vote and the other two abstained after calling the bill "fascist."

Pietr Keuneman, CP leader who voted for the bill in the Cabinet was only recently expelled from the Communist Party.

Even the mildest criticisms of the Stalinists are now unbearable for Bandaranaike who must either establish dictatorship herself or be replaced by one.

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How Nixon Helped Israel Break Truce

Workers Press, daily newspaper of the Socialist Labour League in England, is covering the Middle East war first hand. Foreign Editor John Spencer is now in Cairo. The following is his report.

The enormous international repercussions of the Middle East War are only now becoming clear in Cairo where the hardening of the cease-fire has for the first time permitted a glimpse of the real military situation.

Much of the attention has centered on the Egyptian Third Army and the courageous defense put up by the working class of Suez who held off the Israeli attempt to take their city.

The United Nations was refused permission by the Israelis to enter the city, punc-



John Spencer

turing their claims to have taken the town.

Mohammed Hassanein Heykal, editor of Al Ahram, gave his readers a detailed account of the Israeli breakthrough to the West Bank. A crucial role was played by the United States Air Force which has given every assistance to the Zionist forces since the outbreak of the war.

They overflew Port Said, flew over the whole Egyptian front and Red Sea coast, came back over Cairo, swung round across the battlefield, again over Israel and across the Syrian lines, finally landing in Greece or Turkey.

At that time the Egyptians had crossed the Canal, smashed the Bar Lev line and liberated the

Sinai desert to a depth of 11 to 14 miles. The Second Army had a firm position in the north, the third army in the South. The Israelis' arrogant boasts had taken a severe pounding and they and their American backers were itching to find some methods of retaliation against the Egyptian army.

A severe crisis in the Israeli command resulted, produced not only by the shock of the Egyptian successes, but by the severe losses sustained by the Israelis at the front.

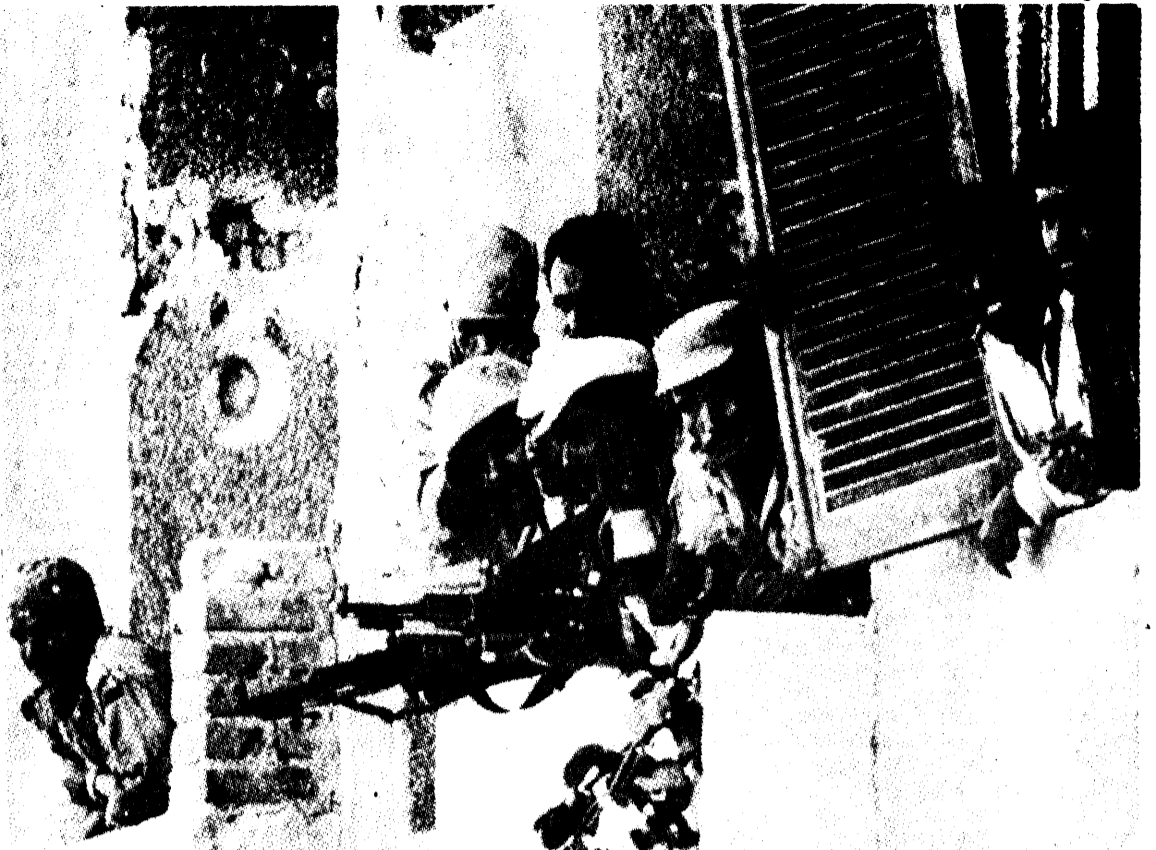
At this point the Egyptians had the options of holding their ground and wearing down the Israelis, or taking a second advance under cover of their SAM missiles towards the strategic Mitla Pass.

The Israelis chose to attack at the weakest point in the Egyptian line, the junction of the Second and Third Armies. This Point, as Heykal writes, is generally one of the most closely guarded military secrets because of the enormous value the enemy can gain from knowing it.

The Israelis were able to find this weak point only with the aid of their American allies for, needless to say, the detailed photographs taken by the US reconnaissance planes found their way straight to the Israeli High Command.

The infiltration operation began at dusk on October 15. The Israeli units slipped across the northern part of the Great Bitter Lake, using inflatable boats and amphibious tanks. Initially they met with little opposition due to certain mistakes made by the Egyptian forces on the spot.

They fought a new type of war, what Keykal describes as guerilla war. With tanks they took up positions in the El Deversoir area and sent out feelers in every direction. The tank units operated in groups of tens, fives or even threes, making sudden



Egyptian workers and students in Suez fought side with the army to prevent Israel from occupying the city. Above soldiers look over cease-fire line.

appearances on roads and in front of positions.

Israel deliberately spread her forces as thinly as possible so as to put herself in a strong position to claim territory in the event of a cease-fire.

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat has warned that pressure from his army may force him to renew the war unless Israel withdraws to the October 22 cease-fire line by the time Kissinger arrives in Cairo this week.

Golda Meir who just visited Nixon in Washington claims that nobody knows where this line really is.

The US wants to get Sadat to pull his forces out of the area on the straits to the Red Sea which leads to the Israeli port of Eilat.

The Soviet Union is pushing a joint US proposal to "settle" the Palestinian issue by establishing a Palestinian nation on the West Bank of the Jordan River and has asked the Palestine Liberation Organization to participate.

The section of the Liberation Organization led by Yassir Arafat supports this but other sections of the resistance movement are vehemently opposed to it.

The Israelis were able to establish points on the Suez-to-Cairo road and claimed to have cut off the Third Army completely. At the weekend, they allowed a convoy of some 100 trucks to pass through with provisions for the Third Army.

Clearly the Israeli invasion is not quite what it was thought to

be. The Israelis have paid dearly for their adventure with a total of nearly 10,000 dead and many prisoners in Arab hands.

They have met with fierce opposition both from the Third Army, which has fought back strongly, and from the people of Suez, who successfully repelled two attacks on their town.

These forces have inflicted serious blows to the Israelis despite facing some of the most sophisticated weapons in the arsenal of US imperialism, including arms which were not even tested in Vietnam.

As these revelations appeared in the authoritative newspaper Al Ahram yesterday, we learned that a South African pilot was captured from a Mirage fighter shot down over Suez.

These revelations are the clearest confirmation of the imperialist character of the war against Egypt.

Dr. Hafez Ghanim, the general secretary of the Arab Socialist Union, Egypt's sole ruling party, said it was the Israeli thrust into Egypt that led President Anwar Sadat to call on the USSR and the United States to send in troops.

Israel's cease-fire violations and the expansion of the West Bank bridgehead are regarded as a breach of the secret undertakings given to Egypt and the USSR by the United States.

General Dayan is plainly out to smash the Egyptian army if he can and he is being aided in this by the enormous inflow of aid from the United States.

I was told that the Israeli breakthrough on to the west bank had occurred through a series of mistakes made by the Egyptian forces in the deversoir

region of the canal. The Israeli forces have since been re-inforced in this area.

There is great scepticism in Cairo about whether the Zionists will now withdraw at all as Sadat maintains they will.

Units of the popular resistance and the popular army have been fighting alongside students in the city of Suez at the southern end of the Canal to repel Israeli attacks.

The popular army is a sort of militia with a fair amount of basic military training and the popular resistance are young people who have had the basic minimum of weapons instruction.

The fighting in Suez has been very bitter. This is a solidly working class town straddling the southern end of the canal.

Arms have been issued to sections of the population, but Dr. Ghanim said not everyone had been armed. Students from Cairo are known to have left for the Suez to reinforce the resistance forces.

News of the encirclement of the Third Army and the big list of prisoners of war has turned the buoyant population of Cairo into a state of sullenness. What went wrong? We were winning, they ask, what went wrong?

But there is every sign that there is a thoroughgoing political battle behind the scenes in the Cabinet, the ruling party and the military.

A week ago Sadat could have got away with "a peace with honor" with the Zionists. Today he is a prisoner of the defeat of his army. He can make no concessions to the Zionists. The war, in that sense, goes on...

Oil Companies Plan Heating Cut back

The Public Service Commission has threatened that schools may be closed, subways deprived of heat and curfews imposed because of the oil shortage this winter.

The big oil companies like Exxon are using the oil cutoff by the Arab nations to demand big price increases and place the entire burden of the crisis on the working class.

Congressional leaders and oil executives are pressuring Nixon to institute rationing and the

Cost of Living Council has just ruled that retail prices for home fuel and gasoline may be raised.

Some companies have already raised their price up to three cents a gallon.

Brooklyn Union Gas in New York has warned its customers that its winter supply is "very marginal" and that it cannot depend on its shipments from the Algerian petroleum company.

Cirillo Brothers Petroleum Company, one of New York's major dealers is threatening to cut off its customers unless it receives a full allotment of fuel oil. Cirillo has been allowed a 2.5 cent a gallon increase which will be passed on to tenants in the City's projects.

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Nixon Is On The Brink Of Collapse

BY LUCY ST. JOHN

In the face of a massive movement of the trade unions, major sections of the capitalist class are now openly moving against Nixon to get a government that can deal with the working class.

The New York Times editorial on Sunday calls explicitly for Nixon's resignation:

"The visible disintegration of President Nixon's moral and political authority, of his capacity to act as Chief Executive, of his claim to leadership and to credibility leads us to the reluctant conclusion that Mr. Nixon would be performing his ultimate service to the American people—and to himself—by resigning his office before this nation is forced to go through the traumatic and divisive process of impeachment."

Demands for Nixon's impeachment have also been made by the Washington Post, the Detroit News and sections of the Republican Party itself.

Time magazine in its first editorial in history called for the resignation of Nixon. Republican Senator Edward Brooke from Massachusetts on "Issues and Answers" on Sunday said that Nixon "should step down, should tender his resignation."

The "political authority" that the Times and the sections of the ruling class it represents are concerned with is the authority now to defeat a powerful American working class that is entering into battle to defend its living standards and unions.

In New York City alone, three major strikes are scheduled for Monday morning, including the strike by members of Local 1199, Drug and Hospital Workers directly against Nixon's Cost of Living Council. Workers, who have been held back by the refusal of their leadership to act, are now moving against this government.

Nixon on Saturday made it clear that he will brazen out the crisis that is now bringing his government to the brink of collapse. Every attempt to patch up the crisis has only exposed this administration more. Nixon's popularity is now below 27 percent. This follows the revelations on the "missing tapes." On Friday special assistant to the President Stephen Bull testified that he was informed on September 29, over a month ago, that the tapes were

missing.

Batches of tapes had been taken in and out of a storage room in the Executive Office. Some were recorded out on pieces of brown paper and their return was never recorded. Nixon's official diary of his whereabouts on April 15 was revised three months later. This is the day his conversation with Dean took place on the cover-up for which one of the tapes is missing.

Now it has been revealed that William Saxbe, Nixon's new appointee for Attorney General and the one who has responsibility for the Watergate investigation, said last August about the Watergate tapes: "If they are incriminating, they should be destroyed. I'm sure he (Nixon) will."

FORD

It is under these conditions that sections of the ruling class are seeking to get Nixon out and replace him with a government that can take on the working class. The Detroit News, which is the spokesman for General Motors, has openly suggested a deal to replace Nixon with Gerald Ford. Ford is notorious for his vicious anti-labor policies and has been a longtime supporter of Nixon.

The urgent task before the trade unions is now the mass mobilization of the unions to throw Nixon out and to construct an alternative, a labor party. Only labor's own party can now defeat this government and the preparations of the entire capitalist class, the Democrats and Republicans, to smash the organizations of the working class.

The leaders of the unions have called for Nixon's resignation but they refuse to act and to construct an alternative. A movement must now be built in the unions to demand that the AFL-CIO, UAW and Teamsters call massive demonstrations demanding Nixon resign and new elections be called. These forces must lay the basis now for the calling of a Congress of Labor to unite the entire working class in the construction of a labor party.



Guild members set up picket lines at New York Daily News yesterday after rejecting 4.9 percent wage offer.

Guild Strikes News For Jobs Guarantee

BY JEFF SEBASTIAN

NEW YORK, Nov. 5—Fourteen hundred members of the Newspaper Guild struck the Daily News this morning after rejecting a 4.9 percent wage offer and attempts by the News to institute layoffs.

About 500 members of the Guild amassed in front of the News's office on Forty-Second Street this morning to begin picketing.

The News management vowed to continue publishing. But machinists and truckers refuse to cross the picket lines making publication impossible.

Pete McLaughlin, Unit Chairman of the Guild, told the Bulletin:

"The membership found the News offer unacceptable. That is why we are on strike. The job security they offered was unacceptable. We have people getting fired now."

Hundreds of jobs are at stake in this fight. Union spokesmen estimate that over 300 jobs have been eliminated at the Times and that a similar blueprint is being drawn up for the News.

Major preparations are under way by the employers for massive elimination of jobs.

One Guild member at the Daily News told the Bulletin that older Guild members are being

pressured to retire. They are offered two weeks pay for each year of employment as an inducement. Once out, these workers are not replaced.

"Last contract, our raises were cut back by 3.3 percent. As people leave, they are not replaced. We are doubled up on jobs and pieces of a job are distributed among a few people so there is more work.

"People here feel there is no security. There is no point in taking on more responsibility because your job might be next."

Another worker told the Bulletin that workers were being pushed into lower paying categories.

"When a new worker is brought in to replace someone who has left, she might be put in a lower group for budget reasons."

A number of International Typographical Union members told the Bulletin much the same story. They said that hundreds of workers had left without being

replaced.

One worker said: "We just paid a \$250 fine for stopping work. According to the courts, it will be \$90,000 next time.

"The deadline for a strike is now December 31, it will all blow up before then."

Another worker told the Bulletin: "When I started in the industry, there were ten papers. Now we are down to three.

"We want a guaranteed annual wage and a guarantee of no layoffs for life. We face mass unemployment. We have to negotiate shorter work shifts."

What is clear from the fines against Bertram Powers of the ITU and the uncompromising position of the News against the Guild is that the employers are determined to bring in the automated equipment that will destroy the majority of union jobs.

The employers are unwilling to live with a slow elimination of jobs through attrition, but want a free hand to chop at will. This means an all out fight to break the powerful newspaper unions.

NDP Offers Anti-Labor Bill

BY JAN ROSLYN

VANCOUVER—The New Democratic Party government here has issued a 153-section labor charter which is designed to dismember the trade unions.

The new labor code, called Bill 11, drafted by British Columbia Labor Minister William King, would be all powerful in regulating labor disputes. It would exempt workers from compulsory union membership, would give the board power to impose a 12 month contract on workers in cases where collective bargaining breaks down, would give the board authority similar to, and in place of that of the courts, to impose injunctions and issue cease and desist orders against strikers.

The Barrett government wants to carry out the anti-union poli-

cies that the previous Social Credit regime had embarked on when it was ousted by the labor movement on August 30, 1972.

Other stipulations included in the new Act—seemingly to protect workers rights such as provisions making it easier for unions to organize the unorganized—are a complete fraud, because the main stipulations make scabbing, the issue of contracts by decree, and fines of \$1000 per individual and \$10,000 per union legal procedures.

The collaboration of the leaders of the most important unions, such as the IWA who will sit on the Labor Relations Board for salaries of approximately \$35,000 per year cannot contain the determination of workers to defend their living standards.

Barrett's treachery is being led by David Lewis, federal NDP

leader.

The NDP will not even run candidates. Lewis divides French and English workers in the face of Trudeau's most desperate measures to take on the trade unions.

Most importantly, Lewis has refused to demand new elections and force the Liberals to resign.

Trudeau has announced a reshuffling of his cabinet in order to bring forward the right-wing forces to carry out dictatorial policies in Canada.

The fight to remove the Barrett bureaucracy must become part of the struggle to convene a national emergency Congress of Labor to force the Liberals to resign and replace them with an NDP government pledged to socialist policies.

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Egyptians crossing the Suez Canal.

For The Defeat Of Imperialism And Zionism In The Mideast War

Statement Of International Committee Of The Fourth International

PART TWO

The talk of a "holy war" against the Jews, the call to wipe out the Israeli people, will not carry forward the interests of the Palestinian Arabs. It is a method of preventing the Arab workers from marching under their own banner of socialist internationalism.

The Israeli state has reactionary Zionist origins and it serves a reactionary purpose. This state must be overthrown in the interests of Jew and Arab alike. But the Jews in Israel have the right to be recognized as a nation. Their common struggle with the Arabs must give rise to a Palestinian state in which the national rights of the Jews are fully recognized.

Should the Jews in such a state wish to secede and form a separate state, they must have the right to do so. Marxists would oppose such secession, as they would in any other country, but insist on the right of a minority nationality to secede.

In the struggle against imperialism in the Middle East, the Stalinist bureaucracy has played an extremely reactionary role. Anxious above all to preserve the compromise relations with imperialism, the bureaucracy through the Communist Parties has sought to reconcile the Arab masses to the continued existence of the Zionist state, and has worked against any preparation for the struggle. It fears, above all, that the struggle of the masses will upset the "balance of power."

More important still, the bureaucracy opposes any political independence or independent leadership for the Arab working class. Instead it

provides military assistance to the Arab governments controlled to a volume which it hopes will place the Middle East in a state of equilibrium and preserve its relations with imperialism.

With this policy, the Soviet bureaucracy has permitted the Israelis to build up their military machine and their lines of imperialist support and make the present struggle more bloody and protracted, while the bureaucracy engages in secret diplomacy to assist the imperialists in arriving at the new settlement they require.

Stalinist Peace With Imperialism

All those in the labor movement who subordinate themselves in one way or another to this Stalinist deception of "peace" and "detente" with imperialism are guilty of confusing and betraying the working class.

Thus the Israeli Revolutionary Action Committee Abroad and the Israeli Palestine Socialist Action, whose statement is carried in Britain by the newspapers of the revisionist International Socialists and International Marxist Group (Section of the Pabloite Unified Secretariat), limit themselves to just refusing to take up arms for Zionism.

This is contrary to all internationalist principles. The working class cannot be neutral. From the international working-class standpoint the Arab struggle is entirely justified and must be unconditionally supported. This

determines the responsibility of the Israeli workers as well as those of every country. In Israel it means a definite struggle to turn the working class, including those in uniform, against their own government.

To reduce this struggle to the individual protest of conscientious objectors to military service is to end up as just the paci-

overthrow imperialism and Zionism.

For the working class, Arab and Jewish alike, the aim must be a Socialist United States of the Middle East achieved through the overthrow of imperialism and Zionism and based on the expropriation of the oil companies and all foreign capitalist holdings and great

In the present struggle the task of those building the revolutionary party is to fight for the maximum solidarity with the Arab armies against the state of Israel. What does this mean?

Transport, aircraft, dock workers must place an embargo on all shipments of arms and equipment to Israel.



Exhausted Israeli soldier resting in Sinai.

first wing of Zionism itself.

Throughout the world, Jewish workers are being pressed from all sides to sympathize with and support the Israeli armies. Such support runs directly counter to the interests of these workers.

The capitalist backers of Israel are exploiters and class enemies of Jewish workers in Israel and in every other country. Just as non-Jewish capitalists exploit the workers of all religions and nations, so do Jewish capitalists. The future of Jewish workers is bound up entirely with the struggle to

landed estates. It is in this framework that the national aspirations of the Arab and Jewish workers will be settled, and in no other.

War: The Capitalist Solution

The lessons of the outbreak of imperialist war in the Middle East go far beyond that region alone; they are international. So deep are the contradictions in the imperialist crisis now that "peaceful" solutions to them no longer exist.

Chile one month, Middle East war the next! Counterrevolution, fascism and war—it is for these that the capitalist class prepares in the crisis.

In every case the reformist and Stalinist advocates of "peaceful, parliamentary roads to socialism" are holding back the working class from uniting behind socialist policies.

They collaborate with the ruling class in seeking capitalist "solutions" to the inflationary crisis, always granting invaluable time to the capitalists for their real preparations and lulling the working class to sleep.

Not only in the Middle East, but in every country, the building of independent revolutionary parties sections of the International Committee is the question of the hour.

The reformist supporters of Israel in the labor movement such as the Labour leaders in Britain, must be opposed by building the alternative leadership. They have the same bipartisan policy with capitalism against the workers of Ireland and every other oppressed nation. And they will turn the sword against their own working class.

The Stalinist bureaucracy and its "communist" parties, who turn every movement in the interests of compromise with imperialism, must be exposed and defeated in the labor movement.

All possible efforts of propaganda, demonstration and industrial action must be led and supported in unconditional support of the Arab people and the Arab armies.

Black all arms supplies to Israel!

Long live the Arab revolution!

Arab and Jewish workers unite against imperialism and Zionism!

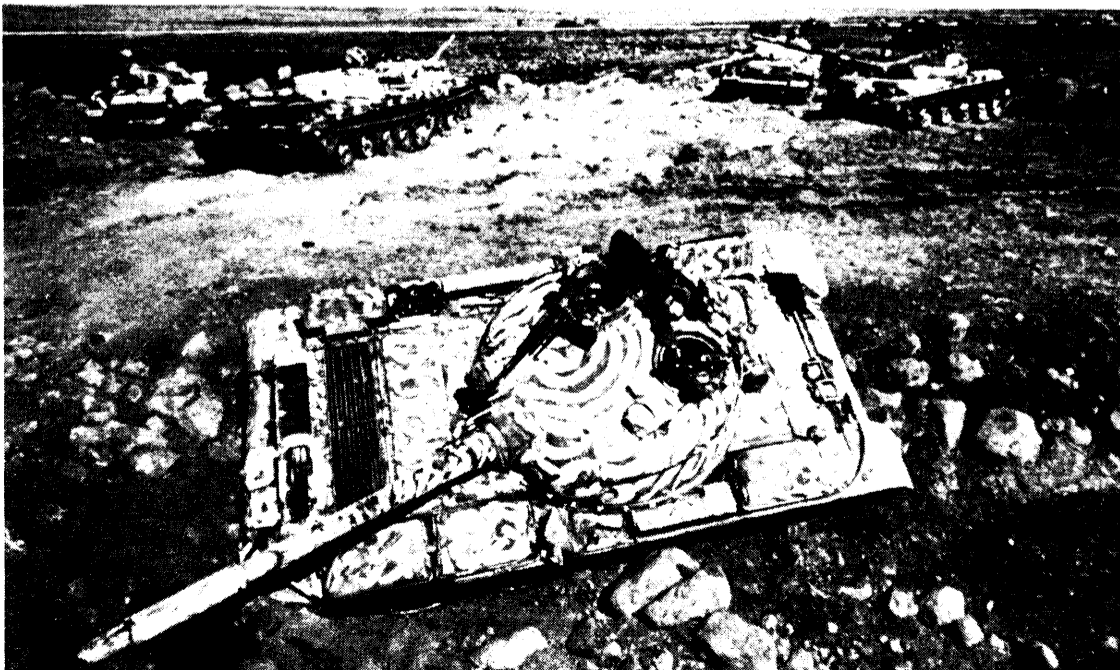
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Build the International Committee of the Fourth International!

International Committee of the Fourth International Thursday October 18, 1973

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Wrecked tanks near Suez Canal after Sinai armored battle between Israeli and Egyptian forces.

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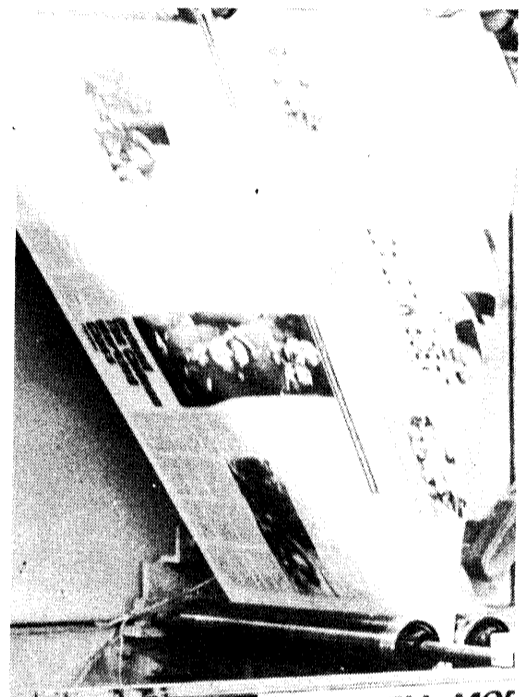
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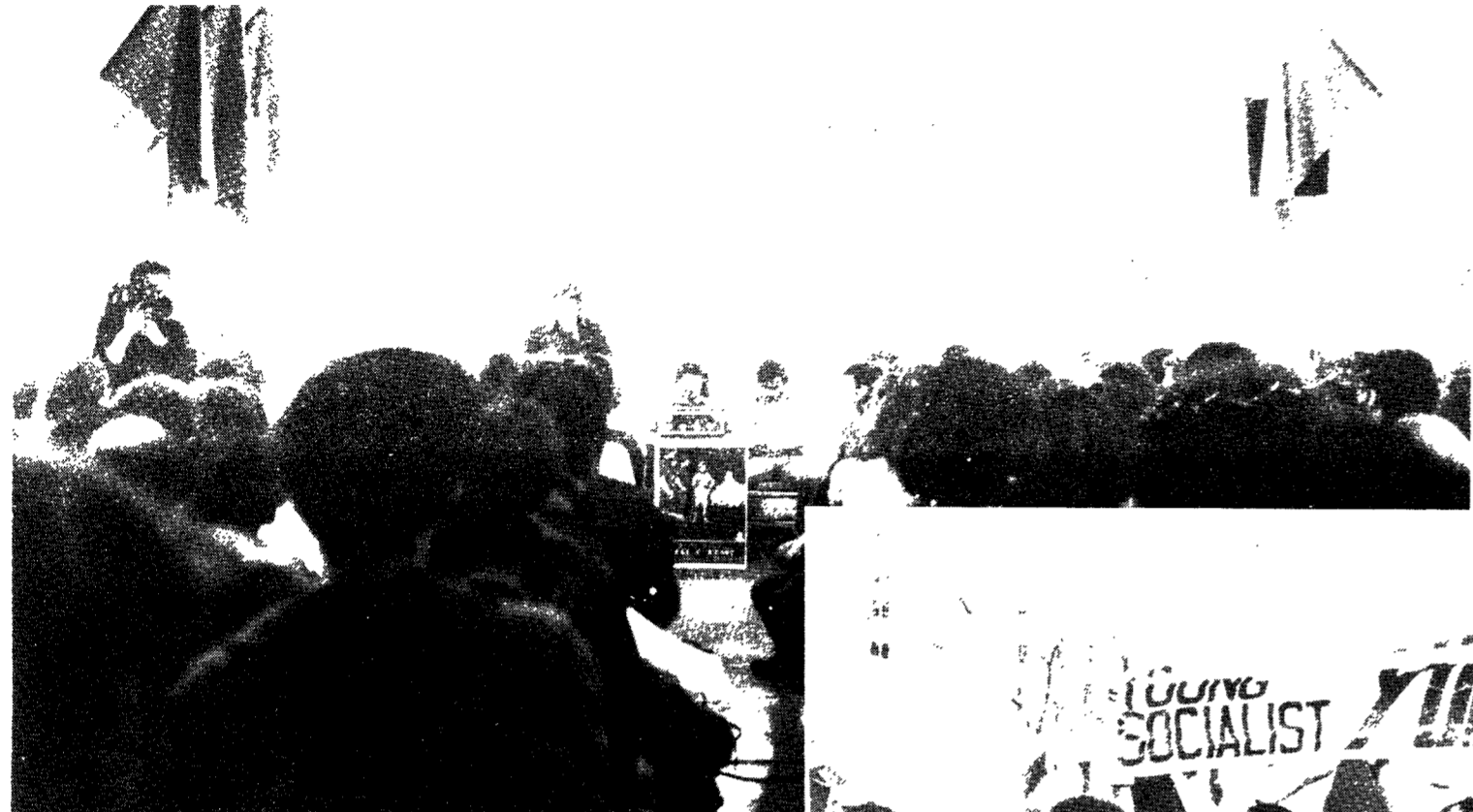
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LABOR TODAY

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In this period when workers face unprecedented attacks by the Nixon government on their living conditions and rights, at a time when Nixon is prepared to threaten war as he did last week in the Middle East, it is critical that trade unionists begin from principles.

A central principle is the international character and unity of the struggle of workers in every country. It is particularly important for workers in the US to defend the rights of the people in the colonial and semicolonial countries who are being oppressed by US imperialism.

For defending these principles, for defending the struggle of the Arab people for their rights against the US backed Zionist state of Israel, two delegates in New York's Local 1199 Drug and Hospital workers union were witch-hunted.

Using Zionist sentiments among a section of workers, the union leadership of Leon Davis allied itself with right-wing, antiunion forces to support a recall movement against Fred Mazelis and Nathan Gershon, delegates at Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center. These delegates are supporters of the Workers League. This recall movement was turned into a vicious anticommunist campaign.

This move was decisively defeated by the 1199 members at Kingsbrook. In this struggle, the dangerous role of the so-called progressive section of the labor bureaucracy was exposed.

The evolution of Leon Davis, President of Local 1199 Drug and Hospital Workers Union is a sharp warning of the role these left talking bureaucrats must inevitably play.

Davis began organizing a small drug workers local in the 1930s which was dominated by the Stalinists. He remained in the AFL-CIO during the witch-hunt of the 1950s. In the late fifties the organizing drives that were to bring thousands of hospital workers into the union began.

These struggles were conducted with a policy of militant trade unionism which sought at all times to avoid political questions. In that period, it was still possible to make certain important gains on this basis.

But a leadership which refuses to challenge the government politically can only go over to an alliance with the most right-wing elements and serve as a policeman for government policies when it becomes a question of the defense of the very right of the unions to exist.

Under these conditions, such a leadership must turn sharply against the independence of the unions, against union democracy, and against the real needs of the rank and file.

Thus, Davis, for all his left talk, has supported the participation of the labor bureaucracy on Nixon's Pay Board. To this day, Max Greenberg, president of the International, sits on the health division of the Cost of Living Council which passes on the contracts of hospital workers. He is defended in this by Davis.

When the Cost of Living Council slashed hospital workers' pay in 1972, Davis held off any action for ten months until the anger of the ranks forced a strike threat and a backdown by the Council. He now seeks to play a similar role in relation to a raise due for the second year of the contract since July 1973.

The Workers League and its supporters have fought continuously, particularly in the Guild section of 1199, for a political policy to smash the pay laws and defeat the government through the building of a labor party.

Davis has struck out viciously to muzzle the rights of delegates to speak, and to denounce the fight for a labor party.

Precisely at the point that the union faces an open clash with the Pay Board under conditions when the trade unions are in a powerful position to bring down Nixon, the Davis bureaucracy joins hands with right-wing elements to attack those who fight for politics in the unions.

Trained and supported by the Stalinists, Davis now turns viciously against all militants and particularly against those who fight for Marxism.

In this he closely follows Harry Bridges of the West Coast longshoremen whose collaboration with the Pay Board and the employers have brought him to open denunciations of militants in the union and even of the Communist Party which trained him.

The Communist Party plays the most criminal and dangerous role in building up illusions about these so-called left bureaucrats to prevent the development of a revolutionary leadership in the unions.

The development of a new leadership, a Marxist leadership in the unions that begins at all times with principles, with the needs of the working class, and the political fight to defeat the government through the construction of a labor party is now a life and death question.

by jeff sebastian



Militants at Frigidaire's Dayton plant are organizing to build a new leadership to fight General Motors.

IUE Leaders Silent On Frigidaire Negotiations

BY DOROTHY WRIGHT

DAYTON, Ohio, Oct. 30—General Motors workers at Frigidaire, members of International Union of Electrical Workers Local 801, have faced secrecy surrounding the negotiations and the postponement of the contract on a day-to-day basis since the September 15 expiration date.

The opposition at Frigidaire to the Thompson leadership has increased to the point where Thompson has had to declare in favor of the restoration of one contract for appliance and auto workers. Thompson is maintaining control of the negotiations by postponing to next spring the elections that were to take place this month.

The company continues its attacks on the workers through rotten conditions and disciplinary measures. Grievances continue to pile up and hundreds are just scrapped. A woman worker showed us the burns on her arms from unsafe machinery.

She said she called for a committeeman before noon that day, but her grievance had still not been written up by the end of the shift.

Fired committeeman Ray Barrett and several other workers have demanded something be done about the piled up grievances and have called for Thompson's impeachment by the union membership.

The following is an interview with Ray Barrett who was fired as a result of the wildcat strike over flagrant speedup that shut down the Frigidaire complex for four days last October.

"The main reason we are here is to celebrate the anniversary of the strike. We are also here to show that there has been nothing done to get anyone's job back.

PICKET LINE

"Anyone who was involved in the picket line work has received discipline and they have fired each of them. And the union withdraws each case. They withdrew mine, and it was scheduled for hearing the week it was withdrawn.

"The only explanation Thompson would give was that he did not want to spend \$1000 on a case he did not think they could win.

"Because of the wildcat, over one hundred were fired. I know a good 25 people who are having to go to lawyers to fight their case. There were 87 who were fired on the spot, but that was rescinded in a couple of weeks. There were

only three who did not get back as a direct result of the strike.

"They got me because I was the committeeman at the time. The company had a list. I have a list of 200 who were disciplined.

WAGE CUTS

"We struck because we were tired of the splits in the union and wage cuts. You have to be united. Everyone should be receiving the same wages; I just



cannot see two different wage scales.

"I think that organized crime is playing too big a part in our government. These people should quit playing favorites to certain interests. There should be more investigations on all levels.

"I am really afraid of the judicial system. The lawyers tell me: 'You will have no trouble beating Thompson.' But I want to beat General Motors. We all know that big business plays a big part in the judicial system.

"A labor movement that is really powerful could really rule the country. The government realizes this and that is why there is so much buying and selling.

"I think it is obvious the people are waking up now. They are seeing what is going on in this government and they are going to demand something be done. In Frigidaire we are going to campaign from now until election time to get the corrupt officials out and replace them with people who will do the job.

"During the wildcat, the Moraine police were trying to scare our pickets out at Plant Three. They were lined up out on the hill. I came out to check the picket line, and it looked like an army out on the hill waiting to come down on us.

"There were only seven or eight pickets—and they had at least 20 or 30 cruisers and not just from Moraine, but from Dayton.

"Frigidaire was undoubtedly making these people think that we were a bunch of cutthroats.

VIOLATIONS

"But we had reasons to be there—we had contractual violations. We were there for very important reasons, and here these people were treating us like criminals. They were sitting back waiting with head crash helmets.

"So I went up and asked who was in charge. I was told they were there to see no one was harmed.

"I replied: 'There has not been anyone harmed or hurt—that is not why we are here. Why are you getting involved; this is our fight. How come you are here? Who is paying you? If you are going to start smashing heads, let me go find some newspapers to take some pictures of the blood. Because we do not intend to fight you.'

POLICE

"I did not see why they were involved. It is just like at downtown Dayton, at Plant One. Men would be trying to picket, explain to the workers why they were there, and the police would be arresting them, saying they were obstructing passage to the plant.

"And I asked them: 'How does it concern you? How come you are involved in something that concerns our union and the company?'

"And they could not explain it. They would say: 'Well we have instructions to do this. But I would ask them why?'

"It was just their way of shutting us up, covering the whole thing up, and making everyone forget about it."

Woodcock Ends Strike Riot Police Battle Ranks At Harvester

BY CYNTHIA BLAKE

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., Nov. 3—Four days of confrontation and a bitter battle with police ended the two-week strike against International Harvester's Farmall plant here.

Approximately 2000 members of United Auto Workers Local 1309 reluctantly agreed to ratify their new contract at a meeting here today.

The settlement maintains Harvester's voluntary overtime provisions, but imposes the same three percent wage pattern Woodcock has forced onto Chrysler and John Deere workers. This same pattern is now being voted on by Ford ranks and negotiations are now under way with GM and Caterpillar against strike deadlines later in November.

A street battle reminiscent of the battles in Detroit and Flint which launched the UAW during the 1930s shook this heavily industrialized small city on the Mississippi last Wednesday. This was prepared for by deliberate provocations by Harvester management backed with a full-scale police alert.

At issue was the union's decision to check the ID cards of all officer-management personnel entering the plant after new people began to be driven through the lines in company cars. This apparent attempt to mobilize a scab labor force followed the company's cancellation of negotiations on Sunday October 28.

The first flare up came Tuesday when 20 police officers were sent to the plant after the card checks backed up traffic along Fifth Avenue.

"The difficulty and prospective inability of law enforcement authorities to control mass picketing and prevent breaches of the peace, violence, and personal injuries from occurring" was cited by the company later Tuesday in a suit demanding a court order to limit pickets.

IGNORED

After company officials ignored a union request for a joint meeting with Rock Island's mayor and police chief, President of Local 1309 Bill Boling called on his membership to appear for mass picketing Wednesday morning. Before dawn on Wednesday, the entire Rock Island police force of 60 was mobilized with reserve forces from state and county police, a paddy wagon, and an empty school bus prepared for mass arrests.

Police Chief Meyers cancelled all days off and leaves and called back all vacationing officers. According to reporters from the Rock Island Argus, "Strikers met the police action with flying rocks and sticks and swinging fists, causing police to retreat, don riot gear, and reform their ranks to re-enter the fray armed with riot batons.

"During the brief clash, one Rock Island policeman was taken from the scene for treatment of injuries received when he was struck by a rock. One

worker who had responded to the union's call for pickets described the battle to the Bulletin: "The cops advanced on us and started pushing us around. They got some of us down. Two or three of them jumped on one guy. Fifty or sixty cops.

RIOT GEAR

"After they lost their first battle, they went back and put on riot gear. They had aid. They had the state police sitting about a block away and they had the county sitting a block away in cars in case they had to call them, too.

"They never did cross the street again. They did not want to battle anymore. They stayed on the other side of the street then.

"This one little kid they got down was only 16 years old. One of the guys that works here brought his boy with him. He was just standing there and watching. They saw him and one other little guy and they grabbed them as they were running back across the street. They did not arrest anyone. They more or less used them as hostages. If we agreed to retreat, they would not arrest anyone. We did not want them arrested and put in jail, so we backed off."

After a restraining order was passed Wednesday afternoon, workers continued to defend their line as best they could, with the five picketers always rotated from a crowd of about 50 strikers who stayed across the street. Emboldened by the limits placed upon the pickets, a Harvester forman deliberately drove through the lines on Thursday, brushing several picketers and knocking down picketer James Vatty.

Police arrested the foreman only after the strikers demanded it, and threatened to renew Wednesday's battle.

On Friday, even after negotiators in Chicago reported a tentative settlement, picket captain Richard Norris was arrested and later released after he attempted to block a driveway with his car to secure the line.

Throughout the week, UAW officials have attempted to cover up this determined struggle to defend the right to picket.

Although it was announced at the ratification meeting that a formal agreement was reached with Harvester guaranteeing immunity, there is still the grave danger of reprisals.

As Bulletin reporters left Rock Island, reports were coming in that Local 1356 in nearby East Moline and an Indiana local had rejected the contract.

National officials later declared the contract ratified, but admitted that under 20,000 of the 45,000 Harvester workers had voted yet.

"There is no settlement," a Harvester worker told us. "Nothing is settled."



University of Minnesota Young Socialists and Arab-American Club held a joint meeting to defend Arab workers and peasants' rights to self-determination against Israeli imperialism. Speakers were Jay Sjerven for the YS and Abdullah Albin Ali, of the Arab-American Club.

Madison Peace Activist Gets 23 Years In Jail

BY A BULLETIN REPORTER

MADISON, Nov. 1—Karleton Armstrong, leader of the Madison anti-war movement, was sentenced to 23 years in Waupun State Prison for the bombing of the Army Math Research Center.

A crowd of some 100 supporters, some of whom had maintained a night-long vigil in front of the courthouse, stood in line to attend the sentencing. The sentencing concluded two weeks of hearings on the atrocities of the Vietnam War against which the August 1970 bombing was directed.

The trial and the 23 year sentence showed more clearly than any other single event in Madison history the absolute deadend of protest politics.

The mitigation hearings have included testimony from some 40 individuals, who defended Armstrong's act on the basis of

it being morally justified. Day after day the link between the University of Wisconsin and the Army was documented, and the atrocities committed by the US troops in Vietnam and Southeast Asia were recounted by Vietnam veterans.

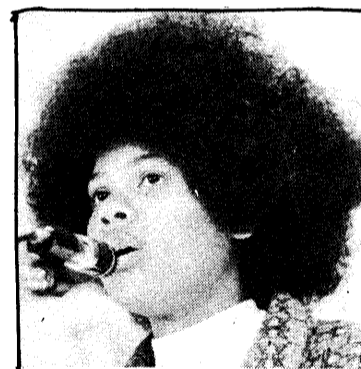
At the hearing the prosecution launched vicious attacks against Armstrong calling him "a sick person out for recognition." They called the hearing "mostly incredible and totally immaterial," and referred to Armstrong as a madman, "Madison's contribution to the lunatic fringe."

The prosecution then asked for a maximum 25 year sentence. In the defense argument, attorneys William Kunstler and Melvin Greenberg summarized the hearings, showed the true nature of the Vietnam War as imperialist and then appealed to the judge for a minimum sentence. Famous liberal lawyer William Kunstler then even congratulated the judge for the way in which the hearing was allowed to be held.

The entire proceedings were dominated by appeals to the judge to give the minimum five

year sentence on the basis that the war was "illegal," that Armstrong's action was aimed at stopping the Vietnam War, and that Armstrong had no intention of killing Fasnacht, the physicist trapped in the AMRC building at the time of the bombing.

The defense of Armstrong must now be part of the struggle to bring down the Nixon government which is now threatening a new Vietnam in the Middle East.



PERSPECTIVES FOR THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Speaker: Adele Sinclair, Editor, Young Socialist

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Minnesota YS Sponsors Rally With Arab Club

BY A REPORTING TEAM MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 1—

The Minnesota Young Socialists held a meeting here today at the University of Minnesota in defense of the Arab Revolution, which was also sponsored by the U. of Minnesota Arab-American Club.

The meeting was built under the slogans: "Defend the Arab Revolution, Smash Imperialism-Zionism, Nixon Out, Build a Labor Party.

Tuesday before the meeting there was an attempt by the Zionists on campus to disrupt and destroy the Arab-American literature table. Only the Young Socialists came to aid the Arab students, fought against the Zionist provocateurs and drove them away from the scene. Sup-

porters of the Young Socialist Alliance stood by trying to debate with the Zionists.

At the meeting, Abdullah Abbin Ali of the Arab-American Club brought forward the whole history of the Middle East fight and ended by saying: "The Arab people are fighting for their own rights against Zionist aggression backed by the US government. We must do justice to the Palestinian peoples and their rights to their homeland."

Jay Sjerven of the YS urged all to join in the construction of a mass revolutionary Young Socialists out of the very fight to defend the Arab revolution and bring Nixon down.

The meeting voted to build a rally November 9 in defense of the Arab Revolution, reaching out to new layers of the U of M students.

FILM

by David North

Settling America

The struggle of Swedish immigrants to establish a new life in the wilds of the Minnesota of the 1850s is masterfully portrayed in director Jan Troell's *The New Land*.

It is a great contribution to the development of an understanding of the history of the American working class and is important in bringing forward the significance of that history in this period.

Although the film can stand by itself, Troell wrote and directed *The New Land* as the sequel to *The Immigrants*, a film which depicted the conditions which led a family of Swedish peasants to leave their community and risk the hardship of the journey across the Atlantic and through one thousand miles of American wilderness.

In the earlier film, the experiences of thousands were shown by Troell through the lives of the peasants Karl Oskar Nilsson and his wife Kristina. Persecuted by the wealthy landowners who dominate not only the financial but also the spiritual life of their village, and unable to feed his children out of the miserable existence eeked out on the hard Swedish soil, Karl Oskar decides to emigrate.

He is joined by other families who, like Karl Oskar, are inspired by the countless rumors of boundless wealth in America.

The Immigrants ended on a triumphant note. Karl Oskar, after having endured the ocean voyage which his wife barely survived and having decided to push further into the wilderness beyond the older and more secure settlements, finally finds his home in Minnesota—a clearing in the woods with rich soil that overlooks a lake.

Troell's gift for realism and character study are so unusual that even those who are unfamiliar with the events that brought Nilsson to America are at once absorbed into their struggles to survive in Minnesota.

Of course, Troell is given great assistance by the acting of Max Von Sydow, Liv Ullman, and Eddie Axberg in the leading roles.

Troell's characters are not drawn in some artificial heroic pose, but develop in the course of the film through their relentless struggle against nature. Every season wears upon the Nilsson family and those around them in both the shaping of their physical appearances and personalities.

Difficulties

We are drawn to the Nilssons, not through banal gimmicks that might have tempted other directors, but through details which seem to convey all the difficulties in the very real struggles of these immigrants.

Karl Nilsson's success as a farmer is contrasted to the tragedy that overtakes his younger brother Robert, played by Eddie Axberg.

He had fled from Sweden as a bonded servant who had suffered brutal whippings and a dangerous ear injury inflicted by his master with a blow to the head.

This injury is carried by Robert as a reminder of what his life had been. But he is determined to make up for every-

thing by pushing on to California where, according to reports, gold can be picked off the street. He leaves Minnesota against Karl Oskar's wishes, telling him: "In America, everyone is his own boss."

He returns two years later with his health completely broken, defrauded of his money, and haunted by his experiences of death and disease in the far west.

Karl Oskar prospers as a small farmer. What he has he is determined to defend. Having left Sweden virtually without possessions, Karl Oskar will not give up what he has won through his own labor in America. Above all, he will not give up his land.

Though only in brief detail, Troell shows the reaction of the small farmers of these free states in what was then the Northwest to the outbreak of the

Civil War

Still able to speak only the slightest English, Karl Oskar, now in his forties, immediately volunteers for the Union Army. Kristina objects on grounds of her religious convictions. But Karl Oskar has not the least bit of patience for this. "The slaveowners started this," he says.

Karl Oskar is rejected by the army because of a bad leg injury, but Troell manages to convey the feeling of hatred aroused in the thousands of free farmers against the slaveowners who were prepared to destroy everything they had fought for.

While the small farmers like Nilsson had been able to live in relative peace with the Indians, the spread of industry and the growth of commercial centers with the protection of federal troops changed the situation. Treaty after treaty was broken with the Indians; they were driven back from their lands and starved.

Troell deals with the Sioux uprising of 1862 which was caused by the brutal treatment of this tribe by Lincoln. No longer allowed on their hunting grounds, Indians killed several Swedish settlers and raided their cabins for food.

The government used this as an opportunity to launch a war against the Sioux which was bitterly resisted, but eventually crushed. Lincoln then approved the execution of 38 Indians, which is shown in the film.

The great strength of the film is that it brings to life the struggles that were bound up with the building of this country. These Swedish immigrants and millions from all over the world came to America and went into the wilderness and into the cities and the factories because they could not live under the old conditions.

When they got here, they would not let anyone tell them that they had to accept the old conditions of hunger and oppression. They joined with the native-born workers and farmers and created the traditions of democratic rights through their struggles.

This is the history of the working class, and it is being brought forward today when Nixon and the class he represents attempts to take away from workers what is theirs.

Reagan Tests Out Psycho-Surgery

BY MITCH PATTERSON

LOS ANGELES—UCLA professor of research Fred Abraham will be fired next year because he has opposed the establishment of the "Center for the Study and Reduction of Violence" to be located on the campus.

Abraham stated that the "premise of the center is that violent behavior is different from other forms of behavior; that it has a single cause and that it is the type of thinking that went out in the eighteenth century."

Abraham, along with several other Neuro-Psychiatric Institute (NPI) researchers and students demonstrated against the center in June of this year. Not long after this, Abraham received notice of termination.

This center is being set up under the cover of a "humanitarian approach to the elimination of crime and violence."

Actually, it will engage in

psycho-surgery. This is the cutting or burning out of the portions of the brain believed to cause aggressive behavior. The result of such surgery is to turn the individual into an unthinking vegetable.

This is now being tested at prisons in California such as Vacaville on inmates who "refuse to conform."

These are the techniques used by the Nazis in Hitler's Germany, which was brought out in the Nuremberg trials, where 15 German doctors were tried and convicted for experimenting on the inmates of the concentration camps.

These are the methods of Fascism which Reagan wants to

introduce now.

The main supporters of the centers on campus are Doctors Mark and Ervin, two nationally known psycho-surgeons who were recently added to the UCLA staff.

Along with their efforts to initiate the center they have been campaigning in the press in support of their theories: 1. violent people have brain damage that can be corrected and 2. the program must be aimed at the young Black urban male.

The racist ideology of the slaveowners in the South is being revived to be used against Blacks and the whole working class.

The doctors quote Doctor Samuel Cartwright of the Louisiana Medical Association who wrote in 1851: "Slaves that run away from their masters are not doing it willfully. Rather, they are suffering from a disease of the brain."

Theories advanced on the campuses in recent years by Professor Shockley of Stanford and Jensen of Berkeley are now to be put in practice by Doctors Mark and Ervin.

The financial backing for this center is coming from the California Council on Criminal Justice.

This body is composed entirely of law enforcement officials including Attorney General Evelle Younger and Governor Ronald Reagan. They have pledged nearly one million dollars by the opening date of the center, January 1974.

As Reagan slashes funds from all of the University of California campuses, money is found to use against those who will resist.



Striking stagehands at ABC Television City are winning tremendous support as they fight a court injunction.

Power Crisis Threatens Jobs At Portland Union Carbide

BY TED BAKER

PORTLAND—Two major Portland factories, Union Carbide and Pacific Carbide, will shut their doors this winter as a result of the energy crisis now facing American industry.

Many workers feel the shutdown may become permanent. Twelve other major plants in the northwest are also being affected and will be cutting back due to the power shortage. This threatens mass unemployment in this area.

Layoffs began last spring at Union Carbide, leading up to the announcement this week that the plant would be closing down.

Union Carbide is organized by the United Steel Workers of America. So far, the union has not made any statement about the situation.

The unanimous opinion of the Union Carbide workers who spoke to the Bulletin is that the power shortage is entirely poli-

tical.

As one worker put it: "Everyone knows that behind it is the fact that we have a half-wit for a president. If he had released the money so those two generators could have been installed in Bonneville, we never would have had this power shortage. Everyone knows that Nixon is for the rich and against the working man."

Millions of dollars were

budgeted by Congress for expansion of hydroelectric power production in the Bonneville Power Administration.

This money has all been impounded by Nixon. Several years of low rainfall have now resulted in an acute shortage of hydroelectric power. Nixon's budget cuts have destroyed all plans for increasing power production, so that continued lack of rain will mean permanent shut-down of these plants.

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Alioto Hires Scabs To Bust Freight Local

BY MARTY MORAN

SAN FRANCISCO—One hundred Teamsters of Local 85 voted Thursday night to picket the San Francisco voting machine warehouse against nonunion drivers who will try to move the machines into polling places for Tuesday's state and city elections.

City election officials admitted that balloting would have to be cancelled if the pickets were even partially successful.

The city has openly provoked a confrontation with Local 85, the main city freight local with over 6000 members.

The contract to move the 1500 machines was taken away from Bekins Moving Storage, a San Francisco based unionized company, and given to Campbell Mayflower Moving and Storage, a nonunion firm in suburban Santa Clara County.

NONUNION

The purchasing department said the nonunion company had underbid.

One Teamster spoke at the Thursday meeting and said: "There is a movement to get the unions out of San Francisco."

"You see it at Sears and Coors, and with McDonald's coming in. It is time we should do something. We should get together with the other locals."

Business Agent Jim Rourke told the Bulletin that the city

action was the beginning of a union-busting attack on Local 85 like that launched against the beer drivers and Sears workers.

"They want to break the unions. Let's face it, if they can win in San Francisco, they can win in the country."

"Everybody says Mayor Alioto is a great labor man, but I do not think he is worth anything. He could have put a stop to this."

The local leadership is backing away from the fight against the government that is required behind a smokescreen of phrases about not interfering with "the constitutional rights of the public to vote."

They intend the picketing to be purely informational, although Bay Area Teamster head Jack Goldberger has indicated the scabs may be accompanied by armed guards and dogs.

One older driver who left the meeting in disgust said, "They are going to picket and then let everyone through. They should put a line and say, see what happens if you cross it."

Court Orders Halt To ABC Picketing

BY DENNIS BREHM

LOS ANGELES—An injunction was served yesterday against TV stagehands of International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees Local 33 who are striking networks in Los Angeles.

It was handed down by Judge David A. Thompson for mass picketing at ABC.

ABC is claiming that pickets were harassing and intimidating employees and using abusive language.

The 600 stagehands have walked off their jobs rejecting the networks offer of five and one-half percent. They want a thirty percent wage increase to have parity with their New York affiliates.

The strike is winning enormous support from the other workers at the networks who are in IBEW at CBS and NABET at NBC and ABC, and from Teamster drivers.

STAYING OUT

The unions have not given official support to the strike, but are advising their members to honor the lines. Reportedly, an additional 900 individual members from other unions are staying out.

The companies have not been willing to talk with the union and no contact has been made since

Monday. Network spokesmen are trying to deny that the strike is having any affect.

ACTORS

Yesterday, several actors refused to cross the line to do filming for future shows, including Redd Fox and the Lennon Sisters. The effects may not be felt on TV yet, but will as future tapings are slowed down.

Secretary of Local 33, Nick Long, spoke on the injunction saying that their pickets were following all the rules, but there were a lot of people hanging around talking to the pickets, and they were confused with IATSE members.

Management is taking over the jobs to try and prevent any slow-down in production.

Long said he did not know what they would do. Previously, the International threatened a national shutdown if management began taking over strikers jobs.

The stagehands are saying it is a very effective strike and are hoping that the International calls such a shutdown.



John Hennings, California AFL-CIO head, above, called for Nixon's resignation at the Bay Area Ad Hoc Labor Support Committee demonstration.

California U. Plans Cut In Enrollment

BY BARRY GREY

After a century of continuous growth, the University of California will institute a five-year program of cutbacks in enrollment and facilities combined with an attack on the tenure system.

The plan released yesterday by the University projects a maximum enrollment on the nine campuses of 120,632 by 1982 to 1983, instead of 150,012 by 1978 to 1979 as was predicted four years ago.

Berkeley and UCLA are to be the only large campuses with the newer ones remaining at only half of their projected 26,900 enrollments.

The plan states that once the enrollment has increased to the reduced levels by 1982 to 1983, there will be no further growth.

Library facilities will be sharply reduced and nonstudents may even be banned from using the libraries.

Over the last 10 years, the

quality of education at the UC campuses has deteriorated drastically with the breakup of the boom conditions which provided the basis in California of the best university system in the country. From 1961 to 1973, expenditure per student decreased by 22 percent.

This has meant a sharp rise in the student-faculty ration, overcrowded classrooms and tremendous cuts in financial aid.

Now the businessmen who control the university system are determined to cut higher education in California. This will mean freezing out of the universities thousands of working class and middle class youth.

At the same time, the plan

proposes to carry out unprecedented attacks on the professors, centering on their tenure rights.

Tenured faculty members will be encouraged to retire early "voluntarily," to be replaced by temporary appointments and transfers from different campuses. What this means is that professors will have no guaranteed job security with which to resist wholesale layoffs and attrition.

A final draft of this plan is to be submitted to the regents for approval next February.

This plan represents the most fundamental attack on the right to a higher education in the history of California.

editorial

Road To Victory At Sears-Coors

The tremendous movement of the working class to take up its political tasks and the dangers from the labor bureaucracy were sharply posed at a demonstration of 200 trade unionists held at the Federal Building in San Francisco.

The rally was called to protest the union-busting drive by the National Labor Relations Board against striking Sears workers and Teamster beer drivers.

The Ad Hoc Labor Support Committee which called the demonstration is run by the heads of the Retail Clerks and Teamsters involved in the Bay Area strikes.

The collision between the labor movement and Nixon dominated the demonstration. The leadership of the strikers sought to limit the slogans to calling upon Democratic Congressmen to investigate the NLRB.

But these strikes have become a battle with the government over the right of unions to exist, at a time when millions of workers are demanding that Nixon be kicked out.

The NLRB has taken unprecedented steps to destroy the unions at Sears and Bay Area beer distribution centers.

This government board has engineered elections by scabs to decertify the Teamsters at fifteen beer warehouses which are being struck. Two warehouses have been decertified and the results of the rest are being challenged by the union.

A decertification election is scheduled at the Santa Rosa Sears store, also on strike, for November 20.

Meanwhile, armed, uniformed security guards are escorting scab trucks across Teamster picket lines.

It is this situation which forced John Hennings, head of the state AFL-CIO, to say at the rally: "You are dealing with the government of the United States, not just Sears."

"You have to get rid of the source and demand, with millions of Americans, the immediate resignation or impeachment of Nixon."

It was Hennings' call for Nixon's resignation which received the biggest response from the workers.

But the tremendous danger is that Hennings, like Meany, has no intention of actually leading a struggle by the labor movement to bring Nixon down.

That is why he said: "What chance do you have against corporate America? You have not got a chance at all."

It is not the Sears workers and beer drivers who are ready to accept defeat, but these bureaucrats who know the fight must be taken all the way, and want no part of it.

A Marxist leadership must now be built in the unions to stop the NLRB in the only way that it can be stopped: labor must bring down Nixon and build a labor party to carry out socialist policies.

La labor de esta columna es la construcción de un nuevo liderazgo en la clase obrera. Es por ello que necesitamos el apoyo de todos los obreros hispanos en desarrollar esta columna. Favor de dirigir su correspondencia a Lucía Rivera, c/o Labor Publications, 135 West 11th St., New York, N.Y. 10011.

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Carta Al Editor

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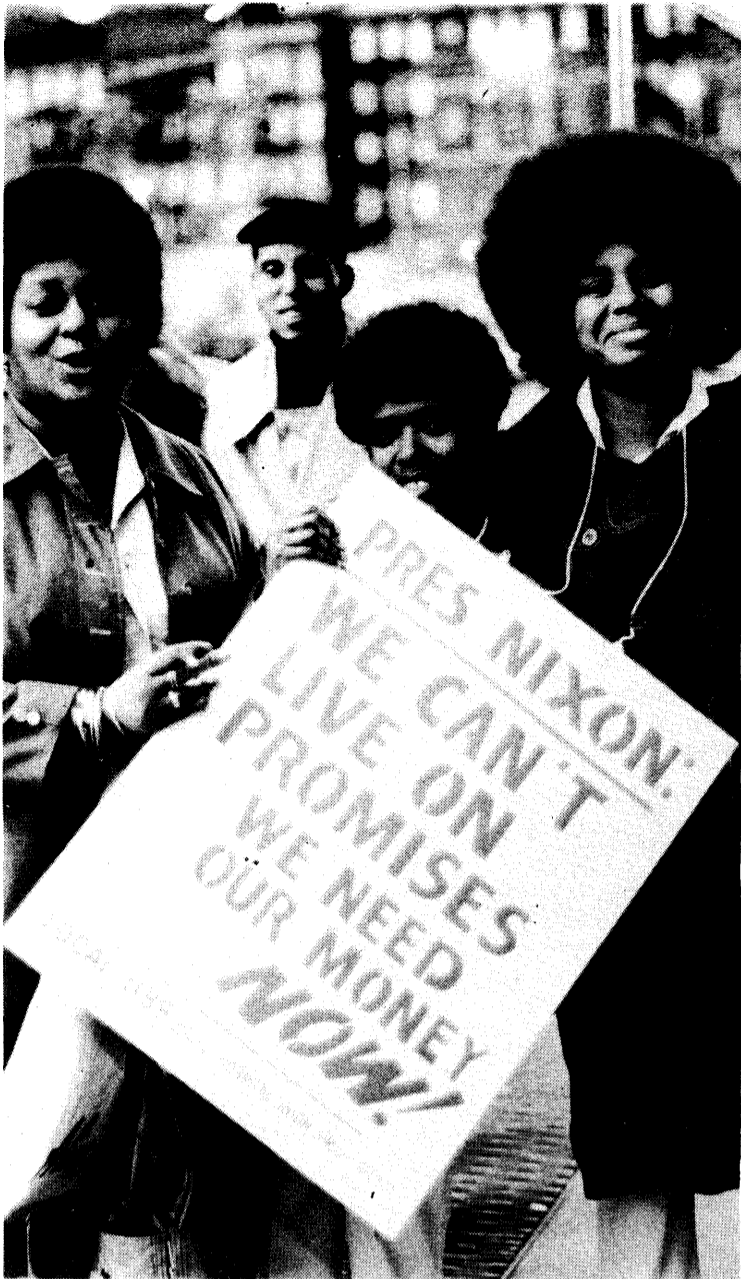
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