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TEAMSTER '76 CONTRACT SELLOUT UNCOVERED

Details on the Teamster Union's bargaining demands for the important National Master Freight Agreement leaked out this week.

The official union demands were released December 3 by Teamsters for a Decent Contract (TDC). TDC obtained copies of the 10-page document that the union will present to the employers in Washington next week.

[For details of the union's negotiating proposals, see page 7.]

For truck drivers, warehouse and dock workers across the country, the news is not good. In the critical area of job security, Teamster President

Frank Fitzsimmons has no demand at all.

• On the grievance procedure, the union has raised no demand at all.

• On economic issues, the demand is better: \$2.50 an hour increase over three years, with full cost of living. But the question here is what Fitzsimmons is willing to fight for.

The agreement covers 450,000 Teamsters. Bargaining begins in January. The old contract expires March 31.

Normally these bargaining demands would be kept secret

from the membership of the union. But the document is being circulated around the country by the TDC, a rank and file group in the union which is campaigning for a liveable contract.

In publicizing the union's demands, the TDC said, "We are making these public so that rank and file Teamsters may see in the light of day what our top officials are doing in our name. In the crucial area of jobs and job security, these proposals say nothing.

"This is an outrage when

UNION NEGOTIATING PROPOSALS

NATIONAL MASTER FREIGHT AGREEMENT
AND
ALL SUPPLEMENTS AND RIDERS THERETO

These proposals are patterned on the current NATIONAL MASTER FREIGHT AGREEMENT AND SUPPLEMENTS THERETO.

Where no reference is made to a specific article or section thereof, such article and section are to continue as in the current Master or Supplement Agreement, as applied and interpreted during the life of such agreement. Additions and new language are underscored. Deletions are struck through.

THESE NEGOTIATING PROPOSALS ARE SUBJECT TO SUCH REVISION, MODIFICATION AND DELETION AS THE NATIONAL POLICY AND NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE MAY DETERMINE FROM TIME TO TIME. THE COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO SUBMIT ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS AS THE CIRCUMSTANCES MAY WARRANT DURING THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATIONS.

November 25, 1975

First page of the Teamster Union's official negotiating proposals for the national Master Freight Agreement.

thousands and thousands of our members are out of work or working as casuals (day laborers), and when some drivers are forced to work 60 or more hours a week while others have no work at all."

It is for these reasons that thousands of Teamsters across the country are lining up with Teamsters for a Decent Contract. That's the only hope of winning a satisfactory contract next spring.

What We Think



Portugal: Setback, Not Defeat

The Portuguese working class suffered a serious setback last week. Pro-capitalist and fascist forces were strengthened. This week, those forces are celebrating their success. Their allies and supporters, the newspapers and the ruling classes of the United States and western Europe, are celebrating along with them.

They are also urging the Portuguese government to follow up with "decisive action"—an all-out campaign to destroy the revolution. The forces of reaction, all over the world, now see the best chance in 19 months to divide and finally destroy the movement of workers, farmers and soldiers for socialism in Portugal.

Like all supporters of the Portuguese workers' revolution, we are deeply disappointed by these developments. The struggle for workers' power in Portugal is a tremendous inspiration to us, as it is to everyone around the world fighting for socialism and freedom. The revolution in Portugal is no far-away event—it is part of what we live and fight for every day.

Now that struggle has been weakened. But there is no room for pronouncing defeat. We know that every real workers' revolution in history has gone through similar setbacks.

Portuguese workers have been set back, but in no way have they been crushed or suffered a final defeat.

WHY THE SETBACK

It is now clear why this setback occurred. It was the treachery and cowardice of the Portuguese Communist Party. The Communist Party called left-wing soldiers out to revolt—then left them stranded.

The leadership of the CP, with a planned maneuver, betrayed revolutionary workers and soldiers—including its own members—and opened the way for a major advance by the right-wing government.

Throughout the world, capitalist papers, pro-capitalist parties and fake revolutionary organizations will try to place the blame for last week's setbacks on the Portuguese revolutionary left. In particular, the Revolutionary Party of the Proletariat (RPP) and Left Socialist Movement (MES) will be singled out. The International Socialist Workers' Party rejects these counter-revolutionary lies. So will the workers of Portugal. They are already finding out the truth about how the Communist Party sold them out.

The right wing will use its victory to clamp

down on workers' commissions, on popular assemblies, on peasants and soldiers. But as long as the RPP exists, as long as it can continue its development as the leadership of the most advanced sections of workers, the government faces a huge barrier blocking its road to counter-revolution.

It will now be the job of the RPP to maintain a workers' press, despite the purge of the major papers. It will be their job to unite the working class against the political and economic attacks now coming.

Despite repression, the RPP will continue the construction of a workers' party. A party that can break the hold of the Communist Party over key sections of the working class. A party that can lead the workers' insurrection, which alone can bring the victory of socialism in Portugal.

As they take on these tasks, more than ever before they must have massive physical and political support from revolutionaries across the world.

Long live the Revolutionary Party of the Proletariat! Victory to the Portuguese workers' revolution!

[For a report of last week's events and their meaning, turn to page 4.]

Earlier this year readers of Workers' Power, and members and friends of the International Socialists responded magnificently to the Workers' Power Portugal Solidarity Fund. Over \$5000 was raised for the Revolutionary Party of the Proletariat (RPP).

Now the need for funds is even more critical. The RPP is the only organization that can provide the revolutionary leadership for Portuguese workers to recover from the setback they have received. The few weeks ahead are the most crucial.

The resources available to the RPP are tiny compared to those of the right wing government, and the parties backed and funded by the United States government and the CIA.

Your contribution will also be a show of solidarity from US workers to the Portuguese revolution.

Don't put it off. Now is the time. Every dollar, and every day is critical.

Send your contributions to: Workers' Power Portuguese Solidarity Fund, 14131 Woodward Ave., Highland Park, MI 48203.

IS THE WHITE-WASH GETTING DIRTY?

JOHN F. KENNEDY was assassinated 12 years ago. He was struck down in his peace-loving prime—if you believe what're expected to believe—by a lone crank, Lee Harvey Oswald.

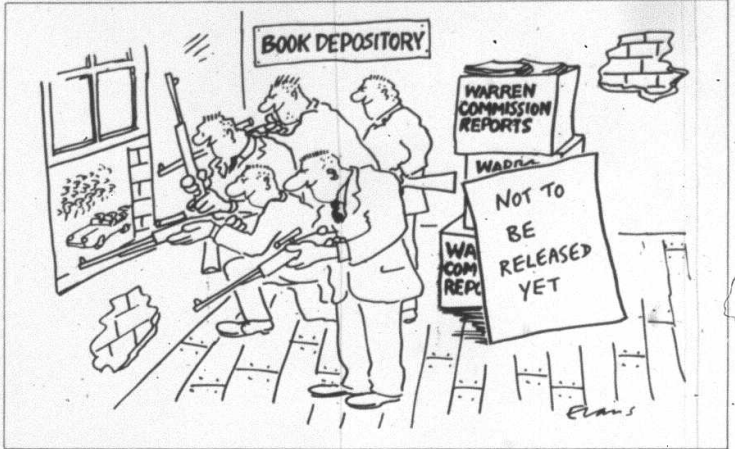
If you don't believe this, and if you care to investigate just a few of the uncomfortable facts that have since come to light, a different picture begins to emerge. It's a picture that says a lot about the monster of violence, conspiracy and cover-up that is the American government machine, the "finest democracy on earth."



Consider a few of those facts about that day in Dallas:

FACT: Oswald is supposed to have shot Kennedy three times and Governor Connally of Texas three times—all in six seconds. Not bad for a World War I rifle wielded by a man whose military record describes him as a mediocre shot...

FACT: Violent hostility was known to exist in Dallas towards



Kennedy. Anonymous "Wanted for Treason" posters had "welcomed" his visit. And yet...

Most of Kennedy's Secret Service escort had been taken out on a binge until 3:00 am the night before. Pictures of the assassination scene show them looking dazed and bewildered.

No investigation was ever carried out into who organized the binge—and why.

FACT: Seconds after the shooting the main police radio channel was jammed for three minutes by an unknown source. Again, no investigation.

Meanwhile, police who rushed to a grassy knoll ahead of the Presidential car and to the nearby Texas School Book Depository building encountered men with Secret Service credentials in both areas.

It is now known that there were no bona fide Secret Service men in the area at the time.

NOTORIOUS

FACT: Two interesting early suspects were quietly and quickly released. One was a man called Power, who proved to be an agent for Army Intelligence. He was arrested in the TSBD building from which Oswald was later alleged to have fired the fatal shots.

The second was Eugene Brading now known to be a notorious Mafia figure on a one-day visit to Dallas. Brading was arrested in another building overlooking Kennedy's route.

FACT: Eight minutes after Kennedy had been pronounced dead, a policeman called Tippett was shot—and a scenario of almost mechanical precision emerged.

Police cars roared out to the scene of Tippett's death. Police who had been "searching" the TSBD building almost constantly from the time of Kennedy's assassination suddenly "discovered" a rifle traceable to Oswald.

Another half-hour and Oswald was arrested for shooting Tippett. A few more minutes and the news was flashing around the world, along with a tip that this was the President's assassin.

PRO-CASTRO

Soon the press was being told how Oswald's apartment was stocked with Marxist literature, how he had subsequently taken part in pro-Castro activity. Meanwhile...

FACT: Two days after his arrest, Oswald was shot dead by Jack Ruby while in police custody. Both men, it is now known, were FBI informers...

Book after book has pointed to powerful evidence of conspiracy to get Kennedy out of the

way... and to cover up the truth about his death.

Evidence was either glossed over or ignored by the official investigation, the Warren Commission. Four of the members of that commission were:

Allen Dulles, former CIA chief, sacked by Kennedy.

John McCloy, a former head of the CIA's predecessor, the OSS.

Richard Russell, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee and a personal friend of Lyndon Johnson.

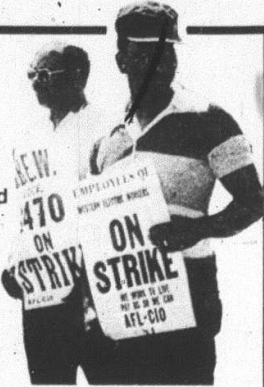
Congressman Gerald Ford, a consistent supporter of the CIA, nominated for the commission by Richard Nixon. Now President of the United States.

Conspiracy... or fantasy? Fantasy, if you've never heard of the CIA, Watergate and how the American ruling class works.

Conspiracy, if you can pinpoint a motive that makes more sense than the transparently absurd notion that John F. Kennedy died at the hands of a deranged Marxist called Lee Harvey Oswald...

labor notes

by Jim Woodward



The UAW "Production Workers' Conference" scheduled for January won't have many actual production workers at it. According to rules set up by the UAW, there will only be one or two delegates from most locals. The local President will be an automatic delegate and other delegates "must be selectees" from the local executive board and/or shop committee.

Under no circumstances shall additional delegates, guests, or observers be seated," the rules say. The International is already getting local union officers in line. Production workers who want real action on the 1976 contract will have to look elsewhere.

The first meeting between the Teamsters Union and the trucking employers concerning the national Master Freight Agreement will take place in Washington December 11. At that time the union will present its demands for a contract to replace the one which expires March 31. The first formal negotiating session will be held in Washington on January 5.

A group of independent truck drivers, the Fraternal Association of Steel Haulers (FASH), has decided to try to decertify the Teamsters Union as bargaining agent for 17,000 owner-operators who transport steel. The decertification attempt could weaken the Teamsters at the time when the national Master Freight Agreement is about to expire.

But the number one blame for this raid lies with Teamster President Frank Fitzsimmons, who has given owner-operators no better representation than he has given other truck drivers. During the 1974 strike of independent truckers, for example, Fitzsimmons attacked the independents for "perpetrating acts of murder, violence and intimidation" and urged the government to crack down on the strikers.

In 1974, one out of every 10.4 workers was injured on the job. Labor Department statistics also show 5900 workers were killed on the job last year.

Some facts on the Washington Post, which is trying to break its printers' union: its profits in 1974 were \$287 million. Among top US corporations, the Post ranked 217th in profits. Although most large newspapers operate on 3-5% profit, the Post wants to increase profits from 9 to 15%. And they have the nerve to claim the issue involved in the printers' strike is "freedom of the press!"

"We live in a free society where people can accept or reject offers made to them," says Billy Graham. The offer he's talking about was made by a church, which graciously offered someone a job paying less than the minimum wage. The Reverend Graham didn't mention it, but in this wonderful free society, people are also perfectly free to go hungry if no one happens to make them a good enough offer.

What's happening where you work? Send items for this column to: Workers' Power, 14131 Woodward Ave., Highland Park, Michigan 48203. Or phone 313-869-5965.



Pickets Jailed

These four dangerous criminals, Tom Zerata, Ann Moring, Carl Paris, and Cindy Urban, were arrested the night before Thanksgiving and thrown in a Detroit city jail. Their Crimes? Carrying signs and handing out leaflets to inform shoppers at a local supermarket about the United Farm Workers boycott of scab grapes, head lettuce, and Gallo wine. They were held most of the night, and not released until 3 am Thanksgiving Day.

Peaceful picketing is not always against the law in this land of freedom. Just when it has some effect. Apparently the Farmer Jack supermarket chain didn't much like people picketing its store on one of the busiest shopping nights of the year. They had Del Russell, their chief of security, down there directing the arrests personally. Now these four picketers face a

possible jail term for the crime of telling you that the boycott is still on. There's one thing you can do for them, even if you live a thousand miles from Detroit. Don't buy non-UFW grapes, head lettuce, or Gallo wine. Honor the boycott until the union has signed contracts with the growers!

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'Detroit's Like A Firecracker'

TWENTY-ONE YEARS after the Supreme Court decision outlawing segregated schools black people still fight for integrated education. Wherever court-ordered busing occurs, it is opposed by racist organizing. And often violence. Busing is scheduled to begin in Detroit on January 26. But Detroit is a different town than Louisville or Boston. There court-ordered school integration has provoked racist mobs into the streets. Detroit is majority black. The school system is almost 80% black. Many city officials, including the mayor and a majority of the School Board, are black. Still the schools are segregated. The busing plan has already led to increased racism and tension—including cross-burnings on black residents' lawns. Workers' Power reporter Kate Stacy talked with Karen Malik, a black woman who lives in a neighborhood where three crosses were burned last month. These are her views of busing and the struggle for racial equality.



Karen Malik and her children: "People are going to protect themselves."

At first I really didn't know what stance to take on busing. I sympathize with the people that don't want to be put in a new setting. But a lot don't want their kids bused for racist reasons and that's it.

One person I talked to said she went to school with blacks and thought it was a poor situation. She wouldn't want her kids to go to a school like that because the school is crummy.

I just wanted to say what do you think the whole purpose of busing is? It's to make the schools better.

NO AUDITORIUM

The newspaper ran an article on Kettering High School. The school was built in 1969. They don't have an auditorium; they don't have a football field. They have a sports area but it was never finished.

It's really pitiful. I never heard of a school that didn't have an auditorium. This is a relatively new school, but they just didn't put the money in to get it finished. It's all black.

Virtually every black school that you have in Detroit has the reputation of being bad, whether it's really bad inside or not.

CIVIL RIGHTS

They say that Kettering has a bad reputation. But also they have a lot of students that have been improving. People never recognize this because they're always concerned about what bad is happening at Kettering High School.

During the whole civil rights thing, some blacks were able to make it. It didn't make that much difference to whites. But when the majority start coming, people get scared. Their kid has to go to school with just as many black kids as white kids. That's when they start getting afraid.

Then they say, "Oh, the influence my kid is getting from school. How is she going to learn to be a good right American citizen?"

White parents don't want what's called "bringing down their education." But black people want their kids to get a better education. Not all black kids have a third grade education; it's just the schooling is worse. There are so many bright people, if they just had a better chance at getting a better education.

OPINIONS AND VIOLENCE

Everybody can have their own opinions. There's freedom of speech and all that. But anything that's against the law, like cross burnings and busting people's windshields, houses, or cars, all of that should be banned completely.

Any time these demonstrations get out of hand and start infringing on people's personal rights, they should be banned. Whatever it takes to intervene.

It think there is going to be fighting in the streets. I feel it in

my bones, though it's not cross-district busing with the suburbs.

Detroit is like a fire-cracker town. Anything will set it off. There's a lot of tension, but it's laid low. All it needs is something to bring it up.

Everybody says that the '67 riots have died down. Now people are backing to everyday living, but I don't think so. Nothing has really come out of that.

The civil rights movement accomplished some things. A lot of people got equal pay, but we really can't say it was an overall change.

Black people have a nature of being ready to fight for what is rightfully theirs. Black kids aren't just going to sit around and take the name calling. All the things that are going to happen, they're not going to sit around and take.

None of my kids are in school, but I have friends that are, brothers and sisters that are in school. So naturally I'm going to take a stance. There are a lot of people not directly involved that are going to get involved.

DOING SOMETHING

Like I said, Detroit is a fire-cracker town. If the police don't do something about it, people are going to do something about it. They are not going to take it.

If Coleman Young [Detroit's mayor, a black man] thinks there is not going to be any violence because he gets out there, he's just going to get knocked over with the crowd. He better get out there before the action starts.

If anything really comes of these cross-burnings, they're just going to end up burning the wrong cross on the wrong lawn. There's going to be shootings and killings.

People are going to protect themselves. I know there's not going to be any of that in this house. If somebody is going to come after us, I'm not just going to be the victim.

Rhodesians Murdered

In the first ten months of this year, 22 Rhodesians were hanged or sentenced to die for political "crimes." The crime was fighting for freedom against white racist rule. That is almost as many as were executed for the entire ten years from 1965 to the start of 1975.

Beginning this year, names of victims and the details of executions are no longer published. Relatives and friends are not told either. The prisoner is awakened in the middle of the night and marched to the gallows.

After the prisoner's appeal is turned down every night in jail could be his last. And appeals have little meaning in Rhodesia.

On August 6, two unnamed Africans had their appeals against death sentences turned down. They were convicted of setting a land mine. Who they are, let alone whether they are still alive, no one knows.

No one knows how long John Hienani, 65, has to live. At the end of October, he was convicted of taking boys to Mozambique for guerilla training.

On November 11, Elliott Dube, Reze Nyamarupa and Ignatius Moto were convicted of killing members of the Rhodesian army. The death sentence is automatic. Their hangings will be in secret.

What We Think

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TWENTY YEARS AFTER MONTGOMERY

Twenty years ago this week, in Montgomery, Alabama, Rosa Parks was arrested for violating the city's "transportation segregation" law. She refused to give up her seat on the bus to a white man. The Montgomery bus boycott kicked off the civil rights movement. Jim Crow laws were wiped off the books. It took the courage of long struggle, and often blood, to do that.

In the ten years after the boycott, black people organized and fought in the South to end segregation. The non-violent movement was met with violence. Four children were murdered in a Birmingham church bombing in 1963. But thousands of blacks registered to vote for the first time.

Victories in the South added confidence to the black movement. Four centuries of racism could not

be overturned in the South alone, or just by changing the laws. The civil rights movement moved north, into the urban centers. Militant organizations like the Black Panther Party demanded more than equality within the racist system. They wanted black power.

In the summers of '65-'67, black anger and frustration exploded in urban revolts. Suddenly the white power structure was listening again. Anti-poverty programs mushroomed. A booming economy allowed companies to open their doors to blacks. Every gain granted was granted grudgingly. But in the maze of red tape, gains in employment and housing were won.

The past five years have seen an erosion of most of what black people won in struggle. One year

before the Montgomery bus boycott, in "Brown vs. the Board of Education," the Supreme Court said segregated schools must end. Separate was not equal. Today the busing movement fights for the same principle. And hard core racist forces are organizing again around this issue. Economic gains have been wiped out. Three million blacks are officially jobless.

The gains of the black liberation movement were won in struggle, from a system that had some fat on it. This recession is a signal that the fat is gone. The capitalist system requires a group of people at the bottom of society to absorb its ups and downs. This is the capitalist's reason for black oppression. It is also why the International Socialists say that to end racism, their system must be smashed.

Communist Party Adventure Sets Back Revolution

Last week the Portuguese revolution suffered its most serious setback in its 19-month history. The Communist Party of Portugal is responsible for the setback.

The government has made major arrests of left-wing officers and commanders in the armed forces. In custody are officers of COPCON, the security force which was commanded by leftists; the Fifth Division, which handles the military's information services; and the RALIS light artillery units around Lisbon.

The crisis which blew up last week was brewing for some time. For weeks the government had tried to create a stable, disciplined military to control the working class. It had failed totally and was near collapse. To re-establish authority in the military the government ordered the removal of Otelio de Carvalho as military governor of Lisbon.

During this period, the Communist Party was trying to increase its influence in the government. It led a massive strike of construction workers. It was the major political force in the huge rally and march of over 200,000 workers of November 16.

But the Communist Party firmly opposed the idea of workers solving the political and social crisis by taking power. It wanted a new government coalition with the Socialist Party. And it wanted a part in that government.

The Communist Party used the firing of Carvalho to push its plan a step further. It initiated a large-scale military revolt.

Through their influence over many officers, the CP deliberately took advantage of an explosive situation. Militant paratroop units were ready to respond. Under CP officers' leadership, they occupied barracks and installations at Tancos, Montereal and two other bases.

But the Communist Party had no intention of backing up the revolt it inspired. After the first few hours of revolt, the CP stopped in its tracks. When marines wanted to go out in defense of the paratroops, CP officers kept them back.

The CP put many of its own officers and soldiers, and the entire left wing in the military, on the firing line. It exposed the entire revolution to tremendous danger, then pulled back and let the right wing government move in to re-take the bases and isolate left wing units throughout the country.

WHY?

What led the Communist Party to betray the whole revolution and its own supporters?

It was a planned, cynical maneuver. The CP leadership never planned to fight the government to the finish. They wanted more Ministers in the government. To get this, they wanted to prove they could control events, control the masses of workers and soldiers. They wanted to prove they were the only force that could create a crisis—and then, just as quickly, call it off.

In doing this, they planned to help discredit and destroy the revolutionary left. They expected revolutionaries to leap to the front of the battle, get the blame for a military coup attempt and be smashed.

Most revolutionary units soon understood what was happening and refused to fall into the CP's trap. They readied for action, but did not throw themselves into the battle the CP was already deserting.

But many other left-wing officers and units, CP-controlled or not, were compromised and

government dares to launch right away. There is one advantage in the present difficult situation. The government, while clearly on the offensive against the left, appears too divided to launch a full-scale repression.

There is no repression of the PRP or other revolutionary organizations. The revolutionary left is now starting a campaign to demand the release of arrested soldiers and officers. The Government repression is directed at armed workers. Homes are

sections of rank and file workers who are in the Communist Party.

The political strength of the Communist Party in the working class is being badly shaken. But that isn't enough. Its power must be broken by the revolutionary left.

As bad as the current situation is, it could produce some very good results. The political organizations on the Portuguese left were seriously tested. Those that best met the challenge, in particular the PRP and MES, may now be able to grow in influence,



caught in the middle. The right wing used the pretext of the CP maneuver to attack revolutionary units and arrest left wing officers from RALIS and the military police. As a result the left-wing officers had two choices: be arrested, or go underground. Most have gone underground.

BACKFIRE

The whole left in Portugal has been damaged. But the CP leaders' strategy backfired. They controlled nothing. They are suffering the most damage of all.

In the factories, the CP is trying to pin the blame for the rebellion on the Revolutionary Party of the Roloariati (PRP). But the CP's own rank and file militants are now saying openly the CP leadership committed "treason."

The PRP is for armed workers' insurrection—socialist revolution. But it does not support trying to take power with a military coup. During the crisis, PRP militants tried to convince army units to give arms to workers, for defense against the right-wing counter-attack. They were not taken in by the CP's treacherous maneuver.

DIFFICULT PERIOD

A very difficult period now lies ahead for the Portuguese revolution. The government and the capitalists behind it have a few weeks or months to consolidate. But the revolutionary forces are not defeated. To crush them would require a far more violent and efficient terror campaign than this.

broken into and searched for the estimated 30,000 guns in civilian hands.

The Revolutionary Brigades are being hunted by the army and police. The Brigades separated from the PRP and went underground weeks ago when ordered to surrender their weapons.

There is as yet no attack on the powerful workers commissions which have already launched actions against the newly instituted wage freeze.

Within the government, the right-wing Popular Democratic Party is screaming for blood. The Socialist Party, taking an almost equally right-wing line, wants a thorough purge in the armed forces, crushing the left wing to restore discipline and make the army a reliable instrument of repression.

But the nine so-called "moderate" officers led by Melo Antunes and Vasco Lourenco (appointed to replace Carvalho as COPCON head) who previously enjoyed SP support, do not believe this is possible. They are afraid that all-out repression now would strengthen the extreme right. They believe a safer way to restore order is to give the Communist Party the greater voice it wants in the government.

There is no agreement among right wing forces about a common policy. The SP is openly attacking its former ally, Melo Antunes—from the right.

The Sixth Provisional Government will keep functioning. The CP, which launched the crisis, is keeping its one minister in the Cabinet.

Now the revolutionary left in general, and the PRP in particular, face the most critical test. They must win the most important

numbers and strength.

Before last week, all the necessary conditions for a successful workers' insurrection existed in Portugal. Only the Communist Party was able to prevent it, and turn a situation that could have produced victory into a setback and potential catastrophe.

It must not happen again.

CORRECTION

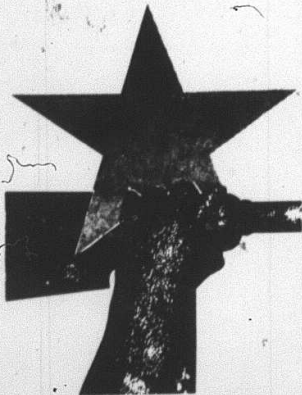
Last week's Workers' Power report on Portugal gave a false impression of events. We owe our readers an explanation.

When the confrontation between the government and left-wing paratroop units broke out Monday, November 23, there was tremendous confusion in Portugal. Portuguese revolutionaries prepared for the possibility of civil war, while they tried to find out what was going on. Communication within Portugal had broken down.

Workers' Power coverage of Portugal is based on information we receive by phone directly from Portugal. The first few hours of last week's crisis occurred as Workers' Power was reaching its final deadline. At that time it appeared that an insurrection or civil war might be starting.

It soon turned out that the real situation was very different—quite unfortunately for the revolution. As a result, much of what we said was way off base.

In this issue, the events of last week are explained, as well as the current situation. □



MANEUVERING BEGINS ON '76 AUTO CONTRACT

GM Chairman Demands 'Discipline on Costs'

Final bargaining on the 1976 big three auto contracts is still 10 months off. But already, all sides have started positioning themselves for what may be the widest auto contract since the big 1946



G.M. Chairman Thomas Murphy

GM strike.

General Motors Chairman, Thomas A. Murphy, speaking to the New York Economic Club, promised that GM would do its share in management's attack on wages, job security and working conditions in an effort to bolster sagging profits.

Specifically referring to the 1976 contracts, he stated: "We—all who have a voice in the leadership of American business—must in our own business be prepared to make the tough, the necessary, and the disciplined decisions with respect to costs."

US Labor Secretary John Dunlop agrees with Murphy. A business report interview with an associate of Dunlop states: "Nothing on the Secretary's agenda of priority issues for next year is more

important than the inducement of a moderate settlement in auto." He is concerned because auto workers' wages have not been cut by inflation as had workers in other industries.

Industry sources claim that merely extending the old agreement in 1976, with no upward rise on wages or other benefits, would yield increases over the next three years of 7.3% a year.

For auto workers, continuing the old agreement would be a defeat. The old Cost of Living formula will be far out of date by 1976. The old contract would also perpetuate a bankrupt Supplemental Unemployment Benefits Program.

UAW LEADERSHIP

Management says that just con-

tinuing the old contract is too expensive, and wants a cut back. The Federal Labor Department agrees. The workers need substantial improvements just to hold their own. Where does the UAW leadership stand?

Dunlop believes they stand with management and the government. According to business sources he believes "that negotiators on both sides are resourceful and sophisticated, and that he is confident of their ability to produce a settlement acceptable to both parties and to Washington."

By sophisticated, Dunlop means they can come up with a package that can fool the workers into thinking we got the protection we need, but which in fact, saves the company money. This concept was pioneered in the 1973 Agreement.

Among the bargaining victories, we were told before voting on the new contract, was voluntary overtime and a streamlined grievance procedure. When the smoke cleared, we ended up with an overtime clause making it easier and not harder for management to force overtime. Very little at all has been heard since about the new grievance procedure.

In 1976 there are plans to apply this same shell game to our wages and our job security clauses. Future issues of Workers' Power will report on this in more detail. But the simple fact we must all remember in going into the 1976 auto bargaining: "Watch out for false advertising and keep your hand on your wallet." There is a con game being set up slicker than anything you've seen on TV. □

Would You Want This Man To Judge You ?

President Ford has just nominated Judge John Paul Stevens to the Supreme Court.

According to his friends in the legal profession, Stevens is a fine legal scholar—a man whose judgement is thorough, fair and precise.

Stevens is "highly regarded throughout this jurisdiction as a superb judicial craftsman," said Norval Morris, professor at the University of Chicago Law School.

The national news media call Stevens a "moderate conservative." After recent appointments of conservative conservatives, includ-

ing Chief Justice Warren Berger, some might heave a sigh of relief.

But don't let the "superb craftsman" or the "moderate" part fool you. Stevens is a hanging judge.

Along with Stevens' nomination, the White House released a selection of judicial opinions handed down by Stevens while serving as US Circuit Judge in Chicago since 1970.

Most interesting is his attitude toward the police. Stevens is suspicious of defendants who claim their rights have been violated.

Just five months ago Stevens

ruled irrelevant the fact that a suspected hold-up man was not allowed to see his lawyer before being placed in a police line up.

SEEING LAWYERS

The incident involved "sloppy" police work, Stevens said, "but it did not impermissibly violate the suspect's constitutional rights or deprive him of due process of the law."

So much for thoroughness and craftsmanship.

In another case, Stevens ruled

that defendants were not entitled to know how many years they could get in jail before pleading guilty.

Ford picked Stevens because he is bland, colorless and hopefully non-controversial. The same reasons that Nixon picked Ford.

Ford, as did Nixon, needs to add prestige to his collapsing administration. The last thing he needs now is controversy.

Stevens' judicial career parallels Ford's political career. They are both right-wingers. Stevens knows what side he's on and it isn't ours. □



Judge John P. Stevens

Texas Farm Workers Organizing A Union

by Paul Merton

Farm workers in Texas' Rio Grande Valley are trying to organize a union. The valley is the area where more than half the migrant farm workers in the US begin their journey.

Texas Farm Workers faces not only violent opposition from the growers, but lack of support from the United Farm Workers and the AFL-CIO.

The current, organizing drive began with a strike during last May's melon harvest.

A foreman shot and wounded eleven strikers. Police said he was within his rights. The workers were charged with "inciting to violence."

The strike followed the melon crop up to the Texas Panhandle. At its height it involved 3000 workers.

CITRUS STRIKE

This fall a strike began in the citrus harvest. In September, 17 permanent employees of Sharyland Farms struck to protest an abusive foreman and bad working conditions.

Sharyland owner Allan Shivers said his workers get the highest pay rates in the Valley. They do—\$1.80 an hour!

Shivers is a former Texas governor and is now a regent of the University of Texas. He bequeathed his house, valued at \$1 million,

to two universities: to save taxes.

The United Farm Workers has not endorsed these strikes and the organizing activities of the TFW. They have given no explanation. But the UFW's national strategy emphasizes first California, then Florida.

The fight between the unions is said to have widened by the alleged use of violence by TFW strikers. However, TFW leader Antonio Orendain, who has worked with Cesar Chavez since 1950, endorses non-violence. This is despite the violence that TFW members face from growers and their agents.

BORDER

A real difference in strategy involves the Mexican border. TFW works closely with farm workers south of the border. They also try to reach Mexican workers as they cross the International Bridge at Hidalgo.

TFW sees that they must organize all farm workers, north and south of the border. They oppose the harassment of Mexican workers by both the US Immigration officials and the Mexican government.

Texas Farm Workers continues active support of the boycott of non-UFW grapes and lettuce. In Texas the boycott is most effective in the Valley where the efforts of the TFW have given it force.

In the absence of UFW support



Texas Farm Workers union staff. At left is TFW leader Antonio Orendain.

Texas Farm Workers decided they could not wait for anyone's permission to organize. They have incorporated as an independent union.

FULL SUPPORT?

The President of the Texas

AFL-CIO has officially promised "full support of the properly authorized people for the UFW in Texas." This means that the AFL-CIO will give no support to the Texas Farm Workers.

TFW is the only union in the state which is actively organizing

farm workers.

Some local unions continue to support the TFW. And despite the AFL-CIO, the Texas Farm Workers will continue in their efforts to win decent wages and conditions for farm workers throughout the state. □

CANADA: LONGEST POSTAL STRIKE OVER

TORONTO—After nearly a year without a contract and 42 days on strike, Canadian postal workers have voted to return to work.

This was the longest postal strike in Canadian history. And even at the end, the margin in favor of ending the walkout was very narrow. Only 52% voted to return.

In Quebec, however, the postal workers voted overwhelmingly to stay out. Montreal in particular was solid to continue, and there is a strong chance that the strike will continue there.

The strike began militantly. The union's original demands included wage increases amounting to more than \$3.00 an hour in the next year. Also a shorter work week and an end to the use of casuals.

LEADERSHIP

Nevertheless, the union leadership was not able to successfully fight for these demands. They would not mobilize the membership for militant action. They failed to call on other unions to support them, particularly the letter carriers, who worked through the strike. And the leadership was divided.

Militancy continued to the very end, however. In tumultuous meetings across Canada, strikers refused to allow scabs to attend ratification meetings, even when this meant physically evicting them from the union halls.

The Canadian government and press led a vicious anti-union campaign trying to break the strike, but only 2,300 workers of 22,000 crossed the picket lines.

The final settlement was \$1.70 over 30 months, the government's original offer. There will be no short work week. The other outstanding issues will go to arbitration.

LOCK OUT

DETROIT—Members of Dairyworkers Union Local 83 who work for Borden's Dairy and Services Division in this area have been locked out of their plant since November 3. Fearful of a strike, Borden's moved to lock out the workers just as the contract expired.

Borden's is out to break the union. The union's demands are minimal: maintenance of the two-year contract, maintenance of the same number of union representatives, and full Cost of Living allowance. The company is demanding a three year contract, fewer paid union reps on grievances, and a 10c cap on COL.

Some of the Borden employees have 30-35 years seniority, and now they are out on the street. So far they have been denied unemployment benefits, and since this is not a strike, there are no strike benefits. It seems the company would rather let their competitors take their business than give in to these modest union demands.

Operators v. Mafioso

For the past year members of Local 306 of the Moving Picture Machine Operators have had a running battle with small time Mafioso in the Times Square area of New York. Over that time there has always been at least one theatre that refuses to pay union wages and hires non-union help.

When this happens, the union sets up a picket line. About three months later, after the owner is forced to meet the union's demands, the theatre is sold. And it is always sold to another Mafioso who, after a few months will start doing the same things.

Workers' Power spoke to men on the picket line, and to Max Kessler, the assistant business representative. They agreed that these places are never really sold, but just traded back and forth, from one friend to another.

Although 99.9% of the operators are union in New York, Kessler said the union keeps up the picket lines every day. If they didn't "it would just encourage other people to refuse to pay union dues and before we knew it we'd have to fight for our survival."

It's A Fight For

TDC LEADER EXPLAINS CONTRACT DEMAND

by Dan Labotz

Member of Chicago Truck Drivers Union, Concerned Truckers for a Democratic Union and Teamsters for a Decent Contract.

Michael Ryan earned about \$275 a week as a truck driver for Gateway Transportation. He was able to support himself, his wife and four children, and to live comfortably in a Chicago suburb. Then he was laid off October 24—of last year. The state of Illinois screwed up his unemployment compensation benefits and he didn't get a single check for 22 weeks. He had to borrow money from friends and beg time from his creditors. I called him up a few days ago. He's still laid off.

Mike Ryan isn't alone. Gateway has had about 50 men laid off for various lengths of time during the past year.

And those fifty find themselves walking the streets of Chicago this winter with thousands of other unemployed clerks, dock workers and truck drivers.

Thousands of men and women who made a living in the trucking industry are finding that their lives are falling apart.

Banks and finance companies are foreclosing on mortgages and repossessing cars. These workers are now unable to make health, welfare and pension payments and have lost these benefits.

Truck drivers, proud of their independence and self-reliance, find themselves in the welfare and foodstamp lines.

You see the drivers sitting in the gin-mills—there's no sense knocking on the doors of the trucking companies. There is no work.

There are several reasons for the high unemployment in the trucking industry right now. First, this is the seasonal low. Layoffs are common in the freight industry from Thanksgiving to New Year.

But in this year of the phoney "economic recovery," Thanksgiving came early to thousands of freight and cartage drivers.

Second, the slump in steel, auto and manufacturing generally has meant that there is less freight to haul. So scores of smaller companies in Chicago like R&V Cartage, Roberts Cartage, Chicago Terminal Clearance, and Arrow have been driven out of business.

Those that have survived have done so by laying off some workers and pushing the others harder and violating the contract.

Owner operators and brokers have been hard hit by the economic situation as well. The costs of maintaining their rigs and of operating them, have all gone up as



A Nighthawk truck became Checker.

business' has fallen off.

MERGERS

The third and probably the biggest single cause of unemployment in the Chicago area trucking industry is mergers and buyouts. Gateway Transportation, where Mike Ryan worked, bought out Pic-Walsh shortly before he was laid off. They also changed their operations—then they laid off over fifty workers.

Yellow Freight bought out Republic Carloading—and laid off all 220 Chicago Republic workers. Tucker bought out Consolidated Forwarding—putting 10 men on

the street. And so it goes: Spector bought out Viking and Hennis, Checker bought out Nighthawk. Advance bought out Bonifield. And there are many more.

So, while the depression of the last two years has caused layoffs for drivers and dock workers, and has wiped out many small cartage outfits, brokers and owner-operators, it has allowed the big trucking companies to wipe out their competitors and create huge trucking monopolies.

SENIORITY

Whenever a buyout takes place it affects the workers in several ways. First the seniority of the drivers is affected. That is, a man who had 19 years with one company may find himself at the bottom of the list, below men with one year at the company that bought out his previous employer.

This means that when layoffs come, many older men, who find it harder to hustle a job, are put out on the streets. It means the company can lay off older men who have earned 4 and 5 week paid vacations.

Those older drivers are also often the best union men—those who understand their rights and demand representation.

The company and the union bureaucrats are glad to get rid of them. The officers of the IBT have refused to fight for such a basic union principle as the dovetailing of seniority lists.

A buyout can also affect drivers due to changes of operations. For example, after Gateway bought out Pic-Walsh it closed a large terminal on the far south side of Chicago, shifting work to satellite terminals in the west and northwest. So drivers who lived on Chicago's southwest side now had to commute as much as an hour to the Northwest suburb of Wheeling.

MILITANTS

Buyouts and mergers usually result in layoffs. Freight companies often buy out other freight lines in

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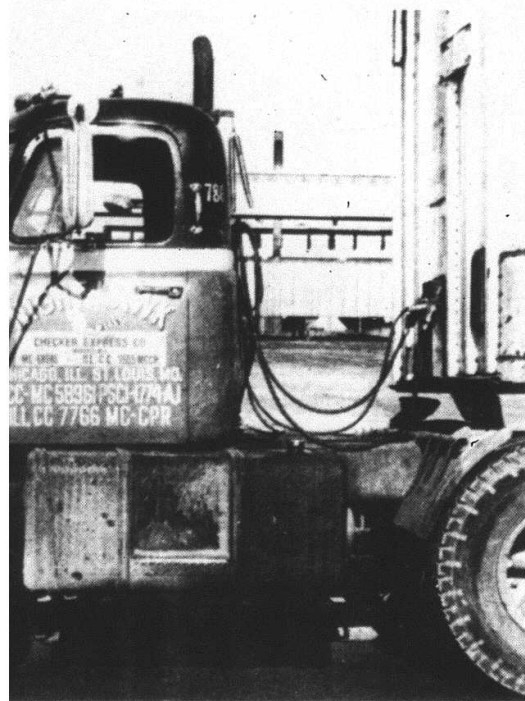
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WORKERS' POWER SPECIAL

"Judging from Fitzsimmons' record on our last contract, his latest contract proposals don't surprise us one bit. They only confirm our view that the rank and file will have to organize through the TDC to win anything on the contract."

That was the way a leader of Teamsters for a Decent Contract summed up the union's negotiating proposals, which TDC has just released.

IN A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW with Workers' Power, TDC Secretary Ken Paff added: "The first page of the union's contract demands says, 'These negotiating proposals are subject to revision as the circumstances may warrant during the process of negotiations.' "By making this document public, we in the TDC hope to create the 'circumstances' for a massive revision upwards in our union's official demands."

UNION'S PROPOSALS

Here are the main points (and omissions) in the union's negotiating proposals:

- **Wages.** The union's official demand is not bad if Fitzsimmons means to fight for every penny of it. The union is asking for: \$1 an hour increase the first year, and .75c increase in each of the second and third years; .2c per mile increase each year for over the road drivers; and full cost of living increases with no-cap. The COL formula would be 1c for every .2 increase in the Consumer Price Index.

- **Fringe benefits.** The standard fringe benefits demands are included—some vacation improvements, increases in meal and lodging allowances, two additional holidays, funeral leave to include in-laws, and others.

An important item here is sick leave. The union is asking for 10 days a year paid sick leave (currently there are none).

But this demand was on the list in 1973 and also in 1970 and nothing came of it either time.

MOST LIKELY, Fitzsimmons is using these wage and fringe demands as an initial bargaining position.

He may have forgotten that in 1970 he raised hopes of a big wage boost of \$3.00 an hour. When he settled for \$1.10 the membership in major cities walked out in a national wildcat. This wildcat forced the contract to be rewritten for \$1.85.

This time, not only are wages and COL on the membership's mind, but also the mass unemployment and attacks on working conditions going on in the trucking industry.

On these issues, the union's contract demands say next to nothing.

JOB SECURITY

THERE ARE THREE critical contract areas touching on the problem of job security: change of operations, use of casual labor, and

overtime.

- **Change of operations.** There is nothing in the contract proposals which would protect jobs and seniority rights when a company merges or is bought out by another, as is so common today.

- **Many Teamsters with long seniority are on the streets because of this inadequacy in the last contract.**

- **Casuals.** Trucking companies

many areas of the country, the grievance procedure is a joke. Two changes could help enormously: "innocent until proven guilty," and restoration of the 24-hour strike.

But the union's bargaining demands propose no change.

- **Uniformity of conditions.** Because local supplements to the national agreement differ, trucking companies can set workers in one

ARTICLE 16. Equipment, Accidents, Reports.

Add: It is agreed that all employers signatory to this Agreement must comply with all established rules and regulations promulgated by OSHA (Occupation Safety and Health Act), DOT (Department of Transportation), ICC (Interstate Commerce Commission), and other applicable Government regulatory agencies.

A Joint Union-Industry Subcommittee to be appointed for the purpose of negotiating this Article.

ARTICLE 17. Pay Period.

No Change.

ARTICLE 18. Other Services.

No Change.

ARTICLE 19. Posting.

Section 1. Posting of Agreements. No Change.

Section 2. Union Bulletin Boards. No Change.

ARTICLE 20. Union and Employer Cooperation.

No Change.

ARTICLE 21. Union Activities.

No Change.

ARTICLE 22. Owner-operators.

Sections 1 through 20. Hold for Legal Review.

ARTICLE 23. Separation of Employment.

No Change.

Contract proposal, page 5: "No change."

frequently lay off steady employees and then use casual or probationary workers to take up the slack.

This weakens job security and saves the companies money on fringe benefits. The union's proposed changes are totally inadequate to stop this practice.

- **Overtime.** Union officials have been promising to win double time after ten hours this contract. Now, that is not even mentioned.

Cutting down on the enormous amounts of overtime some drivers are forced to work—or making it more expensive—could help the employment situation.

- **Health and welfare payments** for laid off workers. Auto workers have this benefit. Teamsters do not.

The union is not asking for it this year.

- **Grievance procedure.** In all too

area against those in another. For example, if weekend work is permitted in one area, but not in another, a company will threaten to move its operations unless the second area lowers its conditions. That's happening right now in St. Louis.

To avoid this, the best existing conditions should be extended to all local supplements. The union's proposals do not include this demand.

The Teamsters for a Decent Contract says the union's negotiating proposals indicate Fitzsimmons is "not willing to use our power."

"We will have to be prepared to stop work on April 1," TDC says, "to deal with the employers who are determined to make us pay for the economy's woes while they prosper with high profits." □

order to get "rights," that is, ICC permission to haul freight to certain points. Often they do not need the terminals, equipment or employees.

That's what happened at Yellow. Yellow bought Republic to get the "rights" to make certain Southern points. The 220 Chicago workers were not needed by Yellow.

Moreover, those 220 workers were largely Black and Latin—and were known for their militancy. So all parties—Yellow Freight, Republic Carloading, and the responsible union, Edward Fenner's Chicago Truck Driver Union (CTDU) and Joyce's IBT 170—were happy to see those workers go.

CONSOLIDATE

The upshot of this is that the big freight companies are using the depression to consolidate.

They're driving the small companies out of business and buying them out. They lay off drivers and dock workers and force the remaining workers to speed up.

The union officers make deals with the employers, allow violations of the contract and line their own pockets.

It is only rank and file militants who have done anything significant against layoffs.

It was the Concerned Truckers

for a Democratic Union which publishes the rank and file paper, the Grapevine, in Chicago who demonstrated to support Republic and Gateway drivers. And it was militants who work with Teamster Power newspaper in Cleveland who demonstrated against the Lyons layoffs in Cleveland.

TDC

It is the nationwide rank and file movement called Teamsters for a Decent Contract which is demanding dovetailed seniority in all mergers and buyouts, a ban on overtime while workers are laid off, and a ban on the use of casuals or temporaries.

The situation in the trucking industry is getting worse not better. The lessons are clear—rank and file Teamsters and CTDU members must organize themselves and force the unions to fight for the members.

FIGHT

If current union officers won't lead the fight—and it's clear they won't—then they must be swept aside.

We will not stand idly by while employers and union officers take advantage of the depression to enrich themselves and impoverish us. □

NO UNEMPLOYMENT FOR STOCKHOLDERS

While Mike Ryan has been begging and borrowing to make ends meet, his employer, Gateway, made 1973 profits of \$290,000 and 1974 profits of \$1,260,000. New Gateway is claiming that it's broke—but you know the stock holders have not been standing in any unemployment lines.

Yellow Freight which put 220 Republic workers on the street is a 100 million dollar business.

Yellow's net income after taxes was 24 million dollars. George E. Powell, Jr., Yellow's Chairman of the Board, had a salary of \$112,609 and got stock options and dividends from Yellow stock worth \$256,000.

The president of Yellow, Donald L. McMorris got a salary of \$101,589 and dividends of \$53,000. Spector, which bought out Viking and Hennis, reported 1974 profits of \$3,214,000.

**PITTSBURGH
TEACHER LEADER
HAS UNIQUE PLAN
FOR WINNING
PAY RAISE**

PITTSBURGH—The Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers (PFT) went out on strike here December 1. All prospects are that the strike will be a long one—perhaps as long as two months. The strike vote was 7-1 in favor.

The union is fighting for higher wages and job security. Teachers have gone for two years without a raise. The PFT wants to limit class sizes while the School Board wants to increase them. They also want more reading teachers hired.

The School Board and the media are blaming the teachers for the poor quality of education and for harming the students by striking.

CHAOS

In fact the teachers are the only ones fighting against worsening education. The schools are in chaos because of huge and growing classes, inadequate facilities, programs and textbooks. Teachers are forced to be cops in the classrooms. Every day becomes a desperate struggle just to keep order.

The solution is for the teachers to join with the community and fight together for more money to provide decent quality education. Unfortunately, they are demanding instead the right to hit students to keep them quiet. The Board, then, has been able to pose as the friend of the students and forbid corporal punishment.

Meanwhile, Albert Fonday, the president of the PFT, has announced he is selling out. The strike, he says, will pay for the raise. The School Board will save the teachers salaries while they are on strike. The raises can then be financed by the money not spent!

The strike has just begun. It could get very bitter before it is over.

Jack Trautman

**TEAMSTER CLERKS
FIGHTING FOR
THEIR JOBS**

OAKLAND, CA—Members of the Teamsters Union are getting a raw deal two ways because of the bankruptcy of Teamsters Security Fund (TSF). For twenty years, TSF has administered health and welfare benefits to Northern California Teamsters from one central office.

Hardest hit are the clerks who work for TSF. They are members of Teamster Local 856. But their employer is a board of directors made up of Teamster officials.

At least 100 have been laid off without vacation leave or back pay. For those that remain while TSF is under Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings, it's been a constant fight to get paychecks that don't bounce.

Even the union contract is up in the air. Rudy Tham, Secretary-Treasurer of the local, says he's not sure the contract still exists. The bankruptcy judge in the case has suggested "modifying" (undercutting) the contract. But employees voted down the "modifications." 96-44.

TRANSFER

Whatever finally happens to the clerks, Rudy Tham isn't much worried. Tham also serves on TSF Board of Directors. He's trying to get TSF's business transferred to California Dental Service (CDS), with which Local 856 also has a contract. Some of the TSF clerks may be transferred too, but not many.

If CDS gets the business, it would mean increased hassle for other union members. CDS would handle only the dental claims directly; pensions and medical claims would be handled elsewhere. That means Teamsters will have to tramp all over the map the first time there's any dispute on their claims.

Some other Teamster locals have expressed concern about the way the TSF crisis is being handled. Local 278 overwhelmingly passed the following resolution:

"We support the efforts of our sisters and brothers at TSF in their struggle to maintain their current contract without additional reduction in workforce in spite of the lack of representation or support from their union, Teamsters Local 856."

Who Is Killing CLUW?

**MEMBERS WANT
RIGHT TO ACT**

Fourth In A Series

THE FIGHT AT THE CONVENTION will be around two different proposed constitutions. One is the majority constitution, drafted mainly by Linda Tarr-Whelan of AFS-CME. It reflects the point of view of the CLUW bureaucracy.

The second constitution was written by a number of NCC delegates, regional officers, chapter representatives and rank and file activists in CLUW.

In the words of Sharon Petersons, NCC representative for the Madison/Janesville CLUW and acting secretary for the minority constitution committee, this constitution states that "CLUW should be controlled by active rank and file membership at the national convention, and between conventions, by these same members through the chapters, with CLUW being able to engage in activities regardless of the positions of any international union."

According to the minority report, there are three major issues that will be fought out at the convention.

CLUW'S INDEPENDENCE

The most important question is the right of CLUW to act in its own name, even without the express consent of any or all international unions.

Today, CLUW chapters cannot engage in any activity against an employer without this consent and participation of the union involved.

This policy has meant that CLUW members have not been able to wage a serious fight against discrimination, or even to implement CLUW's policies.

Worse, it means that CLUW will have to come out against the rank and file, when they organize to fight both the company and the conservative trade union bureaucracy.

Take for example, the General Motors plant in Fremont, California, where rank and file auto workers began to organize and fight around the layoffs.

Even though this rank and file group's program was similar to CLUW's program on layoffs, CLUW could not support these auto workers, because the UAW opposed the group's plan.

ORGANIZE

CLUW stands for organizing the unorganized. But it cannot provide any real support for women involved in organizing drives, if it must wait for agreement and participation of the international union involved.

For example, several unions including AFS-CME, AFGE, SEIU, 1199, CWA and even the Steelworkers and the UAW are involved in hospital organizing. And these

by
BARBARA WINSLOW
Member of Wayne County Coalition
Of Labor Union Women

The future of CLUW is at stake. That is what everyone is saying about the December 6-7 constitutional convention of CLUW.

Olga Madar has written that to every member of CLUW.

The Wayne County Caucus, a rank and file opposition caucus, which is calling for a unified national opposition to Madar's conservative and CLUW-wrecking leadership is saying the same thing.

Two constitutions are being considered at the convention. If Olga Madar is successful in pushing through her constitution, then CLUW will not exist as an organization that fights for working women.

The Coalition of Labor Union Women will turn into a female reflection of the AFL-CIO executive board.

And 34 million working women will be the losers.

unions most often fight each other more than they do the employer.

In that situation, CLUW could not even help those hospital workers organize because CLUW would have to take a stand in favor of one union and against another.

CLUW's position means also that CLUW cannot ever side with its own members or other trade union women who have to battle their own union leadership, in a fight against sex discrimination.

For example, in the next year and a half, the contracts will expire in some of the most important unions, i.e. the teamsters, the UAW, CWA, Steelworkers, electrical, garment to name a few.

CLUW should mobilize its members to fight during the bargaining

round on issues such as equal pay, job security and maternity benefits. But it would have to fight the sexist union officials. And this they do not want to do.

The minority constitution introduces a constitutional amendment to change this. It states that "Chapters of CLUW shall have the right to engage in any activity, issue statements, and make policies regardless of the position, wishes, or activities of any or all international unions."

Delegates to the CLUW convention should vote for this resolution.

STRUCTURE

The two different constitutions also reflect differences on how CLUW is organized.



Minority constitution would allow CLUW chapters to support workers whose union won't. Here, Wayne County CLUW members had to aid hospital workers' picket line "as individuals."

Madar's structure reflects here belief that CLUW should be controlled by the trade union bureaucracy, and not by the chapters.

She wants the leadership to be based, first on union representation, second geographical regions, and third, chapter membership.

This only strengthens the dependence of CLUW on the internationals and destroys the effectiveness of the chapters.

The minority constitution states that the local chapters of CLUW should be the foundation for CLUW, and that CLUW's leaders should be responsible to the local CLUW chapters.

A final difference lies on the issue of who should be members of CLUW. The minority constitution allows women on layoff and organizing drives to be CLUW members.

However, the issue of membership is clearly secondary to the issue of CLUW's right to independent activity.

NEXT STEP

Most likely the labor bureaucracy will win at this convention. But this does not mean that the fight to build a working women's organization has ended.

The next step for trade union militants is to go back to their unions, go back to their shops, and get involved in the rank and file movement. Already rank and file groups exist in the teamsters, the UAW, CWA and the steelworkers.

By building and strengthening the rank and file movement in the important unions and industries, we will help the formation of a working women's movement.



Cleveland CLUW chapter meets. Chapters will be nearly useless under Madar's constitution.

Letters

to

Workers' Power

NO CONTROL OVER OUR LIVES

Dear Workers' Power,

I work five hours a day for UPS and I belong to the Teamsters Union Local 249.

You are probably well aware that we part-timers, for all companies not just UPS, have even less control over our working lives than other workers.

My experiences here have made me aware of the need for workers' control, for workers' power.

I would like to subscribe to your newspaper and join the International Socialists.

A UPS worker
Pittsburgh

Hazards At Work

Dear Workers' Power,

As I sit here, I'm reading a Jack Anderson column on the death of a young sailor killed in a fall aboard ship. It made me ask myself: why doesn't Workers' Power have an article each week

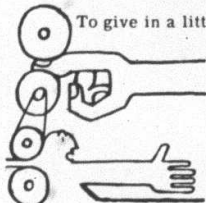
on safety hazards and accidents on the job?

Many readers, no doubt, know of hazards and accidents at their own workplace.

Why not share this information, together with an analysis of why management allows such negligence.

Workers' Power is the best paper I've ever read. Maybe this will help make it even better.

Fraternally,
Tom S.
Seattle



.....is to lose a lot.

GOOD PAPER

Dear Workers' Power,

You have a very good newspaper. I read it every week. Keep up the good work.

J. Arnad
Chicago

UNEMPLOYMENT BLUES

Job Hunting Is Futile

Dear Workers' Power,

I'm writing this letter from the Oregon State Unemployment office.

After three months of futile job search in Colorado I moved to Portland, which I had heard had work. One month of fruitless job hunting has convinced me that I heard wrong.

It doesn't look like it's going to get any better as Hyster Manufacturing Co. of Portland laid off six hundred workers today and most of them are down here now. This follows the two hundred laid off at this plant when I first arrived in the city.

It's all a pretty grim scene, but there's one bright spot. Workers' Power.

One issue is enough to prime the optimism of anyone; anyone except the boss that is. It's turned me on to the point where I want to

help make the news that appears in WP, rather than just read it.

By the time you read this I will have become a member of the International Socialists here, in

Portland.

Now in the struggle,
Steve M.
Portland



Unemployment lines are not getting shorter.



Equal Education To All Students

Dear Workers' Power,

I am a substitute teacher in Detroit. I would like to tell you why I think you are right to support busing.

I have been a sub for over a

year and have worked in a lot of schools in the city.

In general, I have found an incredible shortage of supplies and poor facilities throughout the schools. But still things are better in schools in the predominantly

white areas on both the east and west sides.

In the mainly white schools, primary classes are equipped with flat tables which fit together to make large flat surfaces necessary for more effective painting and crafts and writing lessons.

In the predominantly black schools the primary grades have old individual desks which are extremely limiting and a real drag.

At the Ann Arbor Trails school on the west side and some of the far east side schools I find colored paper, scissors, and paste when I need them. In predominantly black schools these supplies are not available.

It is obvious that children who do their activities on newspaper and can't do many other activities are not getting an equal chance. All children need decent supplies—not just white children.

In our racist society school boards do not respond to the demands of black parents' the way they do to white parents.

Although I think neighborhood schools are preferable, the only way to equalize educational opportunities is to have white and black children go to school together so the school boards are forced to supply all schools equally and all children get equal opportunities to learn.

J.P.
Detroit

Not A Pacifist

Dear Workers' Power,

Did you notice how the TV series "Shoulder to Shoulder" portrayed Sylvia Pankhurst as having adopted a position of pacifist opposition to World War I? In historical fact, that's not quite the way it was.

At the beginning of the war Sylvia was a pacifist. But by about

1916 she opposed the war as a revolutionary socialist, and was a founding member of the Communist Party of Great Britain, which in its early days really was revolutionary.

Evidently, educational TV knows that it's dangerous to be too educational. After all, if you put ideas into viewers' heads that it will take a workers' revolution to win women's liberation, how long will Mobil Oil and other corporate sponsors continue to pay the bills?

Joe Watney
Pittsburgh

What's Happening In Angola?

Dear Workers' Power,

I am a lifelong socialist, a longtime subscriber to Workers' Power, and a contributor to the IS Portugal Fund.

My problem is this. I have been trying to figure out which of the three Angolan liberation groups (if any) is for real for months by carefully reading the Times, various monthlies, and Workers' Power—all to no avail.

If you feel the issues are so clear, why did it take you this long to make your support for the MPLA public?

You admit that the MPLA is backed by "Russian Imperialism" (just as U.S. and Chinese imperialism back the other two groups), yet you blandly assert that "the MPLA is not a puppet or a front for Russian imperialism." What makes the Russians so pure all of a sudden? Don't you think they're after all that oil too?

From my observations, Angola looks like one more case of a newly de-colonialized country being torn apart by the three-way imperialist rivalry for world domination: the Russians and their CP agents, the U.S. CIA and its SP agents, and the Chinese and their dupes and agents who are also operating in Portugal itself.

Richard Greeman
Durham, Connecticut

[A note to our readers: in-depth coverage of the war in Angola appeared in our November 7 and November 14 issues.]

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What you like about the paper—and what you don't. What you think of the political ideas we present, and your comments on problems facing working people.

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Workers' Power Vs. United Parcel

Workers' Power is sold regularly at United Parcel Service(UPS) hubs across the country. It is extremely popular. So popular, in fact, that management has begun an obviously coordinated campaign of harassment of Workers' Power sellers nationally.

But attempts at intimidation have backfired. More UPS workers are buying the paper than before—"If the bosses are so against it, there must be something to it."

The harassment started in Cleveland in October and was reported in Workers' Power.

Two issues ago we published a letter from a member who sells at UPS in Louisville. The letter described how a UPS boss stood by him when selling Workers' Power, trying to intimidate workers from buying the paper.

Ten to 12 drivers were lined up in their trucks—and despite the boss, they all got their copy of the paper.

Since publication of that letter we have gotten feedback from Workers' Power sellers around the country telling about UPS's harassment campaign of Workers' Power sellers across the country. Here are excerpts from some of the letters.

"You bet the bosses are up to something at UPS. I've sold Workers' Power at Seattle UPS for several weeks now and I've had experiences similar to those of other sellers across the country."

"The bosses parade by you and wisecrack about how cold and rainy

Round 3

it is; they greet workers who are trying to talk to you; they try to start conversations so you can't talk with workers and so on.

"At one point, a couple of weeks ago someone got a camera with a telephoto lens out of his truck and walked past my gate and into the barn. The pattern is repeated every week, but people still buy Workers' Power. In fact sales have gone up."

Seattle

"We sell Workers' Power every week at UPS. We were interested to see in last week's issue that UPS hassles other people selling Workers' Power in other cities, because UPS management hassles us too."

"From the very first they have driven past us at high speeds, tried to get our snapshots, and have met us with threats to arrest us for trespassing."

"They have even tried the ludicrous tactic of turning on the sprinkler in the driving rain, in order to discourage us from our sales. They even periodically send out a company spy, who now buys the paper."

Portland

"I read the letter from the

Workers' Power sellers at UPS in Louisville and wanted to share some of my experiences selling the paper at UPS in Pittsburgh.

"I don't know if UPS is trying to move against Workers' Power nationally, but they sure have tried some stuff in Pittsburgh. Lots of readers tell me they are harassed for reading Workers' Power while the supervisors say nothing if someone's reading the establishment press."

"But no one has harassed me for selling outside Pittsburgh UPS. I think the reason is that the bosses are scared to try—there is too much support for the paper from the rank and file there."

"The workers at UPS in Pittsburgh have been really great. They've told me they really dig the paper, and my sales are quite high. They've written letters and articles for the paper."

"When I brought a carton full of Workers' Power T-shirts with me I sold out. I also sold out of the pamphlet 'Taking care of Business: The Struggle for Workers' Power.'"

TELLS THE TRUTH

"People are really militant. They like the paper because it tells the truth. They know how much they get screwed by UPS and by the whole capitalist set-up."

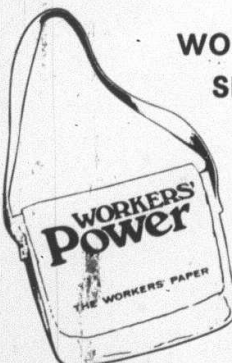
"I want to thank UPS workers for their great response, but I also want to ask them, and all other readers for something else."

"If you like the paper, if you agree with our ideas, then you should join our organization. You should work with the IS to build a revolutionary workers organization that can turn this system around."

"Think about it. And then talk to your WP seller. We have some serious business ahead of us, and it will take unified action and a solid organization to get it done."

"No one else is going to do it for us. We are going to win, but it will take every one of us."

Pittsburgh



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Pittsburgh Rally
Sunday, December 7

Los Angeles Rally
Monday, December 8

St. Louis Rally
Saturday, December 13

Seattle Rally
Saturday, December 13

Portland Rally
Sunday, December 14

Cleveland Rally
Sunday, December 14

New York Rally
Sunday, December 14

For further information, contact local IS branch or speak to Workers' Power seller.

DETROIT—December 13. "Blow for Blow." Movie: women textile workers in France occupy their factory. Trinity Methodist Church, 13100 Woodward, Highland Park. 8 pm. Childcare provided.

SEATTLE—December 14 and 15. "Blow for Blow." Contact Seattle IS branch for details.



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WORKING CLASS REVOLUTION

Working class revolution will destroy capitalism. Reform schemes cannot patch it up. The wealth produced by workers will be collectively controlled by workers to provide a decent life and freedom for all. Today that wealth is stolen from working people by the capitalist class. Socialism can be won only through workers' revolution. The capitalist state must be destroyed. So must its institutions: the legislature, army, police and courts. A socialist society will be ruled democratically by mass organizations of all working people.

MASS ORGANIZATIONS OF THE WORKING CLASS

Today the trade unions are the only mass working class organizations. We work for rank and file control of the unions to make them fighting instruments of workers against the employers. We fight for workers' action against the economic and social crisis of capitalism: Defend working conditions. No controls on wages. 30 hours work for 40 hours pay to fight unemployment. The right to a job at union wages for everyone. Organize the unorganized. Nationalization of industry without compensation and under workers' control.

BLACK LIBERATION

We stand for black liberation. Full equality for black people and all national minorities. Defend the black community and other oppressed peoples against all forms of racism, police terror and discrimination. We call for independent organization by black and other specially oppressed people to struggle for their liberation and to build unity among all workers that will lead to socialism. Independence for Puerto Rico.

WOMEN'S LIBERATION

For complete social, economic and political equality for women. Free quality childcare, birth control, and abortion on demand. Abolish oppression of gay people, and all sexual oppression.

YOUTH

Equality for young people. The right to good jobs for all youth. Stop police intimidation of young people. For schools controlled by students, teachers and community. For a revolutionary socialist youth movement.

AGAINST IMPERIALISM

We oppose US imperialism, its nuclear weapons and its alliances such as NATO. Unconditional support to movements for national liberation. We oppose Russian imperialism and its war bloc, the Warsaw Pact, which controls Eastern Europe. For an independent movement of the working class and oppressed peoples everywhere against imperialism, East and West.

FOR WORLD SOCIALISM

The first successful socialist revolution was made by the Russian working class in 1917. But the revolution was isolated, and destroyed by a counterrevolution led by Stalin. Workers' councils, political parties and trade unions were all crushed. Today Russia, China and the rest of the "Communist" countries are not socialist, but societies in which workers are exploited by a bureaucratic ruling class. We support workers' struggles in Russia, China and Eastern Europe for democracy and freedom. For workers' revolution to overthrow Stalinism and replace it with socialism.

REVOLUTIONARY PARTY

To win the fight for socialism the most militant sections of the working class must be organized into a revolutionary party. The revolutionary party is a political force linking workers in separate factories, unions and industries, helping to organize and lead them to take state power and control society as a class. All the activity of the IS is directed toward building such a revolutionary party out of the struggles working people are waging today.

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VIEW FROM THE AUDIENCE

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'Convoy': Truckers Fight Back

Convoy; C.W. McColl; 1975; MGM Records.

"Callin all truckers, this is the Rubber Duck. We about to go huntin' Bear."
If you don't drive a truck, own a Citizen's Band (CB) radio, or listen

to country music a lot, this may sound like gibberish. It is a call to battle by a trucker who is fed up with harassment by State Troopers.

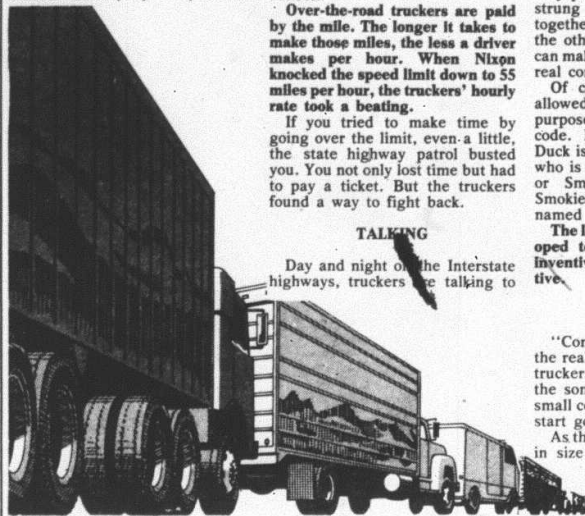
This call to arms comes in a popular country song called "Convoy" and performed by C.W. McColl.

Over-the-road truckers are paid by the mile. The longer it takes to make those miles, the less a driver makes per hour. When Nixon knocked the speed limit down to 55 miles per hour, the truckers' hourly rate took a beating.

If you tried to make time by going over the limit, even a little, the state highway patrol busted you. You not only lost time but had to pay a ticket. But the truckers found a way to fight back.

TALKING

Day and night on the Interstate highways, truckers are talking to



each other over Citizen Band radios. They're not just passing the time of day. They are warning each other about where the troopers are located.

Drivers going east will warn those going west about the cops they passed. If a group of trucks, strung out over 15-20 miles, run together, the lead truck can keep the others warned. Together they can make good time. That is what a real convoy looks like today.

Of course, you are not really allowed to use a CB radio for this purpose. So, the truckers speak in code. In "Convoy" the Rubber Duck is a code name for a trucker who is organizing a convoy. Bear, or Smokey the Bear, or just Smokies, are the state troopers. So named because of their hats.

The language the truckers developed to get around the cops is inventive, complicated, and effective.

REAL WAR

"Convoy" is a fantasy version of the real war that goes on between truckers and troopers every day. In the song, the truckers organize a small convoy on the west coast and start going east.

As they go farther east they grow in size and confidence. "By the

time we hit Omaha, we had 85 trucks in all." It's then that they go from dodging the cops to "huntin' Bear."

When they hit Illinois, the Bears had gotten re-enforcements from the national guard. Tanks and armored cars were brought up to stop the convoy. But the truckers run the line "with a thousand screaming trucks." They go on to New Jersey, where they crash the toll gate and another police barricade.

Musically, "convoy" leaves a lot to be desired. The dialogue over the CB radios is good; but the background music is nothing special. The chorus is sung by a group that sounds more like the Chip-

munks than country singers or angry drivers.

EXCITING

Nevertheless, "Convoy" is exciting. If you're not a trucker you'll get an idea of how fed up road drivers are with low mileage rates, low speed limits, and high powered police harassment.

If you are a trucker, listen to this song. Then check out the Teamsters for a Decent Contract. It's a growing movement of rank and file teamsters who are organizing to get some real action during the 1976 Master Freight negotiations. Don't just fantasize about fighting back, do it. 10-4.

Kim Moody

KILLED RAPIST

Free Yvonne Wanrow

In 1973, Yvonne Wanrow received 25 years in prison for killing a rapist. Wanrow, an Indian, and mother of three, shot William Wesler as he attempted to break into her neighbor and babysitter's house. Her 8-year old son and the 10-year old daughter of the babysitter were present.

Several months before, Wesler had raped the 7-year old daughter of the babysitter, infecting the girl with venereal disease. The police did nothing when the rape was reported.

Wanrow was convicted by an all white jury at a time when the national press was obsessed with the occupation of Wounded Knee by militant Indians.

Wanrow's case is typical of the injustice administered by the courts. Rape victims are treated as criminals, especially if they are working class, minority, or poor.

Said Wanrow, "They say that to shoot a man in self defense he has to hurt you, and they say he wasn't hurting me. He attacked my child. What could hurt a mother more?"

Wanrow has now won an appeal for a new trial. Just as Joan Little and Inez Garcia needed support, so does Yvonne Wanrow.

Donations may be sent to: Yvonne Wanrow's Legal Defense Fund
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Spokane, WA 99207

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What's The Word From Johannesburg

From South Africa to South Carolina; Gil Scott-Heron and Brian Jackson; 1975 Artista Records, Inc.

The catchy sounds and easily remembered lyrics of "Johannesburg" now heard on AM radio stations, sent me out to buy this record to hear more. The album turned out to be a surprise in terms of the variety of different songs and styles played by Scott-Heron, Jackson, and the Midnight Band.

There are rhythmic, thumping, pounding selections, like "Johannesburg," animated chanting, soft vocals, and deep instrumentals. Each one of the selections is different, and must be listened to—it is not meant to be a background music.

The lyrics are extremely poetic and at times reminiscent of the poetry reading accompanied by jazz of the 1950's.

JOHANNESBURG

Without a doubt, the best song on the album is the spirited "Johannesburg." It is a great combination of pleasing melody, toe-tapping rhythms, and expressive lyrics.

The singer asks for news from Johannesburg where, "They tell me that our brothers refuse to work in the mines, They may not get the news but they need to know we're on their side."

In an exchange between the singer and a chorus, "What's the word?" is answered by jubilant shouts, creating a joyous feeling of solidarity in struggle. "I know that their strugglin' ain't gonna free me, but we've got to start strugglin' if we wanna be free!"

But even more interesting is the solo that goes on almost at the end of the song; "New York like Johannesburg, Detroit like Johannesburg, freedom ain't nothin' but a word."

The song bridges the struggles of two continents in the fight for humane treatment and dignity.

Several other songs also express political themes. "South Carolina" tells the story of an atomic plant being built in Barnwell, S.C. It laments the lack of protest against it and the threat the plant will be to people's lives.

A TOAST

"A Toast to the People" celebrates the history of black people struggling for freedom in America.

"The Summer of '42" is an indictment of people who look nostalgically to the past without seeing all the bad that was also a part of it.

Past albums by Gil Scott-Heron also display a political consciousness. A monologue called "We Beg Your Pardon, America" is a satire on Nixon's receiving a pardon when poor people and blacks receive life imprisonment for much lesser crimes.

For jazz fans, this album is especially worth listening to, as Scott-Heron is one of the few present popular artists who has a political side to his work. But even for those who are not so enthusiastic about jazz, "Johannesburg" is irresistible.

Susan Ellis



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UAW BACKS OFF BUSING

by Mike Patrick

In the face of growing racist sentiment, the United Auto Workers official leadership is backing down on the busing issue.

Although the UAW is on record as favoring busing, Doug Fraser, UAW Vice President, has sent up the trial balloon for reversing the decision.

Fraser made clear where he stood on such questions of principle when he announced: "Busing is a losing issue politically."

He did try to cover up his retreat on the issue by saying that blacks as well as whites "are beginning to question whether busing leads to quality education."

Fraser forgot to mention one thing. A main complaint blacks have about the Detroit busing plan is that it does not go far enough—it doesn't extend into the wealthy white suburbs of Detroit.

WHITE FLIGHT

Another of Fraser's arguments against busing is that it actually promotes "resegregation" by encouraging "white flight" from the central city to the suburbs.

To deal with this problem he might have pushed for the Tri-county (Detroit's metropolitan area) busing plan which would end any appeal of "white flight."

Or he might have announced that the UAW was going to begin a campaign to organize around the schools to assure safe and quality education for all.

But instead, Fraser explained that the UAW's policy showed "leadership." Leadership in giving in to those white workers who

Hotel Occupation Continues

JAMAICA: The occupation at the Montego Bay Colony Hotel near Montego Bay continues. The 140 workers, members of the National Workers Union, were laid off when the hotel went bankrupt.

They are demanding their severance pay which amounts to a total of \$200,000.

The union is negotiating with the imperialist First National City Bank. But the talks are being deliberately drawn out to undermine the workers' determination and unity.

LITTLE SUPPORT

The workers' union, the NWU, is closely linked to the ruling People's National Party. This party claims to be for socialism. But they have given no support to the occupation. Instead they are supporting imperialism.

The Jamaica economy is almost totally dependent on trade with the imperialist countries. Tourism is Jamaica's largest industry. Any serious solidarity campaign might put this into jeopardy.

Some workers are considering opening the hotel under workers' control.

The workers receive no form of strike pay, so support is vital. Defeat will be a blow against the Jamaican working class and every hotel worker in the Caribbean.

Send donations and messages of support to N.M.V., 38 Church St., Montego Bay, St. James, W.I. □

threaten to move rather than send their kids to integrated schools.

DOUBLE-THINK

Fraser uses the same kind of double-think in talking about the Democratic Party meeting in Louisville two weeks ago. During the meeting there was a racist anti-busing demonstration which included attacks on blacks.

Instead of denouncing these racist attacks on blacks, Fraser took this opportunity to attack those who defended busing. □



Doug Fraser

Four Indian Men Framed For Murder

GOVERNMENT FORCES TESTIMONY

by Byron Gray

On November 25, a Federal Grand Jury in Rapid City, South Dakota, indicted four Indian men for first degree, pre-meditated murder. They were charged with killing two FBI agents in Oglaala on the Pine Ridge Reservation, June 26.

The shooting incident in which the FBI agents died also resulted in the death of an Indian man, Joe Stuntz Killisright. There have been no charges or investigation about his murder.

The four people indicted are James Eagle, an Oglaala Sioux from Pine Ridge; Robert Robideau, a Sioux Indian from the Cheyenne River Reservation; Darrell Butler, from Rouge River, Oregon; and Leonard Peltier, from Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Eagle was already indicted on the same charges Sept. 5. He has been held without bond since that time.

Robideau and Butler have also been in jail since September. They were arrested on trumped up charges and held on exorbitant bond.

Peltier has been underground since last winter.

Butler and Robideau's trial for their previous indictments were to begin on Monday, the 24th. There was a good chance that they would be freed. The FBI could not allow this: The Grand Jury was quickly convened, and they were indicted for murder on the same day.

Most of the witnesses before the Grand Jury were FBI agents.

PRESSURE

The FBI claims the indictments are the result of an investigation by



Federal Marshalls at Wounded Knee in 1973. Since that time the U.S. government has been conducting a brutal campaign of terror against Native Americans in an effort to destroy the American Indian Movement.

200 FBI agents since June 26. But, in fact, the agency has come up with nothing.

The indictments are a result of pressure on the FBI to find these criminals. They are a continuation of the brutal treatment Native Americans at Pine Ridge have been subjected to since the incident occurred.

In an effort to make things look as though the indictments were a result of the Grand Jury hearing, Native Americans from Pine Ridge and Rapid City were subpoenaed and forced to testify.

In fact, NBC News was reporting the indictments at 4 pm Rapid City time. At this time witnesses were still being forced to testify before the Grand Jury, and there had been no indictments served.

Under threats of arrest and jail, people were dragged off to the

Grand Jury room.

Wanda Siers, a resident of Pine Ridge, was forced to leave her six month old baby sick with measles. Lou and Billy Bean, also from Pine Ridge had to leave their six children at school unaware of their departure.

In Rapid City, 15 year old Jeanie Bordeaux was arrested at her home without agents showing a subpoena or warrant. She was forced to go to the federal court building and was put in the lock up, despite having a doctor's appointment for much needed medical attention.

DENIED BAIL

Angie and Ivis Long Visitor, in jail without bail since September 16 for refusing to testify before earlier sessions of the Grand Jury, were hustled off to the Grand Jury without their lawyers. They were

told they would be denied bail or appeal unless they testified.

The convening of the Grand Jury was carefully concealed from lawyers of the Wounded Knee Legal Defense-Offense Committee. US Attorneys had told committee lawyers it would take a week or two to convene the Grand Jury.

The government officials knew none of the lawyers previously involved would be in Rapid City on the 24th. When the Grand Jury was already convened, the prosecutor was still saying he did not know when there would be a grand jury session.

As before, these latest legal maneuvers show the depth of racism in the US legal system. They also show the lengths to which the government will go to keep Native Americans oppressed. □

Beat The Rush - Give Now!

With the holidays fast approaching, it's time to double-check and make sure you haven't forgotten: be sure the International Socialist is on your holiday list.

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There's only a short time left—the 15 Fund Drive ends December 15. Here's the scoreboard so far for

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Cleveland	80%
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