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The Collapse Of Capitalist 'Democracy'

The collapse of the Brandt government in West Germany and the Trudeau government in Canada, following on the heels of political crisis in every major capitalist country, express the unprecedented breakdown and collapse of the world capitalist system.

In every country, it is the strength and combativity of the working class, its refusal to accept the destruction of its basic rights and living standards, won through struggle, that has forced these governments from power.

What We Think

In Canada, the New Democratic Party (Canada's Labor Party) precipitated the fall of Trudeau's Liberal government when they cast the decisive votes in Parliament against the budget.

In Germany, the "spy scandal" brought to a head the disintegration of Brandt's Social Democratic Party which had suffered enormous losses in working class areas in recent local elections.

The traditional Labor Party which has ruled Israel since its beginning could not win a majority in the last election and now limps along as a minority caretaker government.

In the French election last May 5, the Gaullist party which has held power since 1958 was dealt a crushing defeat.

Last February, the determined struggle of the British miners forced the conservative Tory Party to call a new election in which they were defeated.

In Portugal, a dictatorship that has ruled for 50 years

has fallen as millions demonstrate in the streets, while in feudal Ethiopia, centuries of oppression have been irrevocably shattered by the revolutionary uprising of the masses of workers and peasants.

In every country, the fall of these regimes was preceded by a powerful strike wave in defense of wages.

Today, the insoluble economic crisis of capitalism and the massive inflation that it creates has united workers of the industrialized capitalist nations in a common struggle with workers in the underdeveloped colonial countries.

The capitalists of every nation seek the solution to their economic crisis in attempting to push the working class into impoverishment, in destroying hundreds of years of democratic and trade union rights.

The capitalists know they cannot impose these conditions on an undefeated and confident working class peacefully and thus they are forced to break with the traditional "democratic" parliamentary forms of rule and move towards open dictatorship.

Thus the stage is being set for an enormous confrontation between the classes, in which the defense of all the rights and conditions of workers cannot be settled through elections, but only in the construction of a revolutionary party to take power and overthrow this rotting and bankrupt system.

Social Democracy, as represented by the Wilson government in England and the Brandt government, which is based on the reform of capitalism is thrown into crisis by the class struggle. This is what lies behind the collapse of all the coalition governments.

Social Democracy becomes the vehicle used by the ruling class to continue their attacks on workers and is used to foster illusions that peaceful compromise is possible, while the capitalists prepare a brutal crack-

down, repression, and dictatorship.

In this way, the Social Democrats of Germany in the 1930s maintained that the capitalist parties would stop the rise of Hitler, right up until the day when he seized power and threw their union leaders into concentration camps.

Today, when Social Democracy is rapidly being exposed, it is above all the Stalinist communist parties, led by the Soviet bureaucracy of Brezhnev, who consciously prevent the working class from taking power.

The treachery and betrayal of Stalinism has reached a new stage. The Stalinists seek not just to pressure the capitalists, but to enter military dictatorships like the one in Portugal, whose leading generals once fought for the fascists.

The political collapse of these governments does not resolve anything, but poses the necessity of workers to become conscious of their power and to build a conscious revolutionary party, based on Trotskyism, that fights to establish the independence of the working class, to take power and establish socialism.

The lesson for American workers is that unless an independent labor party is built against the Democrats and Republicans, Nixon's resignation or impeachment must inevitably lead to an intensification of the attacks of big business.

A labor party will immediately be faced with the revolutionary task of expropriating capitalism, of nationalizing basic industry, and in this struggle, workers must expose the reformist leaders who will refuse to carry this out.

This is why we call on workers to join the revolutionary party, the Workers League, to build the leadership to prepare for the revolutionary struggle that is ahead.

NDP Rejects Struggle For Power

BY FRANK MARTIN

The fall of the Trudeau Liberal government last Wednesday marked the end of the alliance between the New Democratic Party and the Liberal Party.

Following the last election in October, 1972, the Liberals had 109 seats, the Tories 108, and the NDP (Canada's labor party) had 31. This gave the NDP the balance of power in the House of Commons.

The NDP received two million

votes from workers and housewives, its largest vote ever, yet it betrayed this mandate by propping up the Trudeau government for 18 months.

Lewis maintained throughout this period that the Liberal government could be pressured for concessions and reforms. In this, he was supported down the line by the Communist Party which, following the election, called on Parliament "to curb the monopolies."

The record of the Liberal-NDP alliance, however, is clear. Far from handing out reforms, the Liberals have used the NDP to launch a series of attacks on the

working class.

- Prices: are spiralling at 10.4 percent annually. Food prices have risen over 20 percent.

- Wages: have been kept down by "informal" wage guidelines to under 6 percent.

- Unemployment: is verging on the one million mark.

- Antiunion laws: have been used to break strikes on the docks, railways, and at the airports.

The Trudeau government was the first government in Canadian history to impose martial law in peacetime when it implemented the War Measures Act in October 1970. As far back as

April 1972, the military, under Trudeau's direction, have been preparing for a military takeover in Canada. This was revealed in the recently published reports of "Operation Neat Pitch."

The final breakup of Lewis's alliance with the Liberals was forced upon him by the massive wages offensive by the Canadian working class in the post office, the airports, and the St. Lawrence Seaway.

This strike movement was the response of the Canadian working class to the inflation which is ripping apart the Canadian economy. This inflation and the rise in the value of the Canadian dollar, which is destroying Canada's critical export trade, are deeply rooted in the international crisis of capitalism.

That is why the leading bankers and financial interests in Canada have called for "a strong, majority government" in Ottawa to drive back the working class.

The campaign of the Liberals and, especially, the Tories who are calling for a 90 day freeze on prices and wages and permanent controls afterwards, aims at carrying this out.

The Canadian labor movement has already shown its strength by forcing the resignation of Trudeau. It can and must be united on a program of socialist policies to defeat the plans of the Liberals and Tories. This means a complete rejection of Lewis' campaign which aims only to elect a few more NDP members to Parliament in order to prop up another Liberal or Tory regime.



University students in Santo Domingo demonstrate in defense of political prisoners.

Election Time Terror In Dominican Republic

BY LUCIA RIVERA

On May 16, presidential elections will be held in Santo Domingo.

Joaquin Balaguer of the Reformist Party is seeking re-election as President for the third time.

The opposition is an amalgam of national bourgeois parties together with the Stalinists, composed of the Revolutionary Dominican Party (PRD) Democratic Quisqueleano Party (PQD) Socialists Revolutionary Party (PRSC), and Dominican Popular Movement (MPD). The coalition is called the Acuerdo de Santiago.

This election campaign has

been marked by the most brutal repression against the masses. During the May 1 illegal demonstration of 80,000 people, several people were killed and hundreds wounded by the military and armed supporters of Balaguer's party.

Every day there are demonstrations and occupations of the schools by the students who together with the workers are protesting the unemployment and the inflation which is running at 40 percent this year.

In the city of San Francisco de Macoris there is a general strike in support of thousands of political prisoners to demand that the government allow those in exile to come back to the

country without facing persecution.

The role played by the Stalinists of the MPD is to try to maintain these struggles within the framework of the parliamentary elections.

They say that Santo Domingo has a feudal economy and in order to make a socialist revolution, it is necessary to go through a period of capitalism.

This position is maintained by the MPD in a period when capitalism internationally is in the deepest crisis. In the neo-colonies, such as Santo Domingo, this crisis is expressed most acutely and is bringing forward a new upsurge and rebellion by the working class.

Kremlin For D'Estaing

BY A CORRESPONDENT

The visit of Soviet ambassador Stepan Chervonenko to French presidential candidate Valery Giscard d'Estaing, 10 days before the national election, represents an open endorsement by the Soviet government.

D'Estaing is head of the French-Soviet Economic Commission which was scheduled to meet in Moscow next month.

The Soviet Stalinists have made it clear they want a Gaullist candidate to win rather than Socialist Party leader Francois Mitterand who heads the Left Union coalition of the SP, the Communist Party, and a section of the bourgeois Radical Party.

The Kremlin bureaucracy was a strong supporter of former French President Charles DeGaulle because he established trade and commercial deals with the Soviet Union. At the beginning of the election campaign, Moscow openly backed the orthodox Gaullist candidate Jacques Chaban-Delmas who was defeated on the first ballot.

D'Estaing, a leader of the Independent Republicans, a Gaullist ally, is a conservative with a deep hatred of the working class and was responsible for introducing an aus-

terity budget before Pompidou's death.

The Moscow bureaucracy subordinates the interests of the working class in every country to the maintenance of their own privileges which require an alliance with capitalist and even fascist regimes.

Their intervention in the French election is motivated by a fear that the Left Union, should it win, would be unable to control the revolutionary development of the working class.

While the French CP has been forced to write an article calling Chervonenko's visit "inopportune," the methods of the French Stalinists are no different.

Mitterand and the CP are aiming the second stage of the campaign at winning the votes of the middle class by depicting themselves as Gaullist allies. Mitterand repeatedly presents himself not as the candidate of the working class, but as the representative of all classes and the CP recalls how they were brought into DeGaulle's postwar cabinet.

The refusal of the Left Union to advance a bold socialist program will aid d'Estaing just as the Stalinist's betrayal of the 1968 General Strike paved the way for Pompidou's victory in 1969.

Wilson Upholds Anti-Union Act

BY MELODY FARROW

The decision of the National Industrial Relations Court in Britain to accept payment by an anonymous donor of the \$156,000 fine against the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers will not avert the tremendous class confrontation that is ahead.

In accepting the donor's offer, Hugh Scanlon, leader of the AUEW, one of Britain's most powerful unions, not only confirmed the legitimacy of the court and its laws, but called off a strike that would have rallied the entire working class against the Act.

The NIRC was established by the former Tory government as a weapon to strip the unions of their independence and bind them into a corporate state structure. The NIRC abolishes the right to strike and picket, to organize, and to collective bargaining.

This court moved last week to seize the AUEW and all its assets and replace the elected un-



British YS marches through London on May Day.

ion leaders with court commissioners when the AUEW refused to pay the fine which arose out of a one day strike against the Con-Mech engineering firm.

SURRENDERING

John Donaldson of the NIRC ruled that the fine would only be accepted on the understanding that the court was not surrend-

ering its authority.

This retreat by Scanlon, in collaboration with Labor Party leader Harold Wilson, will only encourage the ruling class to step up their offensive to smash all the rights and conditions of the working class.

This is made clear by the reaction of the Tory representatives in Parliament who denounced

the decision of the court. The ruling class and the major industrialists know that the decisive showdown with the working class cannot be avoided.

The NIRC only moved against the AUEW because they knew that the union leadership, including the Stalinists of the British Communist Party, would not put up a fight. Only the deter-

mination of the workers themselves not to pay the fine forced Scanlon to recommend a nationwide strike if the union was taken over.

The Labor government has not fulfilled one election pledge it made to the working class. It refuses to abolish the Industrial Relations Act, it has refused to carry out nationalization of basic industry, it has imposed a budget which raises prices and taxes and it is unable to offer any solution to the deepening economic crisis, reflected in the 20 percent rate of inflation and the balance of trade deficit.

DISARM

The ruling class is using the Wilson government to disarm the working class, while behind the scenes, all the preparations for civil war, for police, and military attacks on workers, are being drawn up.

This is what lies behind not only the attack on the AUEW, but the attempt by the British-Leyland auto company to withdraw recognition from Alan Thornett as the deputy senior shop steward. Thornett is a leading member of the Workers Revolutionary Party.

The attack on Thornett is part of a drive to smash the powerful shop stewards movement and the entire trade union organization in the industry.

The requirements of British industry require the most brutal speedup, intense productivity, wage cuts, elimination of unprofitable sectors leading to layoffs, and violation of every union agreement. In short, British-Leyland is out to destroy the union.

The British working class will resist these attacks every step of the way. The defense of the basic rights of British workers will be fought out in bitter struggles that pose the necessity to sweep aside the reformists in the Labor Party and to take the power.

The Workers Revolutionary Party is leading the fight to expose Wilson, and is calling on all workers to rely only on their own independent power to fight back and to unite behind the socialist program of the WRP.

Green Light For Prices

BY A REPORTER

President Nixon has issued another warning that he is ready to try "responsible" labor-management negotiations but will reimpose controls if necessary.

The controls Nixon is threatening apply only to workers' wages, while every corporation joins the rush to boost prices, now that the Economic Stabilization Act is dead.

Industrial commodity wholesale prices continued to soar and reached an annual rate of 27 percent in April, an increase of 20 percent over last year.

The largest increases were in

the prices of metals, plastics, pulp and paper products, machinery, chemicals, lumber, and wood.

Processed foods and feeds are rising at an annual rate of 14 percent, especially dairy products, fish, baked goods, beverages, and processed fruits and vegetables.

These figures do not even include the huge leap in prices that can be expected now that official controls are off.

No sooner did Ford Motor Company "promise" the Cost of Living Council that it would not raise prices again this year, than Ford announced an average in-

crease of \$164 on the 1974 models.

Henry Ford arrogantly justified the increases by declaring that estimates of cost increases were 100 times higher than in November.

Furthermore, Ford said "hundreds more dollars" would be added to the price of the 1975 models.

Ford announced that government regulations would add \$800 in the next few years to the price of a car in addition to over \$500 for safety and pollution devices.

"With the price controls ended, we expect to recover a larger portion of the cost increases we continue to experi-

ence."

In addition, the Senate just voted not to give the Cost of Living Council any power to even enforce commitments to hold down prices.

The Senate, in collusion with Nixon, has given the giant corporations a field day to raise prices to astronomical levels, while any union which fights for more than 5 percent in wages is bitterly opposed.

Nixon can be sure to count on the support of the Senate and the Congress in passing any emergency move to slash wages, while inflation continues to rise out of control.

NY Printers Gear For Long Fight

BY A REPORTER

NEW YORK—The lockout of over 1000 International Typographers Union members at the Daily News entered its second week as contract negotiations reopened here between ITU No. 6 and the publishers of the Daily News, the Post, and The New York Times.

The lockout at the News followed the introduction last Monday of new automated equipment which threatens the jobs of all ITU members. When No. 6 President Powers tore up a plate prepared by the new process, he and other union officials were arrested and the entire composing room staff was locked out.

OFFICIAL

The ITU International leadership has refused to call an official strike at the News or to recognize a lockout. Meanwhile, the local leaders of the News-

paper Guild, which has some 3000 members working at the News, has told its members to cross ITU picket lines.

The Bulletin interviewed a picket captain on the line. "Automation is like a cancer. For the publisher, it's an antidote for everything. The News claims it's guaranteeing all our jobs.

GUARANTEE

"What this guarantee means is this: most of the guys here are over 50. They've been working here for 20 to 30 years. The News says, 'Sure, we'll give you a guarantee; only, first, you've got to pass a little competency test.' In other words, you've got to take a test to see if you can type 60 words a minute. If you can't, you're out."

This guarantee, which the News is offering, would run for the length of the contract, from 1973 to 1975. In exchange, the News wants a free hand to introduce automation beyond the life of the contract.

"Nobody knows what's going on on the thirty-sixth floor, where the new equipment is located. It's like an armed camp. You go up on the elevator and a messenger says 'What do you want?' and then you wait a min-

ute and he brings you back your answer and you go downstairs.

"Nobody's even seen the place. For all I know, George Wallace and the American Party could be having their convention up there, preparing to invade New York.

"It's like a James Bond story. They trained these guys secretly in Jersey and in Florida and then, one day, all of a sudden there they were.

"At this point, they're just trying to keep putting out a paper. They don't care how."

GUILD

In discussing the position of the Guild members, the ITU member said: "My father and my uncle before me taught me: 'Never cross a picket line.' I was brought up that way.

"When they went out last year, we stayed out for three days not to cross their picket lines."

He said that many Guild members supported the strike, that they had sent out 300 bagels and cream cheese and coffee this morning to the workers on the picket line.

The fight of the ITU is in defense of the rights of all printing workers, not only in New York, but throughout the country.

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Morristown— No Jobs And Nothing To Do

**BY JEFF SEBASTIAN
MORRISTOWN, NJ**
—A series of incidents at Morristown High School here have provided the local authorities, press, and police with an excuse to whip up racial hysteria and launch a "law and order" campaign against the youth.

Morristown is a small town of 17,500 people, about 25 percent Black. Many of the local residents work at plants in the area, such as Allied Chemical, Bell Labs, Warner Lambert, and the Pickatinny Arsenal.

Surrounding Morristown is Morris Township, an affluent white area whose residents commute to New York to work. All the youth attend Morristown High School.

Last Thursday, a scuffle at a carnival involving white and Black youths brought in the police.

RUMORS

The next day at the high school, rumors that a Black youth had brandished a knife brought hundreds of students out of the school and forced cancellation of classes when the students refused to return.

On Monday, new violence broke out when an unidentified white was reported to have thrown a liquid substance in the face of a Black girl.

Sixty police from a dozen agencies throughout the county were brought in. One student told the Bulletin: "Sticks were thrown from the top of the school. People were ripping off pieces from houses in the area to fight with."

"Nobody was afraid and it

Pittsburgh Press Deal Eliminates 19 Jobs

**BY HAL STANTON
PITTSBURGH**—The six-week strike of Teamsters Local 211 against the Pittsburgh Press ended Thursday when the ranks ratified a new three year contract.

The Local 211 leadership made concessions on every major point in the bargaining. The contract provides only a \$14 per week immediate raise for each man, with three additional raises totalling \$33 to apply later.

INADEQUATE

The contract, which is totally inadequate to meet the present rate of inflation, contains a cost of living clause which does not go into effect until 1975.

The union leadership retreated

didn't stop 'til the cops started clubbing people over the head." Eight students were injured.

The school was closed all last week while police and school authorities called dozens of meetings. One meeting was attended by 2500 people from the area.

DISCIPLINARY

The authorities are demanding stringent disciplinary measures. The school is to be reopened with police and plainclothesmen permanently stationed on the premises. ID checks are to be conducted at entrance places.

Most doors to the school are to be sealed off. Demands are being made to search out the "ringleaders" and prosecute them.

In an editorial on Tuesday, the *Daily Record* declared: "Administrators have been far too lax in handling Black-white student problems in the past...Many students, out of fear, refuse to report incidents for fear of repeated incidents...students must be taught through disciplinary measures if necessary that one does not demand respect, one commands it...A disciplinary board with authority and responsibility to suspend or expel students found guilty of infracting rules should be established...Disciplinary action is the answer. The school must be brought to order..."

The students who spoke with the *Bulletin* reported it differently. "The school is too crowded. There are not enough facilities, no place to go. People walk around during free time bored."

JOBS

Another youth said: "You can't find a job now. A lot of kids have nothing to do but hang around. If everyone had a job, it wouldn't be like that."

Both white and Black students

on the key issue of defending 15 jobs in the loading department which the Press plans to eliminate.

They accepted a promise by the publishers that other work would be found for the men eliminated, at the same rate of pay. This opens the door to massive layoffs throughout the plant as the Press, like many other newspapers around the country, is attempting to automate.

The settlement demonstrates the tremendous strength of the workers as the Press was unable to inflict a decisive defeat on the union.

The Press is still facing critical negotiations with the typographers and mailers who were idled by the Teamsters strike and will face the brunt of the layoffs in the new automated shop planned by the Press.



Confrontation between Black and white youth at Morristown HS on Monday brought police to the scene.

are demanding their own grievance council independent of the administration.

DISTORT

Black and white students are complaining that history books are ancient and lie about the role of Blacks in the US. Black students are demanding an integrated course to bring students together in addition to the present Black studies program which is attended only by Blacks.

One youth told us: "Conditions here are mediocre. It's hard to get jobs. If you aren't in college, there's nothing."

"Now the police want to prosecute. But there aren't any

ringleaders; nobody started it. They want to turn this school into a prison."

The Morristown authorities are attempting to distort the meaning of these events, presenting it as a racial issue to frighten white parents and divert attention from the growing unemployment and deteriorating conditions in the schools.

SALESMAN

A white student stated: "I know a guy who worked for Allied Chemical. He was the top chemist in his field. Now he's a salesman at Bambergers."

"The arsenal is laying off too, mostly engineers. I can see

what's going on. In times like this, people want to know what's happening. A lot of people could go for Wallace because they know where he stands."

CAMPAIGN

The situation in Morristown is developing at a number of other New Jersey towns as well. The law and order campaign beginning at Morristown reflects the same crisis that has led to the "Zebra" hysteria in San Francisco and the anti-busing marches in Boston. These incidents are designed to split the working class and create the basis for antilabor right-wing movements.

Washington Post Cancels Contract

BY A REPORTER

WASHINGTON, DC—Printers in the Columbia Typographical Union No. 101 continue to work at the Washington Post and the Star-News under a constant threat of lockout.

The publishers of the Post and Star-News cancelled their labor contract with the printers union over an alleged slowdown, absenteeism, and a refusal to do overtime.

The printers have been working without a contract since September 30, but the terms of the contract have remained in effect until this week.

The publishers are doing everything possible to provoke a walkout or any job action that would allow the Post and the Star-News to lock out the printers and convert immediately to the use of automated typesetting equipment.

One clerical worker told the *Bulletin*: "All supervisory personnel have been trained to operate the new equipment and are ready to take over."

The printers are determined to fight for their jobs and they have already set a vote for May 15 to authorize their leadership to call a strike.

The contract negotiations have repeatedly broken down over the question of job security. Management is threatening to establish new work rules to force the printers to either work with a contract on management's

terms, continue to work under the terms without signing them but without a slowdown, or face dismissal for conducting job action.

It is clear that the Washington publishers are following the union-busting tactics used by the New York Daily News where

printers have already been locked out.

ITU members and other craft unions are in bitter battle with management at the Kansas City Star, the Pittsburgh Press, the Post Gazette, as well as with the New York and Washington papers.

Unity Shuts GC Murphy

BY LARRY SYMONS

BALTIMORE—The strike here against four GC Murphy stores is in its seventh week as part of a nationwide organizing drive and strike by the Retail Clerks Union against the big discount chain.

All 12 Baltimore stores are being picketed and more are expected to join the 4 striking stores soon.

Wages and working conditions at Murphy's are the worst anywhere. Most young workers are hired at the minimum wage and workers with 20 years service still only make \$2.30.

All the elections in the Baltimore area have been pro-union landslides. Despite this, the company has refused to recognize the union and has launched a scare campaign against pro-union workers.

One worker, John, told the

Bulletin: "Before the strike, I was spotted on my off day at another store talking to a union organizer. Next day, Murphy's told me to expect a transfer to Jacksonville Florida or be fired. The union has taken it to court."

Bob, a part-time worker, said: "One day the manager came out to the picket line and told us we were all fired. That's illegal. We have a right to strike."

A policeman recently threatened Bob with arrest for allegedly harassing a customer.

SCABS

Murphy's is trying to staff the stores with scabs, but business has fallen off 60 percent, as many potential shoppers refuse to cross the picket line.

Labor support is growing. The Teamsters have been striking Murphy's warehouses in Baltimore, McKeesport, Pennsylvania, Indianapolis, and Seattle.

The construction unions have stopped work at 40 Murphy sites throughout the country and the AFL-CIO has called for a nationwide boycott.

The Bulletin interviewed youth and young workers at the Young Socialists Second National Conference May 4-5 in New York.

Caroline (Philadelphia). "I came to the Young Socialists Conference because I wanted to know what I could do.

"It's rough in Philadelphia. There are a lot of gangs shooting at each other. It doesn't make any sense. Any time, my husband could walk outside and get gunned down.

"I think the conference is beautiful. I liked what was said. It made me realize a lot of things."



Aaron, Oakland.

B. (young steel worker, Pittsburgh). "I've been in the Young Socialists about two weeks. Pittsburgh is messed up. Most people work in the mills. A lot of people have been laid off.

"The steel mills are hiring a lot now. The price of steel is up about 50 percent and they are making five times as much steel as they need. They are hiring every three months and then laying them off so they can't get in the union.

"In the plant, they have these games they play, like saying that a certain group is leading in doing more work. I tell my guys to stretch out the work and take lots of coffee breaks.

"I was selling the Young Socialist and the Bulletin and my boss bought a copy. Now they are trying to fire me.

"We have got to try to get something together for youth in Pittsburgh. All they do is get high and fight each other. There is no place for youth to go."

George (Washington, DC). "I have been in the Young Socialists for four months. I joined because it seemed a good idea. The further it went, the more interested I became, and the more I saw it could be done.

"At this conference, a lot of people talk about building the YS, but not how to build it. The idea we have is that we must get the youth around the YS out, and teach them leadership, the necessity of building the party.

"You can see they are being affected. In Washington DC, everyone who has a bike has to register it because it's supposed to prevent theft. It's really not that. Every youth will have to register their bike and in another few months, anyone with a stolen bike will get a very hard penalty.

"Some youth who left the conference have to be struggled with. They've been raised as individuals and they don't see the real fight."

Willy, who works at a car wash and Earl, who sells flowers, also from Washington DC, said the job situation is bad.

"The only type of jobs you can get is with the police force. Now you just can't get the kind of jobs you want."

George (GM worker from St. Louis). "We have the same trouble with the police, no jobs or recreation, as these other cities. We are all together on the

problems.

"The price of steel is going up 25 percent. This will affect the auto worker. In the next two years, a car will cost \$9000 and they will further reduce the work force 60 to 70 percent.

"We are in a revolution. Some youth see it in the future, but capitalism is dying and it's dying a hard death.

"What you are trying to do is build a leadership, and build a labor party. When we had the Dayton auto conference, the rank and file at the St. Louis plant voted for a strike.

"One man, a committeeman, was suspended for writing grievances. Then Detroit told him to stop, but he kept on writing grievances. They trumped up charges that he stole \$150 in union funds, but he won.

"The union local is taking orders from Woodcock in Detroit. This mini-strike strategy, one plant at a time, is an agreement with management, an agreement not to strike.

"In our plant, the second shift has been eliminated, and also at Ford Motor Company. We expect more layoffs. They accused us of willfully destroying company property. They would send us home early, and refuse to pay our Supplementary Unemployment Benefits. But they couldn't prove it.

"We have to get the youth to see the seriousness of the situation. By being older, I can see the breakup of the system. Some youth think capitalism might make a comeback, maybe it can be patched up. There's not going to be two systems, socialism and capitalism.

"We are close to fascism now. This 5.5 percent wage guideline



Tyrone, LES.

is to drive living standards and wages down, while the companies make very exorbitant profits. This was the same protection Hitler gave the corporations in Germany.

"Youth must see what kind of system they are really living in. Why shouldn't food and industries be nationalized?

"A lot of people are brainwashed that if you don't make a profit, things can't be produced.

"You have to constantly read and not just use phrases. I believe the revolution is here.

"It is not just a matter of certain bad conditions. The capitalists know it and it is time the working class knows it."

Aaron (YS organizer in Bay Area, SF). The purpose of this conference is to now go back and build our movement to fight for a decent standard of living and a job. This is to prepare us for building a revolution and taking the power. This capitalist system is just about dead.

"We see today that Nixon has whipped up a new way to keep up his system to continue making profits. In SF this Zebra manhunt is a big excuse to divide up the working class so we can't unite and take power.

"The police are now getting

"we can't survive unless we have a revolution"



Section of the Young Socialists Conference.

rougher on the youth, shooting them in the back for no cause at all.

"Every working man has to fight for his rights. They had to fight for the unions. The government didn't just give them to us.

"Nixon puts lies in the school books about the history of this country. That's why the conference tried to change the thinking of everyone. They try to tell us that capitalism has always been here and it always will. We won't accept the dictatorship he is preparing.

"The thinking of the working class is coming forward. They see the problems they face. They fight; they come forward. But they need a leadership or they can't make it.

"At the conference, we discussed how to go and get the older workers into the revolutionary party. We're now going out to train them to fight politically and take the power. We can't survive unless we have a revolution."

Sterling (Cleveland). "In



George, Washington, DC.

Cleveland, jobs have been cut off. Thousands of people will be out of work. This conference showed us how to be on top, to go back and build up the Young Socialists.

"People ask why Nixon is still in power. But the Democrats and Republicans won't put him out.

"We are going to have to fight with people to buy our paper. We are the only ones who can spread the word about revolution.

"My friend was shot by a cop for turning around too fast when he was told to halt. They said that he had an object in his hand.

"Most workers now can't afford to live. It's because of Nixon who has a criminal mind.

"So first of all, youth just can't stay at home and say they're too busy to fight with the YS. That's what Nixon wants. If people don't want to fight, goodbye, but most people do want to fight.

"Secondly, we have got to do this job fast or things are going to get worse; and third, we are going to march for jobs like we did today."

Tyrone (Lower East Side). "The march through Harlem was a good idea. People in Harlem had never seen us before. We were using the power that we have.

"A lot of people joined in the march or stood on the sidewalk and yelled "Right On." It showed that a lot of people really cared.

"The conference taught a lot to me and everybody else. I learned who was on top of us and what the ideas of this movement are. This conference showed a lot of new people how to fight when they go back to their communities.

"The British YS film showed that not only are we fighting, but workers in other countries too.

"It showed that Nixon causes problems for other countries. People who come here from other countries don't have anything better. They might get a job as a farm worker or at a gas station.

"The workers cannot make a revolution on their own. We have to build a leadership that workers in all countries can depend on.

"I'm going to take up this fight in the Lower East Side branch



Cleveland YS presents resolution.

because just coming to the conference isn't going to stop the police or the high prices.

"The topic of the Zebra killings kept coming up. They're trying to make the races fight each other. The Symbionese Liberation Army is the same thing. They use it to harass the youth.

"These Watergate conspirators should be deported just like they do to the farm workers.

"Communism is the number one question in the whole world. I know of no other organization that has got the answer together like the Young Socialists."

Nixon Speaks: A Port

BY DAVID NORTH

Nixon's turn to the police state methods of Watergate exposes the preparations of the ruling class for dictatorship as it is forced to confront the power of the American working class under conditions of the deepest economic crisis in history.

In the course of bitter and historic struggles spanning 200 years, American workers have won basic democratic rights. None of these rights were given voluntarily by the capitalists. They were fought for and won; and the working class has built up tremendously powerful trade union organizations through which it defends what it has won.

For a whole period since World War Two, the American capitalists have retreated before the strength of workers by seeking to prop up the economy and maintain production by using the inflation of credit and paper currency.

However, this period came to a close on August 15, 1971, when Nixon was forced by the breakup of the monetary system to end the convertibility of the dollar into gold. This action, taken by Nixon in the wake of a powerful wage offensive by the working class which had culminated in the big wage increase won by steel workers just two weeks before, meant the end of the old relations of compromise between classes. The ruling class seeks to throw off the democratic forms of the state and bring forward the methods of dictatorship.

The collision of classes leads to the collapse of democratic forms. Because of its weakness in the face of the movement of workers, the capitalists can defend the profit system only through ruthless violence against workers.

Because of their weakness, the capitalists resort to conspiracy, seeking to use the forms of democracy as a mask to cover their dictatorial aims. Unless defeated by the working class, the changes in the content of government lead inevitably to a sharp change in the form itself through the establishment of dictatorship.



John Caulfield

The relationship between the democratic forms and the transformations in content produced by the struggle of classes is shown most tragically in the events in Chile last autumn. In Chile, the form of bourgeois democracy was maintained for more than 100 years. These forms were what Allende and the Stalinists pointed to when they spoke of the "Chilean road to socialism."

But last September, this 100-year-old form was broken up in a fascist military coup which took only eight hours to complete.

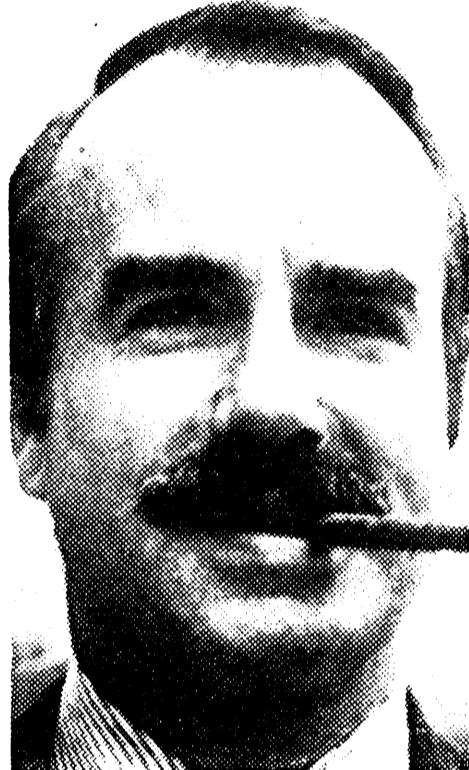
All forms of bourgeois democracy became an impediment to the ability of the ruling class to defend the profit system. The August 15 decisions, which included the imposition of a wage freeze, were the signal to the ruling class to step up its preparations for civil war.

This was the context in which the Watergate conspiracy emerged. Nixon's development of a secret political police in the

White House, the use of illegal surveillance, the attempt to fix an election, and the setting up of witch-hunts and frameups to attack leftist and working class organizations were part of the conspiracy to destroy the democratic rights won by workers in the past period.

These preparations flow from the fact that the ruling class cannot slash wages, create mass unemployment, and destroy the unions without engaging in a direct conflict with millions of workers.

In every advanced country, attempts to drive down living conditions have unleashed unparalleled struggles by the working class which has driven bourgeois democracy to the wall. The collapse of the governments in Britain, France, Ger-



Gordon Liddy

many, and Canada over the past few months comes out of the movement of the working class to defend its basic rights.

However, the fall of these governments now poses before the working class the task of fighting for power, establishing socialism as the only way to defeat the threat of dictatorship.

This is because in every capitalist country the ruling class must now break with democracy. Beneath the forms of parliamentary democracy in Germany, England, France, and Canada, the ruling class is already far down the road in its preparations for dictatorship.

In both Germany and France, there has been a frenzied growth in the police and paramilitary forces. In Britain, the Wilson government stands aside while the Tory conspirators work with the military and police to launch savage repressions against the trade unions.

Gunmen hired by the Tories roam England and Ireland, murdering and creating provocations aimed at preparing the way for dictatorship.

In Canada, the army has written a chilling scenario for martial law and the occupation of provinces during civil war.

The Watergate transcripts not only reveal that the same conspiracy is at work in the United States, but how far advanced the preparations for dictatorship are beneath the forms of democracy. These will be stepped up as the wage offensive of 1974 threatens the very existence of capitalism.

Nixon sought to create new agencies for repression under the direct supervision of the White House because the ruling class no longer considered the forces of repression at its disposal adequate for the new tasks.

As John Dean told Nixon in the White House on March 13: "...Maybe it is time to shake the FBI and rebuild it. I am not so sure the FBI is everything it is cracked up to be."

The origins for the secret White House "plumbers" who were to play such a prominent role in the Watergate conspiracy was alluded to by Nixon in one of his first explanations of Watergate last May 22, 1973:

"In the spring and summer of 1970, another security problem reached critical proportions. In March, a wave of bombings

from the transcripts—

Part 4: The Plans For A

Reprinted below are sections from the transcripts of the crucial March 21, 1973 conversation in the White House, in which Nixon and John Dean discussed the plot to bug the Watergate and the payoff to Howard Hunt. P. is Nixon, and D. is John Dean.

D. I think that there is no doubt about the seriousness of the problem we've got. We have a cancer within, close to the Presidency, that is growing. It is growing daily. It's compounded, growing geometrically now, because it compounds itself. That will be clear if I, you know, explain some of the details of why it is. Basically, it is because 1) we are being blackmailed; 2) People very quickly that have not had to perjure themselves to protect other people in the line. And there is no assurance—

P. That that won't bust? D. That that won't bust. So let me give you the sort of basic facts, talking first about the Watergate; and then about Segretti; and then about some of the peripheral items that have come up. First of all on the Watergate: how did it all start, where did it start? O.K.! It started with an instruction to me from Bob Haldeman to see if we couldn't set up a perfectly legitimate campaign intelligence operation over at the Re-Election Committee. Not being in this business, I turned to somebody who had been in this business, Jack Caulfield. I don't remember whether you remember Jack or not. He was your original bodyguard before they had the candidate protection, an old city policeman.

P. Yes, I know him. D. Jack worked for John and then was transferred to my office. I said Jack come up with a plan that, you know—a normal infiltration, buying information from secretaries and all that sort of thing.

He did, he put together a plan. It was kicked around. I went to Ehrlichman with it. I went to Mitchell with it, and the consensus was that Caulfield was not the man to do this. In retrospect, that might have been a bad call because he is an incredibly cautious person and wouldn't have put the situation where it is today. After rejecting that, they said we still need something so I was told to look around for someone who could go over to 1701 and do this. That is when I came up with Gordon Liddy. They needed a lawyer. Gordon had an intelligence background from his FBI service. I was aware of the fact that he had done some extremely sensitive things for the White House while he had been at the White House and he had apparently done them well. Going out into Ellsberg's doctor's office—

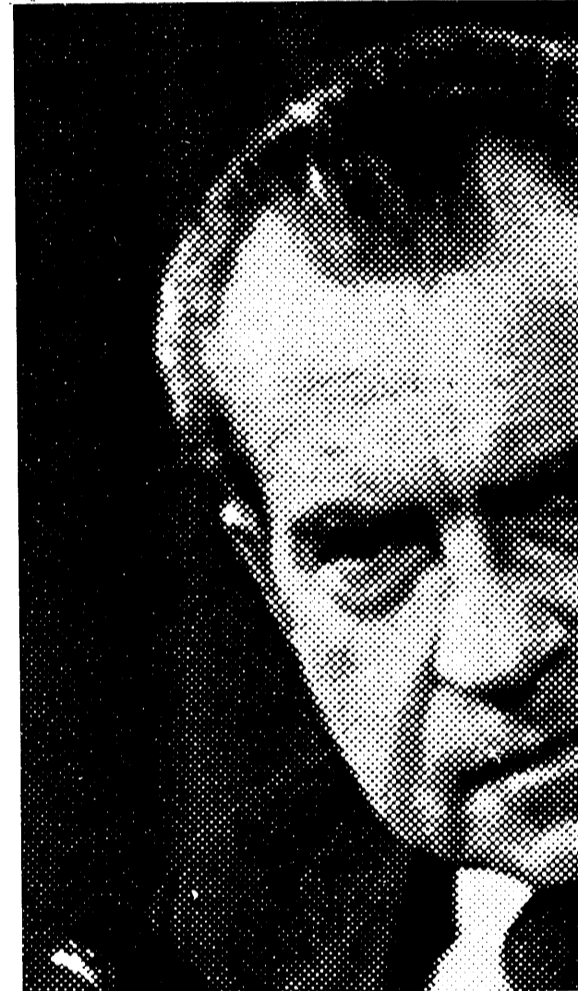
P. Oh, yeah. D. And things like this. He worked with leaks. He tracked these things down. So the report that I got from Krogh was that he was a hell of a good man and not only that a good lawyer and could set up a proper operation. So we talked to Liddy. He was interested in doing it. I took Liddy over to meet Mitchell. Mitchell thought highly of him because Mitchell was partly involved in his coming to the White House to work for Krogh. Liddy had been at Treasury before that. Then Liddy was told to put together his plan, you know, how he would run an intelligence operation. This was after he was hired over there at the Committee. Magruder called me in January and said I would like to have you come over and see Liddy's plan. P. January of '72? D. January of '72.

D. "You come over to Mitchell's office and sit in a meeting where Liddy is going to lay his plan out." I said I don't really know if I am the man, but if you want me there I will be happy to. So I came over and Liddy laid out a million-dollar plan that was the most incredible thing I have ever laid my eyes on: all in codes, and involved blackbag operations, kidnapping, providing prostitutes to weaken the opposition, bugging, mugging teams. It was just an incredible thing.

P. Tell me this: Did Mitchell go along—? D. No, no, not at all, Mitchell just sat there puffing and laughing. I could tell

from—after Liddy left the office I said that is the most incredible thing I have ever seen. He said I agree. And so Liddy was told to go back to the drawing board and come up with something realistic. So there was a second meeting. They asked me to come over to that. I came into the tail end of the meeting. I wasn't there for the first part. I don't know how long the meeting lasted...

D. Now. So Liddy went back after that and was over at 1701, the committee, and this is where I come into having put the pieces together about what happened. Liddy sat over there and tried to come up with another plan that he could sell. 1) They were talking to him, telling him that he was putting too much money in it. I don't think they were discounting the legal points. Jeb is not a lawyer. He did not know whether this is the way the game was played and what it was all about. They came up, apparently, with



another plan, but they couldn't get it approved by anybody over there. So Liddy and Hunt apparently came to see Chuck Colson, and Chuck Colson picked up the telephone and called Magruder and said, "You all either fish or cut bait. This is absurd having these guys over there and not using them. If you are not going to use them, I may use them." Things of this nature.

P. When was this? D. This was apparently in February of '72.

P. Did Colson know what they were talking about? D. I can only assume, because of his close relationship with Hunt, that he had a damn good idea what they were talking about, a damn good idea. He would probably deny it today and probably get away with denying it. But I still—unless Hunt blows on him—

P. But then Hunt isn't enough. It takes two doesn't it? D. Probably. Probably. But Liddy was there also and if Liddy were to blow—

P. Then you have a problem—I was saying as to the criminal liability in the White House. D. I will go back over that, and take out any of the soft spots.

P. Colson, you think was the person who pushed? D. I think he helped to get the thing off the dime. Now something else occurred though—

P. Did Colson—had he talked to anybody here? D. No. I think this was—

P. Did he talk with Haldeman? D. No, I don't think so. But here is the

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... next thing that comes in the chain. I think Bob was assuming, that they had something that was proper over there, some intelligence gathering operation that Liddy was operating. And through Strachan, who was his tickler, he started pushing them to get some information and they—Magruder—took that as a signal to probably go to Mitchell and to say, "They are pushing us like crazy for this from the White House." And so Mitchell probably puffed on his pipe and said, "Go ahead," and never really reflected on what it was all about. So they had some plan that obviously had, I gather, different targets they were going to go after. They were going to infiltrate, and bug, and do all this sort of thing to a lot of these targets. This is knowledge I have after the fact. Apparently after they had initially broken in and bugged the DNC they were getting information. The information was



... coming over here to Strachan and some of it was given to Haldeman, there is no doubt about it...

P. At one point Bob even gave instructions to change their capabilities from Muskie to McGovern, and passed this back through Strachan to Magruder and apparently to Liddy. And Liddy was starting to make arrangements to go in and bug the McGovern operation.

P. They had never bugged Muskie, though, did they? D. No, they hadn't, but they had infiltrated it by a secretary.

P. By a secretary? D. By a secretary and a chauffeur. There is nothing illegal about that. So the information was coming over here and then I, finally, after—The next point in time that I became aware of anything was on June 17th when I got the word that there had been this breakin at the DNC and somebody from our Committee had been caught in the DNC. And I said, "Oh, (expletive deleted)." You know, eventually putting the pieces together—...

All right. Now post June 17th. These guys immediately—it is very interesting. (Dean sort of chuckled) Liddy for example, on the Friday before—I guess it was on the 15th, no, the 16th of June—had been in Henry Petersen's office with another member of my staff on campaign compliance problems. After the incident, he ran Kleindienst down at Burning Tree Country Club and told him "You've got to get my men out of jail." Kleindienst said, "You get the hell out of here, kid. Whatever you have to say,

just say to somebody else. Don't bother me." But this has never come up. Liddy said if they all got counsel instantly and said we will ride this thing out. Alright, then they started making demands. "We have to have attorneys fees. We don't have any money ourselves, and you are asking us to take this through the election." All right, so arrangements were made through Mitchell, initiating it. And I was present in discussions where these guys had to be taken care of. Their attorneys fees had to be done. Kalmbach was brought in. Kalmbach raised some cash.

P. They put that under the cover of a Cuban committee, I suppose? D. Well, they had a Cuban committee and they had—some of it was given to Hunt's lawyer, who in turn passed it out. You know, when Hunt's wife was flying to Chicago with \$10,000 she was actually, I understand after the fact now, was going to pass that money to one of the Cubans—to meet him in Chicago and pass it to somebody there. P. (unintelligible) but I would certainly keep that cover for whatever it is worth. D. That's the most troublesome post-thing because (1) Bob is involved in that; 2) John is involved in that; 3) I am involved in that; 4) Mitchell is...

P. In other words the bad it does. You were taking care of witnesses. How did Bob get in it?

D. Well, they ran out of money over there. Bob had \$350,000 in a safe over here that was really set aside for polling purposes. And there was no other source of money, so they came over and said you all have got to give us some money. I had to go to Bob and say, "Bob, they need some money over there." He said "What for." So I had to tell him what it was for because he wasn't just about to send money over there willy-nilly. And John was involved in those discussions. And then we decided there was no price too high to pay to let this thing blow up in front of the election.

P. I think we should be able to handle that issue pretty well. May be some lawsuits.

D. I think we can too. Here is what is happening right now. What sort of brings matters to the (unintelligible). One, this is going to be a continual blackmail operation by Hunt and Liddy and the Cubans. No doubt about it. And McCord, who is another one involved. McCord has asked for nothing. McCord did ask to meet with somebody, with Jack Caulfield who is his old friend who had gotten him hired over there. And when Caulfield had him hired, he was a perfectly legitimate security man. And he wanted to talk about commutation, and things like that. And as you know Colson has talked indirectly to Hunt about commutation. All of these things are bad, in that they are problems, they are promises, they are commitments. They are the very sort of thing that the Senate is going to be looking most for. I don't think they can find them, frankly.

P. Pretty hard. D. Pretty hard. Damn hard. It's all cash.

P. Pretty hard I mean as far as the witnesses are concerned. D. Alright, now, the blackmail is continuing. Hunt called one of the lawyers from the Re-Election Committee on last Friday to leave it with him over the weekend. The guy came in to see me to give a message directly to me. From Hunt to me.

P. Is Hunt out on bail? D. Pardon?

P. Is Hunt on bail? D. Hunt is on bail. Correct. Hunt now is demanding another \$72,000 for his own personal expenses; another \$50,000 to pay attorneys fees; \$120,000. Some 1) he wanted it as of the close of business yesterday. He said, "I am going to be sentenced on Friday, and I've got to get my financial affairs in order." I told this fellow O'Brien, "If you want money, you came to the wrong man, fellow.

"I am not involved in the money. I don't know a thing about it. I can't help you. You better scramble about elsewhere." O'Brien is a ballplayer. He carried tremendous water for us.

and explosions struck college campuses and cities. There were 400 bomb threats in one 24-hour period in New York City. Rioting and violence on college campuses reached a new peak after the Cambodian operation and the tragedies at Kent State and Jackson State.

"The 1969-70 school year brought nearly 1800 campus demonstrations, and nearly 250 cases of arson on campuses. Many colleges closed. Gun battles between guerilla-style groups and police were taking place. Some of the disruptive activities were receiving foreign support."

While Nixon hoped to unleash a red scare in order to rally support for his government and justify Watergate, his explanations show clearly that all the illegal activities in the White House, although directed preliminarily against student and antiwar groups, were in preparation for the movement of the working class. It was in that same spring that there was a powerful Teamster wildcat and postal strike which resulted in the calling out of the National Guard.

Nixon carefully followed the work of the "plumbers" which was directed by his two top aides Haldeman and Ehrlichman. On March 17, 1973, he heard Dean describe the breakin of the offices of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist.

"They went out and went into Dr. Ellsberg's doctor's office and they had, they were geared up with all this CIA equipment—cameras and the like. Well, they turned the stuff back into the CIA some point in time and left film in the camera. CIA has not put this together, and they don't know what it all means right now.

"But it wouldn't take a very sharp investigator very long because you've got pictures in the CIA files that they had to turn over to (unintelligible)... There are all the materials relating to Hunt. In there are these pictures in which the CIA developed and they've got Gordon Liddy standing around proud as Punch outside this doctor's office with his name on it.

"And (unintelligible) this material, it's not going to take very long for an investigator to go back and say, well, why would this—somebody be at the doctor's office and they'd find out that there was a breakin at the doctor's office and then you'd find Liddy on the staff and then you'd start working it back."

Nixon has sought for more than a year to prevent the release of the transcripts and of the tapes themselves because the whole purpose of the coverup is to prevent the working class from knowing the extent of the conspiracy against its rights.

At the March 21, 1973 meeting in the White House, at which Nixon agreed to pay hush money to Hunt, the following exchange took place between Nixon, Dean and Haldeman.

D. Hunt has now made a direct threat against Ehrlichman. It's a result of this. This is his blackmail. He says, "I will bring John Ehrlichman down to his knees and put him in jail. I have done enough seamy things for he and (Egil) Krogh. They'll never survive it."

P. Was he talking about Ellsberg?

D. Ellsberg and apparently some other things. I don't know the full extent of it... and I hate to learn some of these things. So that is the situation. Now where are the soft points? How many people knew about this? Well, let me go one step further in this whole thing.

The Cubans that we used in Watergate were also the same Cubans that Hunt and Liddy used for this California Ellsberg thing for the breakin out there. So they are aware of that. How high their knowledge is, is something else. Hunt and Liddy, of course, are totally aware of it, of the fact it is right out of the White House.

What are the other things Dean referred to? In what ways did Nixon use this crew of fanatic anticommunist Cubans? These questions are important as workers now confront constant provocations which are used by the government to launch police terror in cities throughout the country.

At the same March 21 convention, Nixon emphasized his determination to continue the coverup conspiracy.

P. The point it is, that it is now time, though, that Mitchell has got to sit down and know where the hell all this stands, too.

You see, John is concerned, as you know, about the Ehrlichman situation.

It worries him a great deal because, and this is why the Hunt problem is so serious, because it has nothing to do with the campaign. It has to do with the Ellsberg case. I don't know what the hell—(unintelligible).

H. But what I was going to say—

P. What is the answer on this? How do you keep it out, I don't know. You can't keep it out if Hunt talks. You see the point is irrelevant. It has gotten to this point—

D. You might put it on a national security basis.

H. It absolutely was.

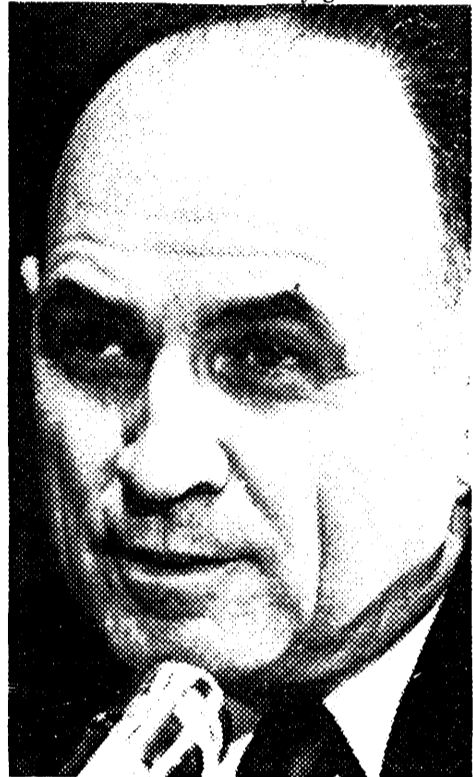
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Nixon Speaks: A Portrait Of A President

BY DAVID NORTH

Nixon's turn to the police state methods of Watergate exposes the preparations of the ruling class for dictatorship as it is forced to confront the power of the American working class under conditions of the deepest economic crisis in history.

In the course of bitter and historic struggles spanning 200 years, American workers have won basic democratic rights. None of these rights were given voluntarily by the capitalists. They were fought for and won; and the working class has built up tremendously powerful trade union organizations through which it defends what it has won.

For a whole period since World War Two, the American capitalists have retreated before the strength of workers by seeking to prop up the economy and maintain production by using the inflation of credit and paper currency.

However, this period came to a close on August 15, 1971, when Nixon was forced by the breakup of the monetary system to end the convertibility of the dollar into gold. This action, taken by Nixon in the wake of a powerful wage offensive by the working class which had culminated in the big wage increase won by steel workers just two weeks before, meant the end of the old relations of compromise between classes. The ruling class seeks to throw off the democratic forms of the state and bring forward the methods of dictatorship.

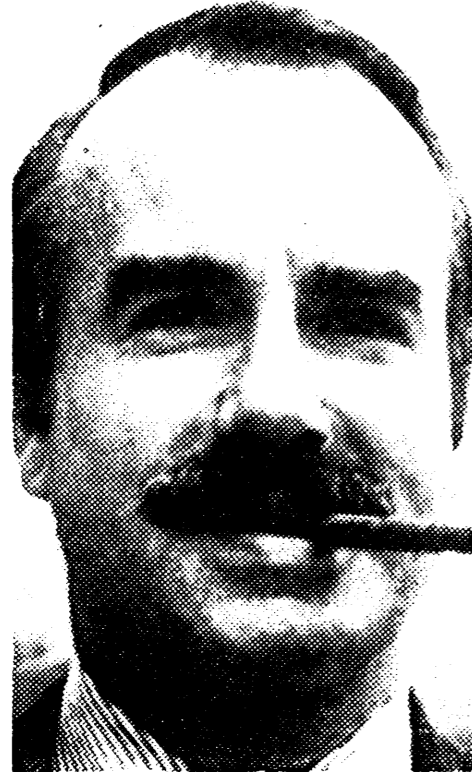
The collision of classes leads to the collapse of democratic forms. Because of its weakness in the face of the movement of workers, the capitalists can defend the profit system only through ruthless violence against workers.

Because of their weakness, the capitalists resort to conspiracy, seeking to use the forms of democracy as a mask to cover their dictatorial aims. Unless defeated by the working class, the changes in the content of government lead inevitably to a sharp change in the form itself through the establishment of dictatorship.

White House, the use of illegal surveillance, the attempt to fix an election, and the setting up of witch-hunts and frameups to attack leftist and working class organizations were part of the conspiracy to destroy the democratic rights won by workers in the past period.

These preparations flow from the fact that the ruling class cannot slash wages, create mass unemployment, and destroy the unions without engaging in a direct conflict with millions of workers.

In every advanced country, attempts to drive down living conditions have unleashed unparalleled struggles by the working class which has driven bourgeois democracy to the wall. The collapse of the governments in Britain, France, Ger-



Gordon Liddy

many, and Canada over the past few months comes out of the movement of the working class to defend its basic rights.

However, the fall of these governments now poses before the working class the task of fighting for power, establishing socialism as the only way to defeat the threat of dictatorship.

This is because in every capitalist country the ruling class must now break with democracy. Beneath the forms of parliamentary democracy in Germany, England, France, and Canada, the ruling class is already far down the road in its preparations for dictatorship.

In both Germany and France, there has been a frenzied growth in the police and paramilitary forces. In Britain, the Wilson government stands aside while the Tory conspirators work with the military and police to launch savage repressions against the trade unions.

Gunmen hired by the Tories roam England and Ireland, murdering and creating provocations aimed at preparing the way for dictatorship.

In Canada, the army has written a chilling scenario for martial law and the occupation of provinces during civil war.

The Watergate transcripts not only reveal that the same conspiracy is at work in the United States, but how far advanced the preparations for dictatorship are beneath the forms of democracy. These will be stepped up as the wage offensive of 1974 threatens the very existence of capitalism.

Nixon sought to create new agencies for repression under the direct supervision of the White House because the ruling class no longer considered the forces of repression at its disposal adequate for the new tasks.

As John Dean told Nixon in the White House on March 13: "... Maybe it is time to shake the FBI and rebuild it. I am not sure the FBI is everything it is cracked up to be."

The origins for the secret White House "plumbers" who were to play such a prominent role in the Watergate conspiracy was alluded to by Nixon in one of his first explanations of Watergate last May 22, 1973:

"In the spring and summer of 1970, another security problem reached critical proportions. In March, a wave of bombings

from the transcripts—

Part 4: The Plans For A Police State

Reprinted below are sections from the transcripts of the crucial March 21, 1973 conversation in the White House, in which Nixon and John Dean discussed the plot to bug the Watergate and the payoff to Howard Hunt. P. is Nixon, and D. is John Dean.

D. I think that there is no doubt about the seriousness of the problem we've got. We have a cancer within, close to the Presidency, that is growing. It is growing daily. It's compounded, growing geometrically now, because it compounds itself. That will be clear if I, you know, explain some of the details of why it is. Basically, it is because 1) we are being blackmailed; 2) People very quickly that have not had to perjure themselves to protect other people in the line. And there is no assurance—

P. That that won't bust? D. That that won't bust. So let me give you the sort of basic facts, talking first about the Watergate; and then about Segretti; and then about some of the peripheral items that have come up. First of all on the Watergate: how did it all start, where did it start? O.K.! It started with an instruction to me from Bob Haldeman to see if we couldn't set up a perfectly legitimate campaign intelligence operation over at the Re-Election Committee. Not being in this business, I turned to somebody who had been in this business, Jack Caulfield. I don't remember whether you remember Jack or not. He was your original bodyguard before they had the candidate protection, an old city policeman.

P. Yes, I know him. D. Jack worked for John and then was transferred to my office. I said Jack come up with a plan that, you know—a normal infiltration, buying information from secretaries and all that sort of thing.

He did, he put together a plan. It was kicked around. I went to Ehrlichman with it. I went to Mitchell with it, and the consensus was that Caulfield was not the man to do this. In retrospect, that might have been a bad call because he is an incredibly cautious person and wouldn't have put the situation where it is today. After rejecting that, they said we still need something so I was told to look around for someone who could go over to 1701 and do this. That is when I came up with Gordon Liddy. They needed a lawyer. Gordon had an intelligence background from his FBI service. I was aware of the fact that he had done some extremely sensitive things for the White House while he had been at the White House and he had apparently done them well. Going out into Ellsberg's doctor's office—

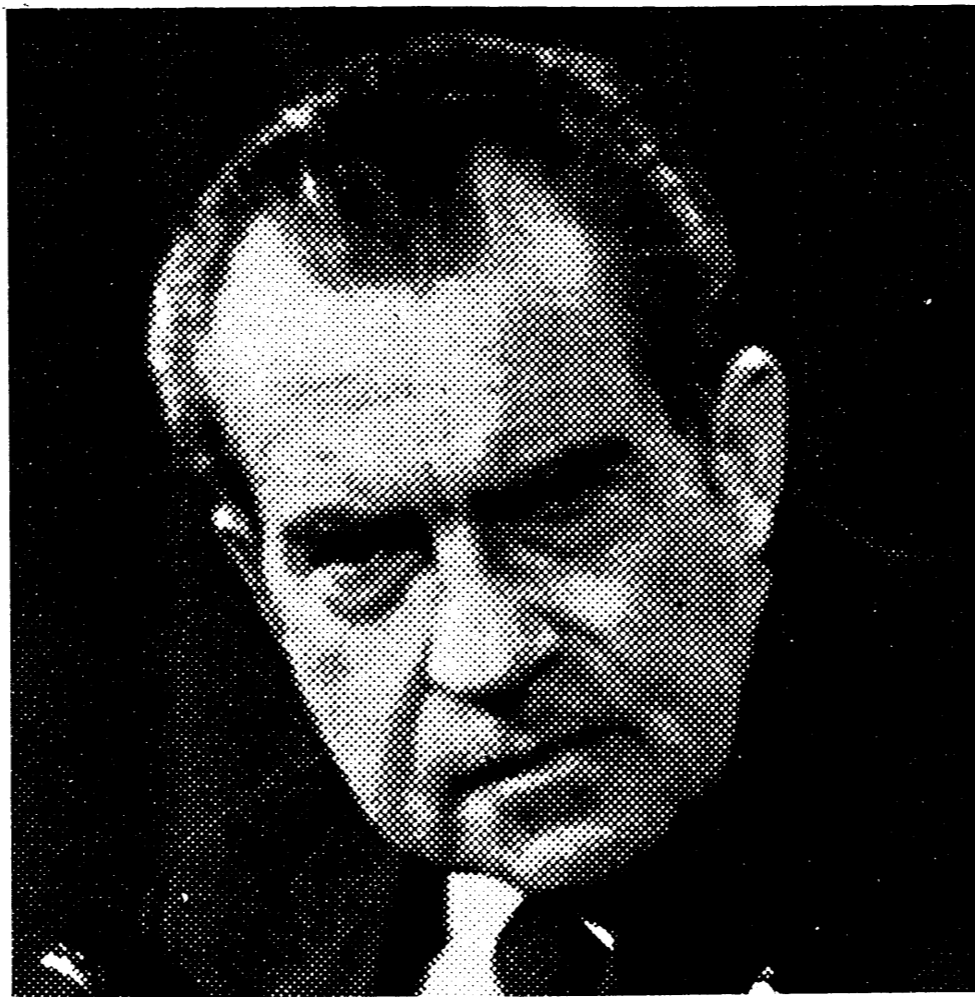
P. Oh, yeah. D. And things like this. He worked with leaks. He tracked these things down. So the report that I got from Krogh was that he was a hell of a good man and not only that a good lawyer and could set up a proper operation. So we talked to Liddy. He was interested in doing it. I took Liddy over to meet Mitchell. Mitchell thought highly of him because Mitchell was partly involved in his coming to the White House to work for Krogh. Liddy had been at Treasury before that. Then Liddy was told to put together his plan, you know, how he would run an intelligence operation. This was after he was hired over there at the Committee. Magruder called me in January and said I would like to have you come over and see Liddy's plan. P. January of '72? D. January of '72.

D. "You come over to Mitchell's office and sit in a meeting where Liddy is going to lay his plan out." I said I don't really know if I am the man, but if you want me there I will be happy to. So I came over and Liddy laid out a million-dollar plan that was the most incredible thing I have ever laid my eyes on: all in codes, and involved blackbag operations, kidnapping, providing prostitutes to weaken the opposition, bugging, mugging teams. It was just an incredible thing.

P. Tell me this: Did Mitchell go along?— D. No, no, not at all, Mitchell just sat there puffing and laughing. I could tell

from—after Liddy left the office I said that is the most incredible thing I have ever seen. He said I agree. And so Liddy was told to go back to the drawing board and come up with something realistic. So there was a second meeting. They asked me to come over to that. I came into the tail end of the meeting. I wasn't there for the first part. I don't know how long the meeting lasted...

D. Now, so Liddy went back after that and was over at 1701, the committee, and this is where I come into having put the pieces together about what happened. Liddy sat over there and tried to come up with another plan that he could sell. 1) They were talking to him, telling him that he was putting too much money in it. I don't think they were discounting the legal points. Jeb is not a lawyer. He did not know whether this is the way the game was played and what it was all about. They came up, apparently, with



another plan, but they couldn't get it approved by anybody over there. So Liddy and Hunt apparently came to see Chuck Colson, and Chuck Colson picked up the telephone and called Magruder and said, "You all either fish or cut bait. This is absurd having these guys over there and not using them. If you are not going to use them, I may use them." Things of this nature.

P. When was this? D. This was apparently in February of '72.

P. Did Colson know what they were talking about? D. I can only assume, because of his close relationship with Hunt, that he had a damn good idea what they were talking about, a damn good idea. He would probably deny it today and probably get away with denying it. But I still—unless Hunt blows on him—

P. But then Hunt isn't enough. It takes two doesn't it? D. Probably. Probably. But Liddy was there also and if Liddy were to blow—

P. Then you have a problem—I was saying as to the criminal liability in the White House. D. I will go back over that, and take out any of the soft spots.

P. Colson, you think was the person who pushed? D. I think he helped to get the thing off the dime. Now something else occurred though—

P. Did Colson—had he talked to anybody here? D. No. I think this was—

P. Did he talk with Haldeman? D. No, I don't think so. But here is the

next thing that comes in the chain. I think Bob was assuming, that they had something that was proper over there, some intelligence gathering operation that Liddy was operating. And through Strachan, who was his tickler, he started pushing them to get some information and they—Magruder—took that as a signal to probably go to Mitchell and to say, "They are pushing us like crazy for this from the White House." And so Mitchell probably puffed on his pipe and said, "Go ahead," and never really reflected on what it was all about. So they had some plan that obviously had, I gather, different targets they were going to go after. They were going to infiltrate, and bug, and do all this sort of thing to a lot of these targets. This is knowledge I have after the fact. Apparently after they had initially broken in and bugged the DNC they were getting information. The information was

just say to somebody else. Don't bother me." But this has never come up. Liddy said if they all got counsel instantly and said we will ride this thing out. Alright, then they started making demands. "We have to have attorneys fees. We don't have any money ourselves, and you are asking us to take this through the election." All right, so arrangements were made through Mitchell, initiating it. And I was present in discussions where these guys had to be taken care of. Their attorneys fees had to be done. Kalmbach was brought in. Kalmbach raised some cash.

P. They put that under the cover of a Cuban committee, I suppose? D. Well, they had a Cuban committee and they had—some of it was given to Hunt's lawyer, who in turn passed it out. You know, when Hunt's wife was flying to Chicago with \$10,000 she was actually, I understand after the fact now, was going to pass that money to one of the Cubans—to meet him in Chicago and pass it to somebody there. P. (unintelligible) but I would certainly keep that cover for whatever it is worth. D. That's the most troublesome post-thing because 1) Bob is involved in that; 2) John is involved in that; 3) I am involved in that; 4) Mitchell is...

P. In other words the bad it does. You were taking care of witnesses. How did Bob get in it?

D. Well, they ran out of money over there. Bob had \$350,000 in a safe over here that was really set aside for polling purposes. And there was no other source of money, so they came over and said you all have got to give us some money. I had to go to Bob and say, "Bob, they need some money over there." He said "What for." So I had to tell him what it was for because he wasn't just about to send money over there willy-nilly. And John was involved in those discussions. And then we decided there was no price too high to pay to let this thing blow up in front of the election.

P. I think we should be able to handle that issue pretty well. May be some lawsuits.

D. I think we can too. Here is what is happening right now. What sort of brings matters to the (unintelligible). One, this is going to be a continual blackmail operation by Hunt and Liddy and the Cubans. No doubt about it. And McCord, who is another one involved. McCord has asked for nothing. McCord did ask to meet with somebody, with Jack Caulfield who is his old friend who had gotten him hired over there. And when Caulfield had him hired, he was a perfectly legitimate security man. And he wanted to talk about commutation, and things like that. And as you know Colson has talked indirectly to Hunt about commutation. All of these things are bad, in that they are problems, they are promises, they are commitments. They are the very sort of thing that the Senate is going to be looking most for. I don't think they can find them, frankly.

P. Pretty hard. D. Pretty hard. Damn hard. It's all cash.

P. Pretty hard I mean as far as the witnesses are concerned. D. Alright, now, the blackmail is continuing. Hunt called one of the lawyers from the Re-Election Committee on last Friday to leave it with him over the weekend. The guy came in to see me to give a message directly to me. From Hunt to me.

P. Is Hunt out on bail? D. Pardon? P. Is Hunt on bail? D. Hunt is on bail. Correct. Hunt now is demanding another \$72,000 for his own personal expenses; another \$50,000 to pay attorneys fees; \$120,000. Some 1) he wanted it as of the close of business yesterday. He said, "I am going to be sentenced on Friday, and I've got to get my financial affairs in order." I told this fellow O'Brien, "If you want money, you came to the wrong man, fellow."

"I am not involved in the money. I don't know a thing about it. I can't help you. You better scramble about elsewhere." O'Brien is a ballplayer. He carried tremendous water for us.

and explosions struck college campuses and cities. There were 400 bomb threats in one 24-hour period in New York City. Rioting and violence on college campuses reached a new peak after the Cambodian operation and the tragedies at Kent State and Jackson State.

"The 1969-70 school year brought nearly 1800 campus demonstrations, and nearly 250 cases of arson on campuses. Many colleges closed. Gun battles between guerrilla-style groups and police were taking place. Some of the disruptive activities were receiving foreign support."

While Nixon hoped to unleash a red scare in order to rally support for his government and justify Watergate, his explanations show clearly that all the illegal activities in the White House, although directed preliminarily against student and antiwar groups, were in preparation for the movement of the working class. It was in that same spring that there was a powerful Teamster wildcat and postal strike which resulted in the calling out of the National Guard.

Nixon carefully followed the work of the "plumbers" which was directed by his two top aides Haldeman and Ehrlichman. On March 17, 1973, he heard Dean describe the break in of the offices of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist.

"They went out and went into Dr. Ellsberg's doctor's office and they had, they were geared up with all this CIA equipment—cameras and the like. Well, they turned the stuff back into the CIA some point in time and left film in the camera. CIA has not put this together, and they don't know what it all means right now."

"But it wouldn't take a very sharp investigator very long because you've got pictures in the CIA files that they had to turn over to (unintelligible)... There are all the materials relating to Hunt. In there are these pictures in which the CIA developed and they've got Gordon Liddy standing around proud as Punch outside this doctor's office with his name on it."

"And (unintelligible) this material, it's not going to take very long for an investigator to go back and say, well, why would this—somebody be at the doctor's office and they'd find out that there was a break in at the doctor's office and then you'd find Liddy on the staff and then you'd start working it back..."

Nixon has sought for more than a year to prevent the release of the transcripts and of the tapes themselves because the whole purpose of the coverup is to prevent the working class from knowing the extent of the conspiracy against its rights.

At the March 21, 1973 meeting in the White House, at which Nixon agreed to pay hush money to Hunt, the following exchange took place between Nixon, Dean and Haldeman.

D. Hunt has now made a direct threat against Ehrlichman. It's a result of this. This is his blackmail. He says, "I will bring John Ehrlichman down to his knees and put him in jail. I have done enough seamy things for her and (Egil) Krogh. They'll never survive it."

P. Was he talking about Ellsberg?

D. Ellsberg and apparently some other things. I don't know the full extent of it... and I hate to learn some of these things. So that is the situation. Now where are the soft points? How many people knew about this? Well, let me go one step further in this whole thing.

The Cubans that we used in Watergate were also the same Cubans that Hunt and Liddy used for this California Ellsberg thing for the break in over there. So they are aware of that. How high their knowledge is, is something else. Hunt and Liddy, of course, are totally aware of it, of the fact it is right out of the White House.

What are the other things Dean referred to? In what ways did Nixon use this crew of fanatic anticommunist Cubans? These questions are important as workers now confront constant provocations which are used by the government to launch police terror in cities throughout the country.

At the same March 21 convention, Nixon emphasized his determination to continue the coverup conspiracy.

P. The point it is, that it is now time, though, that Mitchell has got to sit down and know where the hell all this stands, too.

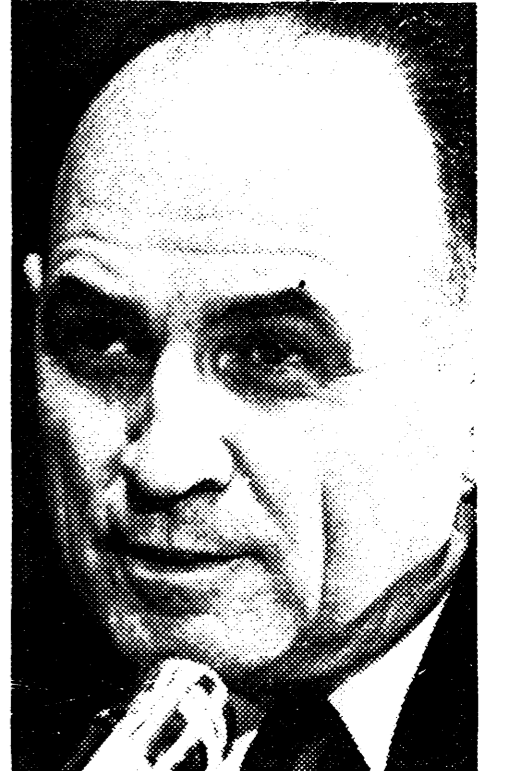
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It worries him a great deal because, and this is why the Hunt problem is so serious, because it has nothing to do with the campaign. It has to do with the Ellsberg case. I don't know what the hell—(unintelligible).

H. But what I was going to say— P. What is the answer on this? How do you keep it out, I don't know. You can't keep it out if Hunt talks. You see the point is irrelevant. It has gotten to this point— D. You might put it on a national security basis.

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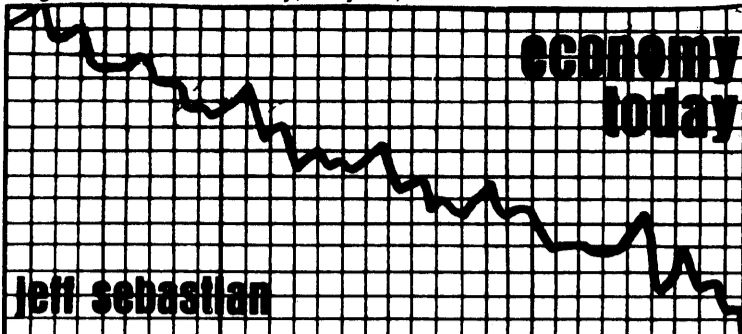
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The Banking Crisis

International bankers are increasingly worried that the world system of banking and credit is dangerously close to a breakdown.

With paper money no longer convertible into gold, inflation is out of control, currency values are fluctuating wildly, and demand for a constant expansion of credit is mounting.

The most volatile factor in all of this is the outflow of funds to the major oil producing countries.

Current estimates are that the oil exporting states will have revenues of \$89.6 billion in 1974, compared to \$22.6 billion in 1973.

This surplus, of course, is produced at the expense of massive deficits among the oil importing countries. It is estimated that the industrialized countries will have deficits well over \$35 billion and the underdeveloped countries will add \$20 billion more.

There is no way for the oil producers to spend all of this revenue. They are expected to import about \$24.5 billion this year, leaving a staggering \$65 billion free for investment.

With stocks plummeting, currency depreciating, and recession developing internationally, the oil producers are extremely reluctant to tie up funds in long term investments.

This can only encourage large-scale speculation in gold and commodities, driving up prices still further. At the same time, vast sums will find their way to the American banks and the Eurodollar market. The latter simply refers to the huge pool of dollars on deposit in banks outside the US and available for loans.

Many of these deposits will be made in the form of extremely short term certificates of deposit. These are loans made to the banks at high rates of interest which mature in a few months.

At the same time, the banks are being barraged to lend these funds to firms desperate for cash and governments seeking loans to cover their huge payments deficits.

Johannes Witteveen, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, recently declared: "So long as most of the surpluses of the exporting countries are held short term, there is a risk of switch among currencies."

In other words, these short term funds are available at very short notice for currency speculation in amounts that could swamp entire countries.

In addition, long term loans to financially shaky countries such as Italy, or a number of the underdeveloped countries, as well as to increasingly hard-pressed industries throughout Europe are not dependable.

The big money men are more and more convinced that a large loan default could trigger a series of financial collapses and a panicked run on the banks.

Banks which are forced to call in long term loans in order to pay off their short term debts would be unable to collect and no lender exists to bail them out.

This situation has already occurred on a smaller scale among so-called fringe banks in England.

Similar panics have developed in the US with small banks that have overextended themselves with risky loans.

But sums of the size involved in the Eurodollar pool would leave even the largest countries unable to mount international rescue operations.

The Federal Reserve Bulletin for April reveals that as of March 27, \$68 billion in certificates of deposit were outstanding in the banks. This compares to \$55 billion only a year ago, an increase of almost 25 percent.

The average life of these certificates is two months compared to 3.3 months two years ago. This measures the degree to which the banks have become dependent on extremely short term money.

With interest rates soaring, these banks are forced to seek massive amounts of funds to meet payments on an estimated \$49 billion maturing within two months.

The Federal Reserve Board remains determined to increase the squeeze on money. Robert Holland, a Board member, recently told a group of bankers that the banks must spread monetary restraint and that "your liabilities become costly and hard to support, your bond portfolios drop in market value, and you are forced to speak in discouraging terms to your good loan customers."

This increases the danger that banks in the weakest position could be forced to dump assets and call in loans, setting off a wave of collapses and bankruptcies, and mass unemployment.

Building Unions Shut Construction

BY CAROL MARKS

ST. LOUIS—Over 20,000 construction workers in the St. Louis area have been on strike since their contract expired on May 1.

Five unions representing cement masons, carpenters, Teamsters, laborers, and operating engineers have joined together in a powerful movement to shut down all construction work in the area.

The construction bosses have joined together as a bargaining unit called the Association of General Contractors.

The connection between the strike and the lifting of the wage-price controls was brought out by Carl, a cement mason picketing the Alberici Construction Company: "The wage controls should have been lifted earlier. In fact, they never should have been imposed. How are we to keep up with prices?"

"We should also be asking for a cost of living escalator, not just a wage increase. This inflation has got to be beat."

WORK RULES

Work rules are also an issue. "The contractors want to take over directing jobs," Carl said. "In other words, they want the right to tell which man to do which job."

"We can't allow this. The union must have control over jobs, otherwise they can get one man doing another man's trade."

The contractors have decided to attempt to break the strength of the powerful construction unions who have often led the fight for wages. Carl continued: "They are doing this because they want to make more

money."

At present, there is no money available for home loans, since the financiers will not lend out money at the rate set by the government. Construction as a whole is at an all-time low, due to the freezing of all funds.

Nixon and his policies are creating the specter of the highest unemployment ever in

the construction industry.

"He's a criminal," Carl said. "The only reason he's still up there is because there's a whole lot of criminals up there with him. The Democratic Party is not the answer for the working man."

The construction unions must call a Congress of Labor to form a labor party to deal with every issue in this strike.

IAM Men Vote To Continue Strike

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Shop stewards representing 600 striking members of International Association of Machinists Local 737 voted unanimously to continue their strike against the St. Paul area automotive dealers.

"They reported that there was no way the men would accept the Minneapolis offer, and that was after several days of talking to the men on the job," Wally Kirchoff of the Local 737 negotiating committee told the Bulletin.

"The strike is still on and will stay on till we get a decent offer."

Teamster leaders of the Minneapolis auto mechanics forced a settlement two weeks ago for 50 cents an hour on the guarantee the first year.

SPLIT

This split the auto mechanics, forcing Minneapolis men to do St. Paul work. Since this sellout agreement was signed, St. Paul

dealers have arrogantly refused to even meet with Local 737's negotiating committee.

"They won't even offer us what Minneapolis got unless we commit ourselves to recommending acceptance to the men. And there is no way we can do that. The men are demanding a decent settlement, not crumbs," Kirchoff reported.

The major demand of the strikers is a cost of living clause. In addition, they are holding out for a straight 50-50 split on all work done, a dropping of the flat hour rate, and increases in pensions and other fringe benefits.

So far, the men are absolutely solid and determined throughout the area. What is required now to overcome the blow by the IBT against the strike is the mobilization of complete support of the union movement and mass picketing of all shops in both cities—to stop the transfer of work across city lines, and to back up the struggle these men have put up for six weeks now.

Victimized At Frigidaire

BY A REPORTER

DAYTON—Franklin E. Wood, a 33-year-old Black worker at the Frigidaire plant here has been under constant harassment by management ever since he successfully filed a grievance against a foreman.

After having worked for five years without any charges made about the quality of his work, the situation changed abruptly because he filed a grievance over being relocated in the plant without any apparent reason.

Unproven accusations that he has failed to do his job has led since February to a reprimand, three successive suspensions, loss of work, lack of pay and grounds for further disciplinary action whenever management wants without proof or settlement of "prior allegations."

During the month of March, Wood was deprived of his pay, forcing him and his family of six children to seek welfare assistance.

The union bureaucracy has given Wood virtually no support in his fight against harassment and to recover back pay.

"He's liable to get suspended any time again," Wood's wife Marcia told the Bulletin. "Although no charges against him have been proven, he can be suspended each time on grounds of his earlier suspension."

In a letter to the union, Wood described the attacks he has faced this year.

"I was working as an Inspector. I was removed from this job and was Relief-man. My work was thus far satisfactory. I was removed from this job by George Barbarok, General Foreman Red Grimsley. My work was still satisfactory. I accepted this change. I was replaced by a white man."

"I was then placed in the warehouse. My work was still satisfactory. I was removed from this job and replaced by a white man. Having been relocated for no apparent reason, I filed a grievance. This grievance was upheld and I was restored to my job at the warehouse."

"Immediately following the settlement of the above grievance, my work was no longer satisfactory."

"The pattern follows:

2/19/74-Reprimand issued by Leon I. Buffenbarger, General Foreman Red Grimsley; Shop Rule No. 10- Alleged "failure to follow instructions of Supervisor or do your job assignment."

"Union and Management agreed to remove this reprimand from my record. This was not done and the pattern remains consistent."

2/28/74-Indefinite Suspension by Robert Reese, General Foreman Red Grimsley; Shop Rule No. 10-Same as previous allegation.

3/5/74-Recalled.

3/5/74-Indefinite Suspension

by George Barbarok, General Foreman Red Grimsley; Shop Rule No. 10-Same as previous allegation.

3/12/74-Recalled.

3/19/74-Indefinite Suspension by John C. Cramblit, General Foreman Red Grimsley; Shop Rule No. 10-Same as previous allegation.

4/2/74-Recalled. Still working under threat of further suspension and continuing verbal warnings.

"This is but a brief resume of my complaints. Upon a thorough investigation you would find the following facts:

"I would clock in at 6:48 am and be suspended at 10:15 am.

"What would be acceptable performance by ANY other employee was considered unacceptable for me.

"I was met at the time clock BEFORE working and suspended for working unsatisfactorily.

"Jobs that were permitted to pass inspection prior to my first suspension were instantly unacceptable if I was the Inspector.

"The union representative, Castle V. Palmer, was not present at these disciplinary actions and we waited on him three hours. He was never located. This being on more than one occasion.

"As stated previously, all these cases are still pending, unproven and untrue."

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Speedup Hits Sheet And Tube Mill

BY FRED MUELLER
YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio
—The steel corporations are using the just signed contract with the United Steel Workers to step up their attacks on jobs and working conditions.

The Bulletin spoke to several young steel workers about conditions in the mills. These workers are still on probation.

They can be given anything to do and fired for any reason at any time. The Abel contract more than doubled the probationary period to over three months.

A probationary employee at Youngstown Sheet and Tube said: "Production, production, production. That's what they want. You've got no voice on your conditions or anything until you're in the union. You can't file a grievance and you can't talk to anyone about it."

"They change your hours every week. That goes for everybody. You know that you'll be working a certain turn like 3 to



Steel plant in Youngstown, Ohio.

11 for the whole week, but you don't know when you'll be laid off. You can go in Tuesday and find out you're off Wednesday."

"The seamless finishing mill was built maybe 60 to 80 years

ago. Conditions are dirty. I see a few rats around there. The foremen hassle you about speeding up.

"I asked my foreman a couple of times about moving up in job

classes. He said you have to be there at least six months and then he just laughed.

"Meanwhile, they're raising profits much higher than wages. If they give us a nickel, they're getting fifteen cents. All I get is \$3.65 an hour. They're hiring hundreds, but there's always talk of layoffs. We'll lose this as fast as we got it."

HIRING

A worker at William Pollock and Co., a major steel fabricator in Youngstown, said that after a period of hiring, the company is cracking down everywhere.

It is also using the longer probationary period and firing many of the younger workers. Four were let go in one week.

"One worker was told his clothes weren't dirty enough, that he shouldn't come back after lunch. Another missed one day of work and came in one hour late another day. When he showed up at 7 a.m. the next day, he was told he was fired."

CONTRACT

Steel workers face runaway inflation and conditions in the mills where the contract tremendously strengthens the employers. The no-strike contract has been renewed until 1980.

The Able bureaucracy capitulated completely on wages and even weakened the pension. Attacks on working conditions through speedup will continue with committees which have been cynically renamed, "Employment Security and Plant Productivity."

LAYOFFS

There is absolutely no protection against layoffs and a probationary has been extended. The importers have already increased their prices in the last two weeks by 10 to 25 percent.

In order to stop these attacks, the ranks must throw out this whole rotten contract as part of the fight throughout the labor movement to reopen the contract against inflation and to force out the Nixon government and build a labor party.

Delco Fires UAW Militant

BY A LOCAL 696 MEMBER

DAYTON—After being accused of selling whiskey in the plant, Jack Brown, a Local 696 United Auto Workers member employed at Delco-Moraine, has been fired.

Jack Brown has a history of being a militant and had just returned to work from a leave of absence after being injured on the job as a result of the unsafe conditions that exist in Delco-Moraine.

It has also been reported that

Plan Strike Of Chicago Tollway

BY A REPORTER

CHICAGO, Ill.—Local 73 of the General Service International Union has threatened to send its 600 employees out on strike this week, shutting down the Illinois Tollway System.

Harry S. Kurshenbaum, director of union activities, told the Chicago Federation of Labor: "We'll make the tollways the greatest parking lot in the US."

He said the strike was directly political, aimed at the anti-union policies of liberal Democratic Governor Dan Walker. "I think the strike in the next few days will expose the antilabor policies of Governor Walker which we had suspicions of, but were not sure of."

He admitted that labor leaders had supported the election of Walker because:

"We had expected to be headed for better relations, but find we're headed for a showdown on the whole role of labor relations. We don't intend to have things rammed down our throats."

The tollway workers, mostly toll collectors, have rejected a three-year contract which provides 23 cents additional each year. Employees now average \$4.43 an hour. Their previous contract expired January 1.

Jack Brown has filed a court action suit against General Motors and is one of the most vocal supporters of TUALP in the Delco-Moraine plant. He also subscribes to the Bulletin newspaper.

Andy Haywood said: "The way the union let the company break in the lockers is not right. I don't agree with this at all." The company has issued combination locks and lockers to Delco-Moraine workers and claimed the right to search any and all lockers at will. This creates conditions so that any militant worker could be framed.

When workers put their own locks on lockers, the company claims the right to remove them.

The bureaucrats told the workers the company has the right to do anything they want with company property.

The conditions under which Local 696 members have been

forced to work have steadily deteriorated. Management has cut back on janitors so oil and debris can be found on the floor in all departments.

The machine repairmen have been cut so now operators have to work twice as hard in order to make production or be disciplined. Whole departments are laid off for a week at a time, cutting the already inadequate wages by 50 percent.

It should now be clear to every UAW member that Woodcock will do nothing. So now it is imperative that TUALP be supported and joined.

The Local 696 caucus of TUALP calls on every Local 696 member to vote for TUALP in the May 21 elections. Your candidates are John Austin, president; Jesse Moore, first vice-president; and Jim Lawrence, recording secretary.

SIU Cuts Tenured Posts

BY L. DANIELS

CARBONDALE, Ill.—A national delegation of the American Association of University Professors will meet this week with acting president of Southern Illinois University, Hiram Lesar, to discuss what measures can be taken to defend the jobs of 104 instructors and professors.

Last December, over 100 faculty members, 28 of whom had tenure were given notice.

According to the university, the enrollment figures had dropped from a peak of 24,000 to under 19,000 last fall.

The AAUP is here because this action was not brought before the faculty for discussion, nor were the traditional privileges of tenure—for the 28 professors—honored. One of the professors who will not be employed next year is Robert Harrell, president of the local chapter of the AAUP.

Dr. Willis Moore, former AAUP president and present member of the university Board of Trustees, told the Bulletin that the enrollment drop is the

result of a number of factors:

"Many of our students came from the Chicago area. New community colleges there are now drawing them away, since it is cheaper to attend them. Of course, the end of the Vietnam war draft also diminished the number of students going to college simply to get a deferment.

"And when Nixon and the federal government cut out student aid programs, there went another 2000 students. Our university was hard hit because we cater to somewhat disadvantaged students. Added to this is the growing disillusionment among young people and parents that a college education is a guarantee for a job.

"But these faculty cuts fly in the face of the principles of tenure. The university has not exhausted all the possibilities for cutting costs without reducing the faculty."

The SIU Carbondale administration was caught up in a recent scandal. Six thousand dollars worth of liquor had been bought using SIU funds channeled through a shady deal with a local Holiday Inn. These "ir-

regularities" forced President David Derge to resign on May 14.

The SIU Carbondale campus was placed on the AAUP censure list two years ago because Prof. Doug Allen in the Philosophy Dept. was denied tenure, as a retaliation for his antiwar activities. The AAUP seeks to pressure the university as a way of defending its members. Dr. Moore says "The AAUP is a professional group. It tends to frown on strike action—although things are changing."

A meeting of the faculty of University of Missouri, St. Louis met on May 8 to create a council to exclusively represent the faculty to its own administration and to the state legislature. One of the items discussed at the meeting was the fact that instructors in the Math department cannot vote at its faculty meetings.

A vote passed which enabled any single department to veto any action of the whole faculty council. In the words of one member of the English department at the meeting, this resolution rendered the body "virtually ineffective."

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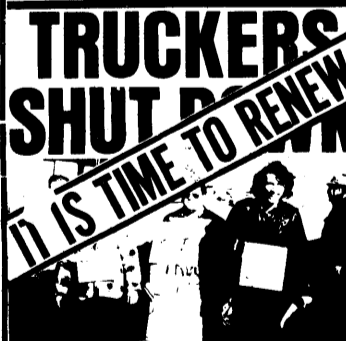
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FILM by Collette Windsor Looking For Freedom

Looking for Freedom, a Workers Press film on the building of the British Young Socialists was shown for the first time in the US at the Young Socialists Second National Conference in New York last weekend.

The film is jammed with quick cuts emphasizing not only the life and movement of the British YS, but also the tremendous potential for the building of a movement as revealed in the short interviews with British YS members.

"There is nothing else worth living for than the expropriation of the capitalist government, for socialism," said one youth at the recent Blackpool conference.

Joined

"When I first joined the YS," said a young girl, "I thought I'd go along for a little while and learn a few things. Then when the crunch came, I'd be able to

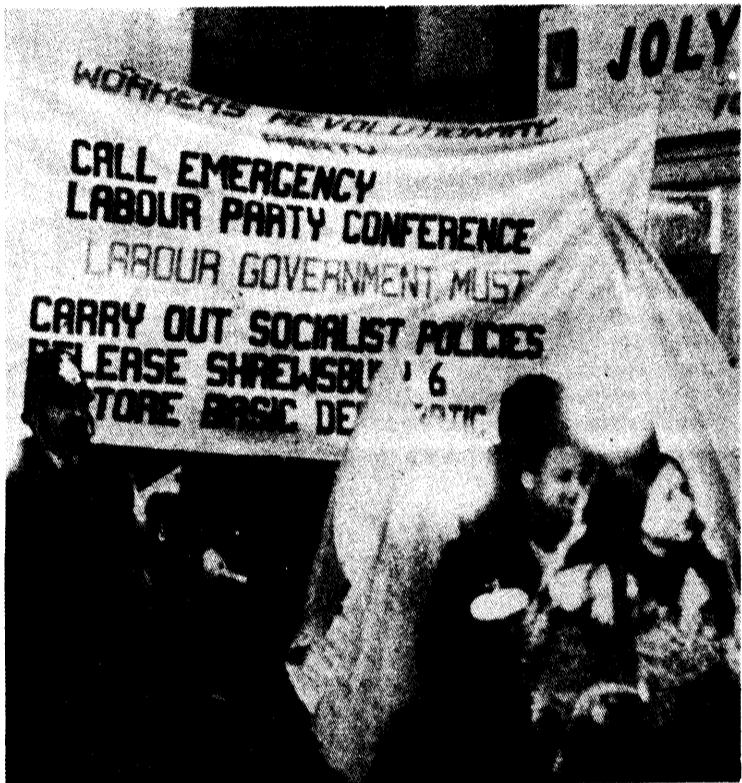
stressed: "Reality comes first. It's not a question if there's a crisis. There is."

No one today in any capitalist country can question the reality of the crisis. This poses the construction of a revolutionary party, which is the task of a principled Marxist leadership, which the Young Socialists is building.

Counterposed

Counterposed with the political statements of the youth interviewed are shots of the many dances and bands and sports meets the YS has put on. For the youth of Britain, as well as the US, are denied means of recreation by lack of facilities and by high prices. Through providing activities, the YS reaches out to whole layers of youth that can be recruited into the YS.

Looking for Freedom is a professionally made film which



British YS torchlight marches through London.

help out. But it's not like that." In Britain, where the right wing's plans for dictatorship have been exposed, the YS has rallied thousands to their campaigns. The film shows the torch light marches held through London demanding the Labor Party call an emergency congress, and demanding the nationalization of the basic industries.

Also shown in the film is footage of the British army's occupation of Ireland. The Tory government has conspired to provoke violence to maintain their occupation of Ireland, as exposed through the Littlejohn affair. The YS's warning that the methods of repression in Ireland would soon be used in Britain have rung true to many youth who are determined not to accept in Britain an act like the Whitelaw Act in force in Ireland which permits the arrest of any person over twelve years of age.

Blackpool

Speaking at the Blackpool conference, Sylvester Smart, a leader of the YS and recent Workers Revolutionary Party candidate for Parliament spoke on the political and economic crisis that forces the conditions of repression. While some youth are driven to search for ways of escape rather than action, Smart

captures the life and political determination of the youth to fight back by building a movement to prepare and mobilize millions.

The strong contingents of delegates from throughout the US who saw this film at the YS Conference in New York can look to the British Young Socialists for a lead in building the YS in America.

Principle

The British YS have built their powerful movement through the fight for Marxist principle and theory, conflicting with the present level of thinking of the youth taught individualism and anticommunism by the capitalist schools.

"The Tories don't want people to think that things are so bad you have to build a revolutionary party to overthrow the government," said a young girl in the film.

But that is how bad things are, not only in Britain, but in every capitalist country of the world, where governments are crumbling left and right. Things are "bad enough" to make people seek a way of doing something about it, and the Young Socialists is leading the way with the fight not to patch up the old system, but to smash it and build a socialist society.

Alioto Fabricated 'Death Angel' Plot

BY MARTY MORAN
SAN FRANCISCO—

An article in the San Francisco Chronicle reveals that Mayor Alioto's charges to the press and television about a secret Black Muslim group engaged in random shootings of whites were in fact concocted at a secret meeting of investigators from 25 police agencies in Oakland last October 16.

It is now clear that the entire Zebra campaign—the press hysteria, the police dragnet in Fillmore, and the arrest of seven young Black Muslims—are the product of an elaborate conspiracy to test out new methods of police terror against the entire working class.

The fact that the police, the capitalist newspapers, and Alioto closely collaborated to carry out this plan shows the lengths to which the entire capitalist class is ready to go in preparing for dictatorship.

At the October 16 meeting, according to the Chronicle, "enough pieces of evidence had been put together" so that "investigators concluded that a total of 64 murders and attempted murders in California from 1969 to 1974 were 'Muslim-connected.'" Alioto later claimed that this pattern went beyond California and was national in scope.

In fact, the murders are completely unrelated. A glance at



Black Self-Help Center raided by police looking for Zebra killer.

the police's own statistics shows that the "pattern" which the police and Alioto claim to have found is a complete fabrication.

Of the 64 murders or assaults which took place before the Zebra killings in San Francisco, five of the victims were Black, not white. These, the police say, to cover up their lack of evidence, were "apparently victims of intramural Muslim feuds."

The attacks were carried out with different weapons, some people shot, some stabbed, one person was even set on fire. Sometimes there was one attacker, sometimes two or three. In many cases, since the victims died and there were no witnesses, there is no evidence that their assailants were Black. One assault victim identified his attacker as Latin.

The totally fraudulent nature of the "pattern" shows that Alioto and the police were desperate for any excuse, no matter how flimsy, to unleash the mass roundups and virtual military maneuvers of Operation Zebra.

The Chronicle article completely gives the lie to Alioto's claims that the "Death Angels" were uncovered through

his interviews with an informer inside the group: In fact, the informer, Anthony Cornelius Harris, was serving a burglary sentence in San Quentin while the police were gathering their "evidence."

He was released from prison on October 15, only the day before the police conference which decided to go ahead with the "fanatic sect" scenario. It was only after the theory had been worked out and the Muslims selected as the target that Harris went to work for Black Self-Help Moving and Storage, which Alioto claims was the headquarters for the Zebra killers.

Alioto's story is already beginning to come apart. Four of the seven arrested have already been released for insufficient evidence, and there have been reports that the other three would have to be released as well.

The Chronicle seeks to cover this up by taking the witchhunt against the Muslims to a new level. The Chronicle writes that the "Death Angels" are not just a splinter group spun off by the Muslims, as Alioto originally charged, but are in fact part of a "savagely battle" being waged for the succession to Elijah Muhammad!

"One police theory is that there is a cult within the Muslims led by an extremist white-hater who is trying to rise within the hierarchy by telling his devotees to give a literal meaning to the injunction to murder 'devils'."

The greatest crime of the Muslims, according to the Chronicle, is that: "Despite repeated efforts by federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies over the years, no one has ever been able to infiltrate the higher circles of the Black Muslims."

As the real story behind the Zebra witchhunt comes out, every worker in San Francisco must demand that the labor movement withdraw all support to Alioto and organize a massive demonstration to demand an end to the police occupation of the Fillmore.

Support Grows For Caterpillar Strike

BY TED BAKER
SAN LEANDRO—

Machinists striking the Caterpillar parts plant here are gaining wide support from the rest of the labor movement.

Teamster and ILWU warehousemen, who are recognizing International Association of Machinist picket lines, are also deliberately slowing down shipments of parts which have already left the plant.

Dave, an IAM member, told the Bulletin: "We're getting really great support from the Teamsters."

"There are parts sitting at Consolidated Freightways that left the plant a week before we walked out. The Teamsters are just ignoring them. Caterpillar might never see those parts."

Over 1200 men and women are striking Caterpillar for a three year contract with a 10 percent raise in each year with improvements in the retirement plan and other fringe benefits.

Caterpillar offered 7 percent, 6 percent, and 6 percent when the strike began, up from the original offer of 4 percent, 3 percent, and 3 percent.

The strike is being conducted simultaneously with strikes by machinists at several other East

Bay plants, where employers have refused to agree to the pattern settlement at 105 California Metal Trades Association plants. National Can Company, where 300 were on strike last week, has agreed to meet IAM wage demands.

The strike at Caterpillar could lead to shutdowns and layoffs at Caterpillar's main assembly plants in the Midwest. The San Leandro plant produces vital engine parts. As one picket explained:

"We've been on overtime for a whole year. When we left the plant, we were working on orders scheduled for September, so you know they can't have any stock."

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Dockers Hit Bridges For Ending Strike

BY BARRY GREY
SAN FRANCISCO—Longshoremen in San Francisco are angry over the deal worked out between Harry Bridges and the Pacific Maritime Association, following the one-day coastwide strike on May 1.

The International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union (ILWU) shut down the entire coast demanding the restoration of the 30 cents cut from the 1972 contract by Nixon's Pay Board, plus more money to make up for inflation.

Bridges called off the strike after the PMA agreed to pay the 30 cents to begin on June 1. But the money is not retroactive, which means millions of dollars stolen from West Coast dockers by the PMA and Nixon over the past two years will remain in the shippers' pockets.

Local 10 Business Agent Larry Wing said the union settled for this deal because: "The men are

in no mood to strike."

However, longshoremen who spoke to the Bulletin were furious over the sellout and many said they wanted strike action. One docker said:

"We want retroactivity. The cost of living is going out of sight."

"Everybody needs a raise. If it takes a strike, I'm for it. The AFL has got to get moving."

Another longshoreman said: "I wish it were retroactive. I think this is going to make the 1930s pale in comparison. As for Bridges, he's a senile old man."

Bridges is desperately trying to hold back the ranks because he knows a strike for all the money owed would mean a confrontation with Nixon and the Democrats as well. Bridges, along with the entire labor bureaucracy, wants to keep Nixon in office.

However, many dockers are ready to take on Nixon. One docker said: "We should go out on strike. This is the time to throw the government out."

A full-scale strike must be launched to win all the money owed retroactively, a 100 percent cost of living escalator, and a big increase in wages.



Teamsters Local 853 in the second week of their wildcat have been terrorized by police guns and police dogs.

Teamsters Wildcat At Oakland Plant

BY BARRY GREY
OAKLAND—A wildcat strike by workers at the Dasco notebook and paper plant in Oakland has entered its second week.

The leadership of Teamsters Local 853, which represents the 300 workers at the plant, have refused to support the strike, but almost all the plant employees are respecting the picket lines and the plant is completely shut down. Truck drivers in Oakland Teamsters Local 70 are also respecting the picket line.

The strike began on May 1, when the company fired one shop steward and wrote up the other. Forty-one workers went to the plant manager and demanded the steward be rehired. The manager flatly refused and told the workers they would also be fired if they did not return to work.

All 41 then walked out and set up a picket line, shutting down the plant on the swing shift and the graveyard shift. The company then fired each of them.

The strikers are demanding all

those fired be rehired, including the shop steward. In addition, they are demanding no reprisals, no loss of seniority, and back pay for all strikers.

Dasco pays only \$2.20 to start for women and \$2.55 for men. Most of the workers are young and Spanish-speaking. The attempt by the company to break the union is in preparation for the new contract, which comes in November.

CHICANO

Rosa, a young Chicano worker with five years seniority, was among the 41 who first walked out. She told the Bulletin: "They hire people here and lay them off before 90 days, because after that they have to pay more money."

"The union leaders—they're good for nothing. They're the worst thing we have."

"They're always on the company's side."

Another striker said: "Some people with more than 10 years walked out and they said, 'You're fired,' just like that."

The company has hired armed

security guards with police dogs to terrorize the pickets. In addition, Oakland police have been constantly harassing the strikers.

BITTEN

Last Wednesday night, a picket was bitten by a police dog and Thursday morning four were arrested by the police.

The Teamster leadership has made a treacherous deal with the company to submit the fate of the fired steward to binding arbitration.

SF Court Tells Bosses To Wiretap Workers

BY ANN LORE
SAN FRANCISCO—A federal judge in San Francisco has given employers the right to monitor employees' telephone conversations as long as the calls go through company switchboards.

US District Judge Robert H. Schnacke dismissed wiretapping charges against John Christman, formerly in charge of security at Macy's San Francisco store.

Christman was charged with wiretapping conversations of store security personnel for almost four months, from January 15 to May 2, 1973.

The trial began Monday and ended abruptly Wednesday when the defense lawyer moved for acquittal. The judge granted the motion and sent the jury home.

There is a federal law prohibiting private individuals from tapping phones or even recording on their own phones without a beeping device to warn callers they are being recorded.

Judge Schnacke based his ruling on an exemption to this general prohibition which allows the telephone company to monitor its operators, the so-called "switchboard exemption."

US Attorney Browning, whose office brought the case to trial, said it was impossible to appeal the ruling because the judge took

the case away from the jury.

"I can see a lot of private security services and employers thinking that now they can listen in to their employees' telephone calls when they are not a party to the conversation," he said.

The decision is a green light for unlimited spying on any phone calls a worker makes or receives while at work. It gives the boss powers which will be used against trade union and political activity in every plant and office. It is a step toward destruction of democratic rights.

Department Store Local 1100 organizes workers at Macy's. An outraged employee at the union office said: "I wonder what the people are saying about it. The freedom of the people is really going down the tubes."

The union has made no statement. A Local 1100 bureaucrat took the position that since the employees spied upon were security guards and not members of the union, the union would do nothing. "If one of our people report their calls are being monitored, then we will take legal action," he said. "Until then we are not involved."

Teachers Pact Violated

BY A REPORTER
SAN FRANCISCO—James Ballard, head of the San Francisco Federation of Teachers, has charged that the Board of Education is planning to violate the agreement which ended the recent citywide teachers strike.

That agreement provided that the board could not reduce any educational program or supplies or cut back in teaching personnel in order to pay for the 6 percent wage increase won by the teachers.

Now school superintendent Steven P. Morena is recommending that all paraprofessionals whose salaries are paid for by local funds be laid off. This would mean the elimination of 500 of the 2000 paraprofessionals presently employed.

Associate Superintendent Lane De Lara implied that vast cuts in other areas are being con-

sidered as well, and denied that this was a violation of the agreement with the teachers.

De Lara told the press: "I don't think we intend to violate the agreement. We certainly are not going to fire any teachers."

"But we have to make cutbacks in order to meet the terms of the 6 percent raise to be instituted next year."

De Lara did say that there would be a reduction in the number of teachers due to attrition and added:

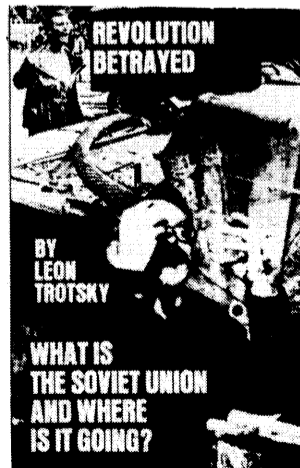
"But in regards to other programs, we very definitely will be recommending that there be some deletions."

Ballard had demanded an accounting from the school board on cutbacks they are planning. In a letter to school superintendent Moreno, Ballard stated:

"The teachers union's further action depend upon your response to these questions and we urge an immediate answer."

De Lara's reply makes it clear that the school board has no intention of living up to its agreement with the teachers.

The teachers must demand immediate preparation for strike action to defend the contract.



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Elecciones En Santo Domingo

El panorama político en la República Dominicana se caracteriza por su secuela de enfrentamientos violentos entre los grupos que aspiran tomar el poder en las elecciones propuestas para realizarse el 16 de este mes.

Concurrirán a las mismas los partidos del Acuerdo de Santiago: Partido Revolucionario Dominicano (P.R.D.), Partido Quisqueyano Democrático (P.Q.D.), Partido Revolucionario Social Cristiano (P.R.S.C.) y Movimiento Popular Dominicano (M.P.D.), por una parte, y por la otra el Partido Reformista del actual presidente de la república, Doctor Joaquín Balaguer.

Los candidatos al cargo presidencial son el presidente de la república, por su partido y el ascendado nacionalista Antonio Guzmán por los partidos del Acuerdo de Santiago.

El Presidente y candidato al cargo presidencial del país en estas elecciones se ha reelegido por el período 1966 (Antes, hacia 1961 había sido presidente títere del tirano Trujillo y derrocado después de la muerte de éste por una huelga general), y vuelto a reelegirse en 1970. Ahora es de nuevo aspirante al mismo cargo.

En todos esos largos años de Balaguer gobernar al pueblo dominicano las muertes de sus opositores ha sido el pan de cada día. Miles de sus oponentes hanido a dar, cuando no a la tumba, a las mazmorras donde se les torturas salvajemente hasta el extremo de que muchos de esos infelices no han podido soportar las cruentas golpizas y de ellas no han podido sobre vivir.

En estos momentos de elecciones en la Republica Dominicana ha sido incrementado el terror. Solamente en el mes de abril han sido acribillados a balazos 12 jóvenes y más de cien fueron internados a consecuencias de heridas de balas cuando se han movilizados para protestar por las infinidades de vicisitudes que a diario se enfrentan.

Taces como el alto costo de la vida, la falta de empleos, de viviendas, de salud, de escuelas, de una reforma agraria que elimine de una vez por toda con el latifundismo y el minifundismo y porque se amnistie a los cientos de presos políticos.

El gobierno del presidente Balaguer que le teme a que los obreros se organicen y luchen por sus derechos de clase, disolvió la manifestación de 80,000 personas que en conmemoración del primero de mayo, día internacional de los trabajadores, se efectuó ese día en Santo Domingo.

Para ellos utilizó la policía política y la guardia nacional. En la misma hubo un saldo de un obrero muerto y 8 heridos de bala. También a los obreros de Santiago, la segunda ciudad del país, se les impidió salir a las calles con la consiguiente amenaza de que si osaban salir serian ametrallados.

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Elecciones En Santo Domingo

El panorama político en la República Dominicana se caracteriza por su secuela de enfrentamientos violentos entre los grupos que aspiran tomar el poder en las elecciones propuestas para realizarse el 16 de este mes.

Concurrirán a las mismas los partidos del Acuerdo de Santiago: Partido Revolucionario Dominicano (P.R.D.), Partido Quisqueyano Democrático (P.Q.D.), Partido Revolucionario Social Cristiano (P.R.S.C.) y Movimiento Popular Dominicano (M.P.D.), por una parte, y por la otra el Partido Reformista del actual presidente de la república, Doctor Joaquín Balaguer.

Los candidatos al cargo presidencial son el presidente de la república, por su partido y el ascendado nacionalista Antonio Guzmán por los partidos del Acuerdo de Santiago.

El Presidente y candidato al cargo presidencial del país en estas elecciones se ha reelegido por el período 1966 (Antes, hacia 1961 había sido presidente títere del tirano Trujillo y derrocado después de la muerte de éste por una huelga general), y vuelto a reelegirse en 1970. Ahora es de nuevo aspirante al mismo cargo.

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Taces como el alto costo de la vida, la falta de empleos, de viviendas, de salud, de escuelas, de una reforma agraria que elimine de una vez por toda con el latifundismo y el minifundismo y porque se amnistie a los cientos de presos políticos.

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