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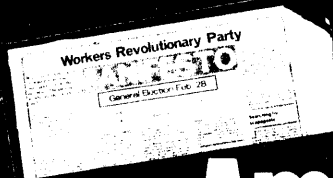
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## Join The Young Socialists March Against Nixon

The Workers League and the Young Socialists urge all workers and youth to join the March 16 marches against unemployment that will be held in Washington, DC, Chicago, and San Francisco.

These marches will take place as the government deliberately fuels unemployment more and more to drive down the living standards of the working class.

Economic reports for January confirm that an actual decline in production is increasing, while hundreds of thousands of jobs are permanently eliminated.

### What We Think

From "temporary" layoffs, Ford will now completely close its Mahwah, New Jersey plant for three weeks to convert it, while the Norfolk, Virginia plant will shut down for good.

It has just been revealed that a new surge of price increases is about to hit as commodity prices leap to their highest levels in history. Inflation is raging out of control in every country.

Nixon and his government are responsible for these conditions. It is Nixon who uses the inflation to rob workers of their wages and encourages the corporations to create unemployment to divide the working class and undermine rights and conditions won through decades of struggle.

This is why the Young Socialists and the Workers League will be marching all over the country to demand that this government be thrown out.

Nixon is determined to stay in power by whatever

means necessary and openly challenges any attempt by the courts and Congress to investigate Watergate and other scandals.

The longer Nixon stays in power, the greater is the danger to the working class of a right-wing military conspiracy aimed at destroying democratic rights and the trade unions.

General Haig has assumed unprecedented power within the White House and is openly preparing the military to move under conditions of martial law, to break the movement of the working class.

This is already the situation in England where mass unemployment has been created by imposing a three day week and the army is mobilized to move against the miners strike.

Yet, George Meany, president of the AFL-CIO, convening the Executive Council meeting this week in the middle of this crisis has nothing to say about burning issues that are affecting the lives of millions of workers.

His only comment on the unemployment was: "We've already reached the recession point in my book..." and added that "unemployment will go over 6 percent, maybe to 6.5 percent."

While real wages are being slashed by inflation, Meany declares: "I expect no explosion on wages demands."

The renewal by the AFL-CIO of a resolution for the impeachment of Nixon is a meaningless formality because the labor leadership refuses to take any action to force Nixon's removal.

Instead, Meany meets with racist and enemy of the unions, George Wallace of Alabama, to maneuver for a

new political alliance.

It is not the lack of determination by masses of workers to fight Nixon's attacks, but the cowardice of the union leadership that stands in the way of forcing Nixon out of office.

This was the issue in the truckers strike. The drivers were prepared to fight all the way to win their demands, but the leadership caved in to avoid the political confrontation with Nixon.

In this strike, where troops were called in and the use of tanks was threatened in an attempt to crush it, the preparation of the government for a military-police dictatorship was sharply exposed.

Meany's complacent assurances that there will be no wage explosion will not prevent masses of workers in the coming months from breaking through this stranglehold and launching powerful actions in defense of their living standards.

What is required is the construction of a revolutionary leadership that can lead this fight politically by directing the struggle against Nixon and demanding the unions build a labor party.

The Young Socialists unemployment marches will demand that the unions call a Congress of Labor to launch a general strike to force Nixon to resign, and to fight to replace him with a labor party of the working class.

To carry out this fight, revolutionary leaders must fight within the unions to expose and throw out the old bureaucracy and fight to mobilize the working class to force this government out and bring in a labor party that is pledged to socialist policies, to defend the basic rights of the working class.

## Soviet Poet Denounces Solzhenitsyn Exile

BY THE FOREIGN EDITOR

The deportation of Soviet author Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn has produced the very opposite reaction the Stalinist bureaucracy of Brezhnev had hoped.

Far from suppressing discussion of Solzhenitsyn's works and intimidating the opposition, the expulsion has provoked protests and widespread discussion on the issue of Stalinism.

The statement of Soviet poet, Yevgeny Yevtushenko attacking the action against Solzhenitsyn is a blow against the Stalinist regime.

After Yevtushenko sent a telegram to Brezhnev voicing his concern at the news of the arrest, a poetry concert he was scheduled to give was promptly cancelled and he was summoned to appear at the Secretariat of the Writers Union.

His telegram was called

"unworthy blackmail" and he was ordered to publicly denounce Solzhenitsyn which he refused to do.

Yevtushenko then issued an open letter in which he warned that the cancellation of the concert was "the beginning of discrediting of my poetry as a whole."

"But who is needed by our people—writers who automatically write or sign everything asked of them, or those writers who, taking the positions of socialism, nevertheless consider it their right to have their own viewpoint on the advantage to socialism of various actions."

Yevtushenko challenged the bureaucracy's position that the subject of Stalinism has been adequately dealt with. He charged that the official history books "artificially painted over the crimes" and "history was distorted with beautifications."

Referring to the "bloody crimes of the Stalinist past" he concluded his letter by saying:

"The disparity between historical reality and the description of history in books and

newspapers can lead our youth only to lack of belief, to cynicism, whereas we need belief, but real belief can only be based on the truth."

Yevtushenko has been the "official" Soviet poet who for a long period remained silent on the repression of authors, intellectuals, and scientists.

### HOSTILITY

His break with the bureaucracy on this issue reflects the deep hostility to Stalinism by broad layers of the population and a growing desire to find out the truth about the past.

Solzhenitsyn's statement released on February 12, "Live Not By Lies," is being circulated and widely read and discussed throughout Moscow.

The Brezhnev bureaucracy fears the exposure of Stalin's crimes and his murder of countless revolutionaries in the 1930s and 1940s because today they carry out the very same policies.

Solzhenitsyn has been stripped of his citizenship and deported without a trial or even a hearing. He is now in Switzerland where he will decide what country will be his permanent residence.

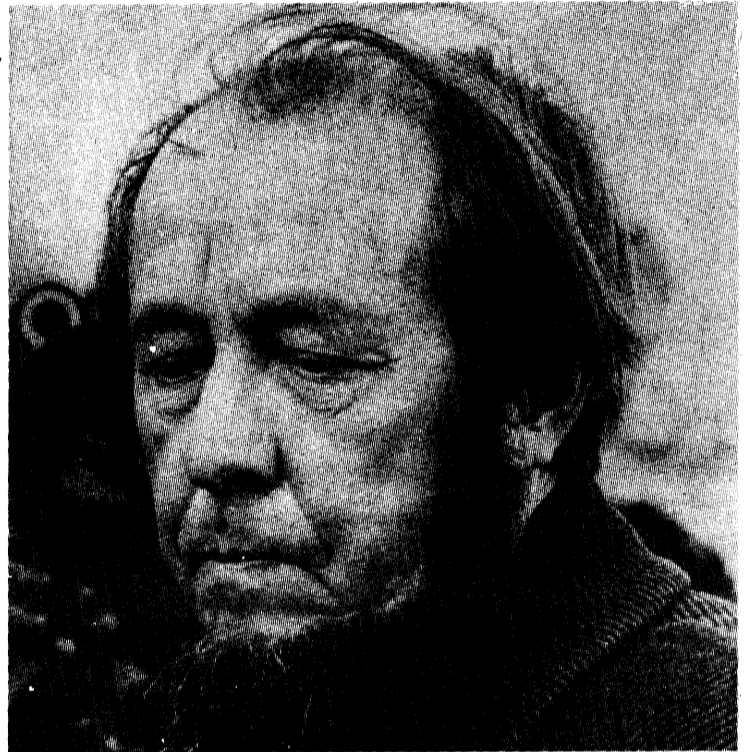
government will ship 500,000 tons of coal over the next 10 weeks.

Harry Patrick, secretary-treasurer of the US National Union of Mine Workers stated in Washington: "We sincerely and respectfully request our brothers on the docks of England not to unload any coal shipped for that purpose."

"... We refuse to lend aid and comfort to a government which has declared war on British coal miners."

The Tory plans were recently revealed by the statement of a Tory candidate RGS Bidwell who declared:

"We are talking about the application of military force, and no amount of anodyne phrases like 'peace-keeping' ... must be allowed to obscure the fact that what we are talking about is the use of lethal



Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn in Bonn, West Germany.

## Strike Shuts Martinique

BY A REPORTER

Following the general strike movement in Grenada, workers on the French island Martinique in the Caribbean staged a general strike on February 12.

The major union federations called the strike as a

one day protest against the cost of living, the decline in wages, and in support of the workers at the French owned newspaper France-Antilles, where negotiations to end a long strike have collapsed.

On February 14, 100 armed workers, attempting to prevent a return to work in the fields, clashed with police. Two workers were killed and others injured.

The general strike was widely followed in all sectors, especially among electrical workers, dockers, and sanitation men.

Meetings and marches were held in the city of Fort-de-France. The Martinique government sent for security forces from the islands of Guadeloupe and British Guyana.

The police chief of the island publicly appealed to the workers on television that, "There is no problem that cannot be solved through negotiation as shown by the favorable outcome of certain disputes these last few weeks."

Since the beginning of the year, strikes have broken out everywhere, especially in the construction industry.

The union leaders have disavowed the workers who fought with the police and are asking nonunion workers not to join the protests.

## Tory Red Scare Aimed At Miners

BY MELODY FARROW

The Tory government in England is desperately seeking the opportunity to create an incident with striking coal miners in order to bring in troops and strikebreaking police squads.

Tory Prime Minister Heath

met with Cabinet Ministers on February 17 to discuss their election strategy to create a "red" scare against trade unionists and blame "extremists" for the economic crisis.

Heath has made preparations to move in troops to move coal at docks and power stations. Massive stocks of coal have been imported from Poland and the United States. The Polish

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Ku Klux Klan rally in Atlanta, Georgia.

## Gold Price Expected To Soar Beyond \$150

BY JEFF SEBASTIAN

This week, gold soared to over \$150 an ounce on the international markets and it is expected to rise to astronomical levels.

The worldwide rush into gold and the panicked flight from all forms of paper now dominates every aspect of the international monetary crisis.

Speculation in gold was given added impetus by the recent announcement by Common Market finance ministers that central bankers have been directed to study ways the official price can be raised.

Behind the frenzied gold

speculation is a collapse of confidence in the capitalist system itself and the certainty that the wild inflation means the destruction of vast hoards of credit and paper money.

The Journal of Commerce recently revealed that its sensitive commodity index and its primary industrial material price index show that prices in this sector have been rising at a rate of 90 percent a year in the last three months.

### SPECULATION

The speculation about an official increase in the price of gold represents a desperate recognition that investment,

commodity production, and international trade cannot continue under conditions of wild fluctuations in currencies in which the value of paper money is unknown.

### DEBTS

Under present conditions, in which gold held by central banks is valued at \$42.22 an ounce, no country will settle debts in gold.

France, England, and Italy are borrowing huge sums from the International Monetary Fund and on the currency markets to pay off debts in paper rather than release any gold.

An official gold price increase will, in effect, destroy the value of the huge Eurodollar pool on which a great deal of world finance depends.

It would immediately increase the value of the gold now held by central banks and give a tremendous boost to the inflation. For example, a tripling of the gold price would raise the present US gold reserve from approximately \$10 billion to over \$30 billion.

Such measures would represent the final undermining of paper money and the destruction of all the credit arrangements that have financed world capitalism since the end of World War Two. A wave of bankruptcies and mass unemployment would result.

## IAM Takes Nixon Poll

A poll taken by the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers of every fiftieth member of the union has revealed that:

- 49 percent want Nixon to resign.
- 23.2 percent want Nixon to be impeached.
- 60.6 percent stated that the Cost of Living Council had slowed down wages but not prices.
- One out of five reported there were layoffs in their shops because of the oil crisis.

A record 5000 replies to the survey were received, said IAM President Floyd Smith, compared to the usual 3000 and many workers were so angry they added their own comments on the questionnaire.

Smith said that his members are "becoming convinced that their government is rigged for the benefit of the big corporations and the richest families."

Smith added that unless Congress did something "this disenchantment could be dangerous."

## Young Socialists March Against Unemployment

Washington-Chicago-San Francisco

March 16

\$5 transportation & dance

# Tape Expert Suspects Two Are Frauds

BY A REPORTER

New bombshells may explode when the panel of electronics experts that is investigating the subpoenaed presidential tapes issues its report.

According to a Washington Post report, the White House and the special Watergate prosecutor Leon Jaworski were informed that one of the court appointed experts suspected two of the tapes were copies and not originals.

Of the nine originally subpoenaed tapes, two are claimed never to have existed, one has an 18 minute gap, and now two more may be frauds.

The desperation of the White House was revealed when The Washington Post story first broke on Sunday. An emergency conference with White House lawyers was called by Alexander Haig at Key Biscayne.

Haig personally called the executive editor of the Post and threatened "to use every bit of power of this office," saying that: "We are going to take it on like no other story... we will probably go on national television."

Shortly after this threat, the White House backed down in a statement from Nixon's lawyer James St. Clair confirming that such suspicions had been voiced by the tape experts. St. Clair demanded an investigation of the security leak.

### DOUBT

Nixon is also attempting to cast doubt on the validity of the expert's report by producing his own report by a former lieutenant colonel of army intelligence who now operates a firm

specializing in "counterintelligence and security work."

This report claims that the 18 minute gap in the key Haldeman tape was due simply to faulty equipment rather than to erasures as reported by the panel which examined the original tape. Nixon's expert has never seen the original.

It is clear that the White House had ample time to work on the tapes. Its own logs show that long before the existence of the tapes was made public, Nixon aide Stephen Bull, H.R. Haldeman, and Nixon himself spent days pouring over the subpoenaed material.

As in the case of the tapes, Nixon intends to put every possible roadblock in the way of the investigation, destorying evidence and holding back material.

He is relying on the hesitation of Congress and the paralysis of the trade union leadership to give him time to build up support in the military and among the most right-wing elements such as George Wallace.

### CLOSED DOWN

The Senate Watergate Committee has just decided to close down its hearings without calling witnesses to testify on the Hughes-Rebozo links or the political contributions from the milk producers.

Nixon is now refusing to provide requested material to special prosecutor Jaworski and is holding back information from the House Judiciary Committee which is investigating impeachment.

Despite all the hesitation of the Congress, the threat of new indictments combined with the opening of the trial of former cabinet members Maurice Stans and John Mitchell guarantee that a confrontation cannot be held off for long.

## Fighting Continues On Syrian Border

BY A REPORTER

Secretary of State Henry Kissinger will go to the Middle East next week in an attempt to begin negotiations between Syria and Israel on disengagement in the Golan Heights area.

Both Sadat of Egypt and King Faisal of Saudi Arabia have been anxious to reach an accommodation with the US holding out hopes for a lifting of the embargo in exchange for a "positive" role by the US in the talks.

The Syrian regime, whose troops are still exchanging fire with Israel almost daily, are insisting on a withdrawal from occupied territory before any change in the embargo.

The Syrian authorities, however, reportedly asked the Palestinian guerrilla organizations to move their bases at least 30 miles away from the borders with Israel, indicating their fear of a possible disruption

of negotiations.

The Soviet Union has been adding to the pressure by urging the Syrian government to begin talks.

Kissinger would like to come up with some sort of face saving formula to bring about an Israeli withdrawal from some section of the Golan Heights, while Israel is still left in control of the territory captured during the 1967 war.

Kissinger hopes to maintain as much as possible for the Zionists in the negotiations.

The continued demand of the Nixon government that Arab oil prices must be lowered cannot be obtained through the present talks or even in a lifting of the embargo which would be bitterly opposed by the Arab workers and peasants.

The US goal remains a reestablishment of total control over Middle East oil supplies which means continued preparation for war behind the masquerade of peace talks



# Teachers Turn Down Final Offer

**BY LARRY SYMONS**  
BALTIMORE, Md.—  
Teachers here have voted down the city's latest contract offer, and will continue their two and one-half week strike.

now moved to get a contempt charge against the teachers who have been defying an injunction since the strike began February 4.

### HEARING

A hearing has been set for February 22 when the PSTA must show cause why it should not be held in contempt.

Schaefer said last night: "The city will request that appropriate fines be imposed on a daily basis until the PSTA and its leadership come into compliance with the court order."

As the strike enters the critical stage where the government will begin fining and arresting teachers, PSTA leaders refuse to fight for a program to defend the teachers. At today's rally, there was a rare question and answer period, that was supposed to be confined to questions about contract provisions.

### TUALP

A member of the Trade Union Alliance for a Labor Party spoke, saying that the arrests and fines were coming and that the PSTA should call on the city labor movement to prepare for general strike action to defend the teachers strike.

At a rally of 5000 teachers held today, Baltimore teachers rejected the offer by an 85 percent margin. Leaders of the Public School Teachers Association (PSTA) had recommended rejection of what the city termed its "firm and final offer."

This package was actually worse than an informal offer rejected last week by teachers. The city offered wage increases of three percent this year and five percent next year, and no provisions for reduced class size, binding arbitration, a grievance procedure or a guarantee of no reprisals.

The PSTA has raised this year's wage demands to 5.5 percent and stood firm on 11 percent, including fringe benefits, for next year. Mayor William Donald Schaefer has



Demonstrators at City Hall in Manhattan on Wednesday protest rent increases authorized by Mayor Beame.

# Landlords To Increase New York Rent Over 11%

**BY MITCH PATTERSON**

NEW YORK, NY—  
Landlords throughout the city of New York who own rent-controlled apartments have been granted the right from Mayor Beame to impose a rent increase of four percent.

The increase goes into effect immediately and will affect at least 2.5 million tenants.

The landlords have been screaming about how their cost for labor has gone up and have been pressuring the city administration to allow the increase.

The Bronx landlords threatened to sever their contract with the Building Service Employees Union Local 32-E if the city did not comply to their demands.

The actual increase that the

landlords will impose on the tenants will be 11.5 percent. A law which was passed under the John Lindsay administration, which went into effect in 1972, gave apartment owners the legal right to increase rent 7.5 percent annually. When added to the newly negotiated 4 percent rise, it totals 11.5 percent.

The landlords plan on sub-

mitting a request for still another increase in the near future. The landlords will file this request because of their increased fuel costs.

### LAW

Moreover, there is already a law that states that landlords who are classified as "hardship cases" can raise their rents up to 15 percent a year.



# Teamster Pension Tied Up In Vegas

**BY A REPORTER**

A federal grand jury has just returned a string of indictments against seven individuals and three corporations charging them with looting the Central States Teamster pension fund of more than \$1.4 million.

Frank Fitzsimmons, President of the Teamsters Union, is one of the trustees of the \$1.2 billion fund which covers the pensions of half a million Teamsters in over 30 states.

The indictments include two trustees of the fund who represent the employers, a reputed Chicago mafia figure and an investment consultant for the fund who recently served nine months in prison for accepting a \$55,000 kickback on a previous loan made by the fund.

### DIVERTING

The defendants are charged with diverting pension money that was loaned to Gaylur Products, Inc., a plastic products maker and two companies controlled by Gaylur. All three companies are now defunct.

Money lent to Gaylur went to purchase a home and an airplane for a Chicago bailbondsman, Irwin Weiner and for personal

expenses for Ronald DeAngeles. The two operated Gaylur Products.

### LAS VEGAS

Other money was diverted to a Las Vegas gift shop in the Circus Hotel and Casino operated by Anthony Spilotro, who has been named as the mafia's financial overseer in Las Vegas.

Fitzsimmons also figures in an investigation into the Bally Manufacturing Co., the world's largest slot and gambling machine manufacturers.

Both Fitzsimmons and Attorney General William B. Saxbe acquired stock in the company at cut-rate prices just before the stock went public in 1969.

### MILLIONS

The Teamster pension fund has lent millions to Bally and recently okayed an additional \$2 million loan at an interest rate of only 6.5 percent.

Hundreds of millions of dollars of Teamster pension funds are tied up with mortgages on Las Vegas casinos. Through these operations, the Teamster leadership maintains the closest ties to the mafia. In many cases, the Teamsters have made loans to employers and then guaranteed repayment through sweetheart contracts.

Both Attorney General Saxbe and Fitzsimmons were the strongest advocates of "law and order" during the recent truckers strike.

# Stoppage At Washington Post

WASHINGTON, DC—  
Action by workers at The Washington Post here delayed printing of the paper two days last week.

The Post management was forced to eliminate 15 pages of advertising from last Sunday's edition and Monday's morning paper was cut from four to two editions.

The workers involved are the composing room staff and printers who are members of the Columbia Typographical Union Local 101.

### ENGRAVERS

The photo engravers of The Washington Post and The Washington Star News have settled their dispute by accepting a one year contract that includes a 5.5 percent wage increase and a small cost of living clause.

### CONTRACT

Workers at the two papers have been without a contract since September 30. The management is seeking to bust the union with the introduction of automation. The newspaper is seeking to introduce an automatic typesetting process and wants to eliminate the union

practice of resetting typographical material submitted by advertisers.

# No Restrictions For Strip Mines

Officials of the Nixon administration have been holding secret meetings with representatives of the coal and electrical industries to prevent passage of a bill that would place restrictions on strip mining.

Environmental groups have obtained a memorandum marked "confidential" sent by Allen Overton Jr., President of the American Mining Congress, the industry's lobby, to other mining and electrical utility executives.

The main provisions the industry and the Nixon government want to remove from the present bill are the sections requiring a regrading of the banks of reclaimed strip mines "to the original contour," a section banning the dumping of earth down the mountainsides, responsibility by the companies for a period of five to 10 years to replant the stripped earth and restrictions on open pit coal mining.

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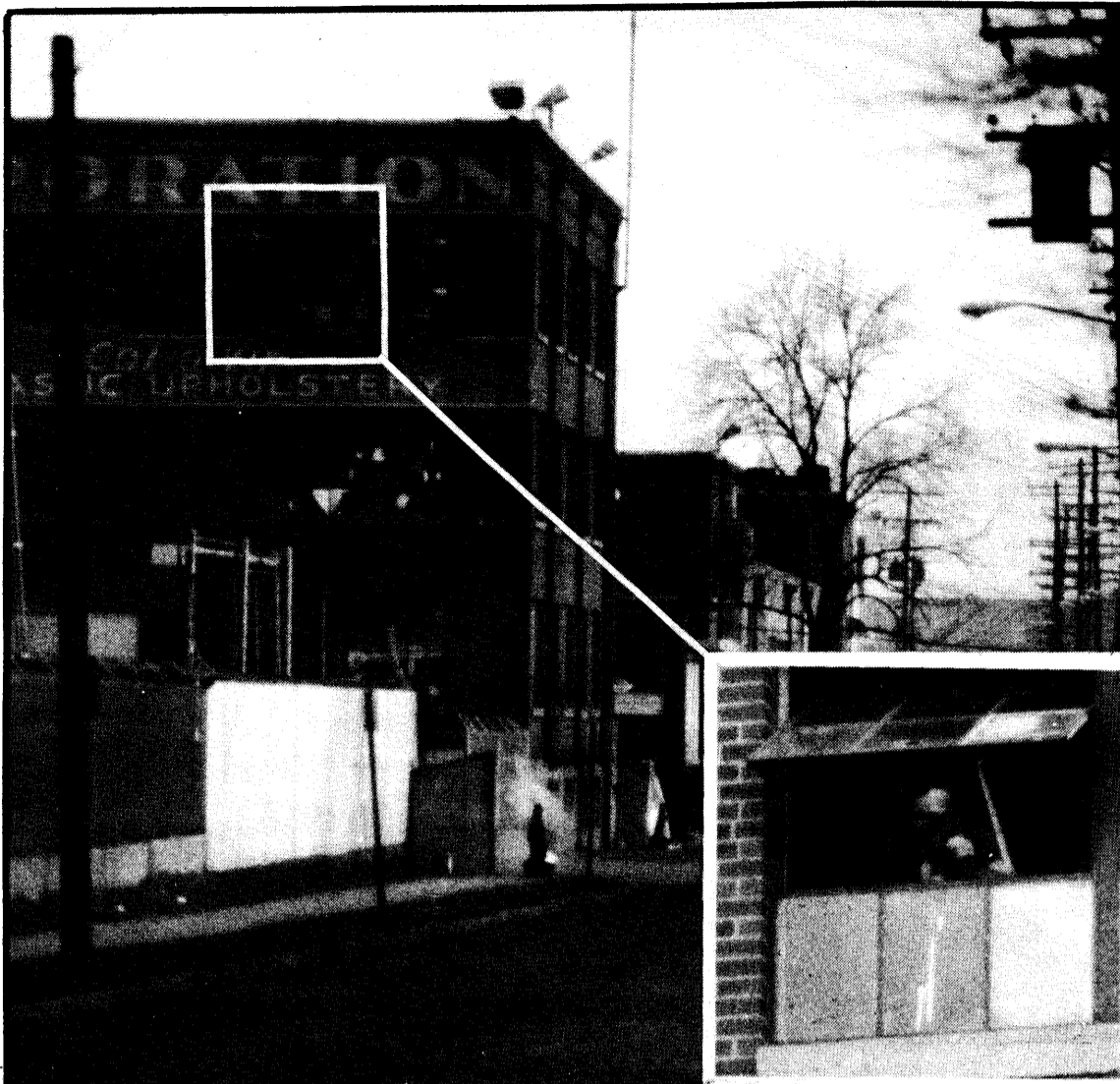
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# Borden's Private Police State

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COLUMBUS, Ohio—**  
Due to growing indifference and inhumanity by Borden Chemical's Columbus Coated Fabrics Company, members of Local 487, Textile Workers Union of America were prompted to strike when the previous contract expired on February 9.

Since then, the company has heaped more abuse on the workers, especially since the local's refusal to accept the company's minimal offer, 30 cents per hour the first year, and 25 cents each subsequent year.

CCF workers are paid \$3.65 per hour, about 40 cents under the average Columbus industrial worker.

The average weekly earnings reported by one worker is \$160 per week, being reduced to \$80 after deductions for hospitalization insurance, taxes, and other fringe benefits.

In addition to the poor pay scale, workers have been exposed to dangerous working conditions at the plant. In August, the entire factory force of about 900 workers conducted a two-month work stoppage to protest unsafe working conditions.

#### POLYNEURITIS

At that time, about 168 of the factory employees were stricken with polyneuritis, a chemically-caused nervous system disorder.

The company eventually was forced to comply with minimum state safety rules, and provide ventilation of the plant, and provisions for eating space away from dangerous chemicals.

However, since the workers returned on November 5, the number of workers affected has climbed to 187. Ten have been disabled.

As soon as the February 9 strike began, CCF called for case reviews of those polyneuritis victims receiving Workmen's Compensation. The benefits have been suspended, pending outcome of the reviews. Striking employees' pay-

checks for the last week worked have been withheld, and some workers report two weeks' pay withheld.

In addition to withholding workers paychecks, the company has taken money from them, ostensibly for a pension plan. The company has been deducting 5 cents per hour regular time, and 7 cents per hour overtime, to add to a company "retirement fund." But at the advent of the strike, CCF was unable to locate the "retirement" collections.

#### ABUSES

Other abuses include the cessation of all insurance, disability, and hospitalization benefits at the beginning of the strike.

In addition to Columbus City Police, who patrol the factory and the nearby union hall at frequent intervals, the company has brought in goons with Doberman pinscher and German shepherd dogs to "guard" the plant's grounds.

Cameramen are also placed strategically around the plant and periodically take night infrared photos of the pickets.

"I suspect the dogs are there to possibly create trouble on the picket line and intimidate the workers," said Corwin Smith, Local 487 president.

#### CAMERAS

"The dogs and the cameras are a psychological measure to upset the picketers." The company is also using special equipment to monitor long range conversations.

Smith told the *Bulletin* one picketer had been struck by a car driven by a member of the special security force, brought in since the strike. He said the security man not only struck the picketer deliberately, but backed up his car, and tried to hit the picketer again.

"He is not in the hospital, but he does have pain in his back and his legs."

CCF, owned by the multi-billion dollar Borden Corp., has threatened to pull out of Columbus, and stated publicly the company will try to break the union.

The union's new contract demands are, as one worker put it, "asking for a fair living." The wage demands are 90 cents the

first year, and 60 cents each the next two years, a cost of living clause, and a safety clause.

One worker said: "The company feels the workers are expendable. They do not want to talk to us, they think we are a bunch of trash—uneducated hillbillies without rights."

"We have no right to voice our opinions."

He also said the \$67 per week accidental sickness clause in Borden's hospital insurance policy is practically worthless. "You have to argue with them every time to get paid," he said.

The company has also conducted a letter campaign, sending registered and special delivery letters to the workers' wives, urging them to talk their husbands into accepting the company offer. The letters to the wives threaten the company will pull out if the men do not return to work on the company's terms.

#### LETTERS

"For what the company spent on those letters, they could have given us all a raise," said one worker.

CCF's offer was made in January, before the end of the old contract, and the workers were told they could "take it or leave it." There have been no negotiations with the company since the initial offer.

The Borden Company owns 387 enterprises around the world, including dairy holdings and chemical plants. The CCF plant makes several vinyl-type fabrics, including Wall-Tex wall-covering.

#### GROCERY

Borden also recently acquired the Big Bear Grocery chain, in middle and eastern Ohio.

CCF threats of shutdown are not believed by the workers at the plant, because the company recently installed new equipment. The Borden Company has relocated its offices in Columbus, presently renting offices in the posh Lincoln Towers business building, pending completion of the Borden building downtown.

Columbus, Ohio, was chosen by a political polling organization as the most typical middle-America city. The city contains vast slum areas, and the CCF plant is located in one of the most run-down areas.



Cameras for Borden's photograph pickets, upper left. Company Doberman pinscher, top. Below, pickets determined to win.



Developments in Britain signify that a new stage in the struggle of classes internationally has been reached.

Prime Minister Heath's attacks on the miners and attempts to drive down the living standards of masses of workers reveal the preparations of the capitalists in Britain and all the advanced countries, above all in the United States, for civil war.

American workers must now learn from events in Britain in order to prepare for the revolutionary struggles on the agenda in the United States. The turn in the international situation expressed most sharply by developments in England requires that we proceed with the construction of the Workers League with the greatest urgency.

The general election scheduled for February 28 in England takes place under conditions of the most massive international crisis of capitalism since the world depression of the 1930s.

The rise in the price of gold beyond \$150 per ounce means that all attempts to maintain some order in the international monetary system have failed. Uncontrollable recession and inflation are now taking over in every country. With the dollar no longer convertible into gold at any price, the billions in inflated capital used to finance the boom are worthless.

A revolutionary situation now exists in England. The oldest capitalist country is being bankrupted by the crisis. The British ruling class is in a showdown not only with the coal miners but also with the entire trade union movement.

Prime Minister Heath's ordering of a three day work week is not a temporary measure to save energy, but rather a conscious introduction of mass unemployment. Millions of workers are literally threatened with starvation as they are thrown out of work as food prices skyrocket.

The Tories plan to break the tremendous power of the British working class and destroy the rights it has won over 200 years in order to save their crisis-stricken system.

Only by taking power and establishing socialism, preparing for this great task through the construction of the Workers Revolutionary Party, British section of the Fourth International, can the working class defeat these attacks.

These issues dominate the election in Britain: but they are posed with the same urgency in the United States. Because it is this country which as the leading imperialist power is the center of the world crisis, what can be seen in England today will take place in America in the immediate future—and can already be detected in the present developments.

Unemployment is already growing in this country on a scale unknown since World War Two. Heath's preparations for civil war in Britain through the strengthening of the military-police forces and the hatching of sinister conspiracies find similar expressions within this country in the Watergate conspiracy, in the presence of General Haig in the White House, and in the use of National Guardsmen against truckers during the recent strike.

American workers can see in Britain the conditions which we will soon face. We must fight for the construction of the labor party in the US under conditions of revolution in Britain, and this means that our central task in the fight for the labor party must be the construction of a revolutionary leadership in the trade unions and among the youth.

#### EXTREMISTS

Heath's preparations for civil war are revealed most sharply in his statement that the main challenge to Tory rule comes from the "extremists." Having declared war on the living standards of British workers, he has given this label to the 11 million trade unionists in England who are resisting his attacks.

In a similar way, Nixon called the truckers who were leading the fight against inflation in this country "a handful of desperadoes."

What has Heath's policies meant for the working class? Since he took office in 1970, food prices have risen an average of 53 percent. The price of a loaf of bread has gone up 66 percent. Fish is up 192 percent. Meat is up 81 percent. Cheese is up 72 percent. Flour is up 76 percent. Bacon is up 55 percent. Butter is up 35 percent.

British workers earn much less than American workers. Coal miners, who have gone on strike because they will not accept these attacks any longer, earn an average of \$35 to \$50 per week. A worker who must support an entire family on \$70 per week is

considered well paid by the capitalists.

These prices have spelled disaster for working class families. Rickets, a disease caused by malnutrition, is appearing among school children for the first time since the 1930s.

Heath deliberately introduced this inflation to pauperize the working class. The repeated devaluations of the pound and the entrance into the Common Market were attacks aimed against the living standards of workers.

Inflation will continue in England and in the United States because of the relation of all paper currency to gold. The capitalists are now talking about establishing an official price of gold at somewhere between \$120 and \$200 per ounce in place of the present \$42. This drastic action—although inadequate to stabilize the monetary system—would immediately sanction worldwide price rises in the area of 300 to 500 percent.

To fight back against this calculated decision to destroy living standards is to be, in the eyes of Heath, an "extremist."

The Manifesto of the Workers Revolutionary Party for this election declares:

"The Workers Revolutionary Party unhesitatingly supports all trade unions and trade unionists who are being bashed and red-baited by the Tories; we take the side of working class families forced to scrimp on food and clothing because the Tories have deliberately driven up the cost of living; we stand by every worker who is fighting to preserve his standard of living and the basic democratic rights of the working class.

"If these people are 'extremists' than the Workers Revolutionary Party is 100 percent with them. No one else will speak up for the working class in this election. The Labour Party leaders have already disowned the miners and they have produced a manifesto which does not contain a single socialist measure to protect the working class against rising prices and onrushing mass unemployment."

Along with inflation, the Tories plan to introduce mass unemployment. There are now 2.2 million unemployed workers in England. The budget introduced by the Tories in December, which slashed public spending by \$3 billion, was a blueprint for recession. Unemployment will soon mount to more than 4 million: equivalent to 16 million in the US.

It is these attacks which have brought about a powerful movement of the working class against the Tories. Heath seeks to whip up a frenzy against the working class with his witch-hunt against "extremists" in order to prepare for savage repression against the entire labor movement.

The Tories have already passed laws which strip trade unions of the most basic rights like the right to negotiate for wages. Severe restrictions have been placed on the right to strike.

#### MILITARY

Since coming into office, Heath has built up the military and police in order to actually implement these laws through the destruction of the trade union movement. All the methods of torture and repression developed by the Tories in Ireland are now ready for use in England.

For the past four months, a state of emergency has existed in Britain. While the miners were refusing to work overtime before the all-out strike began, the Tories suddenly staged tank maneuvers in Heathrow Airport outside London.

British intelligence has been at work with the police to link it up as a unified force with the army in actions against the working class. The Tories are also attempting to set up a force of Special Constables with the specific assignment of strike-breaking.

One Tory politician, R.G.S. Bidwell, declared in a speech that, "the use of lethal weapons and warlike skills, to kill or impose the fear of death" will be required in an industrial struggle.

Heath has not built up these forces to arrive at a peaceful settlement with the miners or any other section of the working class over wages, jobs and democratic rights. They have been set up for civil war measures against the working class by the Tories after the election or even before.

The American ruling class understands the importance of the struggle in Britain and for this reason have offered Heath the service of the Central Intelligence Agency for use against the trade union movement.

It was the strength of the miners that forced the resignation of the Tories 18 months before their term was to expire. The miners simply refused to accept a further deterioration of their living standards even



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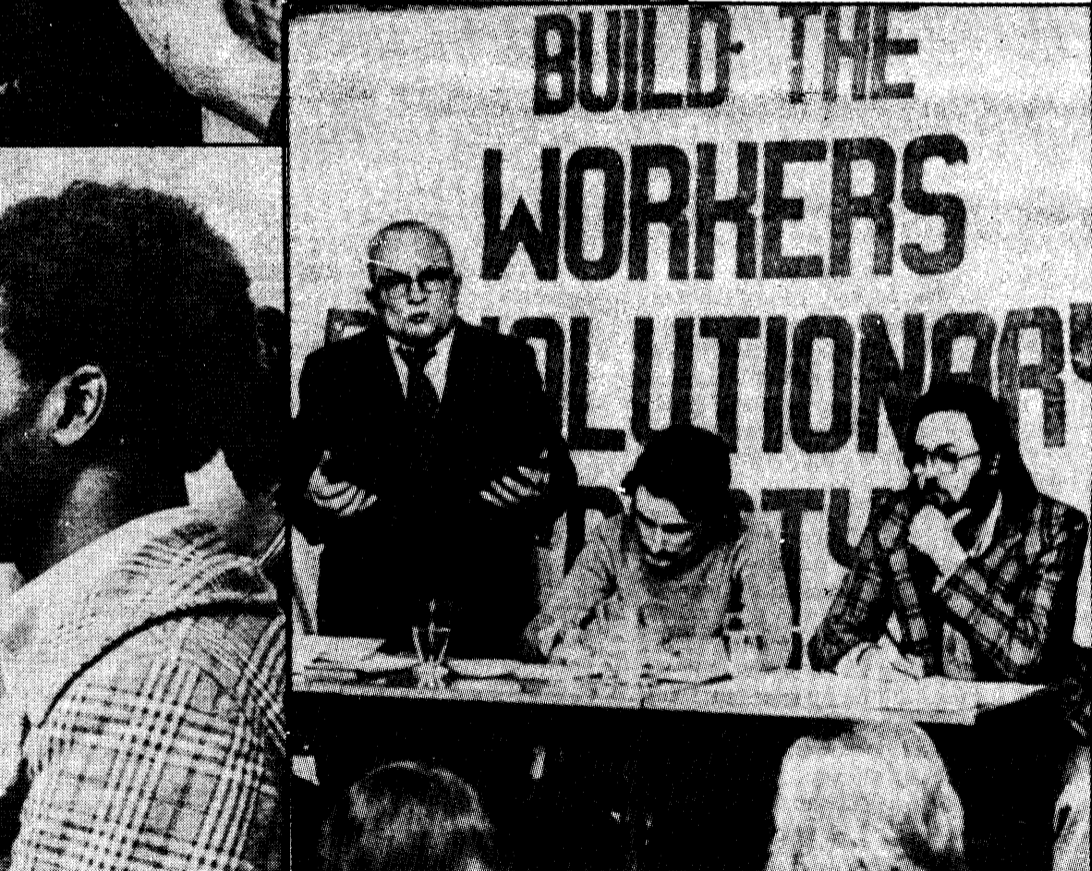
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An electrical worker, Charles Jones, came forward to denounce the right-wing Labourites: "They are in contempt of the working class. Prentice is an enemy of the working class."

In Merthyr Tydfil, a district in South Wales, popular militant trade unionists urged workers to reject the local Labour Party leadership and vote for the WRP.

WRP candidate Sylvester Smart is campaigning in Lambeth Central, an area which has a long history of struggle against the Tories.

"This is one of the first areas where the Tory government sent in a new police unit: the Special Patrol Group," he explained.

### UNITE

"The Workers Revolutionary Party fights to unite the whole of the working class behind socialist policies.

"Everyone must have the right to work and have a decent standard of living. Nobody should be allowed to make a profit out of food or housing or off the backs of other people."

Wherever candidates of the WRP speak, they are met by trade unionists and housewives hit hard by inflation and disgusted with the refusal of the Labour Party leadership to fight. Workers are now seeing the reformist leaders openly denounce trade unionists for defending their rights.

Reginald Prentice, Redgrave's opponent, was greeted with shouts of "shame" as he declared that workers had no right to defy the repressive laws of the Tories. He even said, "I am not going to spend too much time attacking the Tories though a word or two may creep in."

Commenting on Prentice's speech, Vanessa Redgrave said that: "In the course of the campaign the Workers Revolutionary Party will do everything to expose this reformist leadership and people like Prentice, and warn of the need to build the Workers Revolutionary Party as the only alternative to lead the working class to power."

Because the objective conditions of the capitalist crisis have destroyed all basis for compromise between the classes, the struggle of the miners has brought the entire working class against all the limitations of the old forms through which it has defended its rights.

Bourgeois democracy is being broken up by this crisis as the Tories move to smash the democratic rights of the working class. All the Fabian theories of class compromise defended by the Labour Party are being exposed as bankrupt.

### REACTIONARY

Stalinism has emerged in Britain as the principal reactionary force in the labor movement seeking to prevent the working class from breaking with the reformists.

The British Communist Party which controls important posts in a number of unions including the National Union of Miners, has been the staunchest opponent of forcing the Tories out.

Since Heath came to power, the CP has advocated protest activity to pressure the Tories to pursue "progressive" policies. CP member Mick McGahey, vice president of the miners, declared that the struggle for wages was not a struggle against Heath. Now, in the midst of the election, the CP calls for the victory of the Labour Party vaguely pledged to "left" policies.

By deliberately dropping the demand that the Labour Party carry out socialist policies, the CP attempts to cover for the treacherous trade union and Labour Party bureaucrats.

The right-wing Labourites are fully prepared to enter into a coalition with the Tories in the name of "national unity." Such a coalition would be nothing less than a cover for the preparations by the military, police, and followers of rightist Enoch Powell for a dictatorship on the model of Chile.

The full extent of Stalinist treachery is revealed in the shameless scabbing on the British miners by the Polish government which has authorized the shipment of coal to England. The contracts for these shipments were actually drawn up after the miners strike became inevitable.

However, the British Stalinists have come out in support of the attempt of the Polish bureaucrats, doubtlessly working under the instruction of the Kremlin, to break the miners strike. Bert Ramelson, industrial organizer of the British CP, said that his party supports "the contractual obligation of the government to deliver coal to its customers."

It is only through the construction of the Workers Revolutionary Party that the influence of Stalinism can be destroyed in the workers movement. Founded on the fiftieth anniversary of the Left Opposition, the WRP is the product of the struggle of the International Committee in defense of the principles set down by Trotsky in the struggle against Stalinism.

This struggle for principles now makes it possible to construct mass Trotskyist parties that will take the working class to power.

Events in Britain will play a critical role in the education of millions of American workers. The lessons of revolutionary struggles in Britain will be absorbed by American workers as they are forced to confront similar conditions.

Wild inflation, massive unemployment, police provocations, and military conspiracies: all the characteristics of Britain's crisis are already revealing themselves in the United States. The drop in industrial production by .8 percent means that the recession has already started and that unemployment will rapidly rise beyond the five million mark. Economists are predicting a rate of unemployment in the area of eight percent.

The rise in the wholesale price index at an annual rate of 32.3 percent since December shows that the living standards of every American worker is being driven back by Nixon.

### The WRP is running nine candidates in the February 28 General Election They are:

- Royston Bull  
in Stechford, Birmingham
- Sylvester Smart  
in Lambeth Central
- Bill Hunter  
in Toxteth, Liverpool
- Vanessa Redgrave  
in Newham NE
- Steve Hammond  
in Dunbarton Central
- Brian Lavery  
in Pontefract
- Kate Blakeney  
in Swindon
- Roy Battersby  
in Merthyr Tydfil
- Dave Temple  
in Wallsend

American workers must experience in the coming months the same attacks now directed against the British working class because of the international character of the crisis.

This means that the question of leadership is posed no less acutely in the United States than it is in Britain. The truckers strike was just the first stage in the great movement of American workers now beginning their offensive against Nixon and the corporations.

But even this preliminary movement posed all the decisive issues that must be confronted in preparing the American revolution.

Within the course of their strike, truckers began to discover the limitations of trade union militancy as their fight to defend their living standards against inflation meant a fight with the government which sent National Guardsmen to patrol the highways and ordered riot police into truck stops.

The truckers strike ended not because the National Guard could break the strike, but because there existed no leadership prepared to take the strike forward politically by seeking to mobilize the working class against Nixon through the construction of a labor party pledged to socialist policies.

The movement of American workers against Nixon now must be brought forward politically through the construction of a Marxist leadership.

We repeat: what occurs in Britain today will take place in the United States tomorrow. This means that the labor party will emerge in the heat of revolutionary struggles in both England and America.

Our fight for the labor party, based on an international perspective of the crisis, is the fight for a revolutionary leadership. It is the fight for the construction of the Trotskyist movement in the United States, for the building of the Workers League.

We call on all trade unionists, unemployed workers, housewives, and youth to take up the fight for this leadership by joining the Workers League.

Part 3, Revised Perspectives Resolution will appear in Mar. 1 issue.

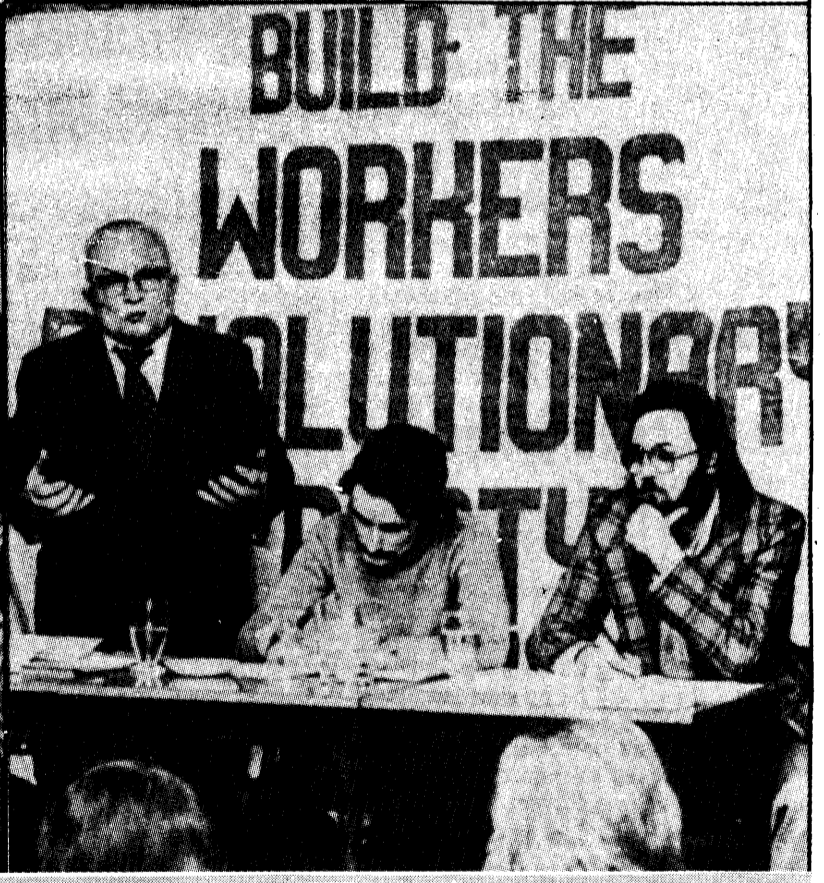




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## Europe And America Today

The split with France at the Washington Conference of oil consuming nations brings the breakup of the Common Market and the bitter trade war between the US and its European and Japanese rivals to a new stage.

The open conflict in Washington proves conclusively that European capitalism is incapable of forming an alliance to wage a united trade and monetary war against the United States.

Instead, the situation can be summed up by French Foreign Minister Michel Jobert's statement that each country is out to "save its own hide."

The split in Washington was provoked by Kissinger's insistence that the major industrial countries of Europe and Japan act as a bloc against the oil producing nations under the complete hegemony of the United States.

Secretary of State Kissinger and other American spokesmen spelled out to their rivals the brutal measures that American imperialism was prepared to take if they did not line up behind US policy.

Behind the brutal struggle which has broken Europe into hostile factions is the breakup of the international monetary system and the collapse of the dollar as an international standard of value.

The present crisis is the direct result of Nixon's August 15, 1971 measures which removed the link between the dollar and gold. This action meant that huge hoards of dollars and credits no longer had any fixed value and were not convertible into gold, thus removing any stable basis for international trade. This set into motion the present wild inflation and all-out trade war.

August 15 represented an American decision to force the weaker economies of Europe and Japan towards wholesale bankruptcies and mass unemployment.

The energy crisis has sharpened this struggle enormously by providing the US, with its relative independence in oil, a powerful bludgeon against its rivals.

The French decision to oppose the United States and break with its Common Market partners was dictated by the desperate weakness of French capitalism.

French industrial development is far inferior to that of Germany. Much more than England and Germany, which use a considerable amount of coal for power, French industry is totally dependent on imported oil.

Faced with a staggering import bill that threatens to wipe out its entire hoard of gold and foreign currency reserves, the French capitalists have launched a campaign to beat out their competitors through currency devaluation, borrowing on the world market, and bilateral oil bartering agreements with the Arab states.

The pious declarations in Washington about avoiding competitive devaluations are beyond the power of any government to act upon. The Japanese have already devalued the yen and the collapse of paper currencies makes such agreements impossible.

Step by step, the US is using its oil resources, the power of its economy, and the inability of its rivals to replace the inflationary dollar to drive Europe and Japan into conditions of civil war and revolution.

Japan is already deep into recession. New machinery orders have been slashed one-third, inflation is rising at an annual rate of over 20 percent, and there was a \$2 billion balance of payments deficit in January alone.

Oil shortages make any serious expansion of industry impossible. The threat of unemployment and the runaway inflation is creating conditions for a major offensive by the Japanese working class.

In Germany with an economy almost totally geared to export, inflation and a slump in auto is bringing forward a powerful wage offensive that has forced the Brandt government to give 11 percent increases to striking public service workers.

In England, already on a three day week and facing massive deficits and the loss of world markets, the coal miners have refused to pay for this crisis and have launched a strike that can unite millions of workers to throw the Heath government out of office.

Each capitalist government is now rushing headlong into a policy of national protection, seeking to export at the expense of its neighbors and attacking its own working class through inflation, mass unemployment, and wage cuts, in order to make this possible.

This confirms the perspective of the International Committee of the Fourth International that the crisis of capitalism is dominated by America's struggle to drive down its European and Japanese rivals, provoking massive revolutionary upheavals in every country.

# IUE Leaders Refuse To Back Kuhns Dayton Strike

BY A REPORTER

DAYTON, Ohio—In spite of court and police harassment, threats of a company shutdown, and sabotage by the International Union of Electrical Workers, Kuhns Brothers workers rejected a third company offer.

The workers have made it clear they will not end their three and one-half month strike without a substantial wage increase, health insurance, and pension benefits.

On February 12, Kuhns strikers sat in at District 7 IUE headquarters. Led by John Blackman, chief steward and head of the negotiating committee, they occupied the headquarters for 16 hours.

Strikers circulated a petition protesting the International's action in placing the local, Local 768, under receivership and sending out ballots to the mem-

bership for a new vote after the last contract rejection February 7.

The strikers left the hall after they gathered enough signatures to demand the local pay for representatives to fly to Washington to meet with Paul Jennings, president of the IUE.

The IUE, instead of throwing its full forces behind the strike, has allowed scab material to be moved out of the plant

Wesley Wells, president of

IUE Local 775, who engineered a sellout contract at Chrysler Airtemp and who has done nothing about the layoffs, has now jumped on the bandwagon and criticized the District 7 leadership.

Kuhns workers should demand Wells act on his words and mobilize support for the Kuhns workers from Chrysler Airtemp and the other Dayton area locals in District 7 as well as all sections of Dayton labor.

## Lansing Tradesmen Continue Picketing

LANSING, Mich.—Mass picketing by building tradesmen at the open shop Long construction site continues

here after a 50 ton truck smashed through a group of 60 union pickets last week, injuring seven tradesmen.

Bitterness is building up among tradesmen against the state police who have not only protected scab labor at picket sites, but have also launched mass arrests against pickets.

Tradesmen are especially angry about the activities of state senator Phillip O. Pittenger, chairman of the state senate's "Committee investigating labor violence."

### FRIEND

Pittenger, a Republican, has earned the wrath of unionists by repeatedly crossing their picket line in the company of his old friend, developer Gordon L. Long, a member of the viciously antiunion Associated Builders and Contractors.

Pittenger says that he has toured the construction site three times in his official capacity of "senate investigator."

Pittenger's investigating is hardly impartial. His committee has met only once since its creation last November and Pittenger claims he has made no effort to get the unionists' side of the story because he is "afraid." Pittenger feels however that the union pickets are in "violation of the law."

Last year, Pittenger helped Gordon Long by setting up a meeting between Long and Colonel John R. Plants, state police director. Long is aching to lease his new building to the state police and the state labor department.

## Slave Conditions At Fireproofing Plant

BY A REPORTER

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio—General Fireproofing is one of the oldest Youngstown companies which manufactures office furniture.

Workers at GF are members of the United Steel Workers, but make 39 cents an hour less than the members of the steel workers in the mills. There is no cost of living in the contract, so that a Class 4 worker makes about \$25 a day before taxes.

The last contract only contained a five cents an hour raise and the rising prices have quickly wiped this out for the plant's 4000 workers.

"Food, gas, rent—just to live, the cost is tremendous, especially if you have a family. It is rough on the working man. I think we're coming to a world depression.

"People are working like machines just to live. GF equipment is ancient. We are in a bind if you have to work like this just to make a living.

"When you work hard, say at 200 percent, then they raise the rate. The rate setters come around and give you an extra 30 or 40 pieces to make.

"Then you cannot make much money. They do this at least once a year, especially around

contract time.

"It is cold blooded. I am just not going to work like a robot, like a machine.

"I just graduated from high school two years ago and I never thought that people had to work this hard.

"This union leadership is weak. The company and the union actually work together at GF.

"The union officials and company men are always hanging around together. When the company pushes, the union gives in.

### CHANGES

"The younger men want some big changes in the system, such as our money. We really need more money. Another two years, there will not be food in the stores. There will be another depression and Nixon is to blame.

"Tomorrow you could end this fuel crisis. They have wells in Pennsylvania sealed. But the military is keeping it in case of war.

"Nixon is only for the higher class and if he keeps this up, there will be martial law.

"The people must do something. I do not think the people elected Nixon. This whole system is corrupt."

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# midwest news

## Chicago YS Holds Jobs March

**BY A REPORTER**  
CHICAGO—Over 100 youth marched through Chicago's West Side last Saturday, carrying the Young Socialists' campaign for union action on jobs and to force Nixon out, into the working class neighborhoods here.

The marchers included many students from Manley and Marshall High Schools, and a large contingent of youth from Gage Park High School on the Southwest Side.

Along the route of the march, many stopped to buy the Bulletin and Young Socialist newspapers.

At a rally at a shopping center, Debra from the Southwest Side said: "Yesterday, they announced that food prices will go up the highest ever this month.

"We will not accept this. Every trade unionist in this shopping center must take the fight into their unions now for a labor party to throw out Nixon and his whole rotten system."

Immediately after the march, Young Socialist teams went to work building the Midwest



Chicago YS Jobs March drew enthusiastic response from the West Side working class.

Regional Jobs March which will be held on the South Side on March 16.

At one home near where the Regional March will start, a girl told the YS subscription team that came to her door that her sister had called her Saturday night to tell her about the march against Nixon that had gone past her house.

She bought a subscription, and then took a poster for the Midwest March and put it up in her front window.

As Debra said at the end of the West Side rally: "It is clear to everyone that has been on this march that the conditions are here for revolution. We can go forward now and build the leadership that is necessary,

from the trade unionists and youth we are reaching on these marches."

We urge all readers to join with us in the campaign for the Jobs March on the South Side on March 16, and to sign up now to join the Young Socialists and Workers League to build this leadership.

## 2025 Layoffs At Brook Park

**BY PERRY IVERSON**  
CLEVELAND, Ohio—On February 18, Ford Motor Company laid off 2025 workers at their giant engine plant and foundry complex in Brook Park.

Since December, nearly 2000 workers have been laid off. Last month, United Auto Workers Local 1250 voted almost unanimously to strike during negotiations but the strike was called off at the

## Elyria Teachers Return To Work

**BY LIZ BJORN**  
ELYRIA, Ohio—After a 13 day strike against the Elyria Board of Education, teachers have returned to work here with the settlement still undisclosed.

About 510 of the 650 teachers picketed in defiance of the Ferguson Act, an Ohio law which forbids strikes by public employees.

The strike was ended and the contract signed only after Lorain County and Probate Judge Harold S. Ewing ordered the board and the Elyria Education Association to conduct nonstop bargaining sessions.

The teachers had been working without a contract for a full year. The issues that brought the teachers out on strike were working conditions, especially the dismissal procedure for nontenured teachers.

The teachers received the overwhelming support of both parents and students. A mass rally of over 1000 parents was held in support of the teachers and only 3900 out of 14,000 students attended school during the strike.

last minute by the local leaders.

The following is an interview with Keith and Roxy Scruggs, two Brook Park workers.

Roxy: "They laid off Keith before Christmas vacation. He only needed eight more hours in before he got a one week paid vacation. There were 1100 laid off with Keith, 500 more after that, and now 2000 today.

"Even some of the guys that got called back are laid off now. Even the foremen are working the line. They even have women working the line, and Keith says they really make them work.

"I know one woman at the foundry who is just barely making it.

"I think the only way Keith will get back at Ford's is if Nixon gets out. If the oil shortage does not change, he will lose his mechanics job too, because they cannot get enough gas.

"We are sure headed for another depression. When I go to the store on Saturdays, it is up, up, up every week. But nobody's salary is going up."

Keith: "I talked to a guy today who worked with me. He has been working there for 21 years and now he is laid off.

"He was working at one of the engine plants. They shut down his whole plant.

"All the guys I was working with got laid off. There were 30 to 35 guys on one line, and that was just one line.

"The foundry is rough anyway. You are constantly breathing in metal parts. One week after I was laid off, I would blow my nose and this black stuff would come out.

"It is hot as hell and everyone wears those masks that you cannot breath with.

"All in all, it is rough. But I would give anything to get back there.

"They really caught me. We had just moved into this house and started remodeling.

"I was fortunate. I went back to my old job. A lot of guys that quit a job to go to Ford are now out in the cold.

"When a man is not working and has to live on his wife's salary you cannot make it."

Roxy: "What is Nixon planning to do about all these people laid off? Put them on welfare?"

## Two Shifts Slashed At Auto Body Plant

**BY CYNTHIA ELAKE**  
CHICAGO, Ill.—Two shifts have been eliminated from the Budd Company plant in Gary, Indiana.

Emil Macarrato, president of United Auto Workers Local 1122, said: "All we can do is say Novenas, burn candles, and have some Masses said."

Macarrato told the Bulletin that at least 1000 men are on extended layoff from the auto body plant.

He said there have been "tremendous layoffs" in production and that the line maintenance crew, the midnight shift, has been drastically cut back.

The Budd plant line has been shaping bodies for the Lincoln, Continental Mark IV, and for various Mercury models. About 20 percent of the line is still operating, working on Gremlin, Pinto, and Maverick bodies.

Even this production is threatened, Macarrato admitted because Ford is making moves to shift this production back to its own plants.

The Budd plant shutdown is just a part of massive auto-related layoffs throughout the Chicago area. A 20-year employee of the Seating Division at Young-Daybrook reports that he has just had his third week out of the plant this year.

"This time was the worst," he

Keith: "The group of us who got laid off talked to one of the union stewards. He said: 'keep in touch.' Well, we keep in touch, but we have not heard a thing.

"I think what the Bulletin is fighting for is a good move. We need a labor party.

"A handful of people cannot do it. It has got to be organized and nationwide."



Speaker:  
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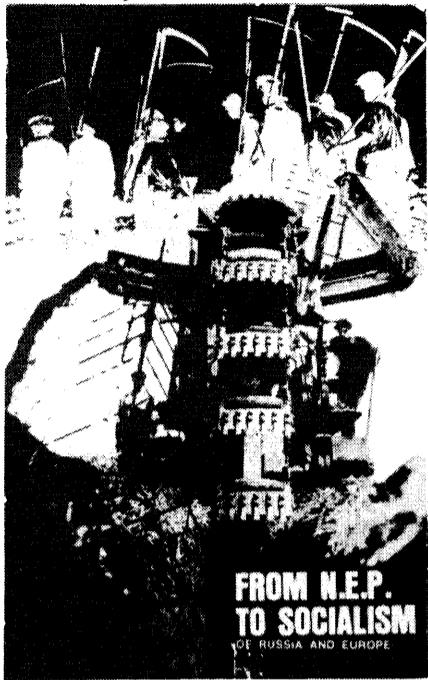
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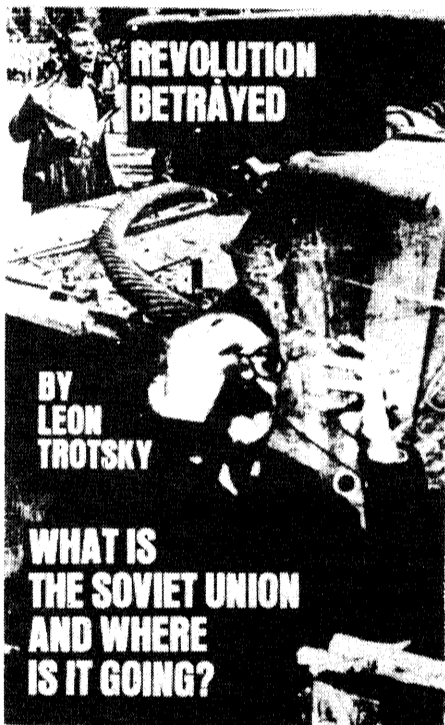
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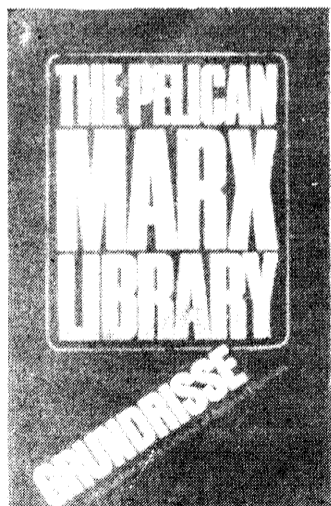
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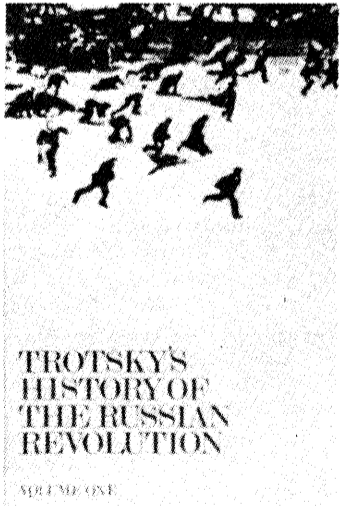
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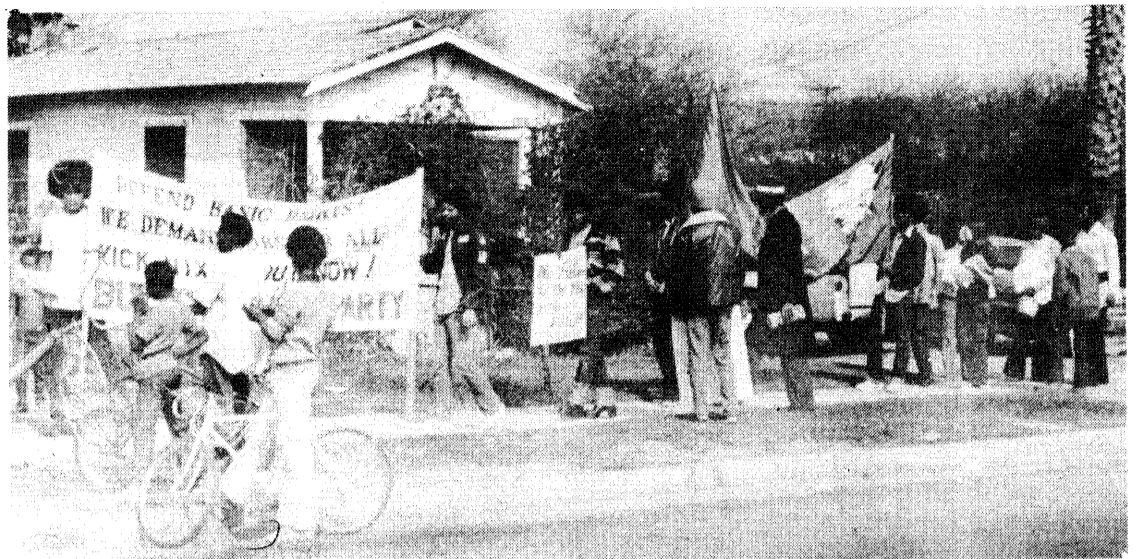
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# YS Watts March Builds Job Campaign



Young Socialists took unemployment campaign through Watts.

**BY A BULLETIN REPORTING TEAM LOS ANGELES—**  
“We demand jobs for all—kick Nixon out. Build a labor party now—join the Young Socialists.”

These were the chants that brought out housewives, youth, and workers from Watts along the march conducted by the Young Socialists on Saturday, February 16.

Over 40 supporters of the Young Socialists, and Workers League, youth and young workers from Watts, Westside, and Pomona marched through the community as part of the nationwide campaign to demand the unions take action to force Nixon out and defend the right to jobs.

Several young workers stopped work to watch the group march down Central Avenue. One young construction worker shouted: “Right on, get him out.”

Many subscriptions and copies of the Bulletin and Young Socialist newspapers were sold along the route.

Handing over his dollar for a subscription, one worker said: “You do not have to say anymore. Just let's get him out.”

The YS marchers were greeted with enthusiasm as they went past stores, restaurants, taco stands, youth centers, construction sites, homes, and schools.

As the marchers entered Will Rogers Park for the rally, a maintenance worker said: “If you get him out, I will not have to be picking up garbage.”

### REBELLION

Opening the rally, Sheila Brehm from the Workers League said: “This march today is a big step forward. It is significant that we marched on the very streets where the Watts rebellion took place in 1965.

“That rebellion, which marked the breakup of the boom, was a spontaneous uprising against the huge unemployment and poverty in Watts.

“Today, however, our march is part of the struggle to build a revolutionary leadership. This is not a protest.

“This march takes place when it is not just the youth and workers of Watts facing big attacks, but the whole working class.

“The basic issues of

unemployment, inflation, attacks on the unions, cannot be solved by this government but only by the working class taking power and establishing socialism.

“The truckers shutdown has not only shown the strength and determination of the working class, but Nixon's preparation for all-out war against the working class.

### NATIONAL GUARDS

“The thousands of National Guardsmen called out by the liberal Democrats and Republican governors alike proved that this government cannot be pressured. Our struggle is to build the YS and build the revolutionary party to lead the struggles ahead.”

Alex from Pomona said: “It is just like we are rapidly moving toward a depression. But this one will be worse than the 1930s.

“The capitalist class is using all its tactics to attack brothers and sisters Black, white, and Chicano. It is just like rats running from a sinking ship and the rats are killing off other rats.

“All the foreign countries are out for themselves now and

unless there is a conscious and united working class, we cannot get out of this crisis.”

Kimie Tani from the Westside YS branch said: “Conditions in the school are deteriorating rapidly. Schools are now run like police states. Youth get attacked and blamed for the violence. Nixon says to workers that you have to hustle and hustle to get a job. Hustle for \$1.65?”

“Youth in college too face mounting costs in tuition. There are no scholarships and no grants. It is as though a decent education is getting to be a luxury. And when you get out of college, there is no future at all. The fight of the YS for jobs is at the heart of a fight for survival, because under this system, if you do not work, you do not live, and today survival is more political than ever before.”

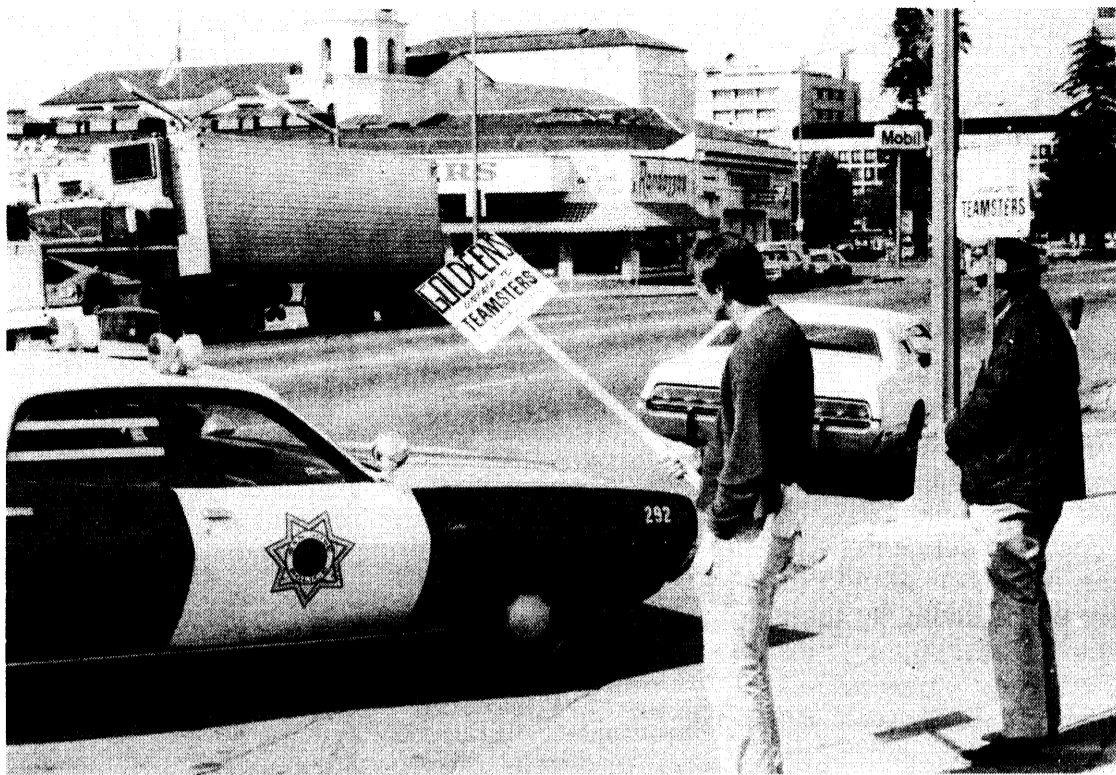
Ava from the Watts YS stated: “Everyone here should join the YS and take up this fight.”

She called on everyone to mobilize for the March 16 San Francisco march at the AFL-CIO headquarters to demand the unions act against unemployment by building a labor party to force Nixon out.





# Arrest 16 In Bud Antle Farm Strike



Teamsters picket at Goldeen's Furniture Company in San Jose for higher wages.

## City Workers Set Vote To Strike Wage Freeze

BY SUSAN FREDERICKS  
SAN FRANCISCO—The February 19 meeting of the Joint Executive Board of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) was forced to call a special strike vote meeting of all SEIU city workers for March 4.

Although the February 19 meeting was announced as a mass meeting to decide on policy, the SEIU leadership not only made no attempt to build it, but deliberately sabotaged it, because they have no intention of carrying through a strike.

They split up the meeting, sending Local 400 members to Golden Gate Park and only at the last minute announced a united meeting which most Local 400 members were never informed of.

Rank and file hospital, clerical, and janitorial workers and social workers were coming

to demand that preparations and organization for a citywide strike be mapped out.

Tim Twomey from Local 250, Jerry Hipps from Local 535, and other union bureaucrats spoke for an hour blaming the city workers for being apathetic and tried to use the small size of the meeting to claim that there was no support for a strike.

Union leaders charged that it was the rank and file that was responsible for selling out the 1970 city strike, not the leadership.

They reported that the board of supervisors was sticking to the original offer of a zero wage increase for 7000 workers, will try to take away election day as a holiday, and abolish one of the oldest fringe benefits, the right to cash in on accumulated sick leave upon retirement.

The union bureaucrats made clear that they were opposed to a political struggle by the trade

union movement against Nixon. Twomey's strategy is to support Edmund Brown Jr. over Alioto for Governor of California.

The campaign taken up by TUALP for a citywide strike to win the demands of \$80 a month for all, a fully paid dental plan, and a one year contract won great support from the rank and file who attended the meeting.

### DENOUNCE

When a young workers got up to angrily denounce the leadership for saying the ranks had no guts, the leadership had to call on a 535 representative to call a strike vote meeting.

## Asphalt Shortage To Cut 50,000 Jobs

BY TED BAKER  
SAN LEANDRO—Up to 50,000 construction workers in northern California may lose their jobs as a result of a 90 percent cutback in the production of asphalt roofing.

Trumbull Asphalt Co. which supplies nearly all of northern California, has indefinitely closed its Martinez plant and is running its San Leandro plant at only 10 percent capacity.

According to a survey by the Associated Roofing Contractors, present roofing supplies will run out in two or three weeks and some contractors have already run out.

Twenty five roofers have been laid off at Able Roofing in Oakland. One of them, Tom L., told the Bulletin:

"It just hit like a bolt of lightning. No one expected it. We just ran out of asphalt and cannot get anymore.

"It is because they make it out of oil and there is not supposed to be any oil, but I think it is part of

a great big conspiracy to rip the little man off."

Oil companies have completely shut off oil supplies for asphalt in order to switch production to take advantage of the rapid rise in fuel prices. This move has been supported by the federal energy office which has not given any oil allocation to nonfuel oil users.

Loss of jobs resulting from the asphalt shortage will spread throughout the construction industry.

Newton Bennett, a roofer from Roseville told the Bulletin: "I have been looking for asphalt for two weeks and cannot get any here in the Bay Area.

"They have already closed down four or five big jobs, apartment houses, last Friday. You have already had two or three roofing companies close down. This is going to be one of the lousiest years in construction you've ever seen for the simple reason you cannot get material."

During the rainy season, roofing must be completed before finishing work is done. This means that in addition to roofers, thousands of plumbers, electricians, and carpenters will lose their jobs.

CALEXICO, Calif.— Sixteen farm workers were arrested during a one day walkout at Imperial County lettuce fields.

Cesar Chavez, president of the United Farm Workers said the walkout "was not a strike, just a show of force." Chavez announced: "We are ready to go to court" to charge the growers with intimidation of farm workers since the contracts have been signed with the Teamsters union.

The UFW has lost its major contracts with all but one of the major Imperial Valley growers when the pacts expired last fall. Except for Interharvest, the growers have signed agreements with the Teamsters union.

As the harvest season begins again in California, it is clear that the farm workers have not abandoned their determination to have a union of their own.

Several hundred farm workers clashed with California highway patrol officers during the one day strike. The clash took place at the Bud Antle farm near El Centro.

After strikers had gone to the Mexican Border to urge workers not to cross, they moved into the Antle fields, crushing the crops.

Lettuce and rocks were hurled at highway patrol officers. One of the two workers arrested for assault was union organizer Gilbert Rodriguez.

Most of the contracts the UFW had were lost last year when the leadership of the Teamsters joined with the growers and sheriffs in a massive campaign of violence and terror against the UFW.

At that time, Chavez limited the struggle to protests, boycotts, and negotiations with the Teamsters and George Meany.

Every agreement attained in these meetings has since been broken by the Teamsters. The talks provided time for the growers to complete the harvest.

Although Chavez said yesterday that a general walkout might be called, Chavez has not been willing to conduct the struggle beyond the level of protest.

Farm workers must demand that Chavez actually call a strike—not just a one day protest—in the Imperial Valley and rally the entire labor movement in defense of the UFW.

### editorial

## Stalinists Ignore Fascists

The Communist Party is mounting a defense campaign for Yvonne Golden, their first mass campaign since their defense of Angela Davis.

Golden is a San Francisco teacher who was arrested and charged with inciting to riot because she stood up and demanded that the Nazis be ejected from a Board of Education meeting held on January 8.

A fight broke out at the meeting between the Nazis and members of the Workers Action Movement (WAM).

The police beat up and arrested 10 WAM members, while shielding the Nazis from the outraged spectators. Several days later, Golden was arrested.

The Workers League and the YS have campaigned for all charges to be dropped against Golden and the WAM members. The YS organized a lobby against the Nazis at the last Board of Education meeting, calling on the Bay Area labor movement to mobilize its strength to drive the fascists out of San Francisco.

Above all, we have warned that the emergence of the Nazis, the support they have received from the police and liberals like Mayor Alioto, and now the witch-hunt around the "SLA," are part of the conscious preparations of the ruling class for repression of the entire working class.

The CP is using the arrest of Golden to obscure these dangers and stir up nationalism and separatism. The center of the CP's attack is not the fascists or Nixon, but the racist school board. They state that the fascists are basically racists and a threat only to Blacks.

Most of their literature does not even mention the Nazis. Throughout their campaign in defense of Golden, they have refused to give one word of support to the WAM members.

The reason is clearly that most of the WAM members are white, which, if acknowledged, exposes the emphasis on the "race" issue as false.

Secondly, the CP seeks to attain respectability with the capitalist class by disassociating itself from "rioters." The CP is basing Golden's defense on her innocence, that she was trying to

help the school board "stop a confrontation from developing."

Golden herself is a nationalist, a founder of the Black Teachers Caucus, an advocate of separatism and community control, and a bitter enemy of the teachers union. She sought to organize Black teachers to scab on the last teachers strike and personally walked across the picket line.

The CP and Golden are not calling for any action by the labor movement against either the Nazis or Nixon, but restrict the defense to a "civil liberties" issue of "free speech."

The Socialist Workers Party has now reached a complete agreement with the Stalinists. Their article in their newspaper The Militant is exactly what the CP is saying. Golden is a "Black activist...being prosecuted because she has been an outspoken opponent of the racist policies of the board."

There is no mention of or defense of the WAM members, no call for action by the trade unions against the Nazis, and uncritical support for the defense campaign.

The capitalists are deliberately encouraging the growth of the Nazis in order to create a force to weaken and divide the working class in order to smash the unions. This is the purpose of the racist propaganda of the fascists.

The attempt of the Stalinists to deny the dangers in a growth of the Nazis and to deny that it is the concern of trade unionists was the policy of the German Stalinists before Hitler's rise to power, and the policy of Salvador Allende and the Chilean Stalinists.

The American CP consciously builds up illusions that the American ruling class will not use violence to preserve its system, in order to hold back a revolutionary struggle against capitalism.

We call on all workers to join the Workers League picket line at the Board of Education meeting on February 26 and to join the statewide Young Socialists March for Jobs on March 16 in San Francisco. The only way the fascists can be stopped is by the mobilization of the Bay Area labor movement to drive them out and construct a labor party to throw Nixon out.



La labor de esta columna es la construcción de un nuevo liderato 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: Lucia Rivera, c/o Labor Publications, 135 West 14th St., New York, N.Y. 10011

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## Represion En Santo Domingo

Luego de la revolución del 1965 en Santo Domingo, el capitalismo norteamericano ha logrado controlar la economía dominicana. El propósito de su intervención durante la revolución, fue de expandir su mercado en Santo Domingo.

Al presente el monopolio norteamericano Gulf-Western controla las principales industrias del país. El gobierno del presidente Balaguer, el cual llegó al poder y se ha sostenido en el hasta el presente por el apoyo de los Estados Unidos, ha concedido beneficios económicos al capital norteamericano.

Santo Domingo es zona franca para los capitalistas norteamericanos. Tienen una exención contributiva de 20 años. A la misma vez el programa de empleo del gobierno CORDE (Corporación Dominicana de Empresas Estatales) funciona a base de prestamos del gobierno norteamericano.

La tan mentada reforma agraria de Balaguer es más que un mito. Miles de campesinos han tenido que abandonar sus tierras ya que por el estado de infertilidad que se hayaban y la carencia de ayuda técnica por parte del gobierno, no podían producir ni para su propia alimentación.

La crisis capitalista se expresa más agudamente en los países dependiente de ellos como es Santo Domingo. El costo de la vida ha aumentado en los últimos meses en un 25 por ciento. La alimentación básica del trabajador dominicano ha sido limitada debido al alto costo de los productos.

El precio de los productos de alimentación del trabajador se ha duplicado. La libra del arroz esta a 22 centavos, las habichuelas están a 40 centavos la libra y la libra del bacalao a un peso con veintidós centavos.

Al mismo tiempo el aumento de la tarifa de la luz ha aumentado en un 56 por ciento en menos de un año. La crisis de la energía ha afectado más a los barrios pobres, donde ocurren apagones a diarios.

Estos barrios estan formados en su mayoría por campesinos que han migrados de los campos. Estos campesinos migratorios luego de doce horas de trabajo diario reciben dos pesos de paga al día.

La situación a la que se enfrenta el trabajador industrial no tiene gran diferencia con la de los campesinos ya que solo devengan un salario de tres pesos al día. Aquellos que trabajan bajo la CORDE tienen que compartir las mismas viviendas destartaladas que los campesinos. El alquiler de las viviendas representa cerca de la mitad del salario de un obrero.

El desempleo se haya cerca del 60 por ciento, siendo los sindicatos ilegales. Cada vez que hay una huelga, el gobierno interviene para destruir cualquier sindicato que sea independiente de los sindicatos amarillos que controla el gobierno.

Todos los partidos de izquierda estan ilegalizados y el gobierno desarrolla una represión sistemática asesinando cualquier liderato revolucionario.

A cualquier trabajador que la policía le encuentre con panfletos, periodicos o literatura marxista, puede ser asesinado, llevado a una cárcel donde se instrumenta un expediente y los jueces lo juzgan con pena desde un año hasta treinta de cárcel.

Las elecciones presidenciales que están programadas para el 16 de mayo, se desarrolla su campaña electoral en un clima de represión. La semana pasada hubo una manifestación en contra del alto costo de la vida la que fue disuelta por la policía, se arrestaron más de veinte manifestantes.

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## Represion En Santo Domingo

Luego de la revolución del 1965 en Santo Domingo, el capitalismo norteamericano ha logrado controlar la economía dominicana. El propósito de su intervención durante la revolución, fue de expandir su mercado en Santo Domingo.

Al presente el monopolio norteamericano Gulf-Western controla las principales industrias del país. El gobierno del presidente Balaguer, el cual llegó al poder y se ha sostenido en el hasta el presente por el apoyo de los Estados Unidos, ha concedido beneficios económicos al capital norteamericano.

Santo Domingo es zona franca para los capitalistas norteamericanos. Tienen una exención contributiva de 20 años. A la misma vez el programa de empleo del gobierno CORDE (Corporación Dominicana de Empresas Estatales) funciona a base de préstamos del gobierno norteamericano.

La tan mentada reforma agraria de Balaguer es más que un mito. Miles de campesinos han tenido que abandonar sus tierras ya que por el estado de infertilidad que se hayaban y la carencia de ayuda técnica por parte del gobierno, no podían producir ni para su propia alimentación.

La crisis capitalista se expresa más agudamente en los países dependiente de ellos como es Santo Domingo. El costo de la vida ha aumentado en los últimos meses en un 25 por ciento. La alimentación básica del trabajador dominicano ha sido limitada debido al alto costo de los productos.

El precio de los productos de alimentación del trabajador se ha duplicado. La libra del arroz esta a 22 centavos, las habichuelas están a 40 centavos la libra y la libra del bacalao a un peso con veintín centavos.

Al mismo tiempo el aumento de la tarifa de la luz ha aumentado en un 56 por ciento en menos de un año. La crisis de la energía ha afectado más a los barrios pobres, donde ocurren apagones a diarios.

Estos barrios estan formados en su mayoría por campesinos que han migrados de los campos. Estos campesinos migratorios luego de doce horas de trabajo diario reciben dos pesos de paga al día.

La situación a la que se enfrenta el trabajador industrial no tiene gran diferencia con la de los campesinos ya que solo devengan un salario de tres pesos al día. Aquellos que trabajan bajo la CORDE tienen que compartir las mismas viviendas destartaladas que los campesinos. El alquiler de las viviendas representa cerca de la mitad del salario de un obrero.

El desempleo se haya cerca del 60 por ciento, siendo los sindicatos ilegales. Cada vez que hay una huelga, el gobierno interviene para destruir cualquier sindicato que sea independiente de los sindicatos amarillos que controla el gobierno.

Todos los partidos de izquierda estan ilegalizados y el gobierno desarrolla una represión sistemática asesinando cualquier liderato revolucionario.

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